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## **Welding consumables — Solid wire electrodes, tubular cored electrodes and electrode/flux combinations for submerged arc welding of non alloy and fine grain steels — Classification**

*Produits consommables pour le soudage — Fils-électrodes pleins, fils-électrodes fourrés et couples fils-flux pour le soudage à l'arc sous flux des aciers non alliés et à grains fins — Classification*



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## Introduction

This International Standard recognizes that there are two somewhat different approaches in the global market to classifying a given electrode/flux combination, and allows for either or both to be used, to suit a particular market need. Application of either type of classification designation (or of both where suitable) identifies a product as classified in accordance with this International Standard.

This International Standard provides a classification system for the designation of solid wire electrodes in terms of their chemical composition, tubular cored electrodes in terms of the deposit composition obtained with a particular submerged arc flux and, where required, electrode/flux combinations in terms of the yield strength, tensile strength and elongation of the all-weld metal deposit. The ratio of yield to tensile strength of weld metal is generally higher than that of parent material. Users are to note that matching weld metal yield strength to parent material yield strength does not necessarily ensure that the weld metal tensile strength matches that of the parent material. Thus, where the application of the material requires matching tensile strengths, selection of the consumable is intended to be made by reference to column 3 of Table 1A or 1B, as appropriate.

Although combinations of electrodes and fluxes supplied by individual companies may have the same classification, the individual wire electrodes and fluxes from different companies are not interchangeable unless verified in accordance with this International Standard.

The mechanical properties of all-weld metal test specimens used to classify the electrode/flux combinations vary from those obtained in production joints because of differences in welding procedures such as electrode size and parent material composition.