

**Common Arc Welding Qualification Program**

The Common Arc Welding Program provides simultaneous testing of welders by multiple contractors. For the first time, multiple contractors can simultaneously witness the qualification of welders using a single test coupon. Prior to Common Arc, individual contractors tested welders individually requiring a duplicate test each time they were employed. Under the program, all welds prepared by welders being qualified are tested to conform to ASME welding codes. The esteem of welders who participate in Common Arc has risen, and weld quality and production have increased. Common Arc further reduces contractor costs since the cost of qualification is reduced.

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