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**AWS REVISES SPECIFICATION FOR USE AND PERFORMANCE OF
TRANSPARENT WELDING CURTAINS AND SCREENS**

MIAMI, FL., August 9, 2010 - A revised edition of the American Welding Society's AWS F2.3M, *Specification for Use and Performance of Transparent Welding Curtains and Screens*, has been published. The standard known as F2.3M:2011 supersedes the 2001 edition.

The 24-page book applies to transparent welding curtains and screens used for all welding and cutting operations or processes where harmful sparks, spatter, and radiation are emitted, and excludes those sources that emit x-rays, gamma rays, particulate radiation, laser light or electron beams. The purpose of the standard is to provide reasonable and adequate means, ways, and methods for the testing, selection, and safe use of transparent welding curtains and screens.

The publication is the joint effort of the AWS Safety and Health Committee. The committee is made up of volunteer industry suppliers, manufacturers, end-users, and researchers.

AWS F2.3M, *Specification for Use and Performance of Transparent Welding Curtains and Screens*, is available at (888) WELDING or www.aws.org/standards

for \$52. American Welding Society members can purchase the standard for just \$39.

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 more than 63,000 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."

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