

Ultrasonic Testing Level I

Level I - 40 hours

Training Course Outline

SCOPE

This course introduces the basic principles of ultrasonics and prepares the candidate for straight beam inspections and thickness measurement. (See Level II Course Outline for Angle Beam Testing)

This course prepares a candidate

- Select equipment to conduct test
- Steps to conduct test
- Calibration
- Familiarize with codes and standards
- Interpret results with respect to applicable codes and standards
- Understand limitation of the test method
- Write test reports.

TRAINING

Training material is presented in modules that are followed by quizzes

PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

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Training, experience and examination requirements

Training Requirements

- Certification of NDT Personnel: Level I, Level II and Level III
- Recommended Course Outlines for NDT training
- Required Training Hours
- Practicals
- Quizzes and examinations

MODULE 2: WAVE MODES

- Waves - velocity, wavelength and frequency
- Wave Modes: Longitudinal and Shear waves
- Velocity of Waves
- Factors Affecting Velocity - temperature

MODULE 3A: ULTRASONIC TRANSDUCER

- Piezoelectric Crystal
- Single and Dual transducers
- Resolution in flaw detection: frequency and damping
- Transducer selection: frequency and diameter

MODULE 3B: SOUND FIELD OF A ULTRASONIC TRANSDUCER

- Near field concept
- Beam spread and sound loss
- Reducing beam spread: frequency and diameter

MODULE 4: THICKNESS MEASUREMENT

- Thickness Measurement Concept
- Probe selection: Single vs Dual
- Setting the UT equipment for thickness measurement
- Laboratory - Thickness measurement practicals

MODULE 5: UT EQUIPMENT

- Pulser Receivers
- Instrument Controls: gain, range, velocity, delay
- Displays. A-, B- and C-scans
- UT Equipment demonstration
- Epoch 650
- USM 36

MODULE 6: SOUND LOSS - ATTENUATION

- Attenuation – loss of sound with distance
- Maximum range of inspection
- What are decibels (dB)?
- Reducing attenuation – ultrasonic frequency
- Attenuation and its effects on testing of materials
- Attenuation and probe selection

MODULE 7: ACOUSTIC IMPEDANCE

- Reflection and transmission at interfaces
- Impedance matching

MODULE 8: REFRACTION AND MODE CONVERSION

- Reflection and Refraction at interfaces
- Snell's Law
- Mode Conversion to shear waves at interfaces
- Introduction to Angle Beam testing of welds (covered in detail in UT Level II class)

MODULE 9A: FLAW DETECTION – STRAIGHT BEAM

- Flaw detection, lamination, Corrosion Mapping, Bolts
- Use of Flat bottom holes for establishing reference
- Compensating sound loss from beam spread: distance amplitude correction curves (DAC)

MODULE 9B: CLADDING INSPECTION – ASME V, ART 4

- Technique One
- Technique Two

PRACTICALS

- Thickness Measurement and Scanning
- Backsurface echo technique
- Flaw detection

EXAMINATIONS

- General
- Specific
- Practical

Candidates must score a minimum of 70 % in written tests, 80% in practical test and a minimum average of 80% in all three tests.



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