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Foreword

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This British Standard is published by BSI Standards Limited, under licence from The British Standards Institution, and came into effect on 28 February 2023. It was prepared by Technical Committee ISE/104, *Concrete Reinforcing and Pre-Stressing Steels*. A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to the committee manager.

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This British Standard supersedes BS 6744:2016, which is withdrawn.

Information about this document

This new edition of BS 6744 incorporates technical changes only. It does not represent a full review or revision of the document, which will be undertaken in due course. The changes have been made to correct errors and omissions, particularly those relating to the lack of instruction relating to the procedure required if a test fails.

Attention is drawn to the fact that compliance with this document may involve the use of patents applied to steel designation 1.4162 (see **3.1.24**). The patent holder agrees to make the material available for production of stainless reinforcing steel bars on reasonable and accessible and non-discriminatory terms. Information on designation 1.4162 may be obtained from: Outokumpu Stainless Ltd, Europa Link, Sheffield, South Yorkshire S9 1TZ.

This standard was revised so that it can be used in conjunction with BS 8666, *Scheduling, dimensioning, bending and cutting of steel reinforcement for concrete – Specification*, but also to take into account the requirements of Eurocode (EC) 2 (specifically BS EN 1992-1-1 and BS EN 1992-1-2) and the Construction Products Regulations (CPR) [1] with respect to constitutive relationship and durability. It has also been revised to act as the national application standard for BS EN 104031, *Steel for the reinforcement of concrete – Stainless steels* (in preparation).

The decision was taken to remove obsolete uses of steel in concrete, which means that plain bars and grades 200 MPa and ribbed bar above grade 500 MPa are no longer covered by this standard. These products are covered by other standards. This is with the exception of 500 MPa bar and 650 MPa ribbed bar which are now in an informative Annex (Annex I). The standard is open to other strength grades of ribbed bar on the basis that the designers know that these are outside normal UK practice and, once over 600 MPa, outside EC2.

Informative annexes have been prepared to give guidance on durability, magnetic properties, coefficients of thermal expansion, constitutive relationship, welding, performance at elevated temperatures and quality assurance. As far as is possible, the revision has been written to reflect the requirements of BS 4449.

The test method in Annex A is based on the method in BS EN 480-14 adapted by Schönning, Randström and Adair for determining a critical chloride threshold level for stainless steel rebar [2] and that in *Testing for chloride threshold levels of stainless reinforcing bar* [3].

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1 Scope

This British Standard specifies requirements and test methods for solid stainless steel bars used for the reinforcement of concrete. It is applicable to ribbed stainless reinforcing steel bars in grade 500.

It is applicable to bars in which the ribs have been formed by the cold working or hot rolling processes.

NOTE Annex A specifies a test method for determining the corrosion resistance of stainless reinforcing steel in chloride contaminated concrete. Informative annexes give guidance on durability (Annex B), magnetic properties (Annex C), coefficients of thermal expansion (Annex D), constitutive relationship (Annex E), welding (Annex F), performance at elevated temperatures (Annex G) and quality assurance (Annex H).

This British Standard is not applicable to stainless reinforcing steel bars produced from material whose metallurgical history is not known and fully documented.

It is not applicable to other uses of steel in concrete, such as plain bars and grades 200 MPa and ribbed bars above grade 500 MPa, which are covered by other standards. This is with the exception of 500 MPa bar and 650 MPa ribbed bar which are now in an informative annex (Annex I). The standard is open to other strength grades of ribbed bar on the basis that the designer knows that these are outside normal UK practice and, once over 600 MPa, outside BS EN 1992 (EC2).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions, or limits the application, of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS 8666, *Scheduling, dimensioning, bending and cutting of steel reinforcement for concrete – Specification*

BS EN 196-1, *Methods of testing cement – Part 1: Determination of strength*

BS EN 1993-1-2:2005, *Eurocode 3 – Design of steel structures – Part 1-2: General rules – Structural fire design*

BS EN 10088 (all parts), *Stainless steels*

BS EN ISO 148-1, *Metallic materials – Charpy pendulum impact test – Part 1: Test method*

BS EN ISO 3651-2, *Determination of resistance to intergranular corrosion of stainless steels – Part 2: Ferritic, austenitic and ferritic-austenitic (duplex) stainless steels – Corrosion test in media containing sulfuric acid*

BS EN ISO 6892-2, *Metallic materials – Tensile testing – Part 2: Method of test at elevated temperature*

BS EN ISO 15630-1:2010, *Steel for the reinforcement and prestressing of concrete – Test methods – Part 1: Reinforcing bars, wire rod and wire*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard, the terms, definitions and symbols given in BS EN 10088 (all parts), BS EN ISO 15630-1 and the following apply.

