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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 3580:2010), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- the normative references have been updated;
- new classifications from the USA and Japan have been added in system B;
- revisions/corrections of chemical compositions and other values have been made in the tables;
- Footnote d) to [Table 1](#) has been revised to clarify that elements intentionally added that do not have values listed (including Co and B) are to be reported;
- the descriptions in [Table 3](#) have been revised;
- the range for nominal electrode efficiency for symbol 4 in [Table 4](#) has been corrected.

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Introduction

This document proposes a method for classification of covered electrodes, in terms of chemical composition of the all-weld metal (system A) and in terms of tensile strength and chemical composition (system B).

The mechanical properties of all-weld metal test specimens used to classify the electrodes vary from those obtained in production joints because of differences in welding procedure such as electrode diameter, width of weave, welding position and material composition.

The classification according to system A is mainly based on EN 1599^[1]. The classification according to system B is mainly based upon standards used around the Pacific Rim.

Welding consumables — Covered electrodes for manual metal arc welding of creep-resisting steels — Classification

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for classification of covered electrodes, based on the all-weld metal in the heat-treated condition, for manual metal arc welding of ferritic and martensitic creep-resisting and low alloy elevated temperature steels.

This document is a combined specification for classification utilizing a system based upon the chemical composition of the all-weld metal, with requirements for the yield strength and impact energy of the all-weld metal, or utilizing a system based upon the tensile strength and the chemical composition of the all-weld metal.

- a) Paragraphs and tables which carry the suffix letter “A” are applicable only to electrodes classified to the system based upon chemical composition, with requirements for the yield strength and impact energy of the all-weld metal under this document.
- b) Paragraphs and tables which carry the suffix letter “B” are applicable only to electrodes classified to the system based upon the tensile strength and the chemical composition of all-weld metal under this document.
- c) Paragraphs and tables which do not have either the suffix letter “A” or the suffix letter “B” are applicable to all covered electrodes classified under this document.

For comparison purposes, some tables include requirements for electrodes classified according to both systems, placing individual electrodes from the two systems, which are similar in composition and properties, on adjacent lines in the particular table. In a particular line of the table that is mandatory in one system, the symbol for the similar electrode from the other system is indicated in parentheses. By appropriate restriction of the formulation of a particular electrode, it is often, but not always, possible to produce an electrode that can be classified in both systems, in which case the electrode, and/or its packaging, can be marked with the classification in either or both systems.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 544, *Welding consumables — Technical delivery conditions for filler materials and fluxes — Type of product, dimensions, tolerances and markings*

ISO 2401, *Covered electrodes — Determination of the efficiency, metal recovery and deposition coefficient*

ISO 3690, *Welding and allied processes — Determination of hydrogen content in arc weld metal*

ISO 6847, *Welding consumables — Deposition of a weld metal pad for chemical analysis*

ISO 6947, *Welding and allied processes — Welding positions*

ISO 13916, *Welding — Guidance on the measurement of preheating temperature, interpass temperature and preheat maintenance temperature*

ISO 14344, *Welding consumables — Procurement of filler materials and fluxes*