Welding Instructions Stainless Steel

**WELDING METHOD**
Shielded metal arc welding (SMAW)
Flux cord arc welding (FCAW)

**WELDERS’ QUALIFICATION**
Welders to be qualified according to AWS D1.1 latest edition

**CONSUMABLE**
SMAW SFA /AWS A5.4 E316L-17
FCAW SFA /AWS A5.22 E316L T1-4
Consumable to be handled and treated according to manufacturer’s recommendation.

**PREPARATION AND FIT UP**
The prepared joint and surrounding areas shall be clean and free from moisture, oil, grease, loose or thick scale, oxides etc., or any protective coating except weldable primers.
Maximum allowed root gap for fillet welds is recommended 1 mm, max 1.5 mm (see fig 1).

**STAINLESS STEEL, NO PREHEAT**

**FIG 1:**
maximum allowable root gap for fillet joint

Thickness Combined (THC) = \( t_1 + t_2 \)
If root gap is too wide the deck plate or bulkhead may be built-up with weld to achieve a proper gap.
(see fig. 2)

**FIG 2:**
Build-up of fillet joint.

Recommended 1 mm.
Max. 1.5 mm.

**NOTE!** Build-up on the frame is not recommended as it may cause distortion of the frame.

**IMPORTANT!**
To avoid deformation of the frame it is recommended to follow this welding instructions.
WELDING SEQUENCE

Welding to be performed according to fig 3 and 4. Weld pass 3 is not to be started until welds 1 and 2 are completed.

FIG 3:
Welding sequence
(example shows a two-pass fillet weld)

Tack weld each /100 mm for less deformation of the frame

FIG 4:
Welding sequence

1.1 Root weld
2.1 Root weld
1.2 Fillet weld
2.2 Fillet weld
3 Seal weld
4 Seal weld

WELD SIZE

Fillet weld size (throat thickness) is to be 0.5 x plate thickness of the bulkhead or deck plate (THD). However fillet weld size is not to be greater than 0.7 x frame plate thickness (THF). See fig 5.

Thus: 0.5 x THD ≤ a ≤ 0.7 x THF

FIG 5:
Fillet weld size

THD = Thickness Deck plate.
THF = Thickness Frame plate.

NOTE!
Multi-pass welding is required if a ≥ 5 mm.