

WELDING ENGINEER FORUM

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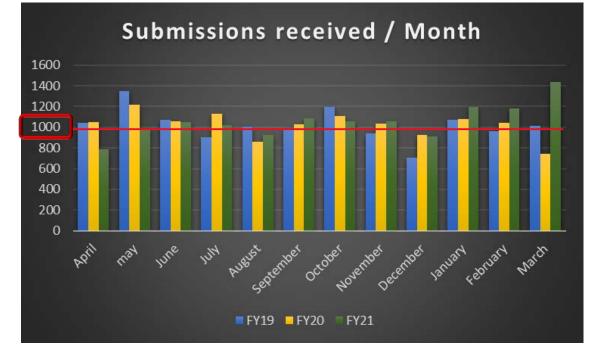


WHAT WE DO:

- We review & accept welding procedures (WPS & WPDS) submitted on behalf of CWB certified or applicant companies
- We review welding procedure qualification reports (PQR)
- We support CWB certification team in the field
- We certify welding consumables and audit welding consumable manufacturers (POM) to CSA W48 as required by CSA W47.1/W59/W47.2/W59.2/W186
- A few numbers:
 - Review over 12,000 submissions (emails) every year, including over 40,000
 WPDS and 2,800 PQR (daily these numbers represent 50 emails & 150 WPDS)
 - Number of Certified Welding Consumables: 2,450 (only 10% produced in Canada)
- 120 welding consumable POMs in 26 countries (only 6 POM located in Canada) WHO WE ARE:
- We are a team of ten (10) welding professionals

Procedures and Electrodes Department (cont.)





Submissions received / Month





Procedures Review Process



Procedures Review Process

- A. Submission of welding procedures to CWB All welding procedures are sent at procedures@cwbgroup.org
 - a. You will get a reply confirming the reception of your email by CWB
 - b. All welding procedures should be submitted in PDF and not secured
- **B.** Response from CWB
 - A review letter will be sent when the review will be completed
 - a. There are three possible outcomes:
 - i. Welding procedures have been accepted (≈60%)
 - *i.* As prequalified
 - ii. Based on PQT
 - iii. Based on previous test accumulated by the CWB
 - ii.Welding procedures requires qualification (≈20%)
 - iii.Welding procedures requires revision (≈20%)



Procedures Review Process (cont.)



- C. PQR reviews
 - a. When PQR results are completed, a review letter confirming the test results will be sent
 - b. Corresponding welding procedures will then have to be revised as per the PQR and returned to the procedure department for final review/acceptance
- D. Turnaround time is three working days
 - From reception of submission at CWB to return of review letter with corresponding welding procedures



Unlisted base metal



CSA W59 clause 3.2 – Unlisted base metal



3.2 Base metal

3.2.1 General

Steel base metal to be welded under this Standard shall conform to the requirements of the CSA or ASTM Standards listed in Clauses 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 or other recognized specifications of equivalent welding quality as determined by the contractor's engineer and approved by the engineer. Equivalent welding quality shall be established on the basis of composition and carbon equivalent. Carbon equivalent shall be determined in accordance with the International Institute of Welding formula: $CE_{IIW} = C + Mn/6 + (Cr + Mo + V)/5 + (Ni + Cu)/15$

In addition to the chemical composition, the non-listed steel shall have:

- Similar mechanical properties
- > Max Sulfur & Phosphorus content
- > Same delivery condition (Q&T, TMCP, ...)
- Preheat to be specified on the WPDS (as the non-listed steel will not be included in table 5.3 of CSA W59)



CJP PQR to Support the Acceptance of PJP and Fillet

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 A CJP PQR will qualify PJP and fillet weld within the range of essentials variables, if the joint configuration of the PJP and fillet weld size concur with associated clauses of CSA W59

Examples:

A CJP PQR will not qualify an 8mm single pass fillet weld using 0.9mm GMAW electrode

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The maximum size of a fillet weld made in one pass in either the flat or the horizontal position,

shall be

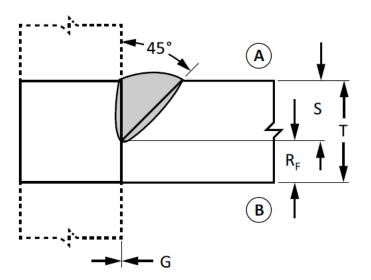
a) 6 mm (1/4 in) for 0.9 mm (0.035 in) electrode wire diameter;

CJP PQR to Support the Acceptance of PJP and Fillet (cont.)



Examples:

A CJP PQR will not qualify PJP with ETT=S when groove angle equal 45°



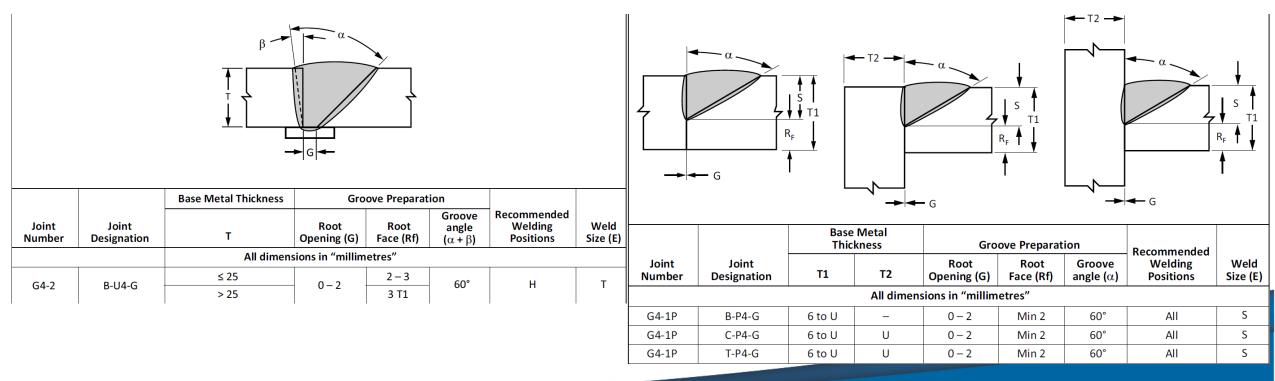
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FCAW	Tee / Corner	T > 10 mm (³ /8 in)	0	≥ 3 mm (¹ / ₈ in)	43	S - 3 mm (¹ /8 in)		

CJP PQR to Support the Acceptance of PJP and Fillet (cont.)

• For aluminum, as per clause 10.6.1.3 of CSA W47.2 a CJP will qualify a PJP within the range of essentials variables. Please be aware that a change in specified joint geometry is an essential variable as per CSA W47.2 table 3

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CJP PQR to Support the Acceptance of PJP and Fillet (cont.)



- For aluminum, CJP will not qualify a fillet weld
- For stainless steel, as per note 2) of table K.5 of CSA W47.1 and clause 6.7.1 of AWS D1.6, a CJP PQR will qualify PJP, plug/slot weld and fillet weld within the range of essentials variables
 - Same logic as CSA W47.1 will be followed, the corresponding PJP and fillet weld size should be as per the prequalification limitations

Maximum criteria for prequalified joints using the shielded met	al arc welding
process (SMAW)	

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Maximum one-pass fillet	10 mm (3/8 in)	In the flat position
	8 mm (5/16 in)	In horizontal or overhead positions
	12 mm (1/2 in)	In the vertical position



<u>Procedure Qualification Test -</u> <u>Limitations on Welding Parameters</u>

Procedure Qualification Test - Limitations on Welding Parameters



- CSA W47.2 has qualification range specified for welding parameters in Table 3 (Essential variables for GMAW, GTAW, and PAW).
 - Welding current : ±15%
 - Arc voltage: ±10%
 - Arc travel speed: ±25%
- CSA W47.1 does not specify any such range, but it should be coherent and not too far from the welding parameters used during PQT; we recommend the following :
 - Welding Current and Wire Feed Speed: ± 10%
 - Arc Voltage: ± 7% or ± 2 Volts
 - Arc Travel Speed: ± 15%
- When impact testing conducted:
 - Maximum heat input must be considered



Previous Accumulated Test Search and Acceptance Criteria

<u>CWB Database of Previous Accumulated Test –</u>



Search and Acceptance Criteria

As allowed by clause 11.2.2 of CSA W47.1, non-prequalified WPDS can be accepted based on previous tests accumulated by the CWB (WeldEye)

Limitations:

- 1. Database in WeldEye has not been updated lately
- 2. Two similar PQR required (Reliability Concerns / Human Error)
- 3. Similar Welding Parameters as those on the WPDS are required to support the acceptance
- 4. Searching can be subjective between CWB engineers

WeldEye search ... example for an FCAW stainless steel fillet weld between SS and CS

- **E309LT1-1 / 1.2mm wire diameter**
- ➤ 100%CO2
- In horizontal

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<u>CWB Database of Previous Accumulated Test –</u>



Search and Acceptance Criteria (cont.)

Going forward:

- 1. New PQR to be uploaded in database
- 2. Search criteria are under review
- 3. Improvement of the search guideline for CWB engineers



PQR from Other Organization

Procedure Qualification Test Reports from Other Organization

Clause 11.2.3 of CSA W47.1....

Provided that all requirements outlined in this Standard for the applicable welding process have been met, a WPDS that has been qualified by an authority acceptable to the CWB to another recognized code or standard shall be acceptable.

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For the PQR to be accepted, the following conditions must be met:

- The qualification system and test requirements must be similar to and meet or exceed the requirements of W47.1 and be accepted by the Bureau.
- A qualification record providing evidence satisfactory to the Bureau that previous qualification tests were successfully completed and duly witnessed by a qualified independent third party

Procedure Qualification Test Reports from Other Organization (cont.)

Acceptance based on Clause 11.2.3 of CSA Standard W47.1:2019 can be on a case-bycase basis. Generally, a certification task completed by a well-recognized certification body while matching or exceeding our certification requirements are acceptable to CWB.

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- > All welding witnessed
- All mechanical tests witnessed
- All PQR signed by the certification body
- Confirmation of the extent of witnessing could be required



<u>Sharing Welding Procedures</u> <u>Between Fabricators</u>

Sharing of Accepted Welding Procedures Between Fabricators

 A fabricator (subcontracted) can use the CWB accepted WPDS from the fabricator who subcontracted them

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• Sharing welding procedures among multi-plant companies is acceptable





Questions & Answers:

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Use of AWS D9.1 for stainless steel application with thickness less than 3mm:

> AWS D9.1 is a non-structural code, but if needed it can be referred on WPDS and use for qualifying non-structural stainless steel sheet application

<u>Welding procedures resource/example for aluminum:</u>

Annex A of CSA W59.2-2018 includes recommended joint geometries for aluminum

Seal welds:

5.4.10 Seal welds (CSA W59)

When seal welds are specified, the minimum preheat requirements of this Standard shall apply. Seal welds shall meet the workmanship and quality provisions of this Standard, but shall not require approved welding procedures.



Possible improvement for submitting welding procedure to CWB for review:

We are currently implementing a new ERP for CWB certification, the welding procedure review process is part of that project. The intent it to provide more accessibility to CWB clients to their certification documentation including welding procedures and PQR.

What stainless steel alloy are considered prequalified?

The austenitic alloy listed in table 5.2 of AWS D1.6 are considered prequalified. The correspondence between the base metal and filler metal are not correct in the table K.1 of CSA W47.1, but the alloy listed are considered prequalified (same as those listed in table 5.2 of AWS D1.6)



Closing Words & Next Forum





- All your questions will be reviewed, our answers will be posted in the FAQ section of the webpage
- The next welding engineer forum will be held early December this year
- Please visit the welding engineer webpage at <u>https://www.cwbgroup.org/certification-and-qualification/welding-engineers</u>
- The video of today's presentation and the PDF copy of the presentation will be available on the welding engineer webpage