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## **Abstract**

This specification prescribes the requirements for classification of surfacing electrodes for shielded metal arc welding. Classification is based upon the chemical composition of the deposited weld metal except for tungsten carbide electrodes, where classification is based on the mesh range, quantity, and composition of the tungsten carbide granules. A guide is appended to the specification as a source of information concerning the classification system employed and intended use of the classified electrodes.

This specification makes use of both U.S. Customary Units and the International System of Units (SI). Since these are not equivalent, each system must be used independently of the other.



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## Foreword

This foreword is not part of this standard but is included for informational purposes only.

The current document is the 5th revision of the initial joint ASTM/AWS document issued in 1956. It was the first of what would later become a two-set series, A5.13 and A5.21. The evolution took place as follows:

The composite electrodes and rods classifications were removed from the 1970 revision of A5.13 and placed into a new specification, A5.21. A5.13-70 specification contained requirements for both covered and bare electrodes or rods employing solid core only. This distinction was maintained for the 1980 revision of A5.13.

The revisions of both A5.13:2000 and A5.21:2001 incorporated a totally different scope. The method of manufacture of the core of the electrode or rod was no longer a factor in determining placement of a classification. Instead, the covered electrode products were classified under AWS A5.13:2000 and the bare electrode products under AWS A5.21:2001.

ASTM A399-56T                      *Tentative Specification for Surfacing Welding Rods and Electrodes*  
AWS A5.13-56T

AWS A5.13-70                      *Specification for Surfacing Welding Rods and Electrodes*  
ANSI W3.13-73

ANSI/AWS A5.13-80              *Specification for Solid Surfacing Welding Rods and Electrodes*

AWS A5.13:2000                 *Specification for Surfacing Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding*

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*This revision contains no substantive changes. It was revised to update it to the current practices of the AWS A5 Committee for Filler Metals and Allied Materials and to renew the approval of ANSI.*

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All errata to a standard shall be published in the *Welding Journal* and posted on the AWS website.

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## 1. Scope

**1.1** This specification prescribes requirements for the classification of surfacing electrodes for shielded metal arc welding. Solid bare electrodes and rods for surfacing are classified in AWS A5.21, *Specification for Bare Electrodes and Rods for Surfacing*.

**1.2** This standard makes use of both U.S. Customary Units and the International System of Units (SI). The measurements are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently when referring to material properties. The specification with the designation A5.13 uses U.S. Customary Units. The specification A5.13M uses SI Units. The latter are shown within brackets [ ] or in appropriate columns in tables and figures. Standard dimensions based on either system may be used for sizing filler metal or packaging or both under A5.13 or A5.13M specifications.

**1.3** Safety and health issues and concerns are beyond the scope of this standard; some safety and health information is provided, but such issues are not fully addressed herein. Some safety and health information can be found in Annex A, Clauses A5 and A9. Safety and health information is available from the following sources:

American Welding Society:

- (1) ANSI Z49.1, *Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*
- (2) AWS Safety and Health Fact Sheets
- (3) Other safety and health information on the AWS website

Material or Equipment Manufacturers:

- (1) Safety Data Sheets supplied by materials manufacturers
- (2) Operating Manuals supplied by equipment manufacturers

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## 2. Normative References

The following standards contain provisions that, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this AWS standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications do not apply.

American Welding Society (AWS) documents:

AWS A3.0, *Standard Welding Terms and Definitions, Including Terms for Adhesive Bonding, Brazing, Soldering, Thermal Cutting, and Thermal Spraying*

AWS A5.01M/A5.01(ISO 14344), *Procurement Guidelines for Consumables—Welding and Allied Processes—Flux and Gas Shielded Electrical Welding Processes*