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**Destructive tests on welds in metallic  
materials — Impact tests — Test  
specimen location, notch orientation  
and examination**

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flexion par choc — Position de l'éprouvette, orientation de l'entaille et  
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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 9016:2012), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- a column has been deleted from [Table A.1](#).

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# Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Impact tests — Test specimen location, notch orientation and examination

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the method to be used when describing test specimen location and notch orientation for the testing and reporting of impact tests on welded butt joints.

This document applies to impact tests on metallic materials in all forms of product made by any fusion and pressure welding process.

It is used in addition to the ISO 148 series and includes test specimen denomination and additional reporting requirements.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Principle

Impact testing shall be in accordance with ISO 148-1. The test temperature, location, type and size of test specimen, and notch orientation shall be in accordance with the relevant application standard.

In addition to the requirements of ISO 148-1, the notch position may be located by macroetching.

## 5 Method of denomination

### 5.1 Lettering system

The denomination is based on a lettering system to describe the type, location and notch orientation and a numbering system to show the distance (in mm) of the notch from reference lines (RL). The method of denomination is shown in [Tables 1](#) and [2](#). The test specimen shall be taken from the welded joint such that its longitudinal axes are at right angles to the weld length.

### 5.2 Characters

The denomination comprises the following characters:

- first character U: Charpy U- notch.  
V: Charpy V-notch.
- second character W: notch in the weld metal; the reference line is the centre line of the weld at the position of the test specimen.  
H: notch in the heat affected zone; the reference line is the fusion or the joint line (notch will include HAZ).
- third character S: notched face parallel to the surface.  
NOTE This orientation is equivalent to the denomination “surface notch” used in fracture mechanics testing.  
T: notch through the thickness.
- fourth character  $a$ : the distance of the centre of the notch from the reference line (if the centre of the notch is the welded metal and in its centre line,  $a = 0$ , which should be recorded).
- fifth character  $b$ : the distance from the weld joint face side to the nearer face of the test specimen (if this face of the test specimen is the weld joint face side,  $b = 0$ , which should be recorded).  
NOTE In the case of double V, K or similar welds, the face side is the side that contains the larger width of the weld or from which the welding energy was first applied.

### 5.3 Additional information

In cases where this simple denomination does not sufficiently define the location or notch orientation, a sketch referring to the weld procedure should be provided.

## 6 Examples of denomination

Examples of denomination are given in [Tables 1](#) and [2](#) and [Figure 1](#).

**Table 1 — Notched face parallel to the surface of the test piece (S position)**

Denomination	Centre of the weld	Denomination	Fusion/joint line
	Representation		Representation
VWS $a/b$		VHS $a/b$ (pressure weld)	
		VHS $a/b$ (fusion weld)	
<b>Key</b> 1 reference line $t$ test specimen dimension in the cross section			

**Table 2 — Notched face perpendicular to the surface of the test piece (T position)**

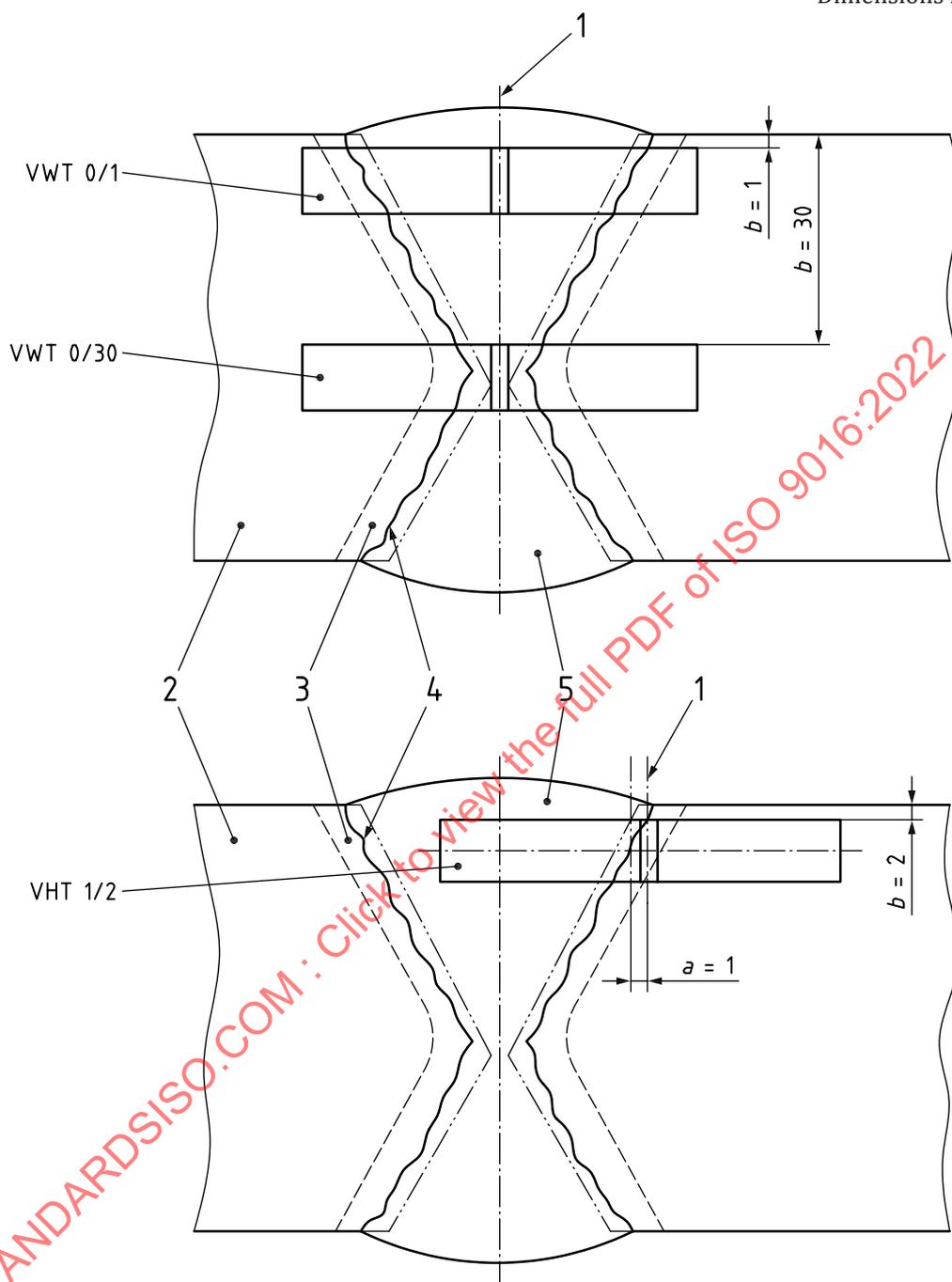
Denomination	Centre of the weld	Denomination	Fusion/joint line
	Representation		Representation
VWT $0/b$		VHT $0/b$	
VWT $a/b$		VHT $a/b$	
VWT $0/b$		VHT $a/b$	
<b>Key</b> 1 reference line $t$ test specimen dimension in the cross section			

Table 2 (continued)

Denomination	Centre of the weld	Denomination	Fusion/joint line
	Representation		Representation
VWT $a/b$		VHT $a/b$	
<b>Key</b> 1 reference line $t$ test specimen dimension in the cross section			

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Dimensions in millimetres



**Key**

- 1 axis of the notch
- 2 parent metal
- 3 heat affected zone
- 4 fusion line
- 5 weld metal

**Figure 1 — Typical examples of denomination**

## 7 Examination

The test specimens designated by this document shall be tested in accordance with ISO 148-1.

## 8 Test report

The test report shall include the following information in addition to that given in ISO 148-1:

- a) a reference to this document, i.e. ISO 9016:2022;
- b) the test specimen denomination;
- c) the type and dimensions of observed imperfections, if any;
- d) a sketch if required;
- e) other information as required by the application standard and/or by agreement between the contracting parties.

An example of a typical test report is given in [Annex A](#).

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## Annex A (informative)

### Example of a test report

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

According to pWPS: \_\_\_\_\_

According to \_\_\_\_\_

test result: \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of the examination: \_\_\_\_\_

Form of product: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent metal: \_\_\_\_\_

Filler metal: \_\_\_\_\_

**Table A.1 — Impact test in accordance with ISO 9016:2022**

Test specimen No.	Denomination	Dimension	Test temperature	Impact absorbed energy	Remarks		
		mm	°C	J	Location of fracture <sup>a</sup>	Type of fracture <sup>a</sup>	Type and size of imperfection

<sup>a</sup> If required.

Examiner or test body:

Certified by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name, date and signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name, date and signature)