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Abstract

This standard contains the essential welding variables for austenitic stainless steel in the thickness range of 10 through 18 gauge using manual shielded metal arc welding. It cites the base metals and operating conditions necessary to make the weldment, the filler metal specifications, and the allowable joint designs for fillet welds and groove welds.



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Foreword

(This Foreword is not a part of ANSI/AWS B2.1.013-91, *Standard Welding Procedure Specification (WPS)*, but is included for informational purposes only.)

The American Welding Society and the Welding Research Council have joined in a cooperative effort to generate Standard Welding Procedures for industry. The need for tested welding procedures, that are supported by adequate data and that satisfy the technical requirements for the commonly used construction codes and specifications, has been expressed by many individuals and organizations. The purpose of a welding procedure qualification is to provide test data for assessing the properties of a weld joint.

This Welding Procedure Specification is an outgrowth of the coordinated work of the Welding Procedures Committee of WRC and the Committee on Welding Qualification of AWS. Procedure Qualification Records (PQR's) supporting Standard WPS's need not be maintained by the employer and are not provided by AWS. These PQR's are on file at the Welding Research Council. It is the intent that Standard WPS's will make retention and continual review of PQR's by owners, regulatory bodies, inspection agencies and clients unnecessary.

The welding terms used in this specification shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions given in the latest edition of ANSI/AWS A3.0, *Standard Welding Terms and Definitions*. Welding symbols shall be those shown in the latest edition of ANSI/AWS A2.4, *Standard Symbols for Welding, Brazing, and Nondestructive Examination*.

The AWS Committee on Welding Qualification was formed in 1979 to provide welding standards concerning the subject of qualification. The primary document developed by this Committee is AWS B2.1, *Standard for Welding Procedure and Performance Qualification*. This document established the foundation and framework for Standard Welding Procedure Specifications.

Comments on this publication will be most welcome. They should be addressed to Secretary, AWS Committee on Welding Qualification, American Welding Society, 550 NW LeJeune Road, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135.

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Shielded Metal Arc Welding of Austenitic Stainless Steel, (M-8/P-8), 10 through 18 Gauge, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing

**Welding Research Council¹ —
Supporting PQR Numbers: 176C, 177B, 178A, 179A, 180A, 181A, 182A,
183A, 184B, 185A, 186A, 187B**

Application

The data to support this Standard Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) have been derived from two or more Procedure Qualification Records (PQR's) completed according to the requirements in AWS B2.1 under the auspices of the Welding Research Council. This standard WPS is not valid using conditions and variables outside the ranges listed. The American Welding Society considers that this Standard WPS presents information for producing an acceptable weld using the conditions and variables listed. The user needs a significant knowledge of welding and accepts full responsibility for the performance of the weld and for providing the engineering capability, qualified personnel, and proper equipment to implement this Standard Welding Procedure Specification.

The referencing fabrication code or specification and the engineering requirements are intended to specify any requirements related to design, need for heat treatment, fabricating, tolerances, quality control, safe welding and testing

practices, and examinations and tests applicable to the end product.

A Standard WPS does not replace or substitute for fabrication codes, specifications, contract requirements, or capability and judgement on the part of the user. A Standard WPS is to be used only as permitted by the applicable fabrication code, specification, or contract document. The ability to produce production welds having properties suitable for the application depends upon supplementing the Standard WPS with appropriate performance qualification tests and sound engineering judgement.

A Standard WPS may be supplemented by attached or referenced information and instructions that may be necessary to make an acceptable weldment.

Safety precautions shall conform to the latest edition of ANSI/ASC Z49.1, *Safety in Welding and Cutting*, published by the American Welding Society.

This specification may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. The specification does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices. The user should determine the applicability of any regulatory limitations prior to use.

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PROCESS:	SMAW (Shielded Metal Arc Welding)
METHOD OF APPLICATION:	Manual
BASE METAL:	Austenitic Stainless Steel, ² M-8 or P-8 to M-8 or P-8
BASE METAL THICKNESS RANGE:³	Groove Weld: 18 ga. (0.0500 in.) through 10 ga. (0.1406 in.) Fillet Weld: 18 ga. (0.0500 in.) through 10 ga. (0.1406 in.)
WELD METAL THICKNESS RANGE:	Groove Weld: Base metal thickness plus reinforcement, maximum Fillet Weld Leg: Base metal thickness, minimum
MAXIMUM WELD BEAD THICKNESS:	Base metal thickness plus reinforcement
BACKING:	Optional
BACKING MATERIAL:	Austenitic Stainless Steel, ² M-8 or P-8
ALLOWABLE JOINT DESIGNS:	See Figure 1
WELDING POSITION:	All
VERTICAL WELDING PROGRESSION:	Optional
PREHEAT TEMPERATURE:	50°F minimum, 120°F maximum
INTERPASS TEMPERATURE:	350°F maximum
PREHEAT TEMPERATURE MAINTENANCE:	Continuous or special heating not required
POSTWELD HEAT TREATMENT:	None (not qualified for PWHT)
TECHNIQUE:	Beads: Stringer or weave Peening: No Cleaning: Joint shall be dry prior to welding Initial Cleaning: Mechanical or chemical Interpass Cleaning: Mechanical only
SINGLE OR MULTIPLE ELECTRODE:	Single
SINGLE OR MULTIPLE PASS:	Either
FILLER METAL SPECIFICATION:	ANSI/AWS A5.4 ASME SFA 5.4 AWS/ASME ² F Number 5, A Number 8
CURRENT (Type and Polarity):	DCEP (E3XX-15) DCEP or DCEN (E3XX-16)

2. As detailed in AWS B2.1 and ASME B&PV Code, Section IX.

3. See ASTM Specification for base metal thickness tolerances.

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WELDING PARAMETERS:

Base Metal	FILLER METAL		AMPERES	
	Classification*	Dia. (in.)	Groove	Fillet
18 ga. }	E3XX-15/16	3/32 max	55-60	55-60
17 ga. }			57-67	57-67
16 ga. }			59-60	59-74
15 ga. }			61-71	61-81
14 ga. }			63-73	63-88
13 ga. }			65-75	65-95
12 ga. }			67-77	67-102
11 ga. }			69-79	69-109
10 ga.	E3XX-15/16	1/8 max	70-80	70-115

*Any 300 series filler metal, conforming to A No. 8, may be selected to meet strength requirements; however, corrosion requirements may dictate the specific selection.

COMPANY NAME _____

In the name of the Company stated above, I accept full responsibility for the application of this Standard WPS for use with

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Dated _____

DATE _____ APPROVED BY _____ TITLE _____

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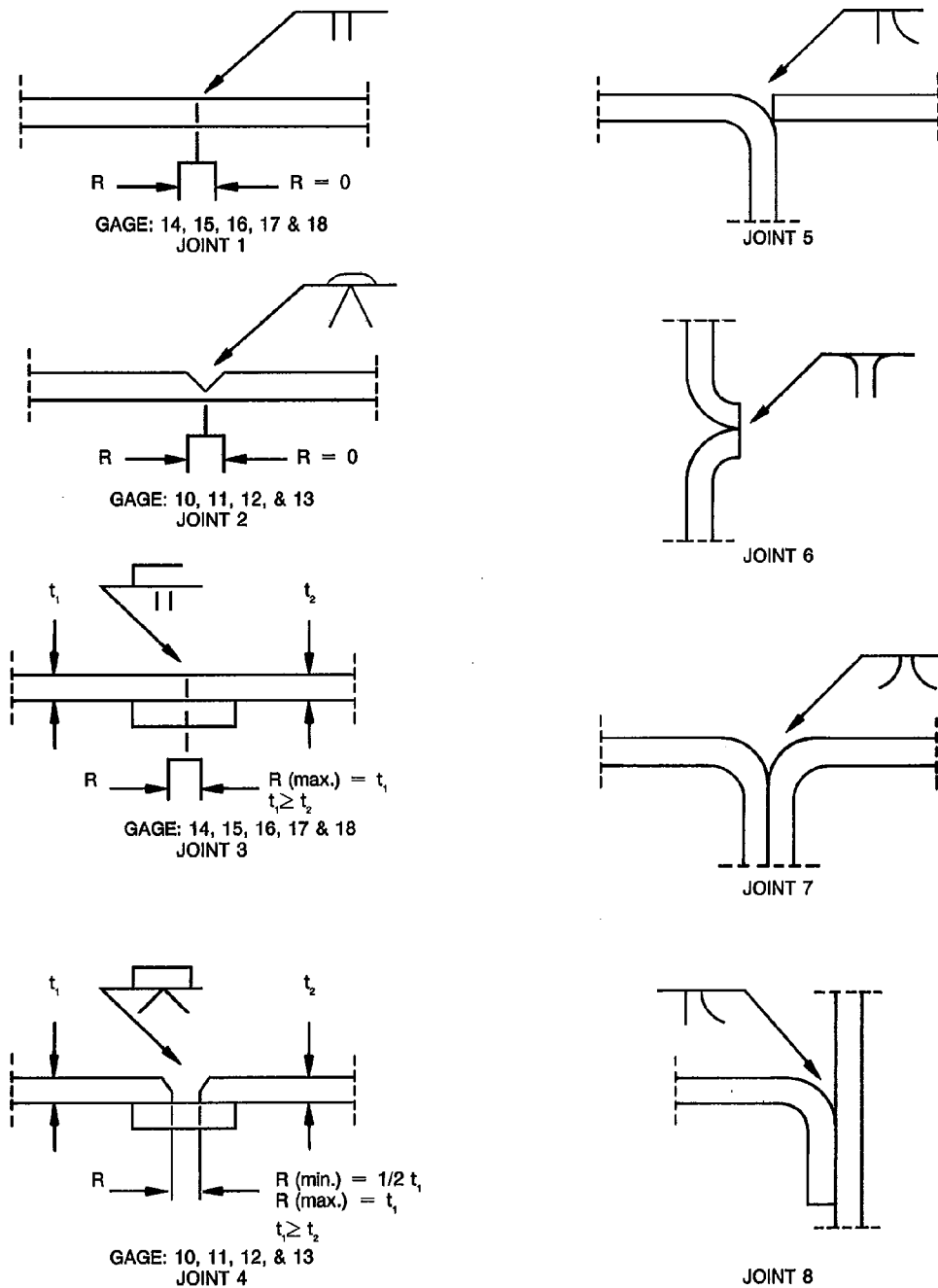


Figure 1 — Allowable Joint Designs

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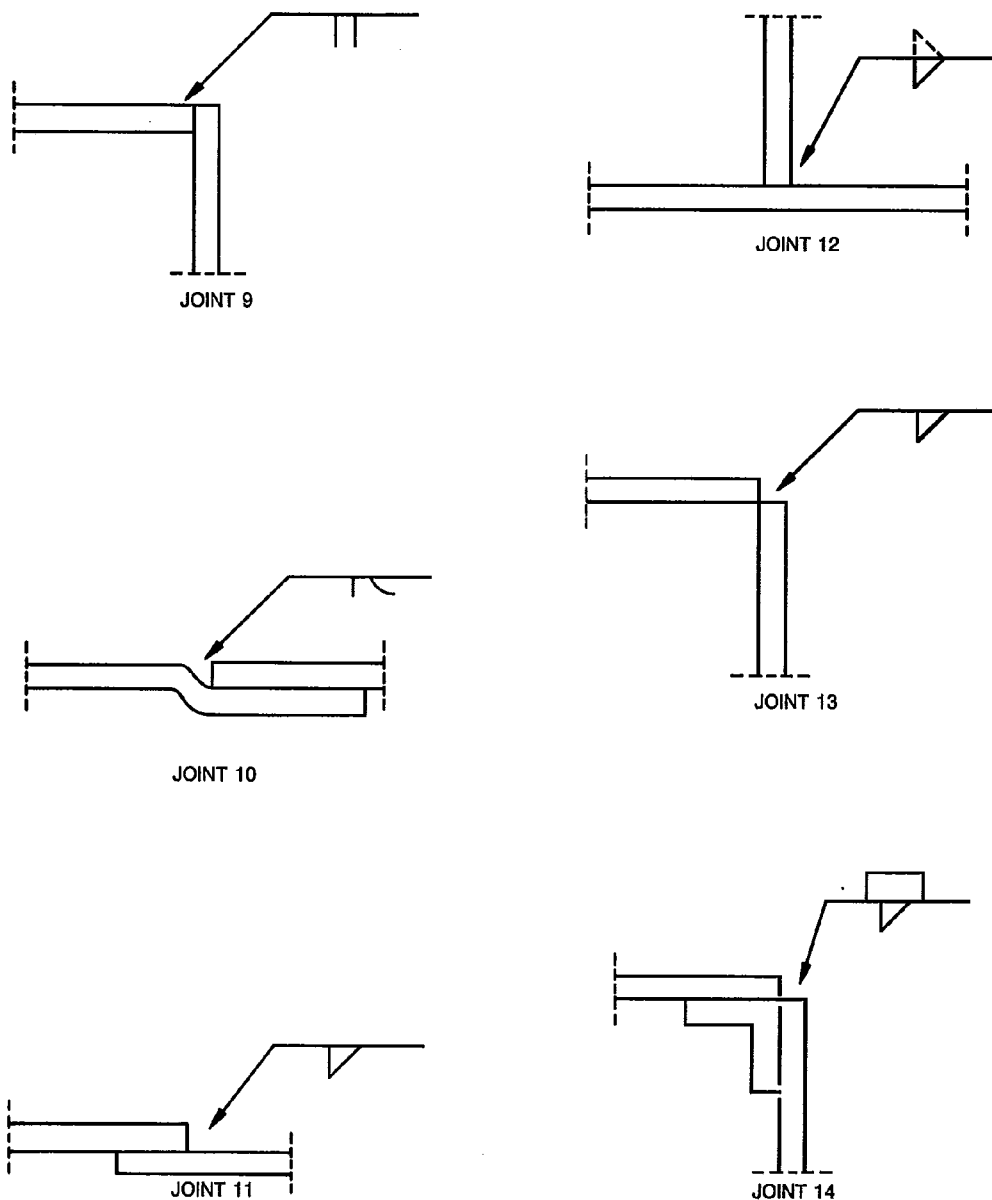


Figure 1 (Continued) — Allowable Joint Designs

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Metric Conversions

in.	mm	°F	°C
0.050	1.270	50	10
0.1406	3.571	120	50
3/32	2.4	350	175
1/8	3.2		

AWS Welding Procedure and Performance Qualification Documents

AWS Designation	Title
B2.1-84	Standard for Welding Procedure and Performance Qualification
B2.1.001-90	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Shielded Metal Arc Welding of Carbon Steel, (M-1/P-1, Group 1 or 2) 3/16 through 7/8 inch in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.002-90	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Gas Tungsten Arc Welding of Carbon Steel, (M-1/P-1, Group 1 or 2), 3/16 through 7/8 inch in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.003-90	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Gas Metal Arc Welding of Galvanized Steel, 10 through 18 Gage, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.004-90	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Gas Metal Arc Welding of Carbon Steel, (M-1, Group 1), 10 through 18 Gage, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.005-90	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Gas Metal Arc Welding of Austenitic Stainless Steel, (M-8 or P-8), 10 through 18 Gage, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.006-90	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Gas Metal Arc Welding of Carbon Steel to Austenitic Stainless Steel, (M-1 to M-8 or P-8), 10 through 18 Gage, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.007-90	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Gas Tungsten Arc Welding of Galvanized Steel, 10 through 18 Gage, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.008-90	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Gas Tungsten Arc Welding of Carbon Steel, (M-1, Group 1), 10 through 18 Gage, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.009-90	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Gas Tungsten Arc Welding of Austenitic Stainless Steel, (M-8/P-8), 10 through 18 Gage, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.010-90	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Gas Tungsten Arc Welding of Carbon Steel to Austenitic Stainless Steel, (M-1 to M-8 or P-8), 10 through 18 Gage, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.011-91	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Shielded Metal Arc Welding of Galvanized Steel, 10 through 18 Gauge, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.012-91	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Shielded Metal Arc Welding of Carbon Steel, (M-1, Group 1), 10 through 18 Gauge, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.013-91	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Shielded Metal Arc Welding of Austenitic Stainless Steel, (M-8 or P-8), 10 through 18 Gauge, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing
B2.1.014-91	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Shielded Metal Arc Welding of Carbon Steel to Austenitic Stainless Steel, (M-1 to M-8 or P-8), 10 through 18 Gauge, in the As-Welded Condition with or without Backing
B2.1.015-91	Standard Welding Procedure Specification for Gas Tungsten Arc Welding of Aluminum, (M-22 or P-22), 10 through 18 Gauge, in the As-Welded Condition, with or without Backing

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