7.3 Mechanical properties

7.3.1 General

7.3.1.1 Under the inspection and testing conditions as specified in Clauses 8, 9 and 10 and in the delivery condition as specified in 6.3 the mechanical properties (tensile strength, yield strength, impact strength and elongation) shall comply with the relevant requirements of EN 10025-2 to EN 10025-6.

NOTE Stress relieving at more than 580 °C or for over 1 h may lead to a deterioration of the mechanical properties of the steel grades as defined in EN 10025-2 to EN 10025-5. For normalized or normalized rolled steel grades with minimum $R_{eH} \geq 460$ MPa[1]) the maximum stress relief temperature should be 560 °C.

If the purchaser intends to stress relief the products at higher temperatures or for longer times than mentioned above the minimum values of the mechanical properties after such a treatment should be agreed at the time of the enquiry and order.

For the quenched and tempered steel grades of EN 10025-6:2004 the maximum stress-relief temperature should be at least 30 °C below the tempering temperature. As this temperature is normally not known in advance it is recommended that the purchaser if he intends to perform a post weld heat treatment to contact the steel producer.

7.3.1.2 For products ordered and supplied in the normalized or normalized rolled condition the mechanical properties shall comply with the relevant tables for mechanical properties of EN 10025-2 to EN 10025-6 in the normalized or normalized rolled condition as well as after normalizing by heat treatment after delivery.

NOTE Products can be susceptible to a deterioration in mechanical strength if they are subjected to incorrect heat treatment processes at higher temperature such as flame straightening, rerolling, etc. Products in the +N delivery condition are less sensitive than other delivery conditions, but it is recommended that guidance is sought from the manufacturer if any higher temperature processing is required.

7.3.1.3 The applicable product thickness is specified in EN 10025-2 to EN 10025-6.

7.3.2 Impact properties

7.3.2.1 Using test pieces of width less than 10 mm the minimum values given in EN 10025-2 to EN 10025-6 shall be reduced in direct proportion to the cross-sectional area of the test piece.

Impact tests shall not be required for nominal thickness < 6 mm.

7.3.2.2 The impact properties of products of certain qualities specified in EN 10025-2 to EN 10025-6 shall be verified by test only at the lowest temperature unless otherwise agreed at the time of the order.

See option 3.

7.3.3 Improved deformation properties perpendicular to the surface

If agreed at the time of the order products of the grades and qualities specified EN 10025-2 to EN 10025-6 shall comply with one of the improved deformation properties perpendicular to the surface of the product as specified in EN 10164.

See option 4.