# Monitoring and checking the indicating sensitivity

The Reference Block Type 1 according to EN ISO 9934-2 (former description "MTU test block") is used for checking and supervision of the indication sensitivity of magnetic particle crack detection agents. The surface of the residually magnetized reference block contains a network of coarse and fine cracks. After immersion into or spraying with the testing ink, the crack indication is controlled and assessed. The pictures show the crack indications on a Reference Block Type 1 obtained from a yellow-green or red-orange fluorescent and from a black indication medium together with white background paint. The indication sensitivity of different mixtures or charges can be assessed by comparison of the indications obtained from the same reference block.



Reference block 6904.001, reflecting yellow-green

#### Description

The Reference Block Type 1 is a residually magnetized metal disc, where, caused by a special treatment, a network of coarse and fine cracks had been generated. The magnetic field of the reference block generates stray fluxes of different strength across these cracks. More sensitive inspection media result in a more distinct indication rather than those of lower sensitivity. Also, by periodical supervision of the indication pattern, the use-caused reduction of the indication sensitivity can be controlled. The central bore hole is made for easier handling.

#### Application

The Reference Block Type 1 is, for a few seconds, immersed into or carefully sprayed with the well-mixed inspection medium. Redundant inspection medium should be dropped off. After this, depending on the used inspection medium, the crack indications are to be viewed under UV irradiation or in the daylight (viewing conditions according to EN ISO 3059 should be obeyed). For an assessment, it is particularly recommended to inspect the weaker indications, as there finer differences in the indicating sensitivity become more obvious.

## Important notes for application

- Caused by the production procedure, the crack patterns on each side and on several test blocks are individually very different, so that the indications on one side can not be compared with the other side or other reference blocks.
- The individually perceived indication sensitivity for one defined crack on one Reference Block Type 1 may, in case of a check of a testing



With a red-orange reflecting test mediaum

solution, in comparison to a reference solution being in accordance with the testing requirements, be used as a standard. This indication sensitivity is valid for the respective reference block only and cannot be transferred.

- Ensure that the assessment of the crack indications on the Reference Block Type 1 is always carried out under the same viewing conditions (UV lamp, distance, irradiation intensity of daylight, etc.).
- As the assessment of the indication sensitivity always must be done on the same reference block, photos of the crack indications may be very helpful. Note that these photos need to be taken under exactly the same conditions (aperture, illumination, film type etc.).

#### Handling, cleaning and maintenance

The crack indication of the Reference Block Type 1 may be affected by contamination, strong magnetic fields, or mechanical influences. Please, observe the following hints to ensure reliable results:

- To give correct indication, the Reference Block Type 1 should be free of dirt, oil, grease, and fluorescent particles from former applications. Therefore, the Reference Block Type 1 should be cleaned after use and its surface be checked under UV-irradiation. Furthermore, it is recommended to clean the Reference Block Type 1 from time to time thoroughly in an ultrasonic cleansing bath.
- To give correct indication, the Reference Block Type 1 should be free of dirt, oil, grease and magnetic particles from former applications. Therefore, the reference block should be cleaned after each application (wipe off with a



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wet cloth) and its surface be checked under UV irradiation. Furthermore, it is recommended to clean the reference block from time to time thoroughly in an ultrasonic cleansing bath. When the test block is not used for a longer time, it should be stored slightly lubricated.

- The Reference Block Type 1 should not be ex-posed to strong magnetic fields such as from MP crack detectors, magnetizing and demagnetizing coils, magnetic holding plates, etc. as they may influence the residual field of the block in its strength and direction.
- The surface of the Reference Block Type 1 is burnished to obtain maximum possible contrast of indication. Therefore, any damage of the surface (e.g. with abrasive paper, steel wool, glass brush etc.) should strictly be avoided.

#### Hints for the control of test equipment

Before delivery, the indication pattern of each Reference Block Type 1 according to EN ISO 9934-2 is checked and documented in our company. For this, two identical photos of the crack indication obtained by use of FLUXA-concentrate HRS, art. no. 9306 (dilution 1:20 in water) are taken under defined and always same inspection conditions. One of them is added to the final test certificate which is delivered together with each reference block. The second block is photo remains in our company; upon request, we can repeat the check for you under exactly same ⊨ conditions as a routine supervision of your testing equipment. In this case, the actual crack pattern is compared with the initial one, and a recommendation is given for the further use.

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