



Standard Practice for Magnetic Particle Examination¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice establishes minimum requirements for magnetic particle examination used for the detection of surface or slightly subsurface discontinuities in ferromagnetic material. Guide E 709 can be used in conjunction with this practice as a tutorial.

NOTE 1—This Practice replaces MIL-STD-1949.

1.2 The magnetic particle examination method is used to detect cracks, laps, seams, inclusions, and other discontinuities on or near the surface of ferromagnetic materials. Magnetic particle examination may be applied to raw material, billets, finished and semifinished materials, welds, and in-service parts. Magnetic particle examination is not applicable to nonferromagnetic metals and alloys such as austenitic stainless steels. See Appendix X5 for additional information.

1.3 All areas of this Practice may be open to agreement between the Cognizant Engineering Organization and the supplier, or specific direction from the Cognizant Engineering Organization.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 The following documents form a part of this standard practice to the extent specified herein.

2.2 ASTM Standards:

A 275/A 275M Test Method for Magnetic Particle Examination of Steel Forgings²

A 456 Specification for Magnetic Particle Inspection of Large Crankshaft Forgings²

D 1966 Test Methods for Foots in Raw Linseed Oil³

E 543 Practice for Evaluating Agencies that Perform Non-destructive Testing⁴

E 709 Guide for Magnetic Particle Examination⁴

E 1316 Terminology for Nondestructive Examinations⁴

2.3 ASNT Documents:

SNT-TC-1A Recommended Practice No. "Personnel Qualification and Certification in Nondestructive Testing"⁵

ANSI/ASNT CP-189 Standard for Qualification and Certification of NDT Personnel⁵

2.4 Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)-AMS Documents:⁶

AMS 2300 Premium Aircraft Quality Steel Cleanliness Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure⁷

AMS 2301 Aircraft Quality Steel Cleanliness Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure⁷

AMS 2303 Aircraft Quality Steel Cleanliness Martensitic Corrosion Resistant Steels Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure⁷

AMS 2641 Magnetic Particle Inspection Vehicle⁷

AMS 3040 Magnetic Particles, Nonfluorescent, Dry Method⁷

AMS 3041 Magnetic Particles, Nonfluorescent, Wet Method, Oil Vehicle, Ready-To-Use⁷

AMS 3042 Magnetic Particles, Nonfluorescent, Wet Method, Dry Powder⁷

AMS 3043 Magnetic Particles, Nonfluorescent, Wet Method, Oil Vehicle, Aerosol Packaged⁷

AMS 3044 Magnetic Particles, Fluorescent, Wet Method, Dry Powder⁷

AMS 3045 Magnetic Particles, Fluorescent, Wet Method, Oil Vehicle, Ready-To-Use⁷

AMS 3046 Magnetic Particles, Fluorescent, Wet Method, Oil Vehicle, Aerosol Packaged⁷

AMS 5062 Steel, Low Carbon Bars, Forgings, Tubing,

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.05.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.01.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.03.

⁵ Available from American Society for Nondestructive Testing, 1711 Arlingate Plaza, P.O. Box 28518, Columbus, OH 43228-0518.

⁶ Copies of standards, specifications, drawings, and publications required by manufacturers in connection with specification acquisition should be obtained from the contracting activity or as directed by the contracting officer.

⁷ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.