



TECHNICAL STANDARD INSTRUCTION FOR MEASUREMENT OF VOLUME FRACTION OF DELTA FERRITE AND AUSTENITE IN DUPLEX STAINLESS STEEL BY MAGNETIC AND MICROSCOPIC METHOD

A Proficiency Testing Program

- A.1 Program Name: Measurement of volume fraction of delta ferrite & austenite in duplex stainless steel
- A.2 Program Code No: Met 6
- A.3 Material: Duplex stainless steel
- A.4 Test Method: ASTM E562, ASTM A800, ASTM E112 or ISO or any validated method
- A.5 Program starting date
- A.6 Program closing date
- A.7 Last date of result submission
- A.8 Final result reporting date

B Sample Description : Transverse section

- B.1 **Test Specimen:** One metallurgical polished round specimen with 1um surface finish is provided. The nominal dimension of the specimen is 35Φ mm and thickness 12 mm. It is a dual phase structure of ferrite and austenite. At least twenty fields must be considered for measurement of volume fraction of delta ferrite and austenite.

C Test Requirement

- C.1 Test may be performed by one operator and one microscope only
- C.2 Test must be performed in sequence
- C.3 Manual point grid, magnetic or Image analysis technique may be used
- C.4 All measurement must be performed at 100magnification or higher magnification.

D Test method, Volume fraction of ferrite

$$P_V = P_{p/f} / P_T \times 100$$

Where $P_{p/f}$ = total count on the ferrite phase and P_T total number of point in the test grid by manual or by image analysis technique

E Test method, Volume fraction of austenite

$$P_V = P_{p/f} / P_T \times 100$$

Where $P_{p/f}$ = total count on the austenite phase and P_T total number of point in the test grid by manual or by image analysis technique

F Test method, Volume fraction of ferrite

Any validated magnetic method



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G Expected range

PT program	Test method	Expected Parameters	Expected range
Met 6	ASTM A800 or any magnetic method	Volume fraction of delta ferrite	40% to 70%
	ASTM E562 or any validated microscopic method	Volume fraction of delta ferrite	40% to 70%
	ASTM E562 or any validated microscopic method	Volume fraction of austenite	30% to 60%

H Competency

- H.1 Competent person should carry out the test and evaluate the result as routine test
- H.2 The participant is required to report result with three decimals accuracy
- H.3 PT results will be analyzed based on Robust Algorithm A and Z score according to ISO13528-15.
- H.4 Final report includes all clauses of 4.8.2 of ISO17043-2010
- H.5 In case of loss or deterioration of PTP Specimen, please feel free to contact PT provider
- H.6 In case of exclusion of a PT schemes, the participant must return sample
- H.7 Collusion and falsification of your PTP result are totally forbidden. In case of suspicion of collusion or falsification, the PT Provider reserves the right to exclude the participants.

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TEST RESULT REPORTING FORMAT

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Sr. No	Parameter	Unit	Result, one decimal accuracy
1	Volume fraction of delta ferrite by magnetic method	%	
2	Volume fraction of delta ferrite by microscopic method	%	
3	Volume fraction of austenite by microscopic method	%	

Method & Magnification: Equipment used:

NABL/ISO Certificate No.:

Tested by organization

Name:

Designation

Please send the complete Test Result Form (Soft & hard copy) to PTP Coordinator, Deep Metallurgical Services, 20, New Modella Industrial Estate, Padwal Nagar, Wagle Estate, Thane, Maharashtra, India, Pin-400604, Mobile- 9892216539, Email: mech@deep-ptp.in, deep.ptp2018@gmail.com