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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 20172:2009), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- [Tables 1](#) to [5](#) have been revised;
- new [Table 6](#) has been added for nickel and nickel alloys.

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## Introduction

This document reflects the situation at the time of publication.

Lists of former designations can be found in the relevant European materials standards.

For the materials not listed in this document, ISO/TR 20173:2018 and ISO/TR 20174:2020 are applicable.

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## 1 Scope

This document establishes a European grouping system for materials for welding purposes, classified in accordance with the grouping system of ISO/TR 15608.

It is also applicable for other purposes such as heat treatment, forming and non-destructive testing.

This document covers grouping systems for the following standardized materials:

- a) steel;
- b) aluminium and its alloys;
- c) copper and its alloys;
- d) cast irons;
- e) nickel and nickel alloys.

For materials that are not assigned to a group in this document the criteria of ISO/TR 15608 apply.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 International grouping system for European materials

### 4.1 Types of steel in accordance with the grouping system of ISO/TR 15608:2017, Table 1

See [Table 1](#).

Materials grouped according to this document based on chemical composition and mechanical properties but with specific delivering conditions outside ISO/TR 15608:2017 are qualified separately.