

# BS 639: 1986

This specification is divided into two parts, the compulsory strength, toughness and covering (STC) code which appears on each electrode and the additional coding showing efficiency, welding positions, power supply requirements and when appropriate, hydrogen control. Use of this classification system is best illustrated by an example:

	STC code	Additional	
Ferromax	E5144BB:	[130 3 1 H]	ı

### Consumable Type - E

E is for covers electrode for manual metal are welding. No other consumables are covered by this specificcation.

#### Strength - 51

Designation	TS N/mm	min YS N/mm	min elong when 3rd		6 classification is
E43xxx E51xxx Third Digit - Impa	430-550 510-650	330 360	0.1 20 18	2 22 18	3, 4, 5 24 20

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Digit	Temp, C, for
	28J ave CVN
Exx0xx	not specified
Exx1xx	+20
Exx2xx	0
Exx3xx	-20
Exx4xx	-30
Exx5xx	-40

#### Fourth Digit - Impact Value - 4

Digit	Temp, C, for 47J ave CVN
Exxx0x	not specified
Exxx1x	+20
Exxx2x	0
Exxx3x	-20
Exxx4x	-30
Exxx5x	-40
Exxx6x	-50
Exxx7x	-60
Exxx8x	-70

## Covering - BB

Exoxx8	Basic
ExxxxBB	Basic, high recovery
ExoxxC	Cellulosic
ExxxxR	Rutile
ExoxxRR	Rutile, heavy cated
ExxxxS	other types

#### Efficiency - 130

The normal electrode efficiency is the ratio of the mass of weld metal to the mass of core wire consumed for a given electrode. It is quoted to the nearest 10% and is included if the figure is equal to or greater than 110.

## Welding Position - 3

1	all positions
2	all positions except vertically down
3	flat and horizontal-vertical
4	flat
5	flat, vertically down and horizontal-vertical
6	any position or combination not included above

### Power Supply Requirements - 1

Digit	Polarity for DC	OCV for AC
0	as recommended	not suitable
1	+ or -	50
2		50
2 3 4	+	50
4	+ or -	70
5		70
5 6	+	70
7	+ or -	80
8	-	80
9	+	80

## Hydrogen Controlled Electrodes - H

The letter H is included for electrodes which deposit not more than 15ml diffusible H,/100g deposited weld metal.