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Symbolic representation on drawings
— Welded joints**

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Foreword

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO 2553:2013), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- editorial corrections especially to align with other ISO/TC 44 standards and terminology;
- figures updated to more accurately reflect welds illustrated;
- plug welds in circular and elongated holes (slots) — clarification especially as it relates to slot welds;
- old Figure 5 is now shown as [Table 5](#) for clarity;
- [Clause 6](#) has been revised to reflect Pacific Rim practices.

Introduction

The symbols given in this document can be used on technical drawings for welded components. Design-related specifications, such as type, thickness, and length of weld, weld quality, surface treatment, filler material and testing specifications, can be indicated directly at the weld by means of the symbols. The principals of this document can be applied to brazed and soldered joints.

Clarity can be improved by references to collective information in the drawings or references to additional design-related documents.

Preparation for production can require detailed welding-related planning. The type of representation described in this document can be used for this purpose and complemented by additional production-related information (e.g. welding position, welding process, WPS, joint preparation, preheating). This information is often given in production-related documents, such as work schedules or welding procedure specifications (WPS).

Technical drawings are intended to clearly and understandably illustrate design-related specifications. Welding-related drawings are prepared and checked by specially trained personnel (see ISO 14731).

This document recognizes that there are two different approaches in the global market to designate the arrow side and other side on drawings, and allows for either to be used in isolation, to suit a particular market need. Application of either approach identifies a welding symbol in accordance with this document. The approach in accordance with system A is based on ISO 2553:1992¹⁾. The approach in accordance with system B is based upon standards used by Pacific Rim countries.

1) Withdrawn.

Welding and allied processes — Symbolic representation on drawings — Welded joints

1 Scope

This document defines the rules to be applied for symbolic representation of welded joints on technical drawings. This can include information about the geometry, manufacture, quality and testing of the welds. The principles of this document can also be applied to soldered and brazed joints.

It is recognized that there are two different approaches in the global market to designate the arrow side and other side on drawings. In this document:

- clauses, tables and figures which carry the suffix letter "A" are applicable only to the symbolic representation system based on a dual reference line;
- clauses, tables and figures which carry the suffix letter "B" are applicable only to the symbolic representation system based on a single reference line;
- clauses, tables and figures which do not have the suffix letter "A" or "B" are applicable to both systems.

The symbols shown in this document can be combined with other symbols used on technical drawings, for example to show surface finish requirements.

An alternative designation method is presented which can be used to represent welded joints on drawings by specifying essential design information such as weld dimensions, quality level, etc. The joint preparation and welding process(es) are then determined by the production unit in order to meet the specified requirements.

NOTE Examples given in this document, including dimensions, are illustrative only and are intended to demonstrate the proper application of principles.

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 128 (all parts), *Technical drawings — General principles of presentation*

ISO 129-1, *Technical product documentation (TPD) — Presentation of dimensions and tolerances — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 3098-2, *Technical product documentation — Lettering — Part 2: Latin alphabet, numerals and marks*

ISO 4063, *Welding and allied processes — Nomenclature of processes and reference numbers*

ISO/TR 25901 (all parts), *Welding and related processes — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/TR 25901 (all parts) and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

welding symbol

symbol consisting of an *arrow line* (3.3) and a *reference line* (3.4) and which can also include *elementary symbols* (3.8) and *supplementary symbols* (3.9), dimensions and/or tail, used on technical drawings

Note 1 to entry: See [Clause 4](#).

3.2

basic welding symbol

symbol consisting of an *arrow line* (3.3), *reference line* (3.4) and tail used when the joint is not specified and only to indicate that a welded joint is to be made

Note 1 to entry: See [4.2](#).

3.3

arrow line

leader line used to indicate that the joint is to be welded generally drawn at 135° to the *reference line* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: See [4.6](#).

3.4

reference line

part of the *welding symbol* (3.1) on which the *elementary symbol* (3.8) is located, generally drawn parallel to the bottom edge of the drawing

Note 1 to entry: See [4.7](#).

3.5

tail

V-shaped element added to the end of the continuous *reference line* (3.4) away from the *arrow line* (3.3)

Note 1 to entry: See [4.8](#).

3.6

arrow side

side of the joint to which the *arrow line* (3.3) is pointing

Note 1 to entry: See [4.7.2.1](#).

3.7

other side

opposite side of the joint to the *arrow side* (3.6)

Note 1 to entry: See [4.7.2.1](#).

3.8

elementary symbol

symbol forming part of the *welding symbol* (3.1) and drawn on the *reference line* (3.4) to indicate the type of weld and joint preparation

Note 1 to entry: See [4.4](#).

3.9

supplementary symbol

symbol used in conjunction with *elementary symbols* (3.8) to convey additional information about the joint

Note 1 to entry: See [4.5](#).