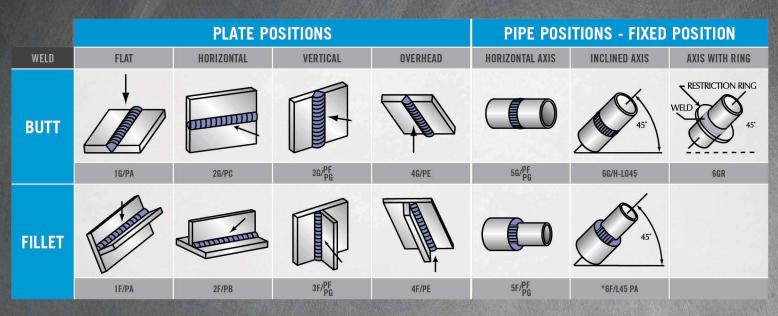
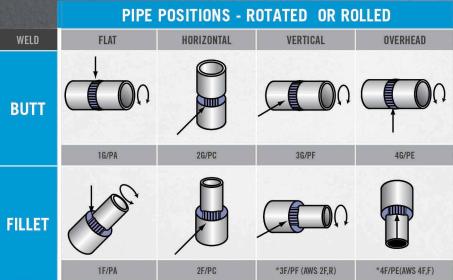
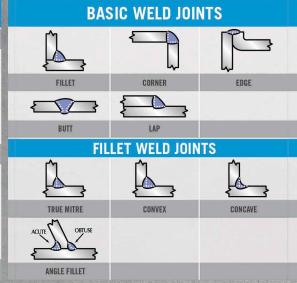
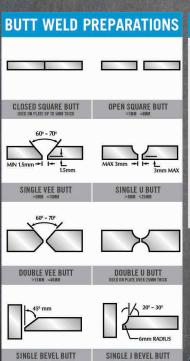


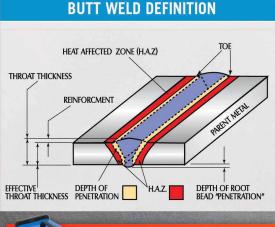
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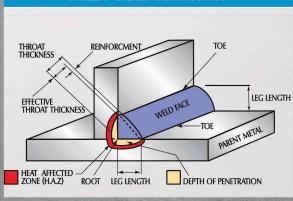












FILLET WELD DEFINITION



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TYPES OF DEFECTS:

EXTERNAL DEFECTS: Can be identified by a visual inspection method eg: Dye Penetrant and Magnetic Particle testing, INTERNAL DEFECTS: Require a Non-Destructive testing (NDT) method. eg: X-Ray or Ultrasonic testing.

(I) MAIN CAUSES

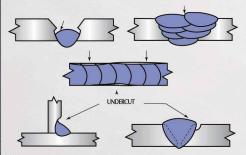
- Welding operators carelessness or lack of skill.
- ▲ Adverse working conditions (Hot Cold). ▲ Poor Design or lack of preparation.

(II) MAIN DEFECTS:

- ▲ Incomplete penetration. ▲ Overlap or over-roll.
- A Porosity. ▲ Joint Misalignment.
- ▲ Weld cracking.

UNDERCUT:

A groove at the toe or root of a weld either on the weld face or in previously deposited weld metal.



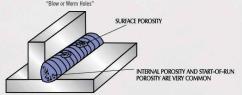
CAUSES:

- oo long an arc length
- Too fast a rate of travel

RESULT: A stress concentration site and a potential site for fatigue crack initiation

POROSITY:

A hole or cavity found internally or externally in the weld. Porosity can originate from wet electrodes, electrode flux breaking down or from impurities on the surface of the parent metal. Also known as "Piping", "Blow or Worm Holes" DEFINITION-



CAUSES:

RESULT:

- . Unclean parent metal surface ie, oil, dust, dirt or rust contamination.
- electrode for parent metal.
- Inadequate gas shielding of the arc
- Parent metals with a high percentage of sulphur and phosphorus.

Severely reduces the strength of the welded joint Surface porosity can allow a corrosive atmosphere to attack the weld metal which may cause failure.

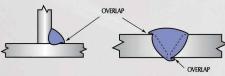
LACK OF FUSION

A lack of bonding between the weld metal and the parent metal or between weld metal



LACK OF FUSION

OVERLAP OR OVER-ROLL: DEFINITION An imperfection at the toe or root of a weld caused by metal flowing onto the surface of the parent metal without fusing to it.



CAUSES: RESULT:

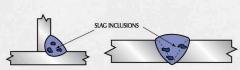
- Incorrect rate of travel

Has a similar effect as undercut and produces a stress concentration site

SLAG INCLUSIONS:

DEFINITION

Refers to any non-metallic material in a completed weld joint. These inclusions can create a weak point in the weld deposit.



CAUSES

RESULT:

- Failure to remove slag from previous runs
- Insufficient amperage.
 Incorrect electrode angle or size.
- · Faulty preparation.

Slag inclusions reduce the cross sectional area strength of the weld and serve as a

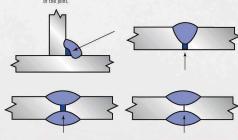
- CAUSES:
 - . Small electrodes used on cold and thick steel Insufficient amperage.
 Incorrect electrode angle and manipulation

 - · Rate of travel too fast, not allowing proper fusion
 - Unclean surface (mill scale, dirt, grease etc.).

RESULT Weakens the welded joint and becomes a potential fatigue initiation site

INCOMPLETE PENETRATION:

DEFINITION A failure of the weld metal to penetrate into the root of the joint



CAUSES

- · Current too low

RESULT:

Weakens the welded joint and becomes a potential fatigue initiation site

MISALIGNMENT:

DEFINITION:

Normally defined as an unnecessary or unintentional variation in the alignment of the parts being welded. Misalignment is a common fault in prepared butt welds, and is produced when the root faces of the parent plate (or joint) are not placed in their correct position for welding.



CAUSES

- Poor assembly of the parts to be welded
- Inadequate tack welds that break or insufficient
- clamping that results in movement.

RESULT:

Misalignment is a serious defect since failure to melt both edges of the root will result in stress concentration sites which in service may lead to premature fatigue failure of the joint.

WELD CRACKING:

DEFINITION-

Planar (Two Dimensional) discontinuities produced by the tearing of parent or weld metal. Weld metal cracking can occur in either the plastic condition (hot shortness) or by fracturing when cold (cold shortness).

There are many types of cracks that can occur in the base metal or weld metal of welded joints.

SOME COMMON TYPES OF CRACKING INCLUDE:

CRATER CRACKING:

Hot cracking mainly caused by a failure to fill up the crater depression at the end of a weld pass. Shrinkage stresses and inadequate weld metal in the crater causes crater cracking.

UNDERBEAD CRACKS

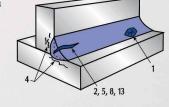
LONGITUDINAL CRACK:

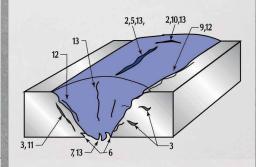
Usually a hot cracking phenomenor Cracking runs along the length of the weld

- Incorrect welding procedures and techniques.
 (eg. Wrong consumable or welding current, inadequate preheat etc.)
- Weld size may be too small for the parts being welded.
 Base metal may contain a high carbon content (over 0.45%).
- Metals which contain high percentages of sulphur or phosphorus tend to crack easily so Hydrogen controlled electrodes are recommended.
- Electrodes may be wet or damp.

CRACK TYPES:

- 1. CRATER CRACK 2. FACE CRACK
- 3. HEAT-AFFECTED ZONE CRACK
- 4. LAMELLAR TEAR
- 5. LONGITUDINAL CRACK 6. ROOT CRACK
- 7. ROOT SURFACE CRACK 8. THROAT CRACK
- 9. TOE CRACK 10. TRANSVERSE CRACK
- 11. UNDERBEAD CRACK
 12. WELD INTERFACE CRACK
- 13. WELD METAL CRACK









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