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Introduction

This specification defines the minimum requirements for manufacture, testing, and inspection of carbon and low-alloy steel castings Grades 345 to 586 N/mm^2 (50 ksi to 85 ksi) for use in primary steel applications in the fabrication of offshore structures, manufacture of marine mechanical, or riser, tendon, or other equipment intended for application on permanent offshore structures, or for components thereof.

Service categories (A, B, and C), as defined in 4.4, reflect casting geometry and method of incorporation into the overall system. They may also be designated by the user (purchaser) to reflect moderately different but standardized levels of performance.

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1 Scope

Castings manufactured to this specification are intended for use in the fabrication of offshore structures, manufacture of critical marine or mechanical or other system components intended for application on permanent offshore structures, or for components used in the construction of offshore tendons, risers and pipelines.

If national and/or local regulations exist in which some of the requirements may be more stringent than in this specification the contractor shall determine which of the requirements are more stringent and which combination of requirements will be acceptable with respect to safety, environmental, economic, and legal aspects. In all cases, the contractor shall inform the purchaser of any deviation from the requirements of this specification which is considered to be necessary in order to comply with national and/or local regulations.

2 Normative References

The following referenced documents are indispensable in the application of this standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ASME *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* (*BPVC*) [1], *Section V: Nondestructive Examination; Section VIII: Pressure Vessels; Section IX: Welding and Brazing Qualifications*

ASNT SNT-TC-1A [2], *Recommended Practice, Personnel Qualification and Certification in Nondestructive Testing*

ASTM A609:1991 [3], *Standard Practice for Castings, Carbon, Low-Alloy, and Martensitic Stainless Steel, Ultrasonic Examination Thereof*

ASTM A703:2008, *Standard Specification for Steel Castings, General Requirements, for Pressure-Containing Parts*

ASTM E10, *Standard Test Method for Brinell Hardness of Metallic Materials*

ASTM E23, *Standard Test Methods for Notched Bar Impact Testing of Metallic Materials*

ASTM E92, *Standard Test Method for Vickers Hardness of Metallic Materials*

ASTM E110, *Standard Test Method for Indentation Hardness of Metallic Materials by Portable Hardness Testers*

AWS A4.3 [4], *Standard Methods for Determination of the Diffusible Hydrogen Content of Martensitic, Bainitic, and Ferritic Steel Weld Metal Produced by Arc Welding*

AWS A5.01, *Filler Metal Procurement Guidelines*

AWS D1.1:2008, *Structural Welding Code—Steel*

BSI BS 2M 54 [5], *Specification for Temperature Control in the Heat Treatment of Metals*

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