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Abstract

This specification covers the arc welding of automotive components that are manufactured from aluminum alloys.



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Foreword

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

This specification supersedes D8.14M:2008, *Specification for Automotive Weld Quality—Arc Welding of Aluminum*, and was revised and enhanced by the D8C Subcommittee on Automotive Arc Welding of the AWS D8 Committee on Automotive Welding. This edition makes sole use of the International System of Units (SI).

Recent changes in automotive design caused by the desire to reduce fuel consumption have resulted in new automotive structures being made of aluminum. This specification was undertaken to prepare minimum standards for manual, automatic, and robotic arc welding of aluminum components associated with the body and supporting structural members such as, but not limited to: battery enclosures, body panels, bumpers, frames, space frames, cradles, wheels, drive shafts, and suspensions.

One objective of the committee was to prepare a specification that could be used by smaller suppliers of automotive components, who generally have no standards of their own for minimum arc welding quality.

All revisions to the 2008 edition are identified by a vertical line in the margin next to the text or an underline. The first edition of AWS D8.14M was printed in 2000.

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1. General Requirements

1.1 Scope The purpose of this specification is to provide the minimum acceptance criteria for arc welding of various types of automotive parts made of aluminum alloys.

1.2 Units of Measurement This standard makes sole use of the International System of Units (SI).

1.3 Safety Safety issues and concerns are addressed in this standard, although health issues and concerns are beyond the scope of this standard. 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

Work performed in accordance with this standard may involve the use of materials that have been deemed hazardous, and may involve operations or equipment that may cause injury or death. This standard does not purport to address all safety and health risks that may be encountered. The user of this standard should establish an appropriate safety program to address such risks as well as to meet applicable regulatory requirements. ANSI Z49.1 should be considered when developing the safety program.

2. Normative References

The documents listed below are referenced within this publication and are mandatory to the extent specified herein. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced standard shall apply. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply.

AWS documents:

AWS A2.4, *Standard Symbols for Welding, Brazing, and Nondestructive Examination*;

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

AWS A5.10/A5.10M (ISO 18273 MOD) *Welding Consumables—Wire Electrodes, Wires and Rods for Welding of Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys-Classification*