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## **AWS Revises Specifications for Shielded Metal Arc Welding**

**MIAMI, Fla., January 2, 2013** – The American Welding Society has published revised editions of AWS A5.1, *Specification for Carbon Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding* and AWS A5.4, *Specification for Stainless Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding*.

The 60-page AWS A5.1/A5.1M:2012, *Specification for Carbon Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding*, supersedes the 2004 edition. The 52-page A5.4/A5.4M:2012, *Specifications for Stainless Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding*, supersedes the 2006 edition.

The publications are a joint effort of the American Welding Society's A5 Committee on Filler Metals and Allied Materials. The committee is made up of volunteer industry suppliers, end-users, and researchers.

Both A5.1/A5.1M:2012 and A5.4/A5.4M:2012 publications are available at (888) WELDING or [www.aws.org/standards](http://www.aws.org/standards) for \$60 each. American Welding Society members can purchase each standard for just \$45.

About AWS

*The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves nearly 70,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society's website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on "Pressroom."*