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## Part 2: Nuts with specified grades and property classes

*Fixations — Caractéristiques mécaniques des fixations en acier  
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*Partie 2: Écrous de grades et classes de qualité spécifiés*



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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 2, *Fasteners*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 3506-2:2009) which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- annexes common to several parts of the ISO 3506 series have been withdrawn from this document and are now included in a new document (ISO 3506-6);
- duplex (austenitic-ferritic) stainless steels for property classes 70, 80 and 100 have been added (see [Figure 1](#));
- property class 100 for austenitic stainless steel grades as well as grade A8 have been added (see [Figure 1](#));
- information for nut styles (see [5.1](#)) has been added;
- design of stainless steel bolt and nut assemblies (see [Clause 6](#)), and design principles of stainless steel nuts (see [Annex A](#)) have been added;
- finish (see [7.3](#)) has been improved;
- calculated proof load values (see [Tables 5 to 8](#)) and rounding rules have been added;
- requirements and guidance for inspection procedures (see [Clause 9](#)) have been added;
- thread dimensions of the test mandrel for proof load (see [Annex B](#)) have been added;
- operational temperature ranges (see [Clause 1](#)) have been clarified;
- test methods for proof load and hardness have been improved (see [Clause 10](#));

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- nut marking and labelling especially for thin nuts with reduced loadability (see [Clause 11](#)) have been added;
- structure and content of this document have been brought in line with ISO 898-2.

A list of all parts in the ISO 3506 series can be found on the ISO website.

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## Introduction

The ISO 3506 series consists of the following parts, under the general title *Fasteners — Mechanical properties of corrosion-resistant stainless steel fasteners*:

- *Part 1: Bolts, screws and studs with specified grades and property classes*
- *Part 2: Nuts with specified grades and property classes*
- *Part 3<sup>1)</sup>: Set screws and similar fasteners not under tensile stress*
- *Part 4<sup>1)</sup>: Tapping screws*
- *Part 5<sup>2)</sup>: Special fasteners (also including fasteners from nickel alloys) for high temperature applications*
- *Part 6: General rules for the selection of stainless steels and nickel alloys for fasteners.*

The properties of stainless steel fasteners result from the chemical composition of the material (especially corrosion resistance) and from the mechanical properties due to the manufacturing processes. Ferritic, austenitic and duplex (austenitic-ferritic) stainless steel fasteners are generally manufactured by cold working; they consequently do not have homogeneous local material properties when compared to quenched and tempered fasteners.

Austenitic-ferritic stainless steels referred to as duplex stainless steels were originally invented in the 1930s. Standard duplex grades used today have been developed since the 1980s. Fasteners made of duplex stainless steels have been long established in a range of applications. This document was revised to reflect their standardization.

All duplex stainless steel grades show improved resistance to stress corrosion cracking compared to the commonly used A1 to A5 austenitic grades. Most duplex grades also show higher levels of pitting corrosion resistance, where D2 matches at least A2 and where D4 matches at least A4.

Complementary detailed explanations about definitions of stainless steel grades and properties are specified in ISO 3506-6.

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1) It is intended to revise ISO 3506-3 and ISO 3506-4 in the future in order to include the reference to ISO 3506-6.  
2) Under preparation.