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## Introduction

The use of strip electrodes for the deposition of stainless steel overlays, using either submerged arc welding or electroslag welding, is widespread. Compositions of the strips used in these processes are generally similar to the compositions of solid wire electrodes, wires and rods. Accordingly, Amendment 1 to ISO 14343:2002 adds the classification of strip electrodes into ISO 14343:2002.

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# **Welding consumables — Wire electrodes, wires and rods for arc welding of stainless and heat resisting steels — Classification**

## **AMENDMENT 1: Addition of strip electrodes for submerged arc welding and electroslag welding**

### *Cover page and Page 1*

Replace the original document title, "Welding consumables — Wire electrodes, wires and rods for arc welding of stainless and heat resisting steels — Classification," with the following:

"Welding consumables — Wire electrodes, strip electrodes, wires and rods for fusion welding of stainless and heat resisting steels — Classification"

### *Page iv, Introduction*

Replace the third paragraph with the following:

"For stainless steel welding consumables, there is no unique relationship between the product form (wire electrode, strip electrode, wire or rod) and the welding process used (gas-shielded metal arc welding, gas tungsten arc welding, plasma arc welding, laser welding, submerged arc welding or electroslag welding). For this reason, the wire electrodes, strip electrodes, wires or rods may be classified on the basis of any of the above product forms and can be used, as appropriate, for more than one of the above processes."

### *Page 1, Clause 1*

Replace the first paragraph with the following:

"This International Standard specifies requirements for classification of wire electrodes, strip electrodes, wires and rods for gas-shielded metal arc welding, gas tungsten arc welding, plasma arc welding, submerged arc welding, electroslag welding, and laser beam welding of stainless and heat resisting steels. The classification of the wire electrodes, strip electrodes, wires and rods is based upon their chemical composition."

Page 2, Clause 3

Add a new Subclause 3.2, as indicated below, and renumber old Subclauses 3.2 and 3.3 as 3.3 and 3.4, respectively.

**“3.2**

**strip electrode**

form of welding filler metal, normally packaged as coils, having a rectangular cross-section of width much greater than thickness, that becomes part of the welding circuit through which current is conducted, and that terminates at the arc for submerged arc welding, or at the slag bath for electroslag welding”

Page 2, Subclause 4.1

Replace the text relating to “ISO 14343-A” with the following:

“The symbol for the wire electrode, strip electrode, wire or rod used in the fusion welding process is the letter G (gas metal arc welding), W (gas tungsten arc welding), P (plasma arc welding), S (submerged arc welding), B (submerged arc welding or electroslag welding with strip electrode) or L (laser beam welding), placed at the beginning of the designation.”

Replace the text relating to “ISO 14343-B” with the following:

“No symbol is used to indicate the welding process. The symbol for solid stainless and heat resisting steel wire electrodes, wires and rods for use in all welding processes shall be the letters “SS”. The initial “S” indicates solid wire as distinguished from covered electrodes or from tubular cored wires or tubular cored rods. The symbol for strip electrodes for use in submerged arc welding or electroslag welding shall be the letters “BS”. The “B” indicates a strip electrode. The second “S” in “SS” and the “S” in “BS” indicates that the alloy system is stainless or heat resisting steel.”

Page 2, Subclause 4.2

Replace the text of the subclause with the following:

“The symbol in Table 1 indicates the chemical composition of the wire electrode, strip electrode, wire or rod determined under conditions given in Clause 6.”

Page 3, Clause 8

After Example c), immediately before the words, “Where, in all three examples,” insert the following:

“d) A strip electrode for submerged arc welding or electroslag welding has a chemical composition within the limits for the alloy symbol 23 12 2 L and within the limits for the alloy symbol 309LMo of Table 1.

The designation will be:

**Classification according to nominal composition**

**Classification according to alloy type**

ISO 14343-A — B 23 12 2 L

ISO 14343-B — BS309LMo”