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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the manufacture of unfired pressure vessels and their parts, made of steels, including their connections to non-pressure parts. It specifies requirements for material traceability, manufacturing tolerances, welding requirements, requirements for permanent joints other than welding, production tests, forming requirements, heat treatment, repairs and finishing operations.

2 Normative references

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EN ISO 4136:2012, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Transverse tensile test (ISO 4136:2012)*

EN ISO 5173:2010, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Bend tests (ISO 5173:2009)*

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EN ISO 9015-1:2011, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Hardness testing — Part 1: Hardness test on arc welded joints (ISO 9015-1:2001)*

EN ISO 9016:2022, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Impact tests — Test specimen location, notch orientation and examination (ISO 9016:2022)*

EN ISO 9606-1:2017, *Qualification testing of welders — Fusion welding — Part 1: Steels (ISO 9606 - 1:2012 including Cor 1:2012 and Cor 2:2013)*

EN ISO 13585:2012, *Brazing — Qualification test of brazers and brazing operators (ISO 13585:2012)*

EN ISO 14732:2013, *Welding personnel — Qualification testing of welding operators and weld setters for mechanized and automatic welding of metallic materials (ISO 14732:2013)*