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— Correction to typographical error for relevant wall thickness of ISO 185/JL/HBW235 in Table 2; corrected from “4” to “40”. As a result of this change, the year of publication of ISO 185 in Annex D, Table D.1, column 1, updated from 2019 to 2020 to conform with this new edition.

— Symbols for Brinell hardness and relative hardness updated to H_B and H_R, respectively, in B.2 and Figure B.1.

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Introduction

This document deals with the classification of grey cast irons, subdivided into two groups:

— materials specified by their tensile strength;

— materials specified by their hardness.

It is also possible to specify grey cast irons by a combination of tensile strength and hardness.

NOTE This document does not cover technical delivery conditions for grey iron castings.

The properties of grey cast iron depend on the form and distribution of the graphite and on the structure of the matrix.

For many applications, tensile strength and hardness are not the only properties of interest to casting designers. Other mechanical or physical properties can be decisive for the use of grey iron. For example:

— the thermal capacity and the thermal diffusivity for disc brakes;

— the damping capacity for engine blocks or machine beds;

— the thermocycle fatigue for exhaust manifolds or ingot moulds.

Therefore, Annex A provides additional information of interest to casting designers.

Furthermore:

— Annex B contains additional information on the relationship between hardness and tensile strength;

— Annex C contains additional information on the relationship between tensile strength, hardness and wall thickness of grey iron castings;

— Annex D provides cross-references of ISO 185 grade designations to other standard grades of grey cast irons.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the properties of unalloyed and low-alloyed grey cast irons used for castings that have been manufactured in sand moulds or in moulds with comparable thermal behaviour.

This document specifies the characterizing properties of grey cast irons by any of the following:

a) the tensile strength of cast samples;

b) if agreed by the manufacturer and the purchaser, the tensile strength of samples cut from a casting;

c) if agreed between the manufacturer and the purchaser, the hardness of the material determined on castings or on a cast-on knob.

If agreed by the manufacturer and the purchaser, the combination of tensile strength from option a) or option b) and plus hardness from option c) can be specified. Information on specifying a combination of tensile strength and hardness is given in Annex B.

This document specifies eight grades of grey cast iron according to tensile strength (see Table 1) and six grades of grey cast iron according to Brinell hardness (see Table 2).

This document does not apply to grey cast irons used for pipes and pipe fittings and continuous cast products.

This document does not cover technical delivery conditions for grey iron castings.

NOTE General information on the engineering properties of grey cast irons is provided in ISO/TR 10809-1.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 945-1, *Microstructure of cast irons — Part 1: Graphite classification by visual analysis*

ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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