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1 Scope

This document gives recommendations for specimen preparation, test procedures and their main objectives for macroscopic and microscopic examination.

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 6520-1, *Welding and allied processes — Classification of geometric imperfections in metallic materials — Part 1: Fusion welding*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

macroscopic examination

examination of a test specimen by the naked eye, or under low magnification (generally less than $\times 50$), with or without etching

3.2

microscopic examination

examination of a test specimen by microscope with a magnification of generally $\times 50$ to $\times 500$, with or without etching

3.3

examiner

person who performs the *macroscopic examination* (3.1) and/or *microscopic examination* (3.2)

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations apply.

A	macroscopic examination
I	microscopic examination
E	etched
U	unetched

Symbols for parent metals are given as material grouping system in ISO/TR 15608.