

## Weld Discontinuities

- 1. Design related: e.g. choice of wrong type of weld joint, problem with design of structural details, etc.
- 2. Weld process: e.g. porosity, undercut, slag inclusion, overlap, lack of fusion (LOF), spatter, etc.
- 3. Metallurgical: e.g. cracks, fissures, fisheye, segregation, etc.



## Weld Defects



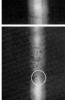
• Lack of Sidewall Fusion is seen as elongated parallel or single darker density lines, sometimes with darker density spots.

· Generally run in straight lines in the lengthwise direction.



 Porosity is easily seen with radiographic testing because of its volumetric nature.

· Rounded and elongated darker density spots in clusters with the clusters randomly spaced.

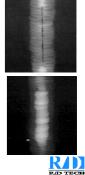




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 Incomplete Penetration is seen as a darker density band, with very straight parallel edges, in the center of the width of the weld image.

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• Excessive Penetration is seen as a lighter density in the center of the width of the weld image, either extended along the weld or in isolated circular "drops".



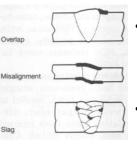
Undercut	
Excessive underbead	]
Shrinkage grooves	]

Undercut: A groove melted into the base metal adjacent to the toe or root of a weld and left unfilled by weld metal

Shrinkage voids: Cavity-type discontinu-ities normally formed by shrinkage during solidification

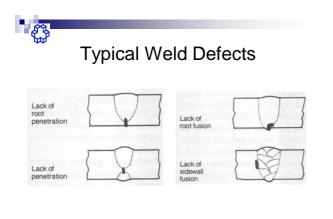
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# **Typical Weld Defects**

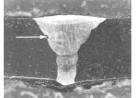


- Overlap: The protrusion of weld metal beyond the toe, face, or root of the weld
- Slag inclusions: Nonmetallic solid mate-rial entrapped in weld metal or between weld metal and base metal

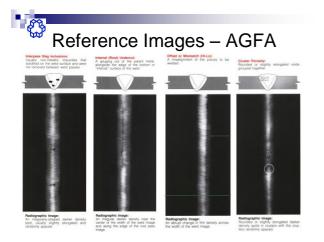
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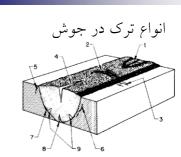
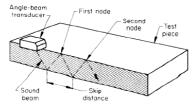
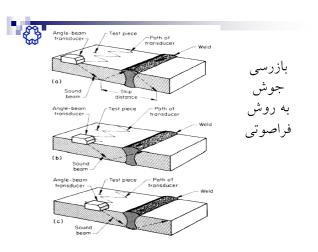
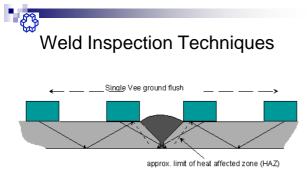


Fig. 6 Identification of cracks according to location weld metal; 2, transverse crack in weld metal; 3, transverse crack in HAZ; 4, longitudinal crack in weld metal; 5, toe crack in as metal; 6, underbead crack in base metal; 7, fusion-line crack; 8, root crack in weld metal; 9, hoe cracks in weld metal





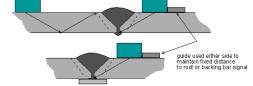




•The single V butt weld, ground flush, permits wide variety in the SW angles for inspection.

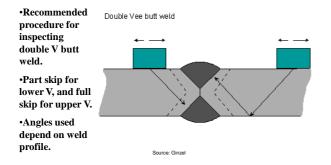
•This procedure can be tailored to the weld profile.

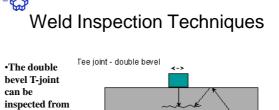




Geometry is a major factor with unground welds, and can severely limit the angles used. The procedure can include guides to help the operator position the transducer correctly for the root.







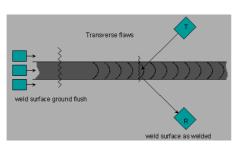
inspected from all sides; fortunately, as the geometry is otherwise not good.

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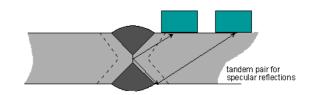
Weld Inspection Techniques

•If the weld is ground flush, transverse defects can be found directly in pulse-echo.

•If not, a pair of transverse transducers can be used in pitch-catch



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Tandem probes work well for vertical defects, e.g. unfused lands in the centre of a double V. The two transducers must be kept a fixed distance apart for a given depth.

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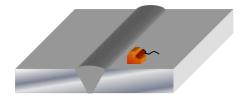


ارتفاع جوش را به نواحی عمودی تقسیم میکنند که هر کدام از آنها توسط یک جفت پروب فراصوتی از دو طرف خط مرکزی جوش ارزیابی میشوند.

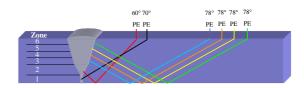




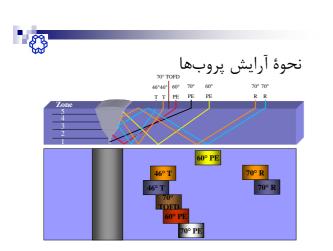
تکنیکهای قدیمی آزمون فراصوتی دستی نیازمند زیگزاگ پروب در اطراف خط جوش (Raster Scan) بودند.









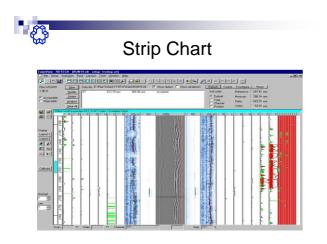


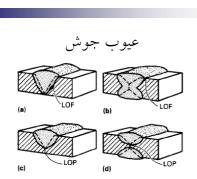
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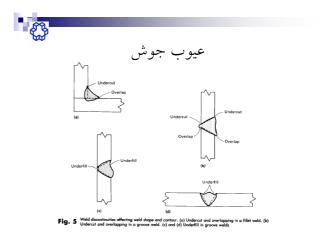
Acknowledgments to Olympus NDT





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Fig. 4 Lack of fusion in (a) a single-V-groove weld and (b) double-V-groove weld. Lack of penetration in (c) a single-V-groove and (d) a double-V-groove weld



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