AWS D1.1 Interpretation

Subject: Vibratory Stress Relief
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Inquiry:
(1) In accord with D1.1, subsection 4.4, may vibratory stress relief be used as an alternate to thermal stress relief?
(2) If the drawing/spec. is silent relative to vibratory stress relief, may vibratory stress relief be used?

Response:
(1) No. See 4.4. Postweld heat treatment does more than relieve stress.
(2) If compliance with D1.1, subsection 4.4, is not required, this is not a Code question.