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**Methods for destructive testing of welds in metal
Method 3.2: Transverse free bend test**

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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee WD-006, Testing of Welds, to supersede AS 2205.3.2—1997.

The objective of this edition is to update the Standard and include editorial changes in accordance with current Standards Australia editorial policy.

METHOD

1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out a method for transverse free bend testing of a welded joint up to 12 mm thick.

2 APPLICATION

The test is recommended only as an alternative to the transverse guided bend test (see AS 2205.3.1) when the equipment for that test is not available.

If the bend cannot be made to occur about the weld centre with a reasonably uniform plastic strain over the weld zone, the choice of this test is inappropriate. Localized preferential bending of one part of the weld zone may indicate deficiencies in the welding procedure. If consistent difficulty is encountered in performing the test, reference should be made to the application Standard and to the interested parties, for consideration of the substitution of one of the types of guided bend tests for this test.

3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

- AS 2205 Methods for destructive testing of welds in metal
- 2205.1 Method 1: General requirements for tests
- 2205.3.1 Method 3.1: Transverse guided bend test

4 PRINCIPLE

The face or root surface of a weld, which transversely bisects the test specimen, is placed in tension by bending without using a former, then examined to assess the soundness and transverse ductility of the joint at the weld zone.