



## AWS A3.0 Official Interpretation

- Subject:** Overlap at the ends of Welds
- Document:** A3.0M/A3.0:2010, *Standard Terms and Definitions*
- Provision:** Page 30, Definition for **overlap**, *fusion welding*  
Page 47, Definition for **weld toe**
- Inquiry:** Due to the absence of discussion and figures related to weld end-conditions, it is unclear whether requirements for overlap are applicable at the ends of a weld bead, where the arc starts and stops.
- Response:** The overlap condition (as currently defined) does apply to the ends of welds, not just the sides which are illustrated in the referenced figures.