

# "CEWELD® AquaForce" the new generation of underwater stick electrodes



In the last few years, several coated electrodes for underwater welding have been developed by us. **CEWELD®** AquaForce HR and **CEWELD®** AquaForce MG are the last two developments. Both electrodes were designed in accordance with DIN 2302 (which is a template for an new ISO standard) as well as the AWS A 5.35 and the AWS D 3.6M.

#### Some basic information

#### 1. Underwater welding.

#### 1.1 Definitions:

The term "underwater welding" is used to describe welding work carried out under various ambient conditions in which the workpieces to be welded are located below the surface of the water. The work is carried out with or without filler metal.

A distinction is made according to the ambient pressure at the welding point:

- = atmospheric pressure or
- > atmospheric pressure

Surrounding pressure at the welding point	Medium	Designation according to medium and pressure	Designation according to medium
> atmospheric pressure (hyperbar)	wet	Hyperbaric wet underwater welding	Wet underwater welding
	dry	Hyperbaric dry underwater welding	Dry underwater welding
= atmospheric pressure	dry	1-bar underwater welding	

## 2. CEWELD<sup>®</sup> AquaForce Electrodes are designed for hyperbaric, wet underwater welding.

#### 2.2 Wet underwater welding.

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Direct contact of arc and workpiece with the water.



#### 2.3 The most important facts are:

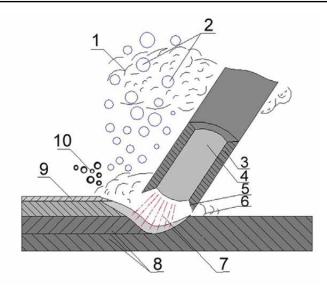
- It is the key technology for repairing underwater steel structures that cannot go into dry dock.
- Welding is performed underwater and is directly exposed to the wet environment.
- The greater flexibility makes it more effective, efficient and economical than long stays in the shipyard with laborious evacuation of the water.
- Power is supplied by cables and hoses connected to the welder.
- Complete insulation of the cables and hoses is essential to avoid the risk of electric shock.
- SMAW (Shielded metal arc welding) is one of the most commonly used methods in repair welding





2.4. What should be considered in principle.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Versatility.	Rapid quenching of the molten pool by the
Less costly than dry welding.	surrounding water.
Speed of execution.	Underwater handling of the arc is limited.
No enclosures necessary.	Hydrogen embrittlement often causes cracks.
	<ul> <li>Poor visibility makes control difficult.</li> </ul>



1. Water vapor,

- 2. gas bubbles,
- 3. Special coating,
- 4. core wire,
- 5. coating,
- 6. liquid metal,
- 7. arc,
- 8. base material,
- 9. slag,
- 10. gas from the melt.

## 3. Welding metallurgy and electrode development

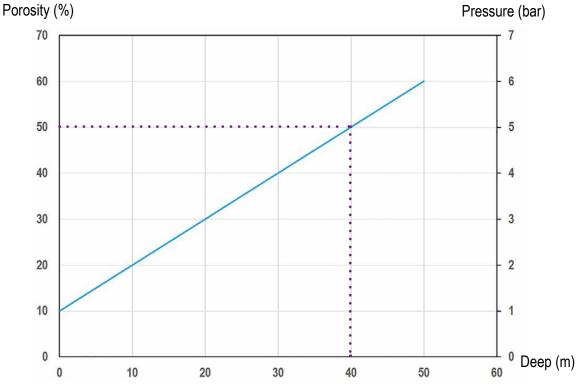
In underwater welding with coated stick electrodes, three main phenomena play a determining role in the chemical composition and mechanical properties of the weld metal:

- 1. Due to the surrounding water, which is also dissolved in the arc, the hydrogen and oxygen contents initially increase to relatively high values in the arc and then also in the weld metal. In addition, it should be noted that this is proportional to the water depth and thus the amount of hydrogen and oxygen in the arc can also increase with the water depth.
- 2. The water pressure influences the metallurgical processes in the arc and causes a change in the chemical composition. This is also caused and intensified by the higher oxygen content. Here, similar to gas-shielded welding under CO2, Mn is reduced and MnO is formed. This also applies to Si and Ni.
- 3. Due to the surrounding water, heat dissipation is always three-dimensional and the t 8/5 time extremely short. Moreover, since preheating is rather complicated and difficult to perform in practice, corresponding hardening occurs in the weld metal as well as in the adjacent base material (HAZ). Undesirable bainite and martensite structures are formed.

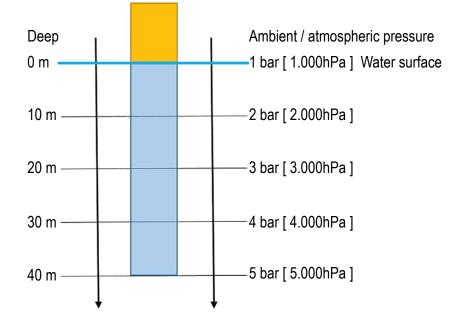
## 3.1 Impacts:

- Water dissociates into oxygen and hydrogen, which dissolves in the melt. The result is gas inclusions, defects, porosity.
- Water inclusions, as hydrogen combines with oxygen to form water vapor after some time

The diagram shows the dependence of porosity on water depth



The diagram shows the dependence of the pressure on the water depth

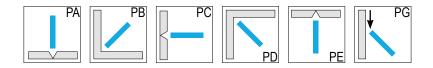


#### 4. What distinguishes the **CEWELD®** AquaForce from other electrodes?

- AquaForce LC Is an underwater electrode with a highly basic coating combined with an extremely low carbon core rod
- AquaForce HR Is an underwater electrode, with very high deposition rate, without porosity. An effective throat thicknes of more than 4.0 mm is possible in one layer.
- AquaForce MG Is an underwater electrode, which shows a remarkably fine scale weld seam surface, without porosity with self-dissolving slag

All electrodes are suitable for the following welding positions:

#### Welding positions:





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## 5. Technical data of the CEWELD® AquaForce electrodes

## 5.1 CEWELD® AquaForce LC technical data

STANDARD	EN IS	<mark>) 2560-</mark>	A: E 42 2 RB 4 1
CLASSIFICATION	DIN	2302	: E 42 2 Z RB 10 fr (PA,PB,PC,PD,PE,PG)
	AWS	5.1	: E 7016
	AWS	5.35	: UWE 7016 3A

#### TYPICAL ANALYSIS OF THE PURE WELD METAL (%)

С	Mn	Si	Р	S
0,05	0,45	0,2	< 0,025	< 0,025

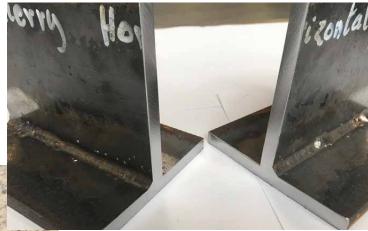
## TYPICAL QUALITY VALUES OF THE PURE WELD METAL ACCORDING TO ISO

Rp0,2	0,2 Rm Charpy V J (ft-lbf) ISO-V			)-V
MPa (ksi)	MPa (ksi)	20°C (-4°F)	0°C (0°F)	-20°C (-4°F)
> 420 (67)	500 - 640 (78 - 95)		> 36 (27)	> 27 (20)

All values were determined without prior heat treatment

#### 5.2. CEWELD® AquaForce LC Benefits

- The first underwater electrode with basic coating and extremely low C-content.
- Single coated electrode with an additional coating, with high insulating effect and excellent protection against water.
- Low oxygen content in the weld metal
- High notched impact strength
- Good ductility
- Low hydrogen content in weld metal
- Lower hardness in the fusion line (HAZ)
- No porosity
- Excellent overhead weldability







#### 5.3 CEWELD® AquaForce HR technical data

STANDARD CLASSIFICATION	DIN 2302 : E AWS 5.1 : E	AWS 5.1 : E 7014				
TYPICAL ANALYSIS OF THE PURE WELD METAL (%)						
С	Mn	Si	Р	S		
0,075	0,75	0,6	< 0,025	< 0,025		
TYPICAL QUALITY	ALUES OF THE PU	RE WELD METAL A	CCORDING TO ISO			
Rp0,2	Rm	Rm Charpy V J (ft-lbf) ISO-V				
MPa (ksi)	MPa (ksi)	20°C (-4°F)	0°C (0°F)	-20°C (-4°F)		
> 420 (67)	500 - 640 (78 - 95)	> 47 (35)	> 36 (27)			

All values were determined without prior heat treatment

## 5.4 CEWELD® AquaForce HR Benefits

- Flat fillet welds up to an a-measurement of 4 mm in one layer with very good penetration possible
- Double coated electrode with additional coating, thus maximum resistance to moisture absorption
- Excellent drop seam properties (PG / 3Fd)
- Good notched impact strength
- Very good ductility
- Low hydrogen content in weld metal
- Lower hardness in the fusion line (HAZ)
- No porosity
- Higher output resulting in 35% more power

Macro of a fillet weld vertical down (PG/3Fd) with very good fusion penetration



Fillet weld vertical down (PG / 3Fd) in 1 2 3 layers



#### 5.5 CEWELD® AquaForce MG technical data

STANDARD CLASSIFICATION	DIN 2302 : E AWS 5.1 : E	AWS 5.1 : E 6013				
<b>TYPICAL ANALYSIS</b>	TYPICAL ANALYSIS OF THE PURE WELD METAL (%)					
С	Mn	Si	Р	S		
0,08	0,60	0,40	< 0,025	< 0,025		
TYPICAL QUALITY	ALUES OF THE PU	RE WELD METAL A	CCORDING TO ISO			
Rp0,2	Rm	Charpy V J (ft-lbf) ISO-V				
MPa (ksi)	MPa (ksi)	20°C (-4°F)	0°C (0°F)	-20°C (-4°F)		
> 420 (67)	500 - 640 (78 - 95)		> 36 (27)			

All values were determined without prior heat treatment

#### 5.6 CEWELD® AquaForce MG Benefits

- Flat fillet welds up to an a-measurement of 4 mm possible in one layer with very good penetration.
- RR type, thick coated rutile electrode with an additional special coating, for maximum resistance to moisture absorption.
- Excellent drop weld properties (PG / 3Fd).
- Very easy slag release.
- Good notched impact strength
- Very good ductility
- Low hydrogen content in weld metal
- Lower hardness in the fusion line



Macro of a pure weld metal without pores



Cover layers with fine scaled seam surface without porosity or inclusions

## 6 What else to consider?

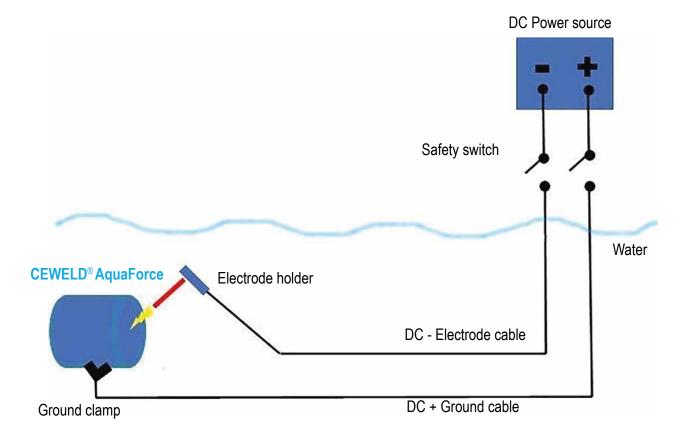
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6.1 What requirements for the power source we recommend:

Power:350 A at 60 % duration of useMax. Open circuit voltage OCV:< 65 Volt (National rules must be observed)</td>Voltage range in CV mode:10 - 38 VoltAmpere range in CC mode:5 - 425 AmpereVertical down weldUnrestricted generator operation and connection to long mains supply linesRobust construction suitable for construction site, shock-proof housing

## 6.2 What to consider when welding:

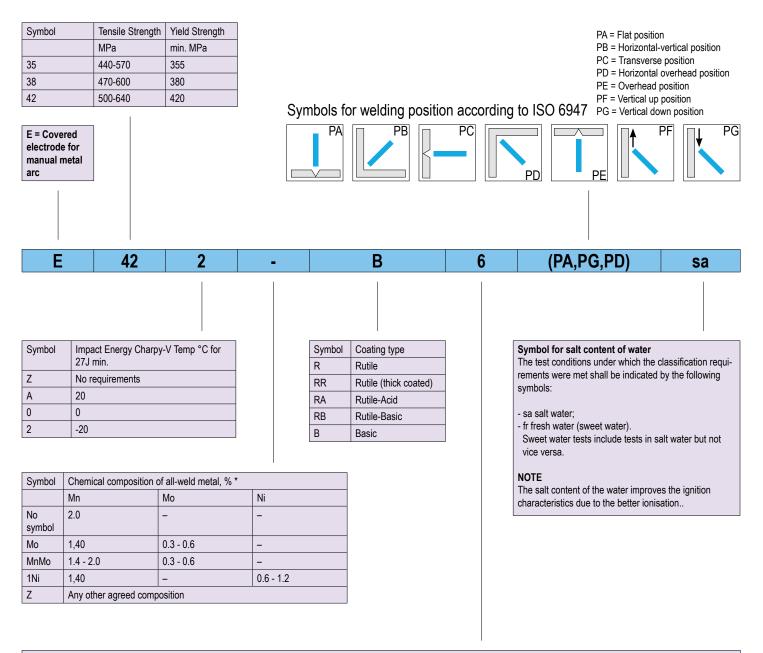
- Angle of attack of the electrode: should be about 70 degrees.
- Current range: 130 220 amps, depending on diameter.
- Standard DC inverter machines are used, which have a built-in electrical OCV reduction switch to ensure zero OCV at power-up. When the welder touches the workpiece, the OCV switch is activated and the OCV increases to allow the welder to strike an arc and begin welding.





#### 7. Standards:

## GUIDE TO DIN 2302: COVERED ELECTRODES FOR MANUAL METAL ARC WELDING OF NON-ALLOY AND FINE GRAIN STEELS IN A WET HYPERBARIC ENVIRONMENT



#### Symbol for water depth

The mean water depth, in m, at which welding was performed shall be specified as symbol without unit. The depth shall be measured on the test seam with a precision of ± 250 mm. The greatest depth shall be measured on the lowest point of the test seam and the smallest depth shall be measured on the highest point of the test seam.

#### GUIDE TO AWS A5.35: ELECTRODES FOR UNDERWATER WET SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING

#### Prologue:

The welding electrodes covered by this specification utilize the following system to classify the welding electrodes:

(1) Type of current

(2) Filler metal type by general chemical composition

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(3) AWS classification of electrode by AWS specification, when applicable

(4) Weld metal integrity (Y), based on soundness and mechanical properties

(5) Welding position (Z)

#### **Electrode Classifications:**

Classific	cations:	Type of Current	General Filler Metal Chemical Composition
A5.35	5.35M	Type of Current	
UWE60XX-YZ	UWE43XX-YZ	Direct, electrode positive or negative	Ferritic steel
UWE70XX-YZ	UWE49XX-YZ	Direct, electrode positive or negative	Ferritic steel
UWE3XX-16-YZ	UWE3XX-16-YZ	Direct, electrode positive	Austenitic stainless steel
UWENiXX-YZ	ENiXX-YZ UWENiXX-YZ Direct, electrode positive		Nickel alloy

#### Classification and Designators by Specification and Properties:

Classific	cations:	Weld Metal Soundness/	AWS-Specification <sup>b</sup>	
A5.35	5.35M	Mechanical Property Level Y) <sup>a</sup>	Awo-Specification	
UWE60XX-YZ	UWE43XX-YZ	1, 2 oder 3	A5.1/A5.1M	
UWE70XX-YZ	UWE49XX-YZ	1, 2 oder 3	A5.1/A5.1M	
UWE3XX-16-YZ	UWE3XX-16-YZ	1, 2 oder 3	A5.4/A5.4M	
UWENiXX-YZ	UWENiXX-YZ	1, 2 oder 3	No applicable AWS Specification.	

a Determine "Level" identification based on testing and examination results.

b Where an electrode (used on the surface, with no auxiliary coating) meets all the requirements of an applicable AWS specification and classification,

including the chemical composition and mechanical property requirements, the "E" designation of the classification number shall indicate such

(e.g., E6013 for AWS A5.1/A5.1M and E310 for AWS A5.4/A5.4M). Where an electrode does not conform to a particular AWS specification, the

"E" designation shall show the primary alloy element followed by "XX" (e.g., ENiXX)...

#### Inspection Requirements <sup>a,b</sup>:

Classifications:		Visual	Magnotia Dartiala d	Liquid Penetrant <sup>e</sup>	Padiagraphia Teat f	
A5.35	5.35M	VISUAI	Magnetic Particle <sup>d</sup>		Radiographic Test <sup>f</sup>	
UWE60XX-YZ	UWE43XX-YZ	Required	Required	NR	Required	
UWE70XX-YZ	UWE49XX-YZ	Required	Required	NR	Required	
UWE3XX-16-YZ	UWE3XX-16-YZ	Required	NR	Required	Required	
UWENiXX-YZ	UWENiXX-YZ	Required	NR	Required	Required	

a Test assembly shall be as shown in AWS

**b** NR = Not required.

c Visual testing procedures shall be as specified in AWS D3.6M.

d Magnetic particle testing procedures shall be in accordance with ASTM E709.

e Liquid penetrant testing procedures shall be in accordance with ASTM E165.

f Radiographic procedures shall be in accordance with ASTM E94.

#### Testing Requirements a,b,c of All-Weld-Metal:

	Electrode Classifications:		Tension Test	Impact Test	Chamical Analysia	
	A5.35	5.35M	Tension test	Impact Test	Chemical Analysis	
	UWE60XX-YZ	UWE43XX-YZ	Required	Required	Required	
	UWE70XX-YZ	UWE49XX-YZ	Required	Required	Required	
ι	JWE3XX-16-YZ	UWE3XX-16-YZ	Required	NR	Required	
	UWENiXX-YZ	UWENiXX-YZ	Required	NR	Required	

 ${\bf a}$  Test assembly shall be as shown in AWS

**b** See Clause 10 for additional testing requirements.

c NR = Not required.

d Testing procedures shall be in accordance with AWS B4.0 or AWS B4.0M and the applicable reference documents specified.

e Testing procedures shall be in accordance with ASTM E415, ASTM E353, ASTM E354, or other applicable ASTM standard.

#### GUIDE TO AWS A5.35: ELECTRODES FOR UNDERWATER WET SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING

#### Examples of electrode classification.:

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(1) UWE6013-2A: Ferritic steel electrode (Table 1), similar to the E6013 classification of AWS A5.1, meeting the Level 2 quality standards, qualified for all position welding.

- (2) UWE7014-1F: Ferritic steel electrode (Table 1), similar to the E7014 classification of AWS A5.1, meeting the Level 1 quality standards, qualified for the flat position only.
- (3) UWE310-16-3H: Austenitic stainless steel electrode, similar to the E310-16 classification of AWS A5.4, meeting the Level 3 quality standards, qualified for flat and horizontal welding only.

(4) UWENIXX-1A: Nickel electrode, meeting the Level 1 quality standards, qualified for all position welding.

## Example classification CEWELD® AquaForce HR according to AWS 5.35

	Strength class according	Coating type according	Classificati	ion Positions	Position Designation
UnderWater t	o AWS A5.1	AWS A5.1	All	All positions	A
			All	Flat position only	F
			All	Flat and horizontal positio	ns only H
UW	/E 70	14 3A			
	•				
Evaluation Requirements For Level (Y) Designation	UWE60XX-YZ [UWE43XX-YZ]	UWE70XX-YZ [UWE49XX-YZ]		UWE3XX-16-YZ	UWENiXX-YZ
Chemical composition	1)	1)		1)	1)
Visual testing Level 1, 2, and 3	2)	2)		2)	2)
Magnetic particle testing Level 1, 2, and 3	MIL-STD-2035A Class 2	MIL-STD-2035A Class 2		Not applicable	Not applicable
Liquid penetrant testing Level 1, 2, and 3	Not required	Not required		MIL-STD-2035A Class 2	MIL-STD-2035A Class 2
Radiographic testing Level 1	MIL-STD-2035A Class 3	MIL-STD-2035A Class 3		MIL-STD-2035A Class 3	MIL-STD-2035A Class 3
Radiographic testing Level 2	3)	3)		3)	3)
Radiographic testing Level 3	AWS D3.6M Class B	AWS D3.6M Class B		AWS D3.6M Class B	AWS D3.6M Class B
Tensile strength (ksi [MPa]), min. Levels 1, 2, and 3	60 [430]	70 [490]		75 [520]	85 [590]
Yield Strength (ksi [MPa]), min. Level 1	48 [330]	51 [350]		50 [340]	65 [450]
Yield Strength (ksi [MPa]), min Level 2 / 3	46 [320]	46 [320]		Not required	Not required
Elongation (%) in 2 in [50 mm], min. Level 1	8	8		8	8
Elongation (%) in 2 in [50 mm], min. Level 2	6	6		6	6
Elongation (%) in 2 in [50 mm], min. Level 3	4	4		4	4
Reduction in area (%)	Report for information only	Report for information only		Report for information only	Report for information only
Average impact test (ft-lb bei 28F [-2°C]), min. Level 1	4) 30 ft·lbf.[50 Joule]	4) 30 ft·lbf.[50 Joule]		Not applicable	Not applicable
Average impact test (ft-lb bei 28F [-2°C]), min. Level 2	4) 25 ft·lbf.[40 Joule]	4) 25 ft·lbf.[40 Joule]		Not applicable	Not applicable
Average impact test (ft-lb bei 28F [-2°C]), min. Level 3	4) 15 ft·lbf.[20 Joule]	4) 15 ft·lbf.[20 Joule]		Not applicable	Not applicable

#### Notes:

1 Chemical composition shall meet the requirements of the applicable filler metal specification (for electrodes with no auxiliary coating).

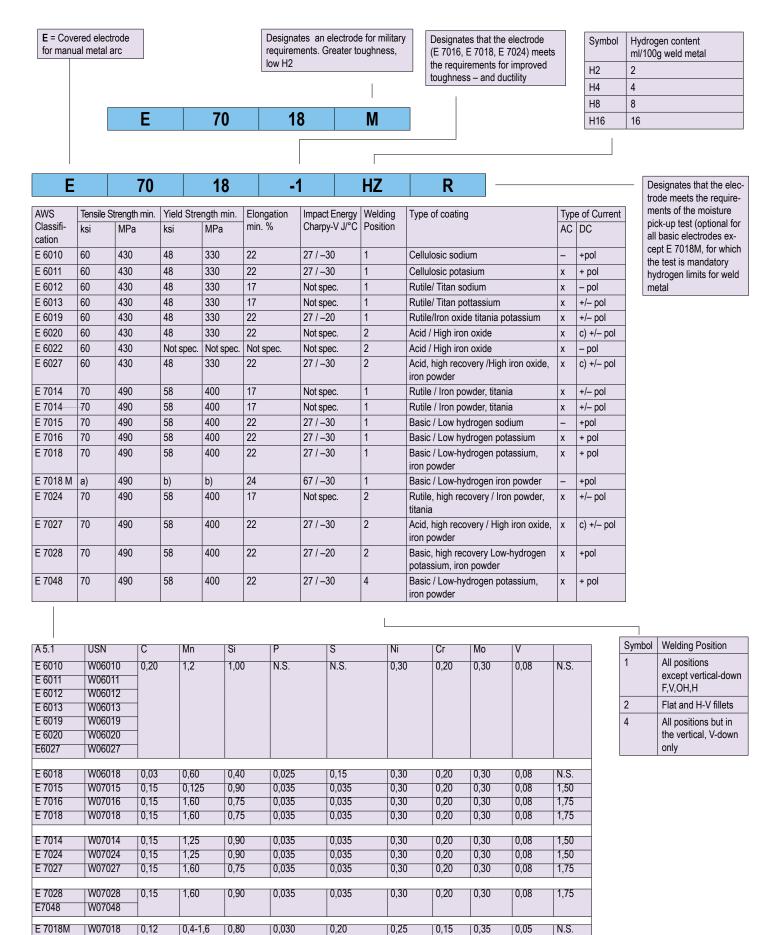
2 Welds shall meet the visual acceptance criteria specified for AWS D3.6M Class B welds.

3 Weld shall meet the Class 3 requirements of MIL-STD-2035A, except porosity less than 1/16 in [1.5 mm] diameter may be disregarded.

4 Percent shear and lateral expansion shall be reported for information only.

#### GUIDE TO AWS A5.1: CARBON STEEL ELECTRODES FOR SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING

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#### DESIGN CLASSES FOR WET UNDERWATER WELDING.

Class	UA	UB	UC	UD
Type of impact	non-load-bearing components (e.g. sealing seams)	Supporting structures, mainly dormant stresses, Water depth up to 20 m	Supporting structures, mainly dormant stresses, Water depth over 20 m <sup>1)</sup>	Supporting structures, not predominantly static stressed <sup>2)</sup>
Quality requirements according to	DIN EN ISO 3834-4	DIN EN ISO 3834-3	DIN EN ISO 3834-2	
Underwater welder	Certified underwater welders (at least 2 permanently employed) according to DIN EN ISO 15618-1 or AWS D 3.6M. The scope of the test must correspond to the area of application of the welder/operator. Training and testing for welding under atmospheric conditions (according to DIN EN 287-1 or DIN EN ISO 9606-1) do not qualify for welding in wet environments			
Welding instruction, welding procedure qualification, Welding procedure test	A welding procedure specification (WPS according to DIN EN ISO 15609-1) is required.			
		For steels with yield strengths > 360 N/mm 2, the method of acceptance of provisional welding procedure specifications via DIN EN ISO 15613 (production weld test) or DIN EN ISO 15614-1 (welding procedure qualification). If the weld shape on the component deviates from the weld shape of the welding procedure test or production control test, it must be verified again by means of a production control test. A production control test shall also be performed for yield strengths ≤ 360 MPa if the carbon equivalent CEV <sup>3</sup> ) is > 0.40.		
Level of technical knowledge of the welding supervisor according to DIN EN ISO 14731	no special requirements	Technical Basic knowledge Welding specialist according to DVS-IIW 1170	Special technical Knowledge Welding technician according to DVS-IIW 1170	Extensive technical Knowledge Welding engineer according to DVS-IIW 1170
		or persons with comparable, sufficient and verifiable, practical experience		
		The welding coordinator shall be permanently employed by the manufacturing company and shall meet the requirements for qualification as welding coordinator for underwater welding specified in section 5.2.2. In classes UC and UD, the use of an external welding coordinator is possible if the conditions according to section 5.2.2.1 are met.		

1) All components subjected to predominantly static loads for structures designed in accordance with the basic steel construction standards.

2) All components of class UC and components requiring special knowledge of fatigue strength of connections, e.g. hydraulic steel components according to DIN 19704.
 3) Carbon equivalent value according to IIW CEV = C + Mn/6 + (Cr+Mo+V)/5 + (Ni+Cu)/15

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