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Steels — Micrographic determination of the apparent grain size

1 Scope

This document specifies a micrographic method of determining apparent ferritic or austenitic grain size in steels. It describes the methods of revealing grain boundaries and of estimating the mean grain size of specimens with unimodal size distribution. Although grains are three-dimensional in shape, the metallographic sectioning plane can cut through a grain at any point from a grain corner, to the maximum diameter of the grain, thus producing a range of apparent grain sizes on the two-dimensional plane, even in a sample with a perfectly consistent grain size.

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.

ASTM E112, *Standard Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size*

3 Terms and definitions

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3.1 Grains

3.1.1 grain

closed polygonal shape with more or less curved sides, which can be revealed on a flat cross-section through the sample, polished and prepared for micrographic examination

3.1.2

austenitic grain

crystal with a face-centred cubic crystal structure which may, or may not, contain annealing twins

3.1.3

ferritic grain

crystal with a body-centred cubic crystal structure which never contains annealing twins

Note 1 to entry: Ferritic grain size is generally estimated for unalloyed steels with a carbon content of 0,25 % or less. If pearlite islands of identical dimensions to those of the ferrite grains are present, the islands are then counted as ferrite grains.

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