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- (3) Branch connection - 3/4" x 4.5" long EH nipple on 2", 3", or 4" pipe.

See Section 2.3 for test weld procedures.

2.1.2 A welder passing the tests specified on 2.1.1 is qualified to arc weld pipe and fittings on all systems with a design pressure stress level of less than 20% of SMYS. See Standard D-30.2 for qualification requirements for higher stress levels.

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Perform butt weld test on one end of sleeve weld test specimen.

- (2) Sleeve on 4" pipe. (Same as arc weld qualification).
- (3) Branch connection - 3/4" x 4.5" long EH nipple on 2", 3", or 4" pipe. (Same as arc weld qualification.)

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2.2.2 A welder passing the test specified in 2.2.1 is qualified to oxyacetylene weld pipe and fitting for 4" and smaller pipe and service connections on pipe 8" and smaller for all systems with a design pressure stress level of less than 20% of SMYS. See Standard D-30.1 for qualification for butt welds at over 20% of SMYS.

2.3 Test Weld Procedure

2.3.1 Arc welds are performed using the methods outlined in Standard D-22. Oxyacetylene welds are performed using the methods outlined in Standard D-20.

2.3.2 The butt welds and sleeve welds are made with the pipe in the horizontal fixed position. The branch connection is made with the header in the horizontal fixed position and the branch not more than 45° from the top of the header. For all test welds, no movement or rotation of the pipe is allowed during welding.

2.4 Test Weld Inspection Requirements

*2.4.1 All test welds shall be visually inspected. Sleeve requires visual inspection only. Welds shall be free of cracks, inadequate penetration, unrepaired burn through (as applicable) and other defects. Weld bead and adjacent area shall present a neat workman like appearance. Arc burn due to striking an arc out of the weld groove is not allowed. Any weld not meeting these requirements shall be failed, without performing any destructive tests.

*2.4.2 Butt welds shall be destructively tested in addition to visual tests. Take samples shown on page 7 (drawing 282917). Four root bend samples are required. Three of the four samples must pass in order for the welder to qualify. See Standard D-31 for specimen tests and requirements.

2.4.3 A knock off test, in addition to the visual inspection, is required for the branch connection.

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2.5 A requalification test shall be performed in the same manner as the initial test as outlined in Section 2.1 and 2.2.

***3. QUALIFICATION RETESTS**

3.1 Employees who fail to meet the requirements for a qualification test may be retested immediately. In such a case, he shall make two welds of each type on which he was failed. For the guided root bend test, satisfactory welds will be indicated if no more than one specimen out of each weld is rejected (see Section 2.3). In addition, rejection of specimens from both welds at the same specimen position shall be cause for rejection. For the knock-off test, both specimens must pass.

3.2 Employees who fail to meet the requirements for a qualification test shall be required to have further training or practice. In such a case, a complete retest shall be made subsequent to such training or practice.

***4. RECORDS**

4.1 Records for all welders who have been qualified under this standard shall be retained as outlined below.

4.2 All Employee Qualification and Requalification records must be retained for a minimum duration of five years.

4.3 All Employee Qualification and Requalification records must be retained through temporary lapses in a welder's qualification.

4.4 The record shall be made by filling out form 75-27 or form 75-51 (Gas Standard D-30, page 5, 6).

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