

## Overview

This standard identifies the competencies you need to produce socket and flange fillet welded joints in pipe using a manual welding process such as manual metal arc (MMA), MIG, MAG, TIG, flux cored wire, plasma or oxy/fuel gas welding equipment in accordance with instructions and/or approved welding procedures. You will be required to check that all the workholding equipment and manipulating devices required are available and in a usable condition. You will be expected to check the welding equipment to ensure that all the leads/cables, hoses and wire feed mechanisms are securely connected and free from damage.

In preparing to weld you will need to set and adjust the welding conditions in line with the instructions or welding procedure specification. You must operate the equipment safely and correctly and make any necessary adjustments to settings in line with your permitted authority in order to produce the welded joints to the required specification. You will be required to demonstrate your capability to produce the fillet welds to the required quality and this could be through tests according to BS 4872-1 or BS EN ISO 9606-1 (for aluminium).

Your responsibilities will require you to comply with organisational policy and procedures for the welding activities undertaken and to report any problems with the welding equipment or welding activities that you cannot resolve, or are outside your permitted authority, to the relevant people. You will be expected to work to instructions, taking personal responsibility for your own actions and for the quality and accuracy of the work that you produce.

Your underpinning knowledge will be sufficient to provide a sound basis for your work, and provide an understanding of how the particular welding process works. You will know about the equipment, materials and consumables in adequate depth to provide a sound background for the welding operations to be performed, and for ensuring the work output is produced to the required specification. You will understand the safety precautions required when working with the welding equipment. You will be required to demonstrate safe working practices throughout, and will understand the responsibility you owe to yourself and others in the workplace.

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## Performance criteria

### *You must be able to:*

1. work safely at all times, complying with health and safety and other relevant regulations, directives and guidelines
2. follow the relevant joining procedure and job instructions
3. check that the joint preparation complies with the specification
4. check that joining and related equipment and consumables are as specified and fit for purpose
5. produce joints as specified using the appropriate thermal joining technique
6. produce joints of the required quality and of specified dimensional accuracy
7. shut down the equipment to a safe condition on completion of joining activities
8. deal promptly with excess and waste materials and temporary attachments, in line with approved and agreed procedures
9. deal promptly and effectively with problems within your control and report those that cannot be solved

## Knowledge and understanding

### *You need to know and understand:*

1. the safe working practices and procedures to be observed when working with the selected welding equipment (general workshop and site safety, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), fire prevention, protecting other workers from arc eye, safety in enclosed/confined spaces; fume control; accident procedure; risk assessment; statutory requirements; relevant requirements of HASAWA, COSHH, Work Equipment Regulations and other relevant legislation and regulations; safe disposal of waste materials)
2. the correct handling and storage of gas cylinders (manual handling and use of cylinder trolley, leak detection procedures, relevant BCGA codes of practice, cylinder identification, gas pressures, cylinder and equipment safety features, emergency shutdown procedures)
3. the hazards associated with the selected welding process and how they can be minimised (live electrical components, poor earthing, arc radiation, EMF, fumes and gases, gas supply leaks, spatter, hot slag and metal, elevated working, grinding and mechanical metal/slag removal; enclosed spaces, slips, trips and falls)
4. the manual welding process selected, and an awareness of the different types of welding equipment (basic principles of fusion welding, AC and DC power sources, ancillary equipment, power ranges, care of equipment, terminology used in welding, flame setting)
5. extracting information required from drawings and welding procedure specifications (interpretation of welding symbols, scope, content and application of the welding procedure specification) to include symbols and conventions to appropriate British, European or relevant International standards in relation to work undertaken
6. the consumables associated with the chosen welding process (types of electrodes and or filler metal and application; types of shielding gas and their application; gas supply and control; correct storage and drying of electrodes and filler wire)
7. the types and features of welded joints in pipe (fillet welds, single and multi-run welds, welding positions, weld quality)
8. methods of setting up and restraining the joint to achieve correct location of components and control of distortion (edge preparation; use of jigs and fixtures; manipulators and positioners; tack welding size and spacing in relationship to

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- material thickness and component size; use of temporary attachments; pre-setting)
9. preparing the welding equipment and checks that need to be made to ensure that it is safe and ready to use (electrical connections, earthing arrangements; equipment calibration, setting welding parameters)
  10. the techniques of operating the welding equipment to produce a range of joints in the various joint positions (fine tuning parameters; correct manipulation of the welding gun or electrode; safe closing down of the welding equipment)
  11. the importance of complying with job instructions and the welding procedure specification
  12. problems that can occur with the welding activities and how these can be overcome (causes of distortion and methods of control; effects of welding on materials and sources of weld defects; methods of prevention)
  13. the organisational quality systems used and weld standards to be achieved, weld inspection and test procedures used including visual, mechanical and non-destructive tests
  14. personal approval tests and their applicability to your work
  15. the extent of your own responsibility and whom you should report to if you have problems that you cannot resolve

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## Scope/range related to performance criteria