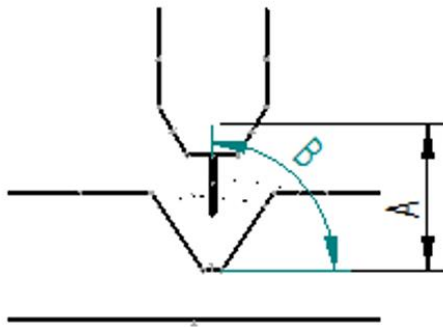


The test weld, that is closest to the selected simulation, is this *Fill pass in a V joint in 13 mm sheet thickness*

Base material	Thickness mm	Joint	Joint preparation	Welding process	Filler metal	Shielding gas	Backing gas
DX 2304 EN 1.4362	13	V	Milled V groove	GTAW (TIG)	23 7 NL Ø1.2 mm	MISON N2*	-

\*MISON N2 (Ar+30%He+1.8%N<sub>2</sub>+0.03%NO)

Joint preparation



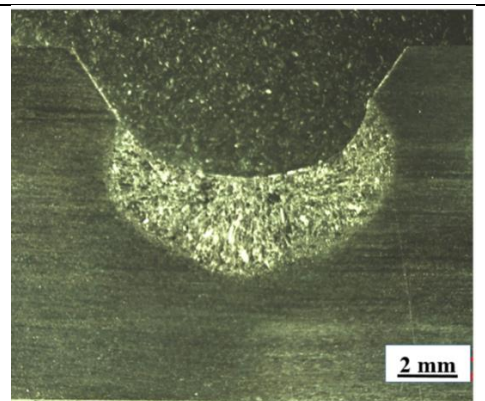
The joint angle was 70° (bevel angles 35°), depth of the groove 8 mm and the width of the bottom of the groove was 2 mm wide. B was 90°.

The test weld, performed as bead-on-plate weld in a milled V-groove, was intended to correspond to the first fill pass in a multi-pass weld.

Welding position PA. The distance from electrode tip to substrate was 4-5 mm.

Welding current A	Voltage V	Heat input kJ/mm	Wire feed speed m/min	Welding speed cm/min	Number of passes
211	13.6	0.9	1.3	12	1

Cross section of the weld



Measured ferrite fraction in the weld (the rest is assumed to be austenite), and the ferrite fraction more in detail in different regions of the weld, are shown in the table below. The fraction is measured using image analysis.

The ferrite fraction is an average value based on several measurements using image analysis in each location and the standard deviation in average values were around 4%.

Heat input kJ/mm	Weld	Top of the weld	Middle of the weld	Bottom of the weld
0.9	62%	60%	61%	66%

Measured ferrite fraction in the HAZ	
Very close to the fusion line	84%
About 0.4 mm from the fusion line	77%

Nitrides precipitated in the middle of ferrite grains and in the HAZ close to the fusion line. No traces of sigma phase were found.