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Standard Reference Photographs for Magnetic Particle Indications on Ferrous Castings¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense. These Reference Radiographs have been approved to replace MIL-M-11473 (ORD). These Reference Photographs² have been reproduced through the courtesy of the Steel Founders' Society from photographs obtained from its member companies.

1. Scope

1.1 This collection of reference photographs covers types and degrees of discontinuities occurring in steel castings and other types of ferrous castings detectable by the dry powder magnetic particle method.

1.2 These reference photographs are intended to assist in the classification of those discontinuities revealed in ferrous castings subjected to magnetic particle examination.

1.3 These reference photographs are intended to be used for purposes of comparison with the magnetic particle indications observed on actual castings.

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 *ASTM Standards:*³
[E709 Guide for Magnetic Particle Testing](#)
- 2.2 *ASTM Adjuncts:*
Reference Photographs for Magnetic Particle Indications²

3. Identification

3.1 The types of discontinuities covered by the reference photographs are listed and described in [Table 1](#). Each type of discontinuity is designated by Roman numerals I through VIII as given in the table.

¹ These reference photographs are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee E07 on Nondestructive Testing and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee E07.03 on Liquid Penetrant and Magnetic Particle Methods.

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² These reference photographs are available on four large charts arranged for each type of discontinuity. The charts are available from ASTM Headquarters. Order ADJE0125.

³ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

3.2 The degrees of discontinuity severity, in increasing order where applicable, are denoted by numbers 1 through 5.

NOTE 1—To avoid any misunderstanding, it should be pointed out there is no correlation between degrees of the various defects. For instance, Degree 3 of Type I is not equivalent to Degree 3 of Type II.

3.3 Each reference photograph is identified with the proper number and letter designation.

4. Preparation

4.1 The reference photographs represent magnetic particle indications as found on production steel castings. They represent the actual size of the indications and the procedure followed was in accordance with [Guide E709](#). The peak magnetizing current employed was from 600 to 800 A and prod spacing from 4 to 10 in.

4.2 The white line indications as illustrated in most of the photographs were obtained by painting the casting area with a slurry of lamp-black in kerosene, gasoline, or alcohol. A gray magnetic powder is then used. The result is a white indication under normal photographic methods.

4.3 The black line indications result from applying red magnetic powder to the casting surface and photographing the magnetic particle indications.

5. Basis for Use of Reference Photographs

5.1 These reference photographs are intended for use when they are specified in the inquiry, contract, order, material specifications, or applicable code, and when the limiting class of severity is mutually agreed upon by the manufacturer and the purchaser. It is admitted that it is impossible to rigidly interpret magnetic particle indications on castings to a set of photographic references; consequently there is a need for close cooperation between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

5.2 Unless otherwise specified all accessible surfaces of the casting shall be examined. On many castings, however, only certain areas are sufficiently critical to justify this type of examination. In these cases the locations to be examined shall be specifically agreed upon.