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This sixth edition cancels and replaces the fifth edition (ISO 636:2017), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- document has been reformatted in single column format;
- dated references have been updated to current editions;
- text added to [4.1](#) and [Table 8](#) regarding differences in mechanical properties;
- chemical compositions have been updated for some classifications;
- five new classifications have been added to system B;
- footnote for boron added to [Table 4](#);
- table footnotes have been revised for clarity;
- requirements in [Table 5](#) have been aligned with other standards;
- information on preheating and interpass temperatures has been revised in [Table 6](#);
- [Clause 7](#) was revised to clarify the effect of chemical elements that do not change during production;
- examples in [Clause 11](#) have been revised and examples have been added.

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ISO 636:2024(en)**Introduction**

This document provides a classification for the designation of rods and wires in terms of their chemical composition and, where required, in terms of the yield strength, tensile strength, and elongation of the all-weld metal. The ratio of yield to tensile strength of weld metal is generally higher than that of the parent metal. Matching weld metal yield strength to parent metal yield strength will not necessarily ensure that the weld metal tensile strength matches that of the parent material.

Where the application requires matching tensile strengths, selection of consumables is made by reference to columns 3 and 7 of [Table 2](#).

Of note is that the mechanical properties of all-weld metal test specimens used to classify the rods and wires vary from those obtained in production joints because of differences in welding procedure such as diameter, width of weave, welding position, and material composition.

The classification according to system A is mainly based on EN 1668:1997^[1]. The classification according to system B is mainly based upon standards used around the Pacific Rim.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for classification of rods, wires and deposits in the as-welded condition and in the post-weld heat-treated condition for tungsten inert gas welding of non-alloy and fine-grain steels with a minimum yield strength of up to 500 MPa or a minimum tensile strength of up to 570 MPa.

This document is a combined specification providing classification utilizing a system based upon the yield strength and the average impact energy of 47 J of all-weld metal or utilizing a system based upon the tensile strength and the average impact energy of 27 J of all-weld metal.

- a) Components which carry the suffix “system A” are applicable only to rods, wires and deposits classified to the system based upon the yield strength and the average impact energy of 47 J of all-weld metal in accordance with this document.
- b) Components which carry the suffix “system B” are applicable only to rods, wires and deposits classified to the system based upon the tensile strength and the average impact energy of 27 J of all-weld metal in accordance with this document.
- c) Components which have neither the suffix “system A” nor the suffix “system B” are applicable to all rods, wires and deposits classified in accordance with this document.

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.

ISO 544, *Welding consumables — Technical delivery conditions for filler materials and fluxes — Type of product, dimensions, tolerances and markings*

ISO 13916, *Welding — Guidance on the measurement of preheating temperature, interpass temperature and preheat maintenance temperature*

ISO 14175:2008, *Welding consumables — Gases and gas mixtures for fusion welding and allied processes*

ISO 14344, *Welding consumables — Procurement of filler materials and fluxes*

ISO 15792-1:2020, *Welding consumables — Test methods — Part 1: Preparation of all-weld metal test pieces and specimens in steel, nickel and nickel alloys*

ISO 80000-1:2022, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

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