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**Non-destructive testing — Magnetic  
particle testing —**

**Part 2:  
Detection media**

*Essais non destructifs — Magnétoscopie —  
Partie 2: Produits indicateurs*

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 9934-2:2002), which has been technically revised.

ISO 9934 consists of the following parts under the general title *Non-destructive testing — Magnetic particle testing*:

- *Part 1: General principle*
- *Part 2: Detection media*
- *Part 3: Equipment*

# Non-destructive testing — Magnetic particle testing —

## Part 2: Detection media

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 9934 specifies the significant properties of magnetic particle testing products (including magnetic ink, powder, carrier liquid, contrast aid paints) and the methods for checking their properties.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2160, *Petroleum products — Corrosiveness to copper — Copper strip test*

ISO 2591-1, *Test sieving — Part 1: Methods using test sieves of woven wire cloth and perforated metal plate*

ISO 3059, *Non-destructive testing — Penetrant testing and magnetic particle testing — Viewing conditions*

ISO 3104, *Petroleum products — Transparent and opaque liquids — Determination of kinematic viscosity and calculation of dynamic viscosity*

ISO 4316, *Surface active agents — Determination of pH of aqueous solutions — Potentiometric method*

ISO 9934-1, *Non-destructive testing — Magnetic particle testing — Part 1: General principle*

ISO 9934-3, *Non-destructive testing — Magnetic particle testing — Part 3: Equipment*

ISO 12707, *Non-destructive testing — Terminology — Terms used in magnetic particle testing*

EN 1330-1, *Non-destructive testing — Terminology — Part 1: List of general terms*

EN 1330-2, *Non-destructive testing — Terminology — Part 2: Terms common to the non-destructive testing methods*

EN 1330-7, *Non-destructive testing — Terminology — Part 7: Terms used in magnetic particle testing*

EN 10083-2, *Quenched and tempered steels — Part 2: Technical delivery conditions for non-alloy steels*

EN 10204, *Metallic products — Types of inspection documents*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1330-1, EN 1330-2, EN 1330-7, ISO 12707, and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **batch**

quantity of material produced during one manufacturing operation having uniform properties throughout and with a unique identifying number or mark

## 4 Safety precautions

The materials used in magnetic particle inspection and those used in their testing include chemicals that can be harmful, flammable, and/or volatile. All necessary precautions should be observed. All relevant regulations, including national and local regulations pertaining to health and safety, anti-pollution requirements, etc., shall be observed.

## 5 Classification

### 5.1 General

The magnetic particle materials covered by this specification shall be classified as follows.

### 5.2 Magnetic inks

Magnetic inks shall consist of finely divided coloured or fluorescent magnetic particles in a suitable carrier liquid. They shall form a uniform suspension when agitated.

Magnetic inks can be produced from products supplied as concentrates, including paste and powders, or ready for use.

### 5.3 Powders

Powders for the dry technique shall consist of finely divided coloured or fluorescent magnetic particles.

## 6 Testing and test certificate

### 6.1 Type testing and batch testing

Type testing and batch testing of magnetic particle materials shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of ISO 9934-1, ISO 9934-2, and ISO 9934-3.

Type testing is carried out in order to demonstrate suitability of a product for the intended use. Batch testing is carried out in order to demonstrate conformity of the characteristics of a batch to the product type specified.

The supplier shall provide a test certificate showing compliance with this International Standard having used the methods detailed. This certificate shall include results obtained and tolerances allowed.

If any changes are made to the detection media, then a new type test shall be performed.

### 6.2 In-service testing

In-service testing is carried out to demonstrate the continued performance of the detection media.

## 7 Requirements and test methods

### 7.1 Performance

#### 7.1.1 Type testing and batch testing

Type testing and batch testing shall be carried out according to [Annex A](#) using the reference blocks type 1 or type 2 as described in [Annex B](#).

### 7.1.2 In-service testing

In-service testing shall be carried out according to [Annex A](#) using one of the reference blocks type 1 or type 2 as described in [Annex B](#) or a test block which exhibit similar discontinuities to those normally found in components typically processed in the equipment.

### 7.1.3 Contrast aid paints

Type testing and batch testing shall be carried out according to [7.1.1](#) after having applied the paint in accordance with the manufacturer instructions and using a type test approved, compatible magnetic ink.

## 7.2 Colour

The colour of magnetic particles detection media under working conditions shall be stated by the supplier.

The colour of the batch test sample shall not differ from the colour of the type test sample when visually compared.

## 7.3 Particle size

### 7.3.1 Method

The method for determination of particle size is dependent on the range of the particle size distribution. For magnetic inks, the particle size distribution can be determined by the Coulter Method [2] or an equivalent method.

### 7.3.2 Definition of the particle size

The range of particle size shall be as follows:

- lower diameter,  $d_l$ : no more than 10 % of the particles shall be smaller than  $d_l$ ;
- average diameter,  $d_a$ : 50 % of the particles shall be larger and 50 % by volume smaller than  $d_a$ ;
- upper diameter,  $d_u$ : no more than 10 % by volume of the particles shall be larger than  $d_u$ .

$d_l$ ,  $d_a$ , and  $d_u$  shall be reported.

For dry powders,  $d_l$  is generally  $\geq 40 \mu\text{m}$ .

## 7.4 Temperature resistance

There shall be no degradation of the product after 5 min heating at the maximum temperature specified by the supplier. This shall be verified by repeating the performance test as specified in [7.1.1](#).

## 7.5 Fluorescent coefficient and fluorescent stability

To carry out these tests, it is necessary to use a dry sample of the particles.

7.5.1 Type testing

7.5.1.1 Method

The fluorescent coefficient  $\beta$  in cd/W is defined as given in Formula (1):

$$\beta = L/E_e \tag{1}$$

where

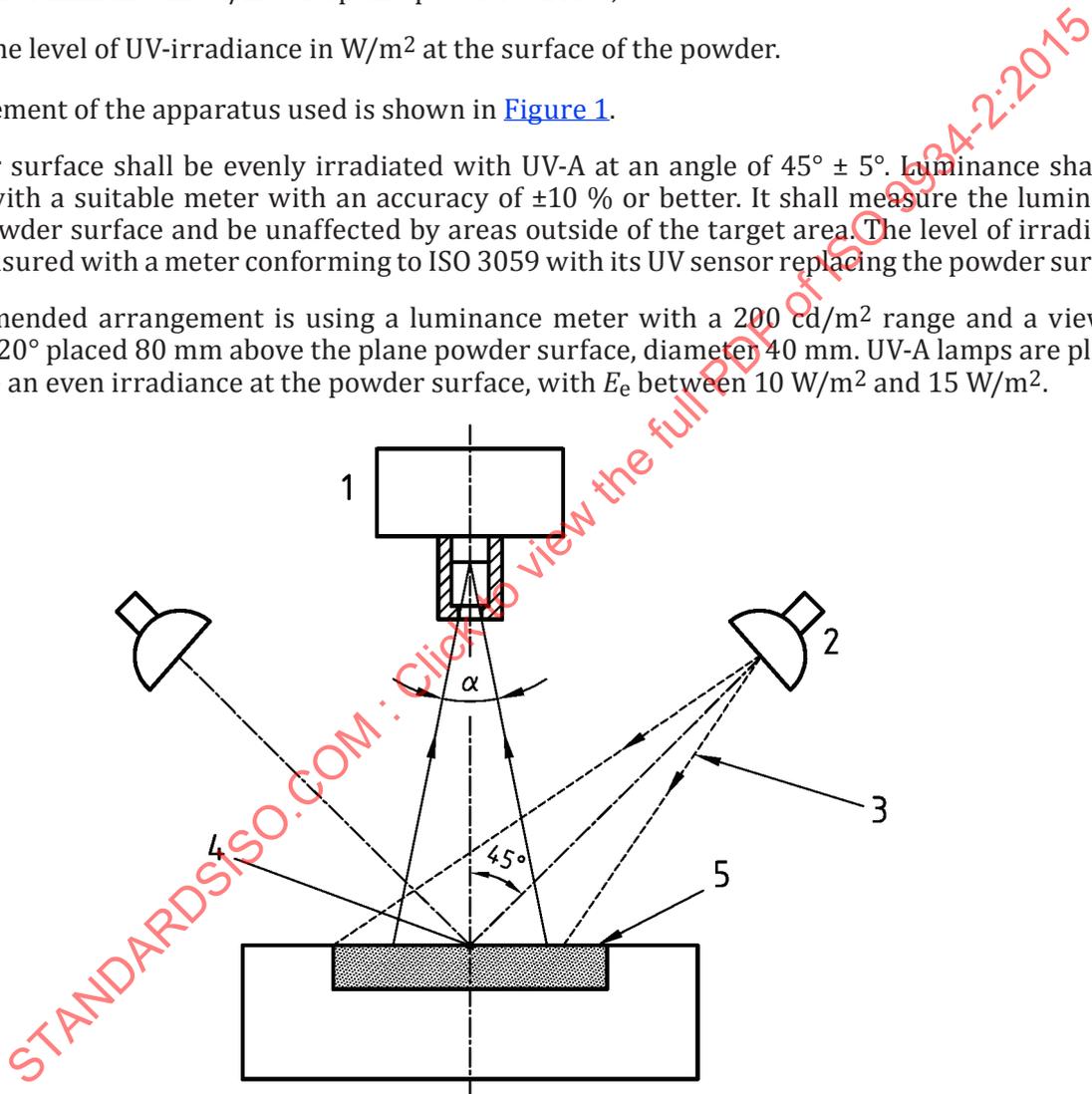
$L$  is the luminance in cd/m<sup>2</sup> of a plane powder surface;

$E_e$  is the level of UV-irradiance in W/m<sup>2</sup> at the surface of the powder.

The arrangement of the apparatus used is shown in [Figure 1](#).

The powder surface shall be evenly irradiated with UV-A at an angle of 45° ± 5°. Luminance shall be measured with a suitable meter with an accuracy of ±10 % or better. It shall measure the luminance from the powder surface and be unaffected by areas outside of the target area. The level of irradiance shall be measured with a meter conforming to ISO 3059 with its UV sensor replacing the powder surface.

The recommended arrangement is using a luminance meter with a 200 cd/m<sup>2</sup> range and a viewing angle ( $\alpha$ ) of 20° placed 80 mm above the plane powder surface, diameter 40 mm. UV-A lamps are placed so as to give an even irradiance at the the powder surface, with  $E_e$  between 10 W/m<sup>2</sup> and 15 W/m<sup>2</sup>.



Key

- 1 measurement of luminance
- 2 lamp
- 3 UV-A radiation
- 4 measurement point of the irradiance
- 5 powder surface

Figure 1 — Determination of the fluorescent coefficient,  $\beta$ , for magnetic particles

### 7.5.1.2 Requirements

The fluorescent coefficient ( $\beta$ ) shall be greater than 1,5 cd/W.

### 7.5.1.3 Fluorescence stability

The sample shall first be tested according to the method described in [7.5.1.1](#).

The sample shall then be exposed and re-tested as described in [7.5.1.1](#) after 30 min of exposure to UV-A irradiance of 20 W/m<sup>2</sup> (minimum). The fluorescent coefficient shall not decrease more than 5 %.

### 7.5.2 Batch testing

Batch testing shall be carried out according to [7.5.1.1](#). The fluorescent coefficient shall be within 10 % of the type test value.

## 7.6 Fluorescence of carrier liquid

The fluorescence of the carrier liquid shall be checked by visually comparing with quinine sulfate solution when irradiated with UV-A of at least 10 W/m<sup>2</sup>.

The concentration of the quinine sulfate solution shall be  $7 \times 10^{-9}$  M in 0,1 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

The carrier liquid under test shall exhibit no more fluorescence than the quinine sulfate solution.

## 7.7 Flash point

For magnetic inks, other than water-based, the flash point (open cup method) of the carrier fluid shall be reported.

## 7.8 Corrosion induced by detection media

### 7.8.1 Corrosion testing on steel

The corrosive effect on steel shall be tested and reported according to [Annex C](#).

### 7.8.2 Corrosion testing of copper

The corrosive effect on copper shall be tested. ISO 2160 can be used for petroleum-based products.

## 7.9 Viscosity of the carrier liquid

The viscosity shall be tested according to ISO 3104.

The dynamic viscosity shall not be higher than 5 mPa·s at 20 °C ± 2 °C.

## 7.10 Mechanical stability

### 7.10.1 Long term test (endurance test)

The manufacturer shall show that the detection media is unaffected by use in a typical magnetic particle testing bench over a period of 120 h.

This can be proven in a magnetic particle testing bench or by using an arrangement to simulate this; a recommended arrangement is as follows.

A 40 l sample of the detection media, contained in a corrosion resistant reservoir fitted with a centrifugal pump is recirculated and the flow interrupted by a valve.

Technical data:

Type of the sump pump	EN 12157 T 160-270-1
Diameter of the return flow	nominally 25 mm or 1" bore
Cycle time	
— valve opened	5 s
— valve closed	5 s

The detection media is checked with a reference block (see [7.1.1](#)) before use and after 120 h.

Any discernible change in the quality of indications is cause for rejection.

## 7.10.2 Short-term test

### 7.10.2.1 Equipment

A stirring arrangement similar to [Figure 2](#) shall be used.

- 1) Speed of stirring blade: 3 000 +0/-300 r/min.
- 2) Stirring cup: Capacity 2 l.
- 3) Reference blocks type 1 and type 2 as detailed in [Annex B](#).
- 4) UV-A source to give irradiance of 10 W/m<sup>2</sup>, to the requirement of ISO 3059.

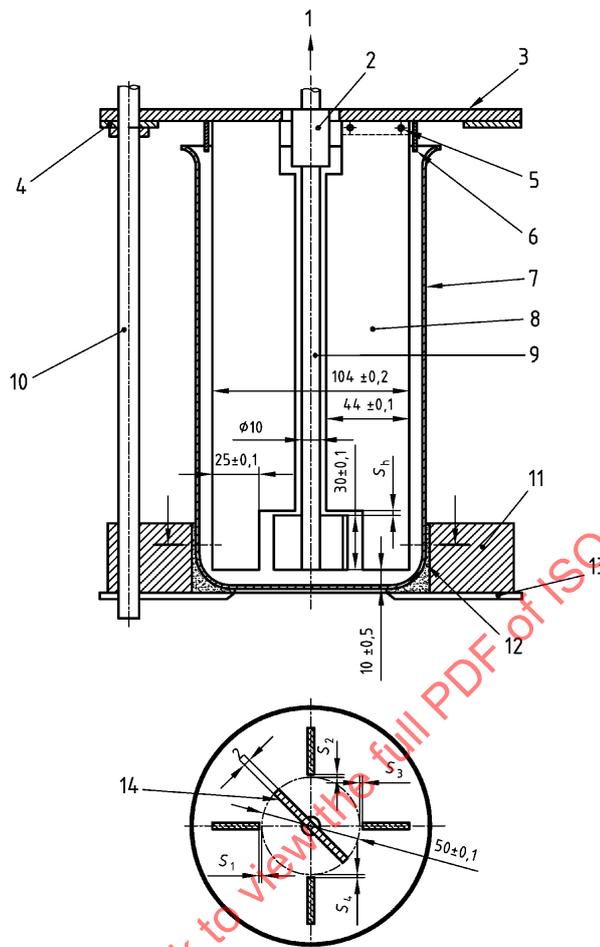
### 7.10.2.2 Procedure

Stir a sample for 2 h. Compare the indications on reference block Type 1 and Type 2 as is defined in [Annex B](#), produced by the stirred probe and the reference probe.

### 7.10.2.3 Requirements

Any discernible change in the quality of indications shall be cause for rejection.

Dimensions in millimetres



**Key**

- |   |   |    |  |
|---|---|----|--|
| 1 | motor shaft   | 8  | 4 stator plates, 2 mm thick – Height of support ~ 170 mm |
| 2 | clutch  | 9  | axle   |
| 3 | support plate for stator plates                     | 10 | support (adjustable)                                     |
| 4 | support ring distance setting 10 mm from the bottom | 11 | pilot ring   |
| 5 | fixing angle for stator plates                      | 12 | non-slip pad   |
| 6 | spraying plate                                      | 13 | base plate   |
| 7 | cup ISO 3819 – HF 2000                              | 14 | blade  |

Gap dimensions:

$$s_h = 2 \pm 0,5$$

$$s_1, \dots, s_4 = 2 \pm 0,5$$

$$(s_1 + s_3)/2 = 2 \pm 0,2$$

$$(s_2 + s_4)/2 = 2 \pm 0,2$$

NOTE 1 Tolerances are to be ensured in the 4 blade positions.

NOTE 2 Made from corrosion resistant non-ferromagnetic material.

**Figure 2 — Construction of the stirring arrangement to 7.10.2.1**

**7.11 Foaming**

Foaming shall be checked during mechanical stability test to [7.10.1](#) or [7.10.2](#). Significant foaming shall be cause for rejection.

**7.12 pH**

The pH of aqueous carrier liquids shall be determined according to ISO 4316. The value shall be reported.

**7.13 Storage stability**

The expiry date shall be given by the producer and shall be marked on each original container.

**7.14 Solids content**

The recommended magnetic particle content in g/l of magnetic inks shall be given by the supplier.

**7.15 Sulfur and halogen content**

For products designated low in sulfur and halogens, the sulfur and halogen content shall be determined by a suitable method which is accurate to ±10 mg/l (10 parts per million) at 200 mg/l (200 parts per million) (of sulfur/halogens).

- Sulfur content shall be less than 200 mg/l (200 parts per million)
- Halogens content shall be less than 200 mg/l (200 parts per million) (halogens shall be taken as chlorine + fluorine)

**8 Testing requirements**

Testing shall be carried out according to the requirements of [Table 1](#).

Type testing (Q) and batch testing (B) shall be the responsibility of the supplier or manufacturer. In-service testing (P) shall be the responsibility of the user.

**Table 1 — Testing requirements**

Properties	Contrast aid paints	Dry detection media	Organic carrier liquid	Aqueous suspension ready for use	Organic suspension ready for use	Method	
						Clause	Standard/Remarks
Performance	Q/B	Q/B/P		Q/B/P	Q/B/P	by comparison	<a href="#">7.1</a>
Colour	Q/B/P	Q/B/P	Q	Q/B/P	Q/B/P		<a href="#">7.2</a>
Particle size		Q/B		Q/B	Q/B		<a href="#">7.3</a>
Temperature resistance	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q		<a href="#">7.4</a>
Fluorescence coefficient		Q/B		Q/B	Q/B		<a href="#">7.5</a>
Fluorescence stability		Q		Q	Q		<a href="#">7.5.1.3</a>
Flash point	Q/B		Q/B		Q/B		<a href="#">7.7</a>
Q: type testing B: batch testing P: in-service testing							

Table 1 (continued)

Properties	Contrast aid paints	Dry detection media	Organic carrier liquid	Aqueous suspension ready for use	Organic suspension ready for use	Method	
						Clause	Standard/Remarks
Fluorescence of carrier liquid			Q/B	Q/B		7.6	by comparison
Corrosion on steel				Q		7.8.1	
Corrosion on copper				Q	Q	7.8.2	ISO 2160
Viscosity			Q	Q/B	Q/B	7.9	ISO 3104
Mechanical stability:							
Long term test				Q	Q	7.10.1	
Short-term test				Q/B	Q/B	7.10.2	
Foaming			Q	Q/B	Q/B	7.11	
pH (aqueous products)				Q		7.12	ISO 4316
Storage stability	Q	Q/B	Q/B	Q/B	Q/B	7.13	
Sulfur and halogen content	B		B	B	B	7.15	Only for products designated low in sulfur/halogen
Q: type testing B: batch testing P: in-service testing							

## 9 Test report

As agreed upon at the time of the order, the manufacturer or the supplier of the magnetic particle testing materials shall provide a certificate of compliance according to EN 10204.

Results of all tests required in [Table 1](#) shall be reported.

## 10 Packaging and labelling

Packaging and labelling shall be in accordance with all applicable national and local regulations. Containers shall be compatible with the detection media. Containers shall be marked with the following information:

- product identification;
- type of detection media;
- batch number;
- date of manufacture;
- expiry date.

## Annex A (normative)

### Procedure for type, batch, and in-service testing

#### A.1 Preparation of the detection media

The detection media shall be prepared in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

#### A.2 Cleaning of the reference blocks

The reference block shall be cleaned by a suitable method to ensure that it is free from fluorescent material, oxide, dirt, and grease and has a water break free surface.

#### A.3 Application of the detection media

Detection media shall be applied to reference blocks type 1 and type 2 as detailed in Annex B in accordance with ISO 9934-1.

Spraying: 3 s to 5 s.

Specimen pitch angle:  $45^\circ \pm 10^\circ$  (see [Figure B.2](#))

Spraying direction:  $90^\circ \pm 10^\circ$  to the surface under examination.

#### A.4 Inspection and interpretation

##### A.4.1 Inspection

Test pieces shall be inspected under viewing conditions described in ISO 3059.

##### A.4.2 Interpretation

###### A.4.2.1 Type testing

The test shall be carried out three times and an average of the results shall be used. Indications shall be evaluated visually or by an equivalent measuring method.

###### A.4.2.1.1 Reference block type 1

The candidate material shall be tested using the type 1 block and the results recorded by a photograph or other suitable method.

###### A.4.2.1.2 Reference block type 2

The cumulative length of the indications shall be reported.

#### **A.4.2.2 Batch testing**

##### **A.4.2.2.1 Reference block type 1**

Indications shall be compared with those produced at the time type testing was carried out. This can be achieved by any suitable method, for example, by use of a photograph or by using retained suitable samples. The result shall be reported.

##### **A.4.2.2.2 Reference block type 2**

The cumulative length of the indications shall be reported.

##### **A.4.2.3 In-service testing**

Using test block type 1 or type 2, the indications produced shall be compared with known results.

#### **A.5 Contrast aid paint**

Contrast aid paint shall be tested in accordance with [A.1](#) to [A.4.2.1](#) except that the contrast aid paint shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions after cleaning the reference test block (see [A.2](#)).

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## Annex B (normative)

### Reference blocks

#### B.1 Reference block type 1

##### B.1.1 Description

The reference block is a disc with two types of natural cracks in the surface as seen in [Figure B.1](#). It shall contain coarse cracks and fine cracks produced by grinding and stress corrosion. The block shall be permanently magnetized by a central conductor through the hole. Evaluation of a detection media is made by visual or other appropriated method of comparison of the indications.

NOTE For information, Block Type 1 was described in a German patent: G 01 N 27/84 Auslegeschrift 23 57 220; this patent expired on 1990.

##### B.1.2 Manufacturing

**Material preparation:** using steel (Grade 90MnCrV8), the surfaces shall be plane ground to  $9,80 \text{ mm} \pm 0,05 \text{ mm}$  then hardened at  $860 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 h and quenched in oil to give a surface hardness 63 HRC to 70 HRC.

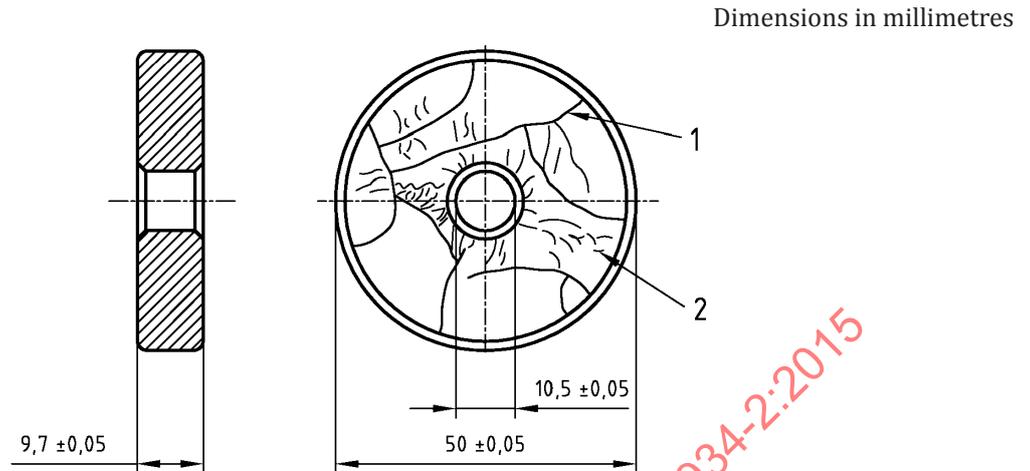
**Process:** grind at a velocity of 35 m/s, using grit size 46F7 with infeed of 0,05 mm per surface, indexing 2,0 mm. Black oxidize at  $145 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $150 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 1,5 h.

**Magnetization:** magnetization shall be achieved using a central conductor and direct current at a value of 1 000 A (peak).

##### B.1.3 Verification

**Initial assessment:** fluorescent detection media shall be used and the results recorded.

**Identification:** each reference block shall be uniquely identified. A certificate stating its conformance with ISO 9934-2 is supplied with the reference block.

**Key**

- 1 grinding cracks
- 2 stress-corrosion cracks

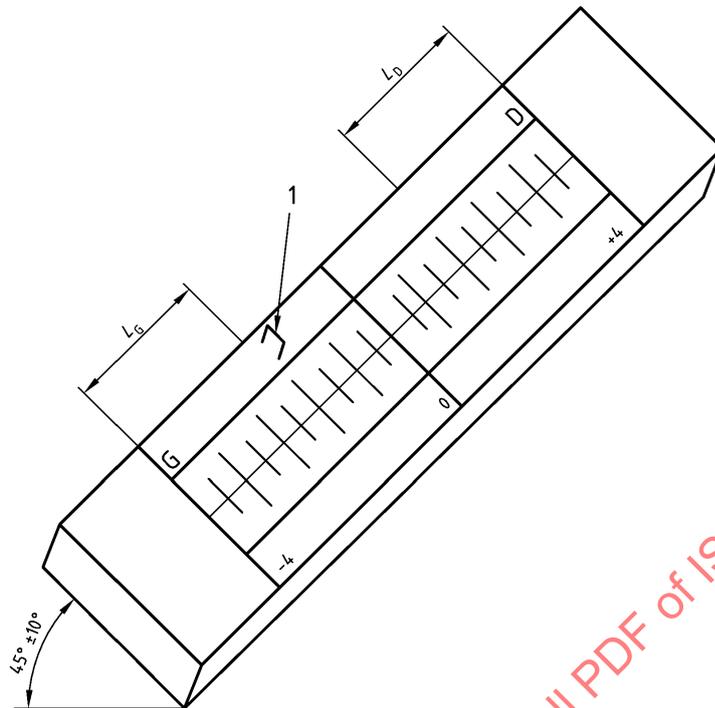
**Figure B.1 — Typical reference block type 1**

## B.2 Reference block type 2

### B.2.1 Description

Reference block type 2 is a self-contained unit requiring no external magnetic field induction. It comprises two steel bars and two permanent magnets as shown in [Figure B.2](#). It shall be calibrated such that the +4 mark represents +100 A/m and the -4 mark represents -100 A/m

Indication lengths ( $L_G$  and  $L_D$ ) give a measure of performance of the detection media. Indications start at the ends and decrease towards the centre. Increased length show better performance. Results shall be the cumulative length of the left and right hand indications.



**Key**

- 1 spray direction
- $L_G$  length of left direction
- $L_D$  length of right direction

**Figure B.2 — Reference block type 2**

**B.2.2 Manufacturing**

**B.2.2.1** Machine 2 square bars in steel grade C15 in accordance with EN 10083-2, 10 mm × 10 mm and 100,5 mm ± 0,5 mm in length. Machine a bar holder and two protective tips in non-magnetic material to hold and protect the magnets (see [Figure B.2](#)).

**B.2.2.2** Grind one face of each bar to  $R_a$  approximately 1,6 µm and flatness <5 µm.

**Caution — The temperature of the bar should not exceed 50 °C.**

**B.2.2.3** Demagnetize the two bars.

**B.2.2.4** Insert between the ground faces of the two bars a sheet of aluminium having a thickness of 15 µm, then place the set in the bar holder.

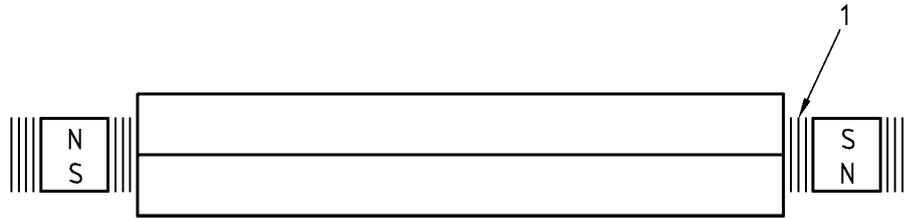
**B.2.2.5** Clamp the bars in position.

**B.2.2.6** Fit the magnets' protective tips.

**B.2.2.7** Grind the upper surface of the assembly to  $R_a$  approximately 1,6 µm.

**B.2.2.8** Remove the magnets' protective tips.

**B.2.2.9** Insert the magnets (small door catch type: for example, CF 12-6N<sup>1)</sup> as shown by the schema (Figure B.3). The shunts in steel with thickness of 0,2 mm are used to adjust the value of the magnetic field.



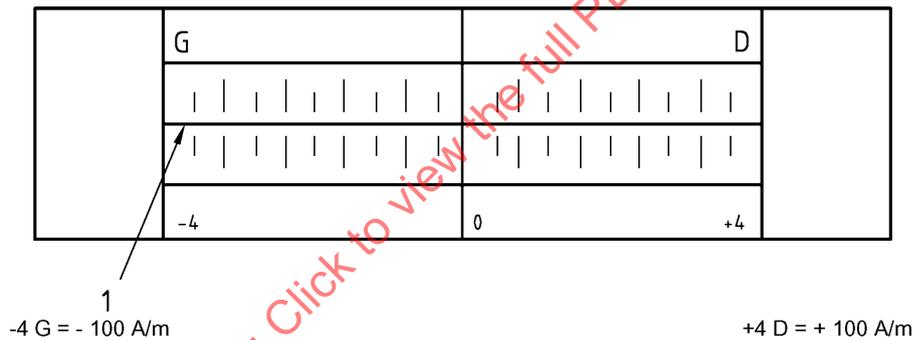
**Key**

1 shunt

**Figure B.3 — Schema showing the inserted magnets**

**B.2.2.10** Assemble the magnets' protective tips.

**B.2.2.11** Engrave the upper face as shown in Figure B.4. Engraving shall not be closer than 2 mm to the gap.



**Key**

1 gap

**Figure B.4 — Engraving of reference block type 2**

**B.2.3 Verification**

**B.2.3.1** Using a tangential field strength meter, measure the field perpendicular to the artificial defect at the +4 and -4 graduations.

**B.2.3.2 Acceptance criteria**

Value of the field at graduation -4: - (100 ± 10) A/m.

Value of the field at graduation +4: + (100 ± 10) A/m.

If these values are not satisfied, repeat the procedure from B.2.2.9, adjusting the field values with the shunts.

1) Magnet CF 12-6N produced by ARELEC company is an example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

**B.2.3.3 Identification**

Each reference block type 2 is identified by a unique serial number.

A certificate stating its conformance with ISO 9934-2 is supplied with the reference block.

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