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Abstract

This standard contains the essential welding variables for carbon steel in the thickness range of 1/8 through 1-1/2 inch, using semiautomatic Ar/CO₂ shielded flux cored arc welding. It cites the base metals and operating conditions necessary to make the weldment, the filler metal specifications, and the allowable joint designs for fillet and groove welds. This SWPS was developed primarily for plate and structural applications.
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Foreword

This foreword is not part of AWS B2.1-1-020-94-AMD1, Standard Welding Procedure Specification (SWPS) for 75% Ar/25% CO₂ Shielded Flux Cored Arc Welding of Carbon Steel (M-1/P-1, Group 1 or 2), 1/8 through 1-1/2 inch Thick, E70T-1 and E71T-1, As-Welded or PWHT Condition, but is included for informational purposes only.

The American Welding Society and the Welding Research Council have joined in a cooperative effort to generate standard welding procedures for industry. The need for pretested welding procedures that are supported by adequate test data and that satisfy the technical requirements for the commonly used construction codes and specifications has been expressed by many individuals and organizations. The purpose of a welding procedure qualification is to provide test data for assessing the properties of a weld joint.

This Welding Procedure Specification is an outgrowth of the coordinated work of the Welding Procedures Committee of the Welding Research Council and the AWS B2 Committee on Welding Procedure and Performance Qualification. The Welding Procedures Committee has provided the test data documented by a Summary of Procedure Qualification Records.

The welding terms used in this specification shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions given in the latest edition of AWS A3.0, Standard Welding Terms and Definitions Including Terms for Adhesive Bonding, Brazing, Soldering, Thermal Cutting, and Thermal Spraying. Welding symbols shall be those shown in the latest edition of AWS A2.4, Standard Symbols for Welding, Brazing, and Nondestructive Examination.

The AWS Committee on Welding Qualification was formed in 1979 to provide welding standards concerning the subject of qualification. The primary document developed by this committee is AWS B2.1, Specification for Welding Procedure and Performance Qualification. This document established the foundation and framework for Standard Welding Procedure Specifications.

This SWPS has been amended to correct the permitted positions for E70T-1 electrode. Also, all references to ASME “S” material numbers have been deleted.

Comments and suggestions for the improvement of this standard are welcome. They should be sent to the Secretary, AWS B2 Committee on Procedure and Performance Qualification, American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33126.

Amendment

The following Amendment has been identified and incorporated into the current reprint of this document.

Page 2, Permitted Positions, amend text to read:

**Permitted Positions:**

- **E70T-1**: 4G, 5G, 6G, 6F positions, Groove – Flat, Fillet – Flat and Horizontal
- **E71T-1**: All positions
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Requirements for Application of SWPSs

Scope. The data to support this Standard Welding Procedure Specification (SWPS) have been derived from the above listed Procedure Qualification Records (PQRs) which were reviewed and validated under the auspices of the Welding Research Council. This SWPS is not valid using conditions and variables outside the ranges listed. The American Welding Society considers that this SWPS presents information for producing an acceptable weld using the conditions and variables listed. The user needs a significant knowledge of welding and accepts full responsibility for the performance of the weld and for providing the engineering capability, qualified personnel, and proper equipment to implement this SWPS.

Application. This SWPS is to be used only as permitted by the applicable fabrication document (such as code, specification, or contract document(s)). The fabrication document should specify the engineering requirements such as design, need for heat treatment, fabricating tolerances, quality control, and examination and tests applicable to the end product.

User’s Responsibility. An SWPS does not replace or substitute for fabrication codes, specifications, contract requirements, or capability and judgment on the part of the user. An SWPS is to be used only as permitted by the applicable fabrication code, specification, or contract document.

The ability to produce production welds having properties suitable for the application depends upon supplementing the SWPS with appropriate performance qualification tests and sound engineering judgment. The user is responsible for the quality and performance of the final product in accordance with the provisions of the fabrication document.

Supplementary Instructions. To adapt this SWPS to a specific application, a user may issue supplementary instructions. Such instructions may consist of tighter fit-up tolerances, higher minimum preheat temperature, or any other instructions necessary to produce a weldment that meets the requirements of the fabrication document. These instructions shall not be less restrictive than provided in the SWPS.


This specification may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. The specification does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices. The user should determine the applicability of any regulatory limitations prior to use.