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Introduction

The body of technical knowledge required of non-destructive testing (NDT) personnel is essential for the development of deliverables concerning NDT methods. No deliverables can be developed appropriately for NDT methods, without sufficient information on the technical background knowledge of the personnel who utilize the methods.

Role of NDT

Non-destructive testing makes an important contribution to the safety, economic and ecological welfare of our society.

NDT is the only choice for the testing of an object which cannot be destroyed, modified or degraded by the testing process. This is generally required for objects which are to be used after testing, for example, safety parts, pipelines, power plants, and also constructions under in-service inspection, but even for unique parts in archaeology and culture.

NDT is based on physical effects at the surface or the inner structure of the object under test. Often, the outcome of the test needs to be interpreted to give a useful result; sometimes different NDT methods are combined or verified by other test methods.

NDT personnel and professional ethics

NDT personnel have a great responsibility, not only with respect to their employers or contractors but also under the rules of good workmanship. The NDT personnel is independent and free from economic influences with regard to his/her test results, otherwise the results are compromised. The NDT personnel is aware of the importance of his/her signature and the consequences of incorrect test results for safety, health and environment.

Finally, the NDT personnel is responsible for all interpretations of test results carrying his/her signature and he/she never signs test reports beyond his/her certification.

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