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Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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In this standard, the following print types are used:

– terms used throughout this standard which have been defined in clause 3: SMALL ROMAN CAPITALS.

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- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

The contents of the corrigendum 1 (2022-01) have been included in this copy.

INTRODUCTION

This document is the first international edition for CALIBRATION, VALIDATION and CONSISTENCY TESTING of arc welding equipment. It is based on the European Standard EN 50504:2008 and will replace it. A brief history helps to understand the origin and development of this document.

In Great Britain, BS 7570:1992, *Code of practice for the validation of arc welding equipment*, was published and it became the equivalent European pre-standard ENV 50184:1996 (withdrawn).

The revised second edition of BS 7570 was published in 2000 and was later replaced by the equivalent EN 50504:2008.

For quality management in the field of welding, this document should be used in conjunction with ISO 17662.

The significant changes in respect to EN 50504:2008 are the following:

– terms VERIFICATION and VALIDATION aligned to ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007;
– wire feed equipment moved from the annex to main part of the document;
– new preferred requirement for digital instrument CALIBRATION with fixed tolerance values;
– flow charts for determination of VERIFICATION methods and sample reports added;
– EN 50504:2008 Annex E *Validation of ancillary components in a welding system* and Annex F *Voltage drops in the welding circuit* deleted.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60974 specifies requirements for the VERIFICATION of arc welding and external monitoring equipment. This document also serves for practical implementation of the VERIFICATION procedure for arc welding equipment.

This document can be applied at the time of installation and any other times or intervals the user deems appropriate to ensure the equipment is capable of operating to the manufacturer's specification or other specifications deemed applicable by the user.

This document is not applicable to

– plasma systems used for cutting and gouging;
– arc striking and stabilizing devices;
– arc welding equipment designed in accordance with IEC 60974-6.

NOTE 1 Other components in welding systems such as for example robots, turning devices, gas consoles, etc. also have influence on the welding result and can be verified, if necessary. Additional information can be found in ISO 17662.

NOTE 2 Periodic inspection and testing for arc welding equipment is covered in IEC 60974-4.

This document is applicable for the user, service shop or manufacturer. It can be used

– stand alone;
– in conjunction with manufacturer's instructions; or
– as the basis for an equivalent VERIFICATION procedure written by the manufacturer for specific equipment.

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.

IEC 60974-1:2017, *Arc welding equipment – Part 1: Welding power sources*