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**Spheroidal graphite cast irons —  
Classification**

*Fontes à graphite sphéroïdal — Classification*

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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 25, *Cast irons and pig irons*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 1083:2004), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- solid-solution strengthened ferritic spheroidal graphite cast irons grades have been added;
- side-by-side cast samples have been added;
- several definitions have been added;
- the relation between mechanical properties and wall thickness has been added;
- figures for separately cast or side-by-side cast samples have been updated;
- the tensile test piece figure has been updated and the Charpy V-notched impact test piece figure has been removed;
- [Annex A](#) has been partially reworded;
- [Annex C](#) has been entirely reworded;
- [Annex D](#) has been developed;
- [Annex E](#) has become informative;
- [Annex G](#) has been developed;
- [Annex H](#) has been added.

## Introduction

The properties of spheroidal graphite cast irons depend on their structure.

Spheroidal graphite cast irons covered by this document are divided into two groups:

- a) ferritic to pearlitic spheroidal graphite cast irons;
- b) solid-solution strengthened ferritic spheroidal graphite cast irons.

The mechanical properties of the material can be evaluated on machined test pieces prepared from the following:

- separately cast samples;
- side-by-side cast samples;
- cast-on samples;
- samples cut from a casting.

The material grade is defined by mechanical properties measured on machined test pieces prepared from cast samples.

If hardness is a requirement of the purchaser as being important for the application, then [Annex E](#) provides means for its determination.

It is well known that tensile properties and hardness of spheroidal graphite cast irons are interrelated. When considered by the purchaser as being important for the application, both tensile and hardness properties may be specified.

Some material grades can be suitable for pressure applications.

Further technical data on spheroidal graphite cast irons is given in [Annexes C](#) and [G](#).

# Spheroidal graphite cast irons — Classification

## 1 Scope

This document defines the grades and the corresponding requirements for spheroidal graphite cast irons.

This document specifies two groups of spheroidal graphite cast iron grades by a classification based on mechanical properties measured on machined test pieces prepared from cast samples. The first group deals mainly with ferritic to pearlitic grades. The second group deals with solid-solution strengthened ferritic grades.

This document also gives an informative classification as a function of hardness.

This document does not apply to the following:

- spheroidal graphite cast irons used for pipes, fittings and accessories which are specified in accordance with ISO 2531 and ISO 7186;
- highly alloyed (austenitic) spheroidal cast irons which are specified in accordance with ISO 2892;
- ausferritic cast irons which are specified in accordance with ISO 17804.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

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

ISO 945-1, *Microstructure of cast irons — Part 1: Graphite classification by visual analysis*

ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

ISO/TR 15931, *Designation system for cast irons and pig irons*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

### 3.1

#### **spheroidal graphite cast iron**

cast material, iron, carbon and silicon-based, the carbon being present mainly in the form of spheroidal graphite particles

Note 1 to entry: Spheroidal graphite cast iron is also known as ductile iron, and less commonly as nodular iron.

**3.2  
ferritic to pearlitic spheroidal graphite cast iron**

*spheroidal graphite cast iron* (3.1) with a matrix containing ferrite or pearlite or a combination of both

Note 1 to entry: Pearlite can be partially or totally replaced by quenched microstructures in grades having higher strength.

**3.3  
solid-solution strengthened ferritic spheroidal graphite cast iron**

*spheroidal graphite cast iron* (3.1) with a matrix mainly consisting of ferrite, solution strengthened by increasing the amount of silicon compared to *ferritic to pearlitic spheroidal graphite cast iron* (3.2)

**3.4  
graphite spheroidizing treatment**

process that brings the liquid iron into contact with a substance to produce graphite in the predominantly spheroidal (nodular) form during solidification

Note 1 to entry: This process is often followed by a second process called inoculation.

**3.5  
cast sample**

quantity of material cast to represent the cast material, including *separately cast sample* (3.6), *side-by-side cast sample* (3.7) and *cast-on sample* (3.8)

**3.6  
separately cast sample**

sample cast in a separate sand mould under representative manufacturing conditions and material grade

**3.7  
side-by-side cast sample**

sample cast in the mould alongside the casting, with a joint running system

**3.8  
cast-on sample**

sample attached directly to the casting

**3.9  
sample cut from a casting**

sample obtained directly from the casting

**3.10  
relevant wall thickness**

section of the casting, agreed between the manufacturer and the purchaser, to which the determined mechanical properties shall apply

**3.11  
test unit**

number of pieces or the tonnage of castings to be accepted or rejected together, on the basis of the tests carried out on test pieces in accordance with the requirements of the relevant specification, material standard or order

Note 1 to entry: This term is sometimes referred to as “inspection lot” or “test batch”.

[SOURCE: EN 1559-1:2011, 3.12]

## 4 Designation

The material shall be designated in accordance with ISO/TR 15931. The relevant designations are given in [Tables 1 to 3](#).

NOTE Further information on designation is given in [Annex I](#).



## 5 Order information

The following information shall be supplied by the purchaser:

- a) the complete designation of the material;
- b) any special requirements (including the relevant wall thickness, where necessary) that shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser by the time of acceptance of the order;
- c) the number of this document, i.e. ISO 1083.

## 6 Manufacture

The method of producing spheroidal graphite cast irons and their chemical composition shall be left to the discretion of the manufacturer who shall ensure that the requirements of this document are met for the material grade specified in the order.

For ferritic to pearlitic cast iron grades, the level of the mechanical properties is determined by the ferrite to pearlite ratio. The ferrite to pearlite ratio is normally adjusted by alloying or, less commonly, by heat treatment.

For solid-solution strengthened cast iron grades, the level of the mechanical properties is determined by the extent of solid solution strengthening of the ferritic matrix. Solid-solution strengthening is normally governed by the silicon content.

For spheroidal graphite cast irons to be used in special applications, the chemical composition and heat treatment may be the subject of an agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

All agreements between the manufacturer and the purchaser shall be made by the time of the acceptance of the order.

## 7 Requirements

### 7.1 General

The property values apply to spheroidal graphite cast irons cast in sand moulds or moulds of comparable thermal behaviour. Subject to amendments to be agreed upon in the order, they can apply to castings obtained by alternative methods.

The material designation is based on the minimum mechanical properties obtained in cast samples with a thickness or diameter of 25 mm. The designation is irrespective of the type of cast sample.

Mechanical properties are wall thickness dependant as shown in [Tables 1, 2 and 3](#).

For relevant wall thicknesses greater than 200 mm, the manufacturer and the purchaser shall agree on the minimum mechanical properties, the type and size of the cast sample, and microstructure requirements.

NOTE Tensile testing requires sound test pieces in order to guarantee pure uni-axial stress during the test.

### 7.2 Ferritic to pearlitic spheroidal graphite cast irons

#### 7.2.1 Test pieces machined from cast samples

##### 7.2.1.1 Tensile properties

The mechanical properties of ferritic to pearlitic spheroidal graphite cast iron test pieces shall be as specified in [Table 1](#).

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