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Preface

This Standard was prepared by Standards Australia Committee MT-006, Mechanical Testing of Metals, to supersede AS 1330—2004, *Metallic materials—Drop weight tear test for ferritic steels*.

The objective of this revision is to expand the range of applicable pipe sizes and to revise the test procedure used in this test method.

In the preparation of this Standard, reference was made to recent research and the following standards:

ASTM E436, *Standard test method for drop-weight tear tests of ferritic steels*

EN 10274, *Metal materials — Drop weight tear test*

API RP 5L3, *Recommended practice for conducting drop-weight tear tests on line pipe*

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1 Scope

This Standard specifies the method for conducting a drop weight tear test (DWTT) for carbon steel, low alloy steel, and similar materials. In particular, it applies to testing line-pipe, and strip or plate intended for line-pipe of 150 mm in diameter or greater but excludes the testing of weld metal. Where thickness is greater than 19 mm, an alternative method is permitted.

NOTE 1 Difficulty may be experienced in applying this test to material of thickness less than 5 mm.

This test may be used to determine the appearance of propagating fractures over the temperature range where the fracture mode changes from brittle (cleavage or flat) to ductile (shear or oblique).

NOTE 2 The test should be used for the following purposes:

(a) For research and development, to study the effect of metallurgical variables such as composition or heat treatment, or of fabricating operations on the mode of fracture propagation.

(b) For evaluation of materials for service, to indicate the suitability of materials for service applications by indicating fracture propagation behaviour at the service temperature(s).

(c) For information or specification purposes, to provide a manufacturing quality control technique when suitable correlations have been established with service behaviour.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1
anvil
part of the testing machine used to support the test piece during impact

3.2
cleavage area
area of the fractured surface of the test piece that has broken in a brittle manner and is normally identified by a shiny crystalline appearance

3.3
fracture appearance transition temperature
FATT
temperature required to cause a specified percentage of the fracture to occur by shear

EXAMPLE For 40% shear fracture at –20 °C, this would be expressed as $\mathrm{FATT}\left(40\right) = -20\ ^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$.

3.4
gull-wing
specimen of pipe with the curvature undeformed in the test region and the remainder of the coupon bent such that the supported regions lie in the plane of the hammer

Note 1 to entry: A detailed description for forming a gull-wing test piece is given in Appendix C.