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extruding**

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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4954:1993) which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the names of the steel grades have been updated in accordance with ISO/TS 4949;
- for steels not intended for heat treatment, three grades have been removed and five have been added;
- for case hardening steels, eight grades have been added;
- for steels for quenching and tempering, seven grades have been removed and 27 grades have been added;
- for stainless steels, six grades have been removed and ten grades have been added;
- the list of options has been completely updated.

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Steels for cold heading and cold extruding

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for non-alloy and alloy steels that are intended for cold heading or cold extruding and are delivered as wire rods, wire or bars. It also contains specific requirements for:

- steels not intended for heat treatment, with diameters from 2 mm to 100 mm (see [Annex A](#));
- case-hardening steels with diameters from 2 mm to 100 mm (see [Annex B](#));
- steels for quenching and tempering, including boron alloyed steels (see [Table C.3](#)), with diameters from 2 mm to 100 mm (see [Annex C](#));
- stainless steels with diameters of 0,8 mm up to 50 mm for austenitic steels, up to 25 mm for ferritic steels and up to 100 mm for martensitic steels (see [Annex D](#)).

This document (except [Annex A](#)) is applicable to the properties of cold-headed or cold-extruded parts which have been subjected to a subsequent heat treatment. As the properties of the parts in the cold-headed or cold-extruded, and subsequently not-heat-treated condition, are largely dependent on the applied cold-heading or cold-extruding conditions, these are, if necessary, subject to agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer of the parts.

In addition to this document, the general technical delivery requirements of ISO 404 are applicable.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 377, *Steel and steel products — Location and preparation of samples and test pieces for mechanical testing*

ISO 404, *Steel and steel products — General technical delivery requirements*

ISO 642, *Steel — Hardenability test by end quenching (Jominy test)*

ISO 643, *Steels — Micrographic determination of the apparent grain size*

ISO 683-1, *Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 1: Non-alloy steels for quenching and tempering*

ISO 683-2, *Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 2: Alloy steels for quenching and tempering*

ISO 683-3, *Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 3: Case-hardening steels*

ISO 683-18:2014, *Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 18: Bright steel products*

ISO 1035-1, *Hot-rolled steel bars — Part 1: Dimensions of round bars*

ISO 1035-2, *Hot-rolled steel bars — Part 2: Dimensions of square bars*

ISO 1035-3, *Hot-rolled steel bars — Part 3: Dimensions of flat bars*

ISO 1035-4, *Hot-rolled steel bars — Part 4: Tolerances*

ISO 3651-2, *Determination of resistance to intergranular corrosion of stainless steels — Part 2: Ferritic, austenitic and ferritic-austenitic (duplex) stainless steels — Corrosion test in media containing sulfuric acid*

ISO 3887, *Steels — Determination of the depth of decarburization*

ISO 4885, *Ferrous materials — Heat treatments — Vocabulary*

ISO 4948-1, *Steels — Classification — Part 1: Classification of steels into unalloyed and alloy steels based on chemical composition*

ISO 4948-2, *Steels — Classification — Part 2: Classification of unalloyed and alloy steels according to main quality classes and main property or application characteristics*

ISO/TS 4949, *Steel names based on letter symbols*

ISO 4967:2013, *Steel — Determination of content of non-metallic inclusions — Micrographic method using standard diagrams*

ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

ISO 6929, *Steel products — Vocabulary*

ISO 9443, *Heat-treatable and alloy steels — Surface quality classes for hot-rolled round bars and wire rods — Technical delivery conditions*

ISO 9934-1, *Non-destructive testing — Magnetic particle testing — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 10474, *Steel and steel products — Inspection documents*

ISO 14284, *Steel and iron — Sampling and preparation of samples for the determination of chemical composition*

ISO 15549, *Non-destructive testing — Eddy current testing — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 16124, *Steel wire rod — Dimensions and tolerances*

ISO 16143-2, *Stainless steels for general purposes — Part 2: Corrosion-resistant semi-finished products, bars, rods and sections*

ISO 22034-2, *Steel wire and wire products — Part 2: Tolerances on wire dimensions*

JIS G 0555:2015, *Microscopic testing method for the non-metallic inclusions in steel*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 377, ISO 683-1, ISO 683-2, ISO 683-3, ISO 683-18, ISO 4885, ISO 4948-1, ISO 4948-2, ISO 6929, ISO 14284, ISO 16143-2 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 bright steel product
drawn or peeled/turned bar with smoother surface quality and better dimensional accuracy in comparison with a hot-rolled bar

3.2

drawn product

product of various cross-sectional shapes obtained, after descaling, by cold drawing of hot-rolled bars or wire rod, on a drawing bench (cold deformation without removing material)

Note 1 to entry: This operation gives the product special features with respect to shape, dimensional accuracy and surface finish. Products in lengths are delivered straightened, products of small cross-section may also be supplied in coils.

3.3

peeled/turned product

steel bar of circular cross-section having the same features of *drawn products* (3.2) concerning shape, dimensional accuracy and bright surface finish but without work hardening

Note 1 to entry: They are produced by peeling on a peeling machine usually followed by straightening and by polishing. The removal of metal by peeling is carried out in such a way that the bright product is generally free from surface defects and decarburization coming from the hot-rolling process.

4 Classification and designation

4.1 Classification

The classification of the relevant steel grades shall be in accordance with ISO 4948-1 and ISO 4948-2.

All steel grades mentioned in this document are special steels in accordance with ISO 4948-2.

The steels not intended for heat treatment after cold forming (see [Annex A](#)) are non-alloy steels.

The case hardening steel grades (see [Annex B](#)) are alloy steels, except steel grades C10E2C to C20E2C.

The steel grades for quenching and tempering (see [Annex C](#)) are alloy steel grades, except steel grades C35EC to C45RC.

The steel stainless steel grades (see [Annex D](#)) are classified according to their microstructures.

4.2 Designation

For the steel grades covered by this document, the steel names as given in the relevant tables shall be allocated in accordance with ISO/TS 4949.

[Annex F](#) provides a list of steels given in [Annexes A, B, C and D](#) and the comparable grades covered in various designation systems.

5 Information to be supplied by the purchaser

5.1 Mandatory information

The manufacturer shall obtain the following information from the purchaser at the time of enquiry and order:

- a) the quantity to be delivered (mass, length);
- b) the product form (round bar, wire rod, wire);
- c) the nominal diameter and the tolerances on dimensions and shape of the product with reference to the relevant International Standard;
- d) for bars the length and for wire rod and wire the dimensions, i.e. inner diameter and mass of the coils;
- e) reference to this document, i.e. ISO 4954;

- f) the designation of the steel grade given in [Tables A.2, B.2, C.2, C.3](#) and [D.2](#);
- g) if applicable, the symbol for the required heat-treatment condition, see [Tables A.3, B.3](#) to [B.7, C.4](#) to [C.10](#) and [D.3](#) to [D.6](#);
- h) standard designation for a test report 2.2 or, if required, any other type of inspection document in accordance with ISO 10474.

5.2 Options and/or supplementary or special requirements

A number of options are specified in this document and listed below. If the purchaser does not indicate a wish to implement any of these options, the products will be supplied in accordance with the basic specifications of this document (see [5.1](#)).

- a) Any requirement for the hardenability (+H, +HH, +HL) of case hardening steels of [Annex B](#) and of steels for quenching and tempering of [Annex C](#) and for the core hardening (+CH) of steels for quenching and tempering of [Annex C](#), see [7.1.4](#).
- b) Verification of hardenability and, if agreed, information about the calculation of the hardenability for the case hardening steels of [Annex B](#) and for the steels for quenching and tempering of [Annex C](#), see [10.3.1](#).
- c) If another surface condition than hot-rolled or a special surface quality is required, for the surface condition, see [Table 1](#), and for the surface quality of E for bars and D for wire rod, see [7.7.2](#) and [7.7.3](#).
- d) Any requirement relating to the removal of surface defects, see [7.7.6](#).
- e) Any requirement for the verification of the surface quality, see [7.7.5](#).
- f) Any requirement for a product analysis, see [7.1.2.2](#).
- g) Any requirement for the verification of the fine grain structure, see [E.2](#), of case hardening steels of [Annex B](#) and of steels for quenching and tempering of [Annex C](#).
- h) Carbide spheroidization, see [7.3](#), and any requirement for the verification of the carbide spheroidization, see [E.3](#).
- i) Any requirement for the verification of the non-metallic inclusions of case hardening steels of [Annex B](#) and of steels for quenching and tempering of [Annex C](#), see [7.4](#) and [E.4](#).
- j) Internal soundness and any requirements for non-destructive testing, see [7.5](#) and [10.5](#).
- k) Verification of aptitude to cold forming, see [7.6](#) and [10.4](#).
- l) Maximum depth of surface discontinuities for stainless steels, see [7.7.4](#) and [E.5](#).
- m) Any requirement concerning non-destructive testing of the surface, see [7.7.7](#) and [10.5](#).
- n) Depth of decarburization, see [7.8](#), and any requirements for testing the depth of decarburization, see [E.6](#).
- o) Corrosion resistance of stainless steel products and any requirements for resistance to intergranular corrosion, see [E.7](#).
- p) Any requirement concerning surface treatment and temporary corrosion protection, see [11.1](#).
- q) Any special requirements concerning special or additional marking, see [11.2](#).
- r) Any special requirements concerning packaging, see [11.3](#).
- s) Statistical evaluation, see [6.5](#).

5.3 Ordering example

EXAMPLE 50 t round bars with a nominal diameter of 40 mm and a nominal length of 6 000 mm with diameter tolerance according to class S and with length tolerance according to class L2 of ISO 1035-4 made of steel grade ISO 4954 42CrMo4 in the heat-treatment condition +AC+PE (see [Table C.5](#)), with hardenability requirement +H (see [Table C.7](#)) and product analysis with an inspection certificate 3.1 in accordance with ISO 10474.

50 t round bars ISO 1035-4 – 40,0S × 6 000L2

ISO 4954 – 42CrMo4+AC+PE+H – product analysis

ISO 10474 – 3.1

6 Manufacturing process

6.1 General

The manufacturing process of the steel and of the products is, with the restrictions given by the requirements in [6.2](#) to [6.4](#), left to the discretion of the manufacturer.

6.2 Deoxidation

All steels shall be deoxidized. The steels not intended for heat treatment (see [Annex A](#)) are aluminium or silicon killed. By agreement, aluminium may be replaced by another suitable element having a similar effect.

6.3 Heat-treatment condition and surface condition at delivery

6.3.1 Heat-treatment condition

Treatment and heat-treatment condition shall conform to one of the conditions indicated in [Tables A.1](#), [B.1](#), [C.1](#) and [D.1](#).

Bright steel products in cold drawn or peeled/turned condition are coated with a light film of grease from processing. For bright steel products in a finally heat treated condition, the manufacturer chooses the rust protection after heat treatment.

The usual light application of ordinary grease or oil does not afford positive protection against rusting, particularly in the presence of condensation water. Any surface treatment that can facilitate subsequent cold heading and cold extrusion or partially delay any formation of rust shall, if required, be agreed at the time of enquiry and order, see [11.1](#).

6.3.2 Particular surface conditions

If so agreed at the time of enquiry and order, the products shall be delivered in one of the particular surface conditions given in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Surface condition at delivery

Surface condition at delivery		Symbol	Bar	Wire rod	Wire
Particular surface conditions supplied by agreement	as-rolled	none or +AR	x	x	—
	cold drawn	+C	x	—	x
	skin passed	+LC	x	—	x
	peeled	+PE	x	x	x

6.4 Traceability of the cast

Each product shall be traceable to the cast, see [11.2](#).

6.5 Statistical evaluation

Suppliers are responsible, using the means they think fit, for inspecting their product in accordance with various quality criteria specified. In view of the practical difficulties in inspecting a coil of wire rod along its entire length, it cannot be proved that no value greater than the specified limits is to be found in the coil as a whole. Statistical evaluation of performances applicable to all coils may be agreed between the purchaser and the manufacturer at the time of ordering.

7 Requirements

7.1 Chemical composition, mechanical properties and hardenability

7.1.1 General

Wire rod, bars and wire shall be supplied in one of the delivery conditions as indicated in [Tables A.1](#), [B.1](#), [C.1](#) and [D.1](#) as agreed at the time of enquiry and order. These tables show the combinations of usual heat-treatment conditions at delivery, product forms and applicable requirements.

7.1.2 Chemical composition

7.1.2.1 The chemical composition determined by cast analysis shall conform to the values in [Tables A.2](#), [B.2](#), [C.2](#), [C.3](#) and [D.2](#).

In cases where steels for case hardening or for quenching and tempering are ordered with hardenability requirements in accordance with [Tables B.6](#), [B.7](#), [C.7](#), [C.8](#) and [C.9](#), a deviation of the cast analysis with respect to the values indicated in [Tables B.2](#), [C.2](#) and [C.3](#) is admissible, taking into account the prescriptions given in footnote b) of those tables. In any case, however, the deviations in the product analysis in relation to the specified limits of cast analysis shall not exceed the values indicated in [Table 2](#).

7.1.2.2 Permissible deviations between the limiting values for cast analysis and the values for product analysis are given in [Tables 2](#) and [3](#). The product analysis shall be carried out when specified at the time of the enquiry and order.

Table 2 — Permissible deviations between product analysis and the limiting values of the cast analysis specified in [Tables A.2](#), [B.2](#), [C.2](#) and [C.3](#)

Elements	Limiting values of the cast (heat) analysis % mass fraction	Permissible deviation for the product analysis % mass fraction ^a
For non-alloy and alloy steel grades of Annexes A , B and C		
C	≤ 0,50	±0,02
Si	≤ 1,00	±0,03
Mn	≤ 1,00	±0,04
	> 1,00 ≤ 1,45	±0,06
P	≤ 0,025	+0,005
^a ± means that in one heat the deviation of the product analysis for a given element may occur over the upper value or under the lower value of the specified range of the cast analysis, but not both at the same time.		
^b For steels with a specified sulfur range (0,020 % to 0,035 or 0,040 %) according to cast analysis, the permissible deviation is ±0,005 %.		

Table 2 (continued)

Elements	Limiting values of the cast (heat) analysis % mass fraction	Permissible deviation for the product analysis % mass fraction ^a
S	≤ 0,040	+0,005 ^b
Cr	≤ 1,70	±0,05
Ni	≤ 1,00	±0,03
	> 1,00 ≤ 2,00	±0,05
Mo	≤ 0,30	±0,03
	> 0,30 ≤ 0,50	±0,04
Al	≤ 0,060	±0,005
B	≤ 0,005 0	±0,000 3
Cu	≤ 0,25	+0,03

^a ± means that in one heat the deviation of the product analysis for a given element may occur over the upper value or under the lower value of the specified range of the cast analysis, but not both at the same time.

^b For steels with a specified sulfur range (0,020 % to 0,035 or 0,040 %) according to cast analysis, the permissible deviation is ±0,005 %.

Table 3 — Permissible deviations between product analysis and the limiting values of the cast analysis specified in Table D.2

Elements	Limiting values of the cast (heat) analysis % mass fraction	Permissible deviation for the product analysis % mass fraction ^a
For stainless steel grades of Annex D		
C	≤ 0,030	+0,005
	> 0,030 ≤ 0,15	±0,01
Si	≤ 1,00	+0,05
	> 1,00 ≤ 2,00	±0,10
Mn	≤ 1,00	+0,03
	> 1,00 ≤ 2,00	±0,04
P	≤ 0,045	+0,005
S	≤ 0,015	+0,003
	> 0,015 ≤ 0,030	±0,005
Cr	≥ 11,5 < 15,0	±0,15
	≥ 15,0 ≤ 20,0	±0,20
	> 20,0 ≤ 23,0	±0,25
Ni	≤ 1,00	+0,03
	> 1,00 ≤ 5,0	±0,07
	> 5,0 ≤ 10,0	±0,10
	> 10,0 ≤ 20,0	±0,15
Mo	> 20,0 ≤ 27,0	±0,20
	< 1,75	±0,05
N	≥ 1,75 ≤ 3,5	±0,10
	≤ 0,22	±0,02

^a ± means that in one heat the deviation of the product analysis for a given element may occur over the upper value or under the lower value of the specified range of the cast analysis, but not both at the same time.

Table 3 (continued)

Elements	Limiting values of the cast (heat) analysis % mass fraction	Permissible deviation for the product analysis % mass fraction ^a
Al	≤ 0,35	+0,10
B	> 0,001 ≤ 0,010	±0,000 5
Cu	≤ 1,00	+0,04
	> 1,00 ≤ 4,0	±0,10
Ti	≤ 1,00	±0,05
	> 1,00 ≤ 2,35	±0,07
V	≤ 0,50	±0,03

^a ± means that in one heat the deviation of the product analysis for a given element may occur over the upper value or under the lower value of the specified range of the cast analysis, but not both at the same time.

7.1.3 Mechanical properties

The mechanical properties of the products, to be determined by the tensile test (and, as an option, either by end quench test hardenability requirements or by core hardening requirements for steels of [Annexes B](#) and [C](#)) and by consideration of the delivery conditions of [Tables A.1, B.1, C.1](#) and [D.1](#) and of the surface condition of [Table 1](#), shall conform to [Tables A.3, B.3, B.4, B.5, C.4, C.5, C.6, D.3, D.4, D.5](#) and [D.6](#).

7.1.4 Hardenability (only applicable to steel grades of [Annexes B](#) and [C](#))

7.1.4.1 Where the steel is not ordered with hardenability or core hardening requirements, the requirements for mechanical properties apply as given in [Tables B.3, B.4, B.5, C.4, C.5](#) and [C.6](#). In this case, the hardenability values given in [Tables B.6, B.7, C.7, C.8](#) and [C.9](#) and the core hardness values in [Table C.10](#) are for guidance purposes only.

7.1.4.2 In the case of products ordered with standard requirements regarding hardenability, that is, when the steel names or numbers are supplemented by the symbol “+H”, the hardness values obtained in the end quench test (Jominy test) shall conform to the values given in [Tables B.6, C.7](#) and [C.8](#).

In the case of products ordered with restricted requirements regarding the scatter bands of the hardness values obtained by the Jominy test, that is, when the steel name or number is supplemented by the symbols “+HH” or “+HL”, the above hardness values shall conform to the values given in [Tables B.7](#) and [C.9](#).

NOTE 1 The symbol “+HH” denotes that the upper limit of the scatter band coincides with the upper limit for the corresponding steel “+H”.

NOTE 2 The symbol “+HL” denotes that the lower limit of the scatter band coincides with the lower limit for the corresponding steel “+H”.

NOTE 3 For hardenability by calculation and for verification of hardenability, see [10.3](#).

The austenizing temperatures for the Jominy test are given in [Tables B.6, B.7, C.7, C.8](#) and [C.9](#).

7.1.4.3 In the case of steels for quenching and tempering (see [Annex C](#)) ordered with core hardening requirements, that is, when the steel names or number are supplemented by the symbol “+CH”, the minimum core hardness shall conform to the values given in [Table C.10](#).

At least 90 % of the structure shall be martensite.

7.2 Grain size

Steels of [Annexes B](#) and [C](#) (except the non-alloy grades C35EC to C45RC) shall have a fine grain structure with an austenite grain size number of 5 or finer. For verification, see [E.2](#).

For steels of [Annex A](#), the non-alloy grades C35EC to C45RC of [Annex C](#) and the steels of [Annex D](#), unless otherwise agreed, the austenitic grain size is left to the manufacturer's discretion.

7.3 Carbide spheroidization (only applicable for steels of [Annexes A, B and C](#))

If carbide spheroidization is requested, reference shall be made to [E.3](#).

7.4 Non-metallic inclusions

7.4.1 Microscopic inclusions (only applicable for steels of [Annexes B and C](#))

The special steels shall have a certain degree of cleanness. However, verification of the non-metallic inclusion content requires a special agreement. For such an agreement, see [E.4](#).

7.4.2 Macroscopic inclusions

This requirement is applicable to the verification of the macroscopic inclusions in special steels. If verification is agreed, the method and acceptance limits shall be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.

7.5 Internal soundness

Wire rod, bars and wire shall be free from internal defects, which may cause an adverse effect on products during cold heading or cold extrusion or during heat treatment.

Where appropriate, non-destructive-testing relating to the internal soundness of the products shall be agreed at the time of enquiry and order; see [10.5](#).

7.6 Aptitude to cold forming

A test for verification of the aptitude of products to cold forming may be carried out if agreed at the time of enquiry and order with reference to [10.4](#).

7.7 Surface quality

7.7.1 General

All products shall have a smooth surface finish appropriate to the manufacturing process applied. For hot-rolled products, minor surface imperfections, which may occur also under normal manufacturing conditions, such as prints originating from rolled-in scale, are shall not be regarded as defects. It is more difficult to detect and eliminate surface discontinuities from coiled products than from cut lengths. This should be taken into account when agreements on surface quality are made.

7.7.2 Wire rod (only applicable for steels of [Annexes A, B and C](#))

Wire rod shall meet surface quality requirements in accordance with ISO 9443 quality class D. For certain higher applications, quality class E in accordance with ISO 9443 is appropriate and may be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.

7.7.3 Bars (only applicable for steels of [Annexes A, B and C](#))

Bars shall meet surface quality requirements in accordance with ISO 9443 quality class D. Conformity to surface quality in accordance with ISO 9443 quality class E may be agreed at the time of enquiry and

order. When the diameter of the product is greater than the maximum diameter specified in ISO 9443 for the surface quality class concerned, the maximum permissible depth of surface defects on the product shall not be greater than that specified for this maximum diameter.

7.7.4 Wire rod and bars for stainless steels (only applicable for steels of [Annex D](#))

Wire rod is normally supplied in the pickled condition. Mechanical descaling (sandblasting) can also be used, in which case a subsequent treatment in a pickling solution shall be carried out unless otherwise agreed. Particular processes such as peeling or shaving may also be applied, subject to specific agreement at the time of enquiry and order. For an agreement concerning the maximum depth of surface discontinuities, see [E.5](#).

7.7.5 Bright products

For wire, the permissible depth of surface discontinuities shall be in proportion to the reduction of the diameter during cold drawing. Depending on the starting material for cold drawn products, the same requirements apply as specified in [7.7.2](#) and [7.7.4](#).

Cold drawn bars shall be delivered with the surface quality class 1 and peeled/turned bars shall be delivered with surface quality class 3 in accordance with ISO 683-18:2014, Table 4.

7.7.6 Removal of surface defects

Removal of surface defects and imperfections is only permitted after approval from the purchaser.

7.7.7 Non-destructive testing of the surface

A non-destructive testing of the surface with magnetic particle inspection can be agreed at the time of enquiry and order, see [10.5](#).

7.8 Decarburization (only applicable for steels of [Annexes B](#) and [C](#))

Bars and wire rod with as-rolled surface of steels specified in [Table B.2](#), [C.2](#) and [C.3](#) and wire, independently of the heat treatment condition, shall be free from zones of total decarburization.

For bars and wire rod with as-rolled surface and wire partial decarburization (ferrite-pearlite), E is admissible provided that it does not exceed the following limits. For diameters $d \leq 10$ mm, the maximum permissible depth of decarburization is $E = 0,07$ mm. For diameters greater than 10 mm, the maximum permissible depth of decarburization is $E = 0,007 d$.

For cold drawn products with diameters greater than 5 mm, the limits of partial decarburization shall be the same as those for hot-rolled products. For cold drawn products with diameter less than 5 mm, the permissible depth of partial decarburization shall be reduced in function of the reduction of the diameter during the cold drawing.

Peeled/turned bars, wire rod and wire shall be free of decarburization.

If, in special cases, the purchaser requests other values (e.g. bars annealed in an atmosphere that is not controlled the depth of decarburization) for partial decarburization, those values shall be agreed at the time of enquiry and order with reference to [E.6](#). Testing for decarburization should also be done according to [E.6](#).

7.9 Corrosion resistance of stainless steels

Tests for the determination of corrosion resistance of stainless steels of [Annex D](#) may be agreed at the time of enquiry and order with reference to [E.7](#).

7.10 Shape, dimensions and tolerances

The shape, dimensions and tolerances of the products shall conform to the requirements agreed at the time of enquiry and order. The agreements shall be based on corresponding International Standards: ISO 683-18, ISO 1035-1, ISO 1035-2, ISO 1035-3, ISO 1035-4, ISO 16124 and ISO 22034-2, or on other suitable regional standards.

8 Inspection

8.1 Testing procedures and types of documents

8.1.1 Products conforming to this document shall be ordered and delivered with one of the inspection documents as specified in ISO 10474 (or another comparable national standard, such as EN 10204 or JIS G 0415). The type of document shall be agreed upon at the time of enquiry and order. If the order does not contain any specification of this type, a test report 2.2 shall be issued.

8.1.2 If, in accordance with the agreements made at the time of enquiry and order, a test report 2.2 is to be provided, this shall cover the following information:

- a) confirmation that the material conforms to the requirements of the order;
- b) results of the cast analysis for all elements specified in [Tables A.2, B.2, C.2, C.3](#) and [D.2](#) for the steel grade concerned.

8.1.3 If, in accordance with the agreements in the order, an inspection certificate 3.1 or 3.2, is to be provided, the specific inspections and tests described in [8.2](#) and [Clause 10](#) shall be carried out and the results shall be confirmed in the inspection certificate.

In addition, the inspection certificate shall cover:

- a) confirmation that the material conforms to the requirements of the order;
- b) results of the cast analysis for all elements specified in in [Tables A.2, B.2, C.2, C.3](#) and [D.2](#) for the steel grade concerned;
- c) results of all mandatory and optional inspections and tests (see [Table 4](#));
- d) the symbol, letters or numbers relating the inspection certificate, test pieces and products to each other.

8.2 Summary of specific inspection and frequency of testing

The requirements for specific inspection for steels for cold heading and cold extrusion are given in [Table 4](#).

Table 4 — Specific inspection and frequency of inspection of steels for cold heading and cold extrusion

Inspection requirements				Frequency of testing			Applicable for steels according to Annex ^d			
Type of test		Subclause reference	Test unit ^a	Number of samples per test unit	Number of test pieces per sample	A	B	C	D	
Mandatory tests	1	Cast analysis	7.1.2 and 10.1	C	the cast analysis is given by the manufacturer		m	m	m	m
	2	Tensile test	7.1.3 and 10.2	C + D + T	1 for each 15 tons with a maximum of 3	1	m	m	m	m
	3	Surface condition and dimensions	Clause 7 and 10.4	C + D + T	at the manufacturer's discretion	—	m	m	m	m
Optional tests	4	Verification of hardenability or of core hardness	7.1.4 and 10.3	C	1 per cast	1	—	o	o	—
	5	Product analysis	7.1.2 , 9.1 , 10.1	C	1 per cast	1	—	o	o	o
	6	Fine grain structure	7.2 and E.3	C	1 per cast	1	—	o	o	—
	7	Carbide spheroidization	7.3 and E.4	C + D + T	1 for each 15 tons with a maximum of 3	1	—	o	o	—
	8	Non-metallic inclusions	7.4 and E.5	C ^c	b	b	—	o	o	—
	9	NDT-testing	7.5 , 7.7.7 and 10.5	C ^c	b	b	—	o	o	o
	10	Aptitude of cold forming	7.6 and 10.4	C ^c	b	b	—	—	—	o
	11	Decarburization	7.8 and E.6	C + D + T	1 for each 15 tons with a maximum of 3	1	—	o	o	—
	12	Resistance to intergranular corrosion	7.9 and E.7	C ^c	b	b	—	—	—	o

^a The tests shall be carried out separately for each cast as indicated by "C", — for each dimension as indicated by "D" — and for each treatment batch as indicated by "T". Wire rod, bars and wire for which the ratio of nominal section does not exceed 3:1 may be grouped in a single test unit. In cases where heat treatment is performed as a continuous process the symbol "T" denotes that the tests are to be carried out for each 25 ton or fraction thereof.

^b Shall be agreed upon at the time of enquiry and order.

^c The test unit may be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.

^d m = mandatory (to be carried out in every case), o = optional, (to be carried out if agreed at the time of enquiry and order), — is not carried out.

9 Preparation of samples and test pieces

9.1 Selection and preparation of samples for product analysis

Samples for product analysis shall be taken from the test pieces or samples for mechanical testing or from the same location as the mechanical test samples in accordance with ISO 14284.

9.2 Selection and preparation of samples and test pieces for the mechanical test

Samples and test pieces shall be taken in accordance with the general requirements of ISO 377. The test piece shall be prepared in accordance with the prescriptions of ISO 6892-1.

- For products with $d > 25$ mm: The test piece for the tensile test shall be taken to conform to the indication given in [Figure 1 c\)](#).
- For products with $d \leq 25$ mm: The test piece for the tensile test shall be submitted to test without preliminary machining, see [Figure 1 a\)](#). If test equipment does not allow this, the test piece may be prepared by machining, as shown in [Figure 1 b\)](#).

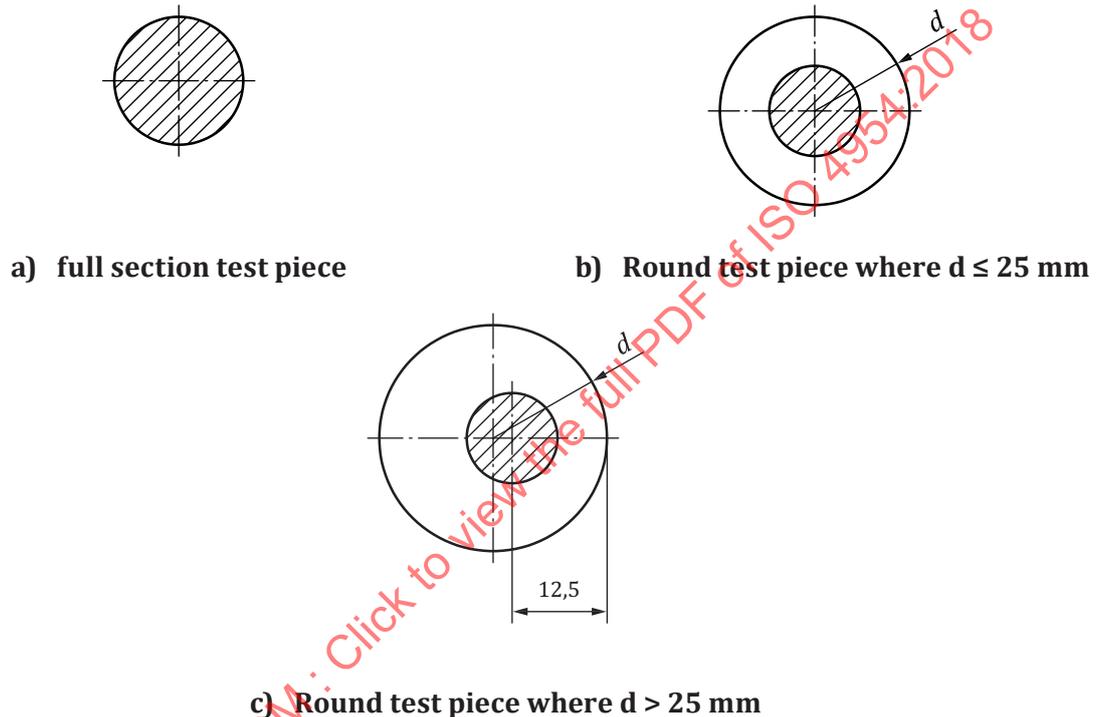


Figure 1 — Location of test piece for the tensile test

The test piece for the Jominy test (hardenability test) shall be obtained by machining from the samples with $d \leq 40$ mm. Depending on the agreements made at the time of ordering, the samples shall be taken from the product concerned, or the billet or bloom originating from the same cast. In the absence of such agreements, the origin of the sample is left to the manufacturer's discretion. The sample shall be obtained by hot rolling or hot forging.

The test piece for evaluation of the core hardening test shall have, as far as possible, the maximum diameter indicated in [Table C.10](#). Test bars with diameters larger than those given in [Table C.10](#) are to be rolled or forged to the maximum diameters of [Table C.10](#). Sampling and sample preparation is left to the manufacturer's discretion, taking into account the indications concerning the test piece for the End Quench test (Jominy test), see ISO 642. The length of the test piece shall be at least four times its diameter.

10 Test methods

10.1 Chemical analysis

The choice of a suitable physical or chemical analytical method for the analysis shall be at the discretion of the manufacturer. In cases of dispute, the method for product analysis used shall be agreed taking into account the relevant existing International Standards.

NOTE The list of available International Standards on chemical analysis is given in ISO/TR 9769.

10.2 Mechanical tests

The tensile test shall be carried out in accordance with ISO 6892-1.

For the specified yield strength in the tables on mechanical properties in this document, the upper yield strength, R_{eH} , shall be determined.

If a yield phenomenon is not present, the 0,2 % proof strength, $R_{p0,2}$, shall be determined.

10.3 Hardenability and core hardness tests

10.3.1 Verification of hardenability

As far as available, the manufacturer has the option to verify the hardenability by calculation. The calculation method is left to the discretion of the manufacturer. If agreed at the time of enquiry and order, the manufacturer shall give sufficient information about the calculation for the customer to confirm the result.

If a calculation formula is not available or in the case of dispute, an end quench hardenability test shall be carried out in accordance with ISO 642. The temperature for austenitizing shall conform to the relevant tables of [Annexes B](#) and [C](#). The hardness values shall be determined in accordance with ISO 6508-1, scale C.

10.3.2 Verification of core hardness

The test piece shall be heated in a furnace with a neutral or reducing atmosphere up to the temperatures indicated in [Table C.10](#). It shall be maintained at that temperature until complete austenitizing takes place.

It shall then be removed from the furnace and quenched immediately in a quenching oil with high cooling capacity until a full equilibrium of temperature is reached, the temperature of the quenching bath being about 50 °C and the rate of movement of the test piece being about 0,25 m/s. The test piece shall then be notched at its midpoint in a direction perpendicular to its longitudinal axis and then broken. One of the fracture surfaces shall be polished (care should be taken to prevent excessive local heating).

The Rockwell hardness at the centre of the fracture surface shall then be determined in accordance with ISO 6508-1, scale C.

10.4 Aptitude to cold forming

10.4.1 Upsetting test for non-alloy and alloy steels of [Annexes A, B](#) and [C](#)

The surfaces of the end sections of the above test pieces shall be flat and parallel to each other and their initial length (height) shall be $h = 1,5 * d$, where d is the test piece diameter. During the test, the length (height) of the test piece shall be reduced to one third of its initial value.

Supplementary for treated condition "AC" and diameter less than 25 mm ($d < 25$ mm), the following may be agreed between the manufacturer and the customer. The surfaces of the end sections of the above

test pieces shall be flat and parallel to each other and their initial length (height) shall be $h = 2,0 \cdot d$, where d is the test piece diameter. During the test, the length (height) of the test piece shall be reduced to one quarter of its initial value.

The tests shall be carried out at room temperature. The assessment and acceptance criteria shall also be agreed at time of enquiry and order.

NOTE Hot-rolled surface grooves, which result from rolling scores, on test pieces are not considered as being a cause for rejection.

10.4.2 Upsetting test for stainless steels of [Annex D](#)

A test piece with an initial length (height) equal to $1,5 d$, where d is the product diameter, is submitted to axial heading by means of a press until its length is reduced to one third of the initial value.

The above test shall be carried out at an ambient temperature and shall be limited to products with a maximum diameter of 15 mm.

The criteria for the assessment of test results shall be agreed at the time of ordering, bearing in mind the end use for which the products are intended.

10.5 Non-destructive testing

Concerning the internal soundness, the products shall be non-destructively tested, preferably with an ultrasonic test and under acceptance criteria to be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.

Concerning the surface of the products, the eddy current test in accordance with ISO 15549 or the magnetic particle test in accordance with ISO 9934-1 shall be performed. The descaling of the test pieces is not requested unless otherwise agreed at the time of enquiry and order. The absence of detectable cracks on the test piece after it has been submitted to magnetic particle inspection shall be considered as evidence that the product concerned is free from surface defects.

10.6 Visual and dimensional test

A sufficient number of products shall be inspected to ensure conformity to the specification. The corresponding International Standards are ISO 683-18, ISO 1035-1, ISO 1035-2, ISO 1035-3, ISO 1035-4, ISO 16124 and ISO 22034-2.

10.7 Retests

Retests shall be as specified in ISO 404.

11 Surface treatment, marking and packaging

11.1 Surface treatment and temporary corrosion protection

Surface treatment can facilitate subsequent cold heading and cold extrusion or partially delay any formation of rust. This treatment can include, e.g. descaling, treatment with lime and/or phosphate and/or adequate protection during transport and storage, and shall be subject to an agreement at the time of enquiry and order.

11.2 Marking

The manufacturer shall mark the products or the bundles or boxes containing the products in a suitable way, so that the identification of the cast, the steel type and the origin of the delivery is possible.

Further requirements to special marking of the products shall be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.

11.3 Packaging

A special method of packaging of the product to be delivered shall be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.

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Annex A (normative)

Specific requirements for cold heading and cold extruding steels not intended for heat treatment after cold working

Table A.1 — Combinations of heat treatments conditions at delivery, product forms and applicable requirements

Delivery condition	Symbols	Product form ^a			Applicable requirements			
		Wire rod	Bar	Wire				
Untreated (as hot-rolled)	+AR	X	X	—	Chemical composition as specified in Tables A.2	Mechanical properties as specified in Table A.3	Supplementary or special requirements as specified in Annex E ^b	
	peeled	+AR+PE	X	X				—
	cold drawn	+AR+C	—	X				X
Untreated +	cold drawn + spheroidized	+AR+C+AC	—	X				X
	cold drawn + spheroidized + skin passed	+AR+C+AC+LC	—	X				X
Annealed to achieve spheroidized carbides +	as treated or peeled	+AC or AC+PE	X	X				—
	cold drawn	+AC+C	—	X				X
Other	Other delivery conditions may be agreed at the time of ordering							
^a X = applicable, — = not applicable. ^b If agreed at the time of enquiry and order.								

Table A.2 — Chemical composition (applicable to cast analysis) of steels not intended for heat treatment after cold working^a

Steel name	% mass fraction ^a										
	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	Al ^b	Cu	Cr + Ni + Mo
Non-alloy steel grades											
C2C	0,03	0,10	0,20 to 0,40 ^d	0,020	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	0,020 to 0,060	0,30	0,50
C4C	0,02 to 0,06	0,10	0,25 to 0,40	0,020	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	0,020 to 0,060	0,30	0,50
C8C	0,06 to 0,10	0,10	0,25 to 0,45	0,020	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	0,020 to 0,060	0,30	0,50
C10C	0,08 to 0,12	0,10	0,30 to 0,50	0,025	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	0,020 to 0,060	0,30	0,50
C10GC	0,08 to 0,12	0,15 to 0,25 ^c	0,30 to 0,50	0,025	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	— ^c	0,30	0,50
C15C	0,13 to 0,17	0,10	0,35 to 0,60	0,025	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	0,020 to 0,060	0,30	0,50
C15GC	0,13 to 0,17	0,15 to 0,25 ^c	0,35 to 0,60	0,025	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	— ^c	0,30	0,50
C17C	0,15 to 0,19	0,10	0,65 to 0,85	0,025	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	0,020 to 0,060	0,30	0,50
C17GC	0,15 to 0,19	0,15 to 0,25 ^c	0,65 to 0,85	0,025	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	— ^c	0,30	0,50
C20C	0,18 to 0,22	0,10	0,70 to 0,90 ^d	0,025	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	0,020 to 0,060	0,30	0,50
C20GC	0,18 to 0,22	0,15 to 0,25 ^c	0,70 to 0,90 ^d	0,025	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	— ^c	0,30	0,50
C25C	0,23 to 0,27	0,10	0,80 to 1,00 ^d	0,025	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	0,020 to 0,060	0,30	0,50
C25GC	0,23 to 0,27	0,15 to 0,25 ^c	0,80 to 1,00 ^d	0,025	0,025	0,30	0,30	0,10	— ^c	0,30	0,50

Elements not quoted in this table should not be intentionally added to the steel without the agreement of the purchaser, except those intended for finishing the heat. All reasonable precautions shall be taken in order to prevent the addition of elements from scrap or other material used in the production process. However, residual elements may be present provided that they do not affect the mechanical properties and applicability.

- a Maximum values unless otherwise indicated.
- b Aluminium may be replaced by another element or elements having a similar effect.
- c Grades C10GC, C15GC, C17GC and C20GC can be delivered in two qualities: a) with an aluminium content of Al max. 0,015 %, or b) without aluminium and a silicon content of 0,15 to 0,25 % for hot dip zinc coating.
- d For grades C2C, C20C, C20GC and C25C, a lower manganese content may be specified with a range of 0,20 %.

Table A.3 — Mechanical properties of wire rod, bars and wire not intended for heat treatment after cold working

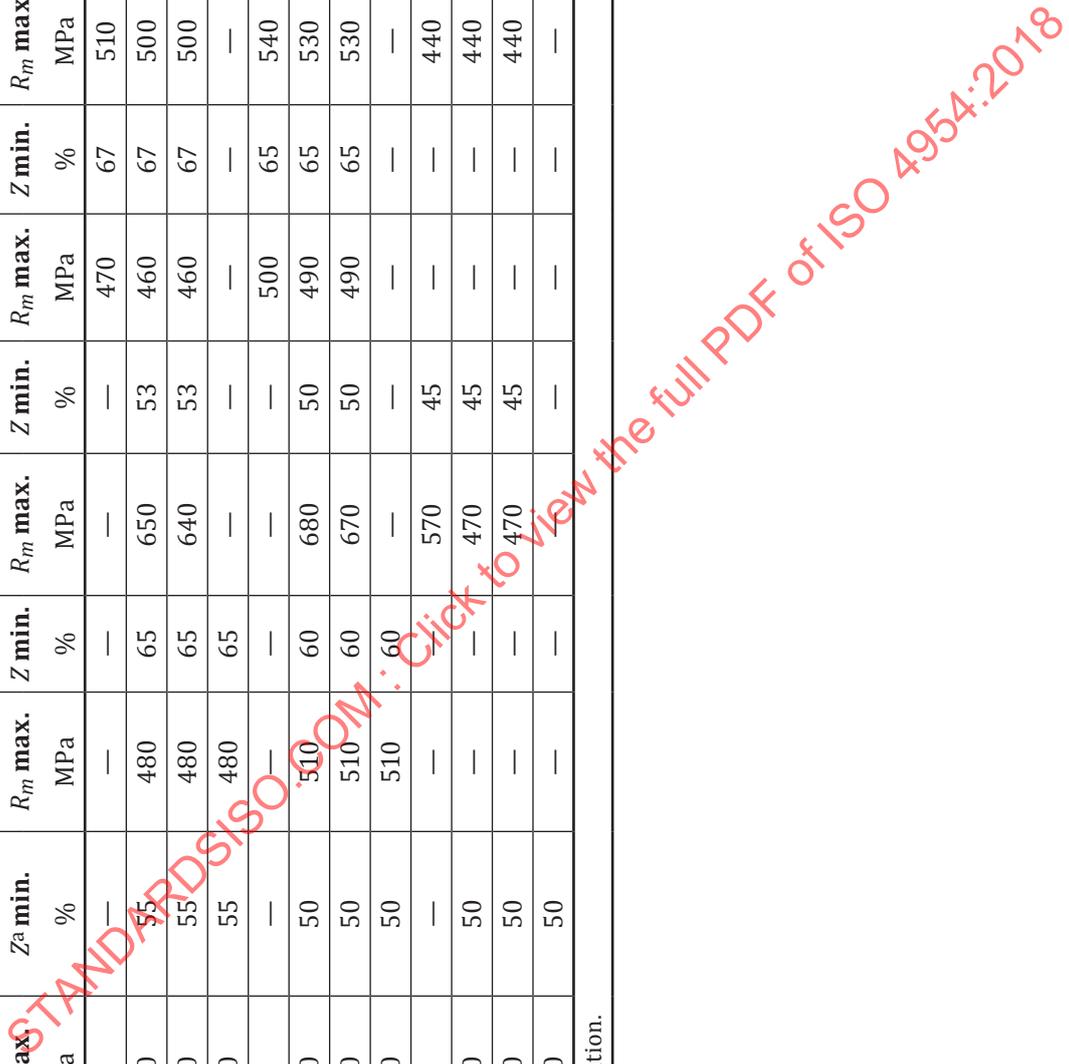
Steel name	Diameter		Delivery Condition																			
			+AR or +AR+PE				+AC or +AC+PE				+AR+C				+AR+C+AC				+AR+C+AC+LC			
	above mm	up to mm	R_m max. MPa	Z ^a min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %																
C2C	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	5	10	360	75	—	450	70	—	300	80	—	300	80	—	340	75	—	—	—	—	—	
	10	40	360	75	—	440	70	—	300	80	—	300	80	—	340	75	—	—	—	—	—	
	40	100	360	75	—	440	68	—	300	80	—	300	80	—	340	75	—	—	—	—	—	
C4C	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	5	10	390	70	—	470	66	—	310	77	—	310	77	—	350	73	—	—	—	—	—	
	10	40	390	70	—	460	66	—	300	77	—	300	77	—	350	73	—	—	—	—	—	
	40	100	390	70	—	460	66	—	300	77	—	300	77	—	350	73	—	—	—	—	—	
C8C	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	5	10	410	65	—	490	63	—	340	72	—	340	72	—	380	68	—	—	—	—	—	
	10	40	410	65	—	480	63	—	340	72	—	340	72	—	380	68	—	—	—	—	—	
	40	100	410	65	—	480	63	—	340	72	—	340	72	—	380	68	—	—	—	—	—	
C10C	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	5	10	430	60	—	520	58	—	360	72	—	360	72	—	400	68	—	—	—	—	—	
	10	40	430	60	—	510	58	—	360	72	—	360	72	—	400	68	—	—	—	—	—	
	40	100	430	60	—	510	58	—	360	72	—	360	72	—	400	68	—	—	—	—	—	
C15C	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	5	10	460	58	—	550	56	—	380	70	—	380	70	—	420	66	—	—	—	—	—	
	10	40	460	58	—	540	56	—	380	70	—	380	70	—	420	66	—	—	—	—	—	
	40	100	460	58	—	540	56	—	380	70	—	380	70	—	420	66	—	—	—	—	—	
C17C	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	5	10	520	58	—	610	56	—	420	67	—	420	67	—	460	63	—	—	—	—	—	
	10	40	520	58	—	600	56	—	420	67	—	420	67	—	460	63	—	—	—	—	—	
	40	100	520	58	—	600	56	—	420	67	—	420	67	—	460	63	—	—	—	—	—	

^a The values are given only for information.

Table A.3 (continued)

Steel name	Diameter		Delivery Condition															
			+AR or +AR+PE			+AC or +AC+PE			+AR+C			+AR+C+AC			+AR+C+AC+LC			+AC+C
	above mm	up to mm	R_m max. MPa	Z ^a min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %
C20C C20GC	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	5	10	560	55	480	65	650	53	460	67	500	63	570	60	—	—	—	—
	10	40	560	55	480	65	640	53	460	67	500	63	560	60	—	—	—	—
	40	100	560	55	480	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C25C	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	5	10	590	50	510	60	680	50	490	65	530	60	600	55	—	—	—	—
	10	40	590	50	510	60	670	50	490	65	530	60	590	55	—	—	—	—
	40	100	590	50	510	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C25GC	2	5	—	—	—	—	570	45	—	—	440	55	—	—	—	—	—	—
	5	10	590	50	—	—	470	45	—	—	440	55	440	55	—	—	—	—
	10	40	590	50	—	—	470	45	—	—	440	55	440	55	—	—	—	—
	40	100	590	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

^a The values are given only for information.



Annex B
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Specific requirements for cold heading and cold extruding case-hardening steels

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Table B.1 — Combinations of heat treatments conditions at delivery, product forms and applicable requirements

Heat-treatment condition at delivery	Symbol	Products form ^a			Applicable requirements in cases where the steel concerned has been ordered with reference to the steel names indicated in Tables B.2, B.3, B.4 or B.5				Optional
		Wire rod	Bar	Wire	Chemical composition as specified in Tables B.2	Mechanical properties as specified in Table B.3, B.4 and B.5	Chemical composition as specified in Table B.2	Mechanical properties as specified in Tables B.3, B.4 and B.5	
As hot-rolled or peeled	+AR or +PE	X	X	X					
Cold drawn	+AR +C	—	X	x					
Cold drawn + spheroidized	+AR +C +AC	—	x	x					
Cold drawn + spheroidized + skin passed	+AR +C +AC + LC	—	x	x					Supplementarily or special requirements as specified in Annex E^b
Spheroidized or spheroidized + peeled	+AC or +AC +PE	X	X	X					
Spheroidized + cold drawn	+AC + C	—	x	x					
Treated to ferrite-pearlite structure and hardness range	+FP	—	X	—					
Others					Other delivery conditions may be agreed at the time of ordering				

^a X = applicable, — = not applicable.

^b If agreed at the time of the enquiry and order.

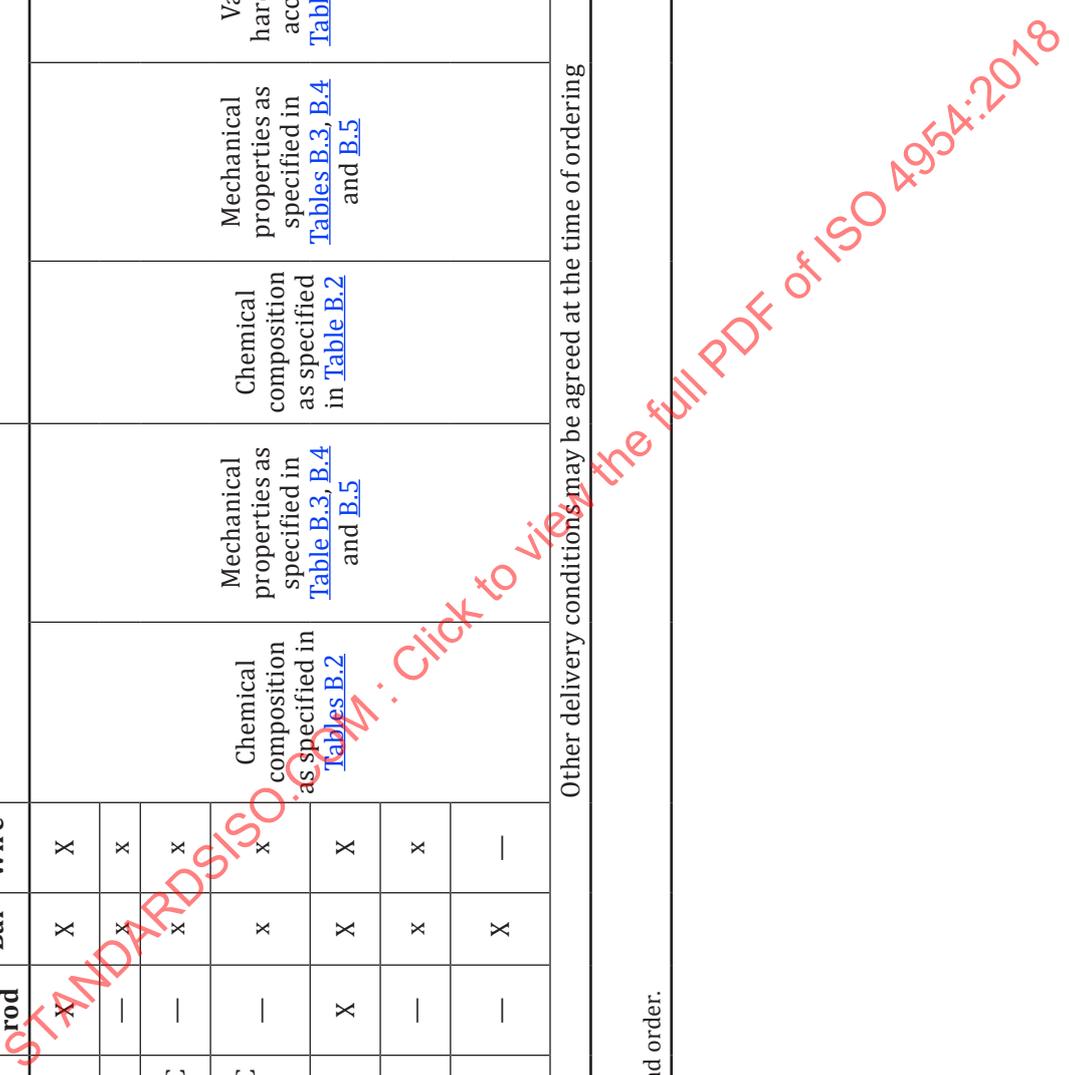


Table B.2 — Chemical composition (applicable to cast analysis) of steels for case hardening

Steel name ^b	% mass fraction ^a										
	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	B	Cu	
Non-alloy steel grades											
C10E2C	0,08 to 0,12	0,30	0,30 to 0,60	0,025	0,025	—	—	—	—	—	0,25
C15E2C	0,13 to 0,17	0,30	0,30 to 0,60	0,025	0,025	—	—	—	—	—	0,25
C17E2C	0,15 to 0,19	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	—	—	—	—	—	0,25
C20E2C	0,18 to 0,22	0,30	0,30 to 0,60	0,025	0,025	—	—	—	—	—	0,25
Alloy steel grades											
18MnB4	0,16 to 0,20	0,30	0,90 to 1,20	0,025	0,025	—	—	—	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25
22MnB4	0,20 to 0,24	0,30	0,90 to 1,20	0,025	0,025	—	—	—	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25
17Cr3	0,12 to 0,20	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,70 to 1,25	—	—	—	—	0,25
17CrS3	0,12 to 0,20	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	0,70 to 1,25	—	—	—	—	0,25
20Cr4	0,17 to 0,23	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	—	—	—	0,25
20CrS4	0,17 to 0,23	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	0,90 to 1,20	—	—	—	—	0,25
16MnCr5	0,14 to 0,19	0,30	1,00 to 1,30	0,025	0,025	0,80 to 1,10	—	—	—	—	0,25
16MnCrS5	0,14 to 0,19	0,30	1,00 to 1,30	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	0,80 to 1,10	—	—	—	—	0,25
16MnCrB5	0,14 to 0,19	0,30	1,00 to 1,30	0,025	0,025	0,80 to 1,10	—	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	—	0,25
20MnCrS5	0,17 to 0,22	0,30	1,10 to 1,40	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	1,00 to 1,30	—	—	—	—	0,25
12CrMo4	0,10 to 0,15	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	0,15 to 0,25	—	—	0,25
18CrMo4	0,15 to 0,21	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	0,15 to 0,25	—	—	0,25
18CrMoS4	0,15 to 0,21	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	0,90 to 1,20	—	0,15 to 0,25	—	—	0,25
20MoCr4	0,17 to 0,23	0,30	0,70 to 1,00	0,025	0,025	0,30 to 0,60	—	0,40 to 0,50	—	—	0,25
20MoCrS4	0,17 to 0,23	0,30	0,70 to 1,00	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	0,30 to 0,60	—	0,40 to 0,50	—	—	0,25

Elements not quoted in this table should not be intentionally added to the steel without the agreement of the purchaser, except those intended for finishing the heat. All reasonable precautions shall be taken in order to prevent the addition of such elements from scrap or other materials used in the production process, which may affect the hardenability, mechanical properties and applicability.

To improve the performance of cold heading, it is possible to add Al: 0,020 % to 0,050 %.

^a Maximum values unless otherwise indicated.

^b In the case of steels with hardenability requirements (see Tables B.6 and B.7), minor deviations from the specified limits are permitted (with the exception of sulfur and phosphorus), provided that they do not exceed 0,01 % for carbon and the values indicated in Table 2 for the other elements.

^c A lower silicon content or a specific silicon range may be agreed at the time of ordering.

Table B.2 (continued)

Steel name ^b	% mass fraction ^a										
	C	Si ^c	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	B	Cu	
10NiCr-5-4	0,07 to 0,12	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	1,20 to 1,50	—	—	0,25	
12NiCr-3-2	0,09 to 0,15	0,30	0,30 to 0,60	0,025	0,025	0,40 to 0,70	0,50 to 0,80	—	—	0,25	
17CrNi6-6	0,14 to 0,20	0,30	0,50 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	1,40 to 1,70	1,40 to 1,70	—	—	0,25	
20NiCrMo2-2	0,17 to 0,23	0,30	0,65 to 0,95	0,025	0,025	0,35 to 0,70	0,40 to 0,70	0,15 to 0,25	—	0,25	
20NiCrMoS2-2	0,17 to 0,23	0,30	0,65 to 0,95	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	0,35 to 0,70	0,40 to 0,70	0,15 to 0,25	—	0,25	
20NiCrMo7	0,17 to 0,23	0,30	0,40 to 0,70	0,025	0,025	0,35 to 0,65	1,60 to 2,00	0,20 to 0,30	—	0,25	
20NiCrMoS6-4	0,16 to 0,23	0,30	0,50 to 0,90	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	0,60 to 0,90	1,40 to 1,70	0,25 to 0,35	—	0,25	

Elements not quoted in this table should not be intentionally added to the steel without the agreement of the purchaser, except those intended for finishing the heat. All reasonable precautions shall be taken in order to prevent the addition of such elements from scrap or other materials used in the production process, which may affect the hardenability, mechanical properties and applicability.

To improve the performance of cold heading, it is possible to add Al: 0,020% to 0,050 %.

^a Maximum values unless otherwise indicated.

^b In the case of steels with hardenability requirements (see Tables B.6 and B.7), minor deviations from the specified limits are permitted (with the exception of sulfur and phosphorus), provided that they do not exceed 0,01 % for carbon and the values indicated in Table 2 for the other elements.

^c A lower silicon content or a specific silicon range may be agreed at the time of ordering.

Table B.3 — Mechanical properties of non-alloy steel grades

Steel names	Diameter		Delivery condition											
	above mm	up to mm	+AR or +PE		+AC or +AC+PE		+AR+C		+AR+C+AC		+AR+C+AC+LC		+AC+C	
			R_m max. MPa	Z^a min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %								
C10E2C	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	390	67	430	65	—	—
	5	10	450	58	400	65	540	56	380	67	420	65	490	62
	10	40	450	58	400	65	530	56	380	67	420	65	480	62
	40	100	450	58	400	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C15E2C	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	420	67	460	65	—	—
	5	10	480	58	430	65	570	56	410	67	450	65	520	62
	10	40	480	58	430	65	560	56	410	67	450	65	510	62
	40	100	480	58	430	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C17E2C	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	440	67	480	65	—	—
	5	10	530	58	450	65	630	56	430	67	470	65	550	62
	10	40	530	58	450	65	620	56	430	67	470	65	540	62
	40	100	530	58	450	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C20E2C	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	460	67	500	65	—	—
	5	10	530	58	470	65	640	56	450	67	490	65	580	62
	10	40	530	58	470	65	630	56	450	67	490	65	570	62
	40	100	530	58	470	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

^a The values are given only for information.

Table B.4 — Mechanical properties of boron-alloyed steel grades

Steel name	Diameter		Delivery condition											
	above mm	up to mm	+AR		+AC or +AC+PE		+AR+C		+AR+C+AC		+AR+C+AC+LC		+AC+C	
			R_m max. MPa	Z^a min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %								
18MnB4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	500	64	540	62	—	—
	5	10	580	55	500	64	680	64	480	64	520	62	600	59
	10	40	580	55	500	64	670	64	480	64	520	62	590	59
22MnB4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	520	64	560	62	—	—
	5	10	600	55	520	62	720	64	500	64	540	62	630	59
	10	40	600	55	520	62	710	64	500	64	540	62	620	59

^a The values are given only for information.

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Table B.5 — Mechanical properties of alloyed steel grades

Steel names	Diameter		+AC						+FP			Delivery condition					
	above mm	up to mm	R _m max. MPa		Z min. %		HB min. max.		+AR+C+AC			+AR+C+AC+LC			+AC+C		
			R _m max. MPa	Z min. %	R _m max. MPa	Z min. %											
17Cr3 17CrS3	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	520	62	520	62	560	60	—	—	
	5	10	520	60	140	187	—	500	62	540	60	630	57				
	10	40	520	60	140	187	—	500	62	540	60	620	57				
20Cr4 20CrS4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	540	60	580	60	640	55				
	10	40	640	60	—	—	—	540	60	580	60	640	55				
16MnCr5 16MnCrS5 16MnCrB5	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	550	64	590	62	—	—				
	5	10	550	62	140	187	—	530	64	570	62	660	59				
	10	40	550	62	140	187	—	530	64	570	62	650	59				
20MnCr5S5	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	570	62	610	60	—	—				
	5	10	570	60	152	201	—	550	62	590	60	680	57				
	10	40	570	60	152	201	—	550	62	590	60	670	57				
12CrMo4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	500	—	—	—	—	—				
	5	10	500	62	135	185	—	480	64	520	62	—	—				
	10	40	500	62	135	185	—	480	64	520	62	—	—				
18CrMo4 18CrMoS4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	550	62	590	60	—	—				
	5	10	550	60	140	187	—	530	62	570	60	660	57				
	10	40	550	60	140	187	—	530	62	570	60	650	57				
20MoCr4 20MoCrS4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	560	62	600	60	—	—				
	5	10	560	60	140	187	—	540	62	580	60	670	57				
	10	40	560	60	140	187	—	540	62	580	60	660	57				
10NiCr5-4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	520	64	560	62	—	—				
	5	10	520	62	137	187	—	500	64	540	62	640	59				
	10	40	520	62	137	187	—	500	64	540	62	630	59				

Table B.6 — Hardness limits for steel grades with standard hardenability (+H grades)

Steel name	Symbol	Austenitizing temperature °C ± 5 °C	Limits of range	Hardness HRC at a distance from quenched end of test piece (in mm) of															
				1,5	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	20	25	30	35	40			
18MnB4	+H	890	max.	46	45	44	41	39	35	32	28	21	—	—	—	—	—		
			min.	40	38	37	30	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
22MnB4	+H	880	max.	49	48	47	45	42	39	35	32	24	20	—	—	—	—		
			min.	43	41	40	32	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
17Cr3	+H	880	max.	47	44	40	33	29	27	25	24	23	21	—	—	—	—		
17CrS3	+H	880	min.	39	35	25	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
20Cr4	+H	900	max.	49	48	46	42	38	36	34	32	29	27	26	24	23	—		
20CrS4	+H	900	min.	41	38	31	26	23	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
16MnCr5	+H	870	max.	47	46	44	41	39	37	35	33	31	30	29	28	27	—		
16MnCrS5	+H	870	min.	39	36	31	28	24	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
16MnCrB5	+H	870	max.	47	46	44	41	39	37	35	33	31	30	29	28	27	—		
16MnCrS5	+H	870	min.	39	36	31	28	24	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
20MnCrS5	+H	870	max.	49	49	48	46	43	42	41	39	37	35	34	33	32	—		
20MnCrS5	+H	870	min.	41	39	36	33	30	28	26	25	23	21	—	—	—	—		
12CrMo4	+H	870	max.	44	43	41	38	34	30	28	27	23	21	—	—	—	—		
12CrMo4	+H	870	min.	36	34	30	26	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
18CrMo4	+H	880	max.	47	46	45	42	39	37	35	34	31	29	28	27	26	—		
18CrMoS4	+H	880	min.	39	37	34	30	27	24	22	21	—	—	—	—	—	—		
20MoCr4	+H	910	max.	49	47	44	41	38	35	33	31	28	26	25	24	24	—		
20MoCrS4	+H	910	min.	41	37	31	27	24	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
10NiCr5	+H	880	max.	41	39	37	34	32	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
10NiCr5	+H	880	min.	32	27	24	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
12NiCr3-2	+H	870	max.	43	40	35	26	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
12NiCr3-2	+H	870	min.	37	32	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
17CrNi6-6	+H	870	max.	47	47	46	45	43	42	41	39	37	35	34	34	33	33		
17CrNi6-6	+H	870	min.	39	38	36	35	32	30	28	26	24	22	21	20	20	20		
20NiCrMo2-2	+H	880	max.	49	48	45	42	36	33	31	30	27	25	24	24	23	—		
20NiCrMoS2-2	+H	880	min.	41	37	31	25	22	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		

Table B.6 (continued)

Steel name	Symbol	Austenitizing temperature °C ± 5 °C	Limits of range	Hardness HRC at a distance from quenched end of test piece (in mm) of												
				1,5	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	20	25	30	35	40
20NiCrMo7	+H	900	max.	48	47	45	42	39	36	34	32	29	26	25	24	24
			min.	40	38	34	30	27	25	23	22	20	—	—	—	—
20NiCrMoS6-4	+H	880	max.	49	49	48	48	47	47	46	44	41	39	38	37	36
			min.	41	40	39	36	33	30	28	26	23	21	—	—	—

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Table B.7 — Hardness limits for steel grades with restricted hardenability scatter bands (+HH and +HL grades)

Steel names	Symbol	Austenitizing temperature °C ± 5 °C	Limits of range	Hardness HRC at a distance from quenched end of test piece (in mm) of															
				1,5	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	20	25	30	35	40			
17Cr3 17CrS3	+HH	880	max.	44	40	33	29	27	25	24	23	21	—	—	—	—	—		
	+HL		min.	38	30	24	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
20Cr4 20CrS4	+HH	900	max.	44	41	35	29	25	23	21	20	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	+HL		min.	39	35	25	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
16MnCr5 16MnCrS5	+HH	870	max.	49	48	46	42	38	36	34	32	29	27	26	24	23	—		
	+HL		min.	44	41	36	31	28	26	24	22	—	—	—	—	—	—		
16MnCrB5	+HH	870	max.	46	45	41	37	33	31	29	27	24	22	21	—	—	—		
	+HL		min.	41	38	31	26	23	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
20MnCrS5	+HH	870	max.	47	46	44	41	39	37	35	33	31	30	29	28	27	—		
	+HL		min.	42	39	35	32	29	26	24	22	20	—	—	—	—	—		
12CrMo4	+HH	870	max.	44	43	40	37	34	32	30	28	26	25	24	23	22	—		
	+HL		min.	39	36	31	28	24	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
18CrMo4 18CrMoS4	+HH	880	max.	49	49	48	46	43	42	41	39	37	35	34	33	32	—		
	+HL		min.	44	42	40	37	34	33	31	30	28	26	25	24	23	22	—	

Table B.7 (continued)

Steel names	Symbol	Austenitizing temperature °C ± 5 °C	Limits of range	Hardness HRC at a distance from quenched end of test piece (in mm) of														
				1,5	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	20	25	30	35	40		
20MoCr4	+HH	910	max.	49	47	44	41	38	35	33	31	28	26	25	24	24		
	+HL		min.	44	40	35	32	29	26	24	22	—	—	—	—	—		
20MoCrS4	+HH	880	max.	46	44	40	36	33	31	29	27	24	22	21	20	20		
	+HL		min.	41	37	31	27	24	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
10NiCr5-4	+HH	880	max.	41	39	37	34	32	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	+HL		min.	33	29	26	24	21	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
17CrNi6-6	+HH	870	max.	38	35	32	30	27	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	+HL		min.	32	27	24	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
20NiCrMo2-2	+HH	880	max.	47	47	46	45	43	42	41	39	37	35	34	34	33		
	+HL		min.	42	41	39	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	25	25	24		
20NiCrMoS2-2	+HH	880	max.	44	44	43	42	39	38	37	35	33	31	30	29	29		
	+HL		min.	39	38	36	35	32	30	28	26	24	22	21	20	20		
20NiCrMoS6-4	+HH	880	max.	49	48	45	42	36	33	31	30	27	25	24	24	23		
	+HL		min.	44	41	36	31	27	24	22	21	—	—	—	—	—		
20NiCrMoS6-4	+HH	880	max.	46	44	40	36	31	29	27	26	23	21	20	20	—		
	+HL		min.	41	37	31	25	22	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
20NiCrMoS6-4	+HH	880	max.	49	49	48	48	47	47	46	44	41	39	38	37	36		
	+HL		min.	44	43	42	40	38	36	34	32	29	27	26	25	24		
20NiCrMoS6-4	+HH	880	max.	46	46	45	44	42	41	40	38	35	33	32	31	30		
	+HL		min.	41	40	39	36	33	30	28	26	23	21	—	—	—		

Annex C
(normative)

**Specific requirements for cold heading and cold extruding steels
for quenching and tempering**

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Table C.1 — Combinations of heat treatment conditions at delivery, product forms and applicable requirements

Heat-treatment condition at delivery	Symbol	Products forma			Applicable requirements in cases where the steel concerned has been ordered with reference to the steel names indicated in Tables C.2, C.3, C.4, C.5, C.6, C.7, C.8 Tables C.2, C.3, C.4, C.5, C.6 or C.10 or C.9						Optional			
		Wire rod	Bar	Wire	Tables C.2, C.3, C.4, C.5 or C.6	Tables C.2, C.3, C.4, C.5, C.6, C.7, C.8	Values for hardenability according to Tables C.7, C.8 and C.9	Chemical composition as specified in Tables C.2 and C.3	Mechanical properties as specified in Tables C.4, C.5 and C.6	Mechanical properties as specified in Tables C.4, C.5 and C.6		Chemical composition as specified in Tables C.2 and C.3	Mechanical properties as specified in Tables C.4, C.5 and C.6	Minimum core hardness and maximum diameter according to Table C.10
As hot-rolled or peeled	+AR or +PE	X	X	x										
Cold drawn	+AR+C	—	x	x										
Cold drawn + spheroidized	+AR+C+AC	—	X	x										
Cold drawn + spheroidized + skin passed	+AR+C+AC+LC	—	x	X										
Spheroidized or spheroidized + peeled	+AC or +AC+PE	X	X	X										
Spheroidized + cold drawn	+AC+C	—	x	x										
Spheroidized + cold drawn + spheroidized	+AC+C+AC	—	x	x										
Spheroidized + cold drawn + spheroidized + skin passed	+AC+C+AC+LC	—	x	x										
Others														

Other delivery conditions may be agreed at the time of ordering

a X = applicable, — = not applicable.
 b If agreed at the time of the enquiry and order.

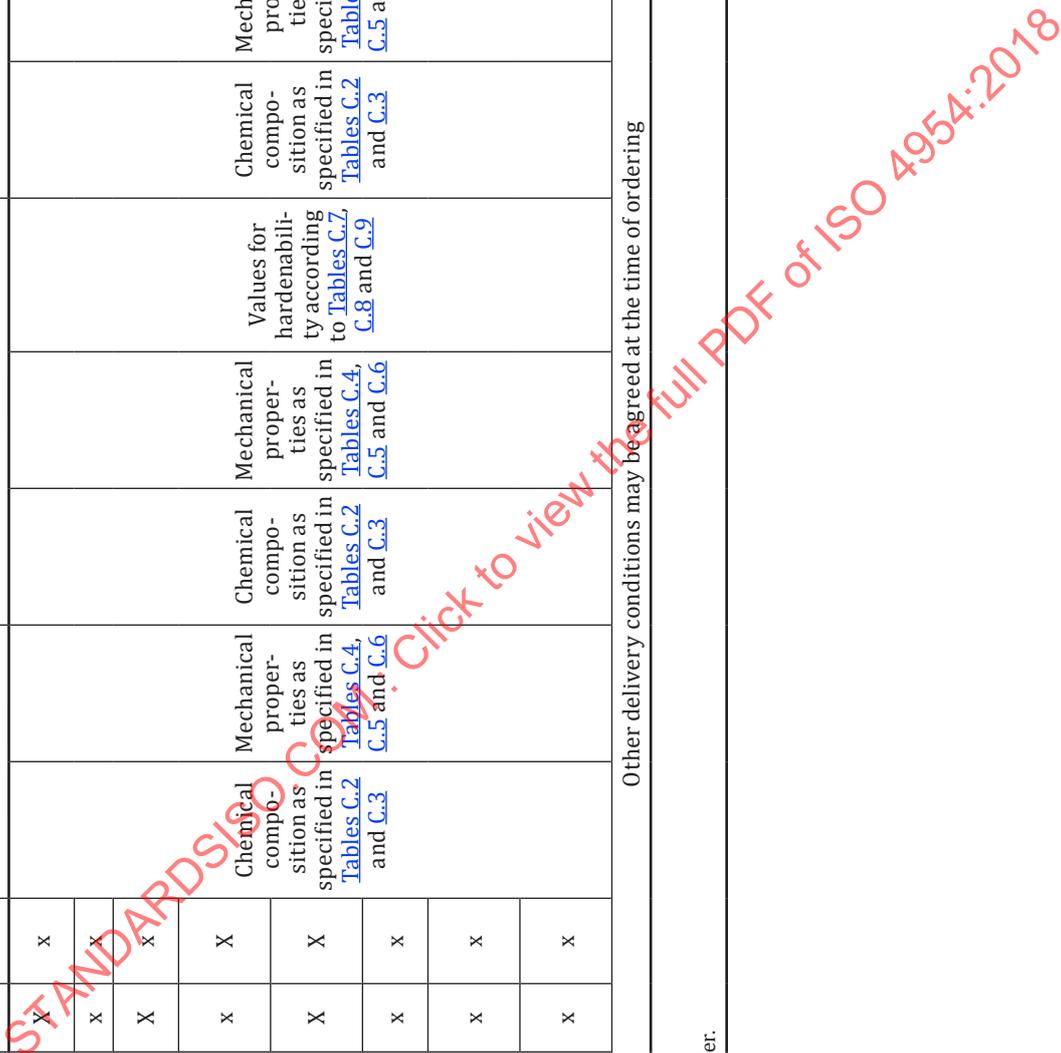


Table C.2 — Chemical composition (applicable to cast analysis) of steel without boron for quenching and tempering

Steel name ^b	% mass fraction ^a										
	C ^c	Si ^d	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	Cu		
C30EC	0,27 to 0,33	0,30	0,50 to 0,80	0,025	0,025	—	—	—	—	0,25	
C30RC	0,27 to 0,33	0,30	0,50 to 0,80	0,025	0,020 to 0,035	—	—	—	—	0,25	
C35EC	0,32 to 0,39	0,30	0,50 to 0,80	0,025	0,025	—	—	—	—	0,25	
C35RC	0,32 to 0,39	0,30	0,50 to 0,80	0,025	0,020 to 0,035	—	—	—	—	0,25	
C45EC	0,42 to 0,50	0,30	0,50 to 0,80	0,025	0,025	—	—	—	—	0,25	
C45RC	0,42 to 0,50	0,30	0,50 to 0,80	0,025	0,020 to 0,035	—	—	—	—	0,25	
37Mo2	0,35 to 0,40	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	—	—	0,20 to 0,30	—	0,25	
38Cr2	0,35 to 0,42	0,30	0,50 to 0,80	0,025	0,025	0,40 to 0,60	—	—	—	0,25	
46Cr2	0,42 to 0,50	0,30	0,50 to 0,80	0,025	0,025	0,40 to 0,60	—	—	—	0,25	
34Cr4	0,30 to 0,37	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	—	—	0,25	
37Cr4	0,34 to 0,41	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	—	—	0,25	
41Cr4	0,38 to 0,45	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	—	—	0,25	
41CrS4	0,38 to 0,45	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	0,90 to 1,20	—	—	—	0,25	
25CrMo4	0,22 to 0,29	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	0,15 to 0,30	—	0,25	
25CrMoS4	0,22 to 0,29	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	0,90 to 1,20	—	0,15 to 0,30	—	0,25	
34CrMo4	0,30 to 0,37	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	0,15 to 0,30	—	0,25	
37CrMo4	0,35 to 0,40	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	0,15 to 0,30	—	0,25	
42CrMo4	0,38 to 0,45	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	0,15 to 0,30	—	0,25	
42CrMoS4	0,38 to 0,45	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	0,90 to 1,20	—	0,15 to 0,30	—	0,25	
41CrNiMo2	0,37 to 0,44	0,30	0,70 to 1,00	0,025	0,025	0,40 to 0,60	0,40 to 0,70	0,15 to 0,30	—	0,25	

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^a Maximum values unless otherwise indicated.

^b In the case of steels with hardenability requirements (see [Tables C.7](#) and [C.9](#)), minor deviations from the specified limits are permitted (with the exception of sulfur and phosphorus), provided that they do not exceed 0,01 % for carbon and the values indicated in [Table 2](#) for the other elements.

^c A carbon range of 0,04 % (e.g. 0,33 % to 0,37 %) may be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.

^d Lower silicon contents may be agreed at the time of ordering, in which case due consideration should be given to the effects that could result for what concerns the specified properties such as, for example, hardenability.

Table C.2 (continued)

Steel name ^b	% mass fraction ^a									
	C ^c	Si ^d	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	Cu	
41CrNiMoS2	0,37 to 0,44	0,30	0,70 to 1,00	0,025	0,020 to 0,040	0,40 to 0,60	0,40 to 0,70	0,15 to 0,30	0,25	
34CrNiMo6	0,30 to 0,38	0,30	0,50 to 0,80	0,025	0,025	1,30 to 1,70	1,30 to 1,70	0,15 to 0,30	0,25	
41NiCrMo7-3-2	0,38 to 0,44	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,70 to 0,90	1,65 to 2,00	0,15 to 0,30	0,25	

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^c A carbon range of 0,04 % (e.g. 0,33 % to 0,37 %) may be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.

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Table C.3 — Chemical composition (applicable to cast analysis) of boron alloyed steel grades for quenching and tempering

Steel name ^b	% mass fraction ^a									
	C	Si ^c	Mn	P	S	Cr ^d	Mo	B	Cu	
17B2	0,15 to 0,20	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
23B2	0,20 to 0,25	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
28B2	0,25 to 0,30	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
33B2	0,30 to 0,35	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
38B2	0,35 to 0,40	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
23MnB3	0,21 to 0,25	0,15	0,80 to 1,00	0,015	0,015	0,25 to 0,35	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
17MnB4	0,15 to 0,20	0,30	0,90 to 1,20	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
20MnB4	0,18 to 0,23	0,30	0,90 to 1,20	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
23MnB4	0,20 to 0,25	0,30	0,90 to 1,20	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
27MnB4	0,25 to 0,30	0,30	0,90 to 1,20	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
30MnB4	0,27 to 0,32	0,30	0,80 to 1,10	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
36MnB4	0,33 to 0,38	0,30	0,80 to 1,10	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
20MnB5	0,17 to 0,23	0,30	1,10 to 1,40	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
23MnB5	0,20 to 0,26	0,30	1,10 to 1,40	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
26MnB5	0,23 to 0,29	0,30	1,20 to 1,50	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
34MnB5	0,31 to 0,37	0,30	1,20 to 1,50	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
37MnB5	0,35 to 0,40	0,30	1,15 to 1,45	0,025	0,025	0,30	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
30MoB1	0,28 to 0,32	0,30	0,80 to 1,00	0,025	0,025	0,30 ^e	0,08 to 0,12	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	

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- a Maximum values unless otherwise indicated.
- b In the case of steels with hardenability requirements (see [Tables C.8](#)), minor deviations from the specified limits are permitted (with the exception of sulfur and phosphorus), provided that they do not exceed 0,01 % for carbon and the values indicated in [Table 2](#) for the other elements.
- c Lower silicon contents may be agreed at the time of ordering, in which case due consideration should be given to the effects that could result for what concerns the specified properties such as, for example, hardenability.
- d Where a maximum chromium content of 0,30 % is specified, a minimum level may also be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.
- e In order to obtain a core hardening for the steel grade 30MoB1, the lower limit of Cr shall be 0,15 % and may be agreed at the time of enquiry and order. For certain applications, the higher limit for Cr may also be lowered by agreement at time of enquiry and order.

Table C.3 (continued)

Steel name ^b	% mass fraction ^a									
	C	Si ^c	Mn	P	S	Cr ^d	Mo	B	Cu	
32CrB4	0,30 to 0,34	0,30	0,60 to 0,90	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
36CrB4	0,34 to 0,38	0,30	0,70 to 1,00	0,025	0,025	0,90 to 1,20	—	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	
31CrMoB2-1	0,28 to 0,33	0,30	0,90 to 1,20	0,025	0,025	0,40 to 0,55	0,10 to 0,15	0,000 8 to 0,005	0,25	

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To improve the performance of cold heading, it is possible to add Al: 0,020 % to 0,050 %.

a Maximum values unless otherwise indicated.

b In the case of steels with hardenability requirements (see Tables C.8), minor deviations from the specified limits are permitted (with the exception of sulfur and phosphorus), provided that they do not exceed 0,01 % for carbon and the values indicated in Table 2 for the other elements.

c Lower silicon contents may be agreed at the time of ordering, in which case due consideration should be given to the effects that could result for what concerns the specified properties such as, for example, hardenability.

d Where a maximum chromium content of 0,30 % is specified, a minimum level may also be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.

e In order to obtain a core hardening for the steel grade 30MoB1, the lower limit of Cr shall be 0,15 % and may be agreed at the time of enquiry and order. For certain applications, the higher limit for Cr may also be lowered by agreement at time of enquiry and order.

Table C.4 — Mechanical properties for non-alloy steel grades without boron

Steel name	Diameter		Delivery condition							
	above	up to	+AC or +AC+PE		+AR+C+AC		+AR+C+AC+LC		+AC+C	
	mm	mm	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %
C30EC C30RC	2	5	—	—	—	—	620	55	—	—
	5	10	—	—	—	—	620	55	620	55
	10	40	590	—	—	—	620	55	620	55
C35EC C35RC	2	5	—	—	550	62	590	60	—	—
	5	10	560	60	540	62	580	60	670	—
	10	40	560	60	540	62	580	60	660	—
C45EC C45RC	2	5	—	—	590	62	630	60	—	—
	5	10	600	60	580	62	620	60	720	—
	10	40	600	60	580	62	620	60	710	—

Table C.5 — Mechanical properties for alloy steel grades without boron

Steel name	Diameter		Delivery condition					
	above mm	up to mm	+AC or +AC+PE		+AC+C+AC		+AC+C+AC+LC	
			R_m	Z	R_m	Z	R_m	Z
			max. MPa	min. %	max. MPa	min. %	max. MPa	min. %
37Mo2	2	5	—	—	560	61	600	59
	5	40	570	59	550	61	590	59
38Cr2	2	5	—	—	590	62	630	60
	5	40	600	60	580	62	620	60
46Cr2	2	5	—	—	610	60	650	58
	5	40	620	58	600	60	640	58
34Cr4	2	5	—	—	570	64	610	62
	5	40	580	62	560	64	600	62
37Cr4	2	5	—	—	580	62	620	60
	5	40	590	60	570	62	610	60
41Cr4 41CrS4	2	5	—	—	610	60	650	58
	5	40	620	58	600	60	640	58
25CrMo4 25CrMoS4	2	5	—	—	570	62	610	60
	5	40	580	60	560	62	600	60
34CrMo4	2	5	—	—	590	62	630	60
	5	40	600	60	580	62	620	60
37CrMo4	2	5	—	—	610	62	650	60
	5	40	620	60	600	62	640	60
42CrMo4 42CrMoS4	2	5	—	—	620	60	660	58
	5	40	630	58	610	60	650	58
41CrNiMo2 41CrNiMoS2	2	5	—	—	640	60	680	55
	5	40	—	—	640	60	680	55
34CrNiMo6	2	5	—	—	710	60	750	58
	5	40	720	58	700	60	740	58
41NiCrMo7-3-2	2	5	—	—	710	60	750	58
	5	40	720	58	700	60	740	58

Table C.6 (continued)

Steel name	Diameter		Delivery condition																							
			+AR or +PE				+AC or +AC+PE				+AR+C				+AR+C+AC+LC				+AR+C+AC+LC				+AC+C			
			R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %	R_m max. MPa	Z min. %				
20MnB4	above	mm	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	5	10	580	60	500	66	680	55	480	68	520	66	600	61	530	66	600	66	590	61	640	61				
23MnB4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	5	10	600	60	520	64	700	55	500	66	540	64	620	59	490	66	620	66	590	61	640	61				
	10	25	580	60	500	66	670	55	480	68	520	66	610	59	510	66	610	66	590	61	640	61				
27MnB4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	5	10	600	60	520	64	690	55	500	66	540	64	610	59	510	66	610	66	590	61	640	61				
	10	25	600	60	520	64	690	55	500	66	540	64	610	59	510	66	610	66	590	61	640	61				
30MnB4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	10	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
36MnB4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	10	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
20MnB5	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	10	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
23MnB5	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	10	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
26MnB5	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	10	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
34MnB5	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	10	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
37MnB5	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	10	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				

It should be recognized in the +AR condition that the tensile strength values are not compatible with the whole range of composition given in Table C.3 for a steel grade. Care should be taken that, depending on diameter and composition supplied, the tensile strength values are compatible with the hardenability requirements.

Table C.7 — Hardness limits for steel grades without boron with specified (normal) hardenability (+H grades)

Steel name	Symbol	Austenitizing temperature °C ± 5 °C	Limits of range	Hardness HRC																									
				at a distance from quenched end of test piece (in mm) of																									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50						
C35EC	+H	870	max.	58	57	55	53	49	41	34	31	28	27	26	25	24	23	20	—	—	—	—	—	—					
C35RC	+H		min.	48	40	33	24	22	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
C45EC	+H	850	max.	61	60	59	57	53	47	39	34	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	—	—	—	—						
C45RC	+H		min.	51	46	35	27	25	24	23	22	21	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
				at a distance from quenched end of test piece (in mm) of																									
				1,5	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50											
37Mo2	+H	850	max.	59	57	53	47	41	36	32	29	27	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
			min.	51	48	41	33	27	26	22	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
38Cr2	+H	850	max.	59	57	54	49	43	39	37	35	32	30	27	25	24	23	22	—	—	—	—	—						
			min.	51	46	37	29	25	22	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
46Cr2	+H	850	max.	63	61	57	52	46	42	40	38	35	33	31	29	28	27	26	—	—	—	—	—						
			min.	54	49	40	32	28	25	23	22	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
34Cr4	+H	850	max.	57	57	56	54	52	49	46	44	43	39	37	35	34	33	32	31	—	—	—	—						
			min.	49	48	45	41	35	32	29	27	23	21	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
37Cr4	+H	850	max.	59	59	58	57	55	52	50	48	42	39	37	36	35	34	33	—	—	—	—	—						
			min.	51	50	48	44	39	36	33	31	26	24	22	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
41Cr4	+H	850	max.	61	61	60	59	58	56	54	52	46	42	40	38	37	36	35	—	—	—	—	—						
			min.	53	52	50	47	41	37	34	32	29	26	23	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
25CrMo4	+H	850	max.	52	52	51	50	48	46	43	41	37	35	33	32	31	31	31	—	—	—	—	—						
			min.	44	43	40	37	34	32	29	27	23	21	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
34CrMo4	+H	850	max.	57	57	57	56	55	54	53	52	48	45	43	41	40	40	39	—	—	—	—	—						
			min.	49	49	48	45	42	39	36	34	30	28	27	26	25	24	24	—	—	—	—	—	—					
37CrMo4	+H	850	max.	60	60	60	59	58	56	55	54	51	48	46	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
			min.	52	50	49	47	45	43	40	37	34	32	31	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
42CrMo4	+H	850	max.	61	61	61	60	60	59	58	56	53	51	48	46	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
			min.	53	53	52	51	49	43	40	37	34	32	31	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
42CrMoS4	+H	850	max.	61	61	61	60	60	59	58	56	53	51	48	46	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
			min.	53	53	52	51	49	43	40	37	34	32	31	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					

Table C.7 (continued)

Steel name	Symbol	Austenitizing temperature °C ± 5 °C	Limits of range	Hardness HRC																
				at a distance from quenched end of test piece (in mm) of																
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	15	20	25	30	
41CrNiMo2	+H	850	max.	60	60	60	59	58	57	55	54	48	42	40	38	37	37	36	—	
41CrNiMoS2			min.	53	53	52	50	47	42	38	35	30	28	26	25	24	24	23	—	
34CrNiMo6	+H	850	max.	58	58	58	58	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	—	
			min.	50	50	50	50	49	48	48	48	48	47	47	47	46	45	44	—	
41NiCrMo7-3-2	+H	860	max.	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	59	59	58	58	57	57	—	—	—	
			min.	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	53	52	52	51	50	—	—	—	

Table C.8 — Hardness limits for boron alloyed steel grades with standard hardenability (+H grades)

Steel name	Symbol	Austenitizing temperature °C ± 5 °C	Limits of range	Hardness HRC at a distance from quenched end of test piece (in mm) of														
				1,5	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
17B2	+H	900	max.	46	45	45	41	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	39	34	30	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23B2	+H	890	max.	49	48	47	45	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	41	39	37	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28B2	+H	880	max.	53	51	51	49	45	39	29	24	20	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	46	42	39	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33B2	+H	870	max.	55	55	54	52	49	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	49	45	43	27	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
38B2	+H	860	max.	58	57	56	55	51	49	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	51	49	47	36	25	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23MnB3	+H	880	max.	49	48	47	47	45	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	43	41	40	32	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17MnB4	+H	890	max.	47	46	46	44	41	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	40	38	37	30	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20MnB4	+H	880	max.	48	48	47	46	44	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	41	40	38	30	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23MnB4	+H	880	max.	49	48	47	47	45	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	43	41	40	32	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27MnB4	+H	870	max.	53	52	51	50	48	45	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	46	44	43	36	27	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30MnB4	+H	860	max.	54	53	53	53	51	46	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	48	46	44	36	25	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
36MnB4	+H	850	max.	58	57	57	56	54	52	48	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	51	49	48	43	31	25	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20MnB5	+H	925	max.	48	48	48	47	46	44	40	36	29	25	21	—	—	—	—
			min.	40	39	37	30	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23MnB5	+H	870	max.	50	50	49	48	48	46	44	41	30	22	—	—	—	—	—
			min.	42	41	39	35	27	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Table C.8 (continued)

Steel name	Symbol	Austenitizing temperature °C ± 5 °C	Limits of range	Hardness HRC at a distance from quenched end of test piece (in mm) of															
				1,5	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	
26MnB5	+H	870	max.	52	52	52	51	50	49	48	45	36	27	23	20	—	—		
			min.	44	43	42	40	34	27	23	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
34MnB5	+H	845	max.	57	56	56	55	55	54	53	51	43	33	28	25	22	20		
			min.	49	48	47	45	43	37	31	26	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	
37MnB5	+H	850	max.	60	60	59	58	57	57	55	53	48	—	—	—	—	—		
			min.	52	51	50	48	43	37	32	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
30MoB1	+H	870	max.	53	52	52	51	49	48	46	43	34	—	—	—	—	—		
			min.	47	46	45	39	30	24	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
32CrB4	+H	860	max.	56	56	55	55	55	54	53	53	51	49	45	42	40	38		
			min.	49	48	47	46	46	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
36CrB4	+H	850	max.	58	58	57	56	56	55	55	55	53	51	48	46	—	—		
			min.	50	49	48	48	47	46	46	45	45	34	30	27	—	—	—	
31CrMoB2-1	+H	860	max.	54	54	54	53	53	52	51	51	48	43	41	—	—	—		
			min.	48	48	47	47	45	45	41	39	31	27	25	—	—	—	—	

Table C.9 — Hardness limits for steel grades without boron with restricted hardenability scatter bands (+HH and +HL grades)^a

Steel name	Symbol	Austenitizing temperature °C ± 5° C	Limits of range	Hardness HRC at a distance from quenched end of test piece (in mm) of																
				1,5	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50		
37Mo2	+HH	850	max.	59	57	53	47	41	36	32	29	27	25	—	—	—	—	—		
	+HL		min.	54	51	45	38	32	29	25	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
38Cr2	+HH	850	max.	56	54	49	42	36	33	29	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	+HL		min.	51	48	41	33	27	26	22	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
46Cr2	+HH	850	max.	59	57	54	49	43	39	37	35	32	30	27	25	24	23	22		
	+HL		min.	54	50	43	36	31	28	26	24	21	—	—	—	—	—	—		
34Cr4	+HH	850	max.	56	53	48	42	37	33	31	29	26	24	21	—	—	—	—		
	+HL		min.	51	46	37	29	25	22	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
37Cr4	+HH	850	max.	61	59	56	51	46	41	39	37	33	31	29	27	26	25	24		
	+HL		min.	55	51	45	38	33	30	28	26	22	20	—	—	—	—	—		
41Cr4	+HH	850	max.	56	55	50	44	39	35	33	31	27	25	23	21	20	—	—		
	+HL		min.	52	47	39	31	27	24	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
41CrS4	+HH	850	max.	57	57	56	54	52	49	46	44	39	37	35	34	33	32	31		
	+HL		min.	52	51	49	45	41	38	35	33	28	26	25	24	23	22	21		
37Cr4	+HH	850	max.	54	54	52	50	46	43	40	38	34	32	30	29	28	27	26		
	+HL		min.	49	48	45	41	35	32	29	27	23	21	20	—	—	—	—		
41Cr4	+HH	850	max.	59	59	58	57	55	52	50	48	42	39	37	36	35	34	33		
	+HL		min.	54	53	51	48	44	41	39	37	31	29	27	25	24	23	22		
41CrS4	+HH	850	max.	56	56	55	53	50	47	44	42	37	34	32	31	30	29	28		
	+HL		min.	51	50	48	44	39	36	33	31	26	24	22	20	—	—	—		
41CrS4	+HH	850	max.	61	61	60	59	58	56	54	52	46	42	40	38	37	36	35		
	+HL		min.	56	55	53	51	47	43	41	39	35	31	29	27	26	25	24		
41CrS4	+HH	850	max.	58	58	57	55	52	50	47	45	40	37	34	32	31	30	29		
	+HL		min.	53	52	50	47	41	37	34	32	29	26	23	21	20	—	—		

^a This table is not applicable to steels ordered with a restricted range of carbon content, see footnote c) in Table C.2.

Table C.9 (continued)

Steel name	Symbol	Austenitizing temperature °C ± 5°C	Limits of range	Hardness HRC																
				at a distance from quenched end of test piece (in mm) of																
				1,5	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50		
25CrMo4	+HH	850	max.	52	52	51	50	48	46	43	41	37	35	33	32	31	31	31		
	+HL		min.	47	46	44	41	39	37	34	32	28	26	24	23	22	22	22		
25CrMoS4	+HH	850	max.	49	49	47	46	43	41	38	36	32	30	29	28	27	27	27		
	+HL		min.	44	43	40	37	34	32	29	27	23	21	20	—	—	—	—		
34CrMo4	+HH	850	max.	57	57	57	56	55	54	53	52	48	45	43	41	40	40	39		
	+HL		min.	52	52	51	49	46	44	42	40	36	34	34	32	31	30	29		
37CrMo4	+HH	850	max.	54	54	54	52	51	49	47	46	42	39	38	36	35	35	34		
	+HL		min.	49	49	48	45	42	39	36	34	30	28	27	26	25	24	24		
42CrMo4	+HH	850	max.	60	60	60	59	58	56	55	54	51	48	46	45	—	—	—		
	+HL		min.	55	53	53	51	49	47	45	45	40	39	36	36	—	—	—		
42CrMoS4	+HH	850	max.	57	57	56	55	54	52	50	46	44	41	41	39	—	—	—		
	+HL		min.	52	50	50	47	45	43	40	37	34	34	32	31	30	—	—		
41CrNiMo2	+HH	850	max.	61	61	61	60	60	59	59	58	56	53	51	48	47	46	45		
	+HL		min.	56	56	55	54	52	48	46	44	41	39	38	36	36	35	34		
41CrNiMoS2	+HH	850	max.	58	58	58	57	56	54	53	51	49	46	44	42	41	40	40		
	+HL		min.	53	53	52	51	49	43	40	37	34	34	32	31	30	29	29		
34CrNiMo6	+HH	850	max.	60	60	60	59	58	57	55	54	48	42	40	38	37	37	36		
	+HL		min.	55	55	55	53	51	47	44	41	36	33	31	29	28	28	27		
34CrNiMo6	+HH	850	max.	58	58	57	56	54	52	49	48	42	37	35	34	33	33	32		
	+HL		min.	53	53	52	50	47	42	38	35	30	28	26	25	24	24	23		
34CrNiMo6	+HH	850	max.	58	58	58	58	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57		
	+HL		min.	53	53	53	53	52	51	51	51	51	51	50	50	50	49	48		
34CrNiMo6	+HH	850	max.	55	55	55	55	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	53	53		
	+HL		min.	50	50	50	50	49	48	48	48	48	48	47	47	47	46	45		

^a This table is not applicable to steels ordered with a restricted range of carbon content, see footnote c) in Table C.2.

Table C.10 — Maximum diameter for which at least 90 % martensite shall be attained in the core hardness test (+CH grades)

Steel names	Symbol	Austenitizing temperature in the core hardening test ^a °C ± 5 °C	Min. core hardness (90 % martensite structure) HRC	Maximum diameter to ensure 90 % of martensite in the core ^b mm
Steels without boron				
37Mo2	+CH	850	48	8
38Cr2	+CH	850	48	8
46Cr2	+CH	850	51	9
34Cr4	+CH	850	46	14
37Cr4	+CH	850	48	15
41Cr4	+CH	850	50	16
41CrS4	+CH	850	50	16
25CrMo4	+CH	850	41	13
25CrMoS4	+CH	850	41	13
34CrMo4	+CH	850	45	18
37CrMo4	+CH	850	48	18
42CrMo4	+CH	850	50	21
42CrMoS4	+CH	850	50	21
34CrNiMo6	+CH	850	46	31
41NiCrMo 7-3-2	+CH	850	50	34
Boron alloyed steel grades				
17B2	+CH	900	37	9
23B2	+CH	890	40	9
28B2	+CH	880	43	10
33B2	+CH	870	45	11
38B2	+CH	860	48	11
23MnB3	+CH	880	42	14
17MnB4	+CH	890	37	12
20MnB4	+CH	880	39	14
23MnB4	+CH	880	42	14
27MnB4	+CH	870	43	14
30MnB4	+CH	860	44	14
36MnB4	+CH	850	47	14
37MnB5	+CH	850	48	16
30MoB1	+CH	870	45	18
32CrB4	+CH	860	46	30
36CrB4	+CH	850	48	30
31CrMoB2-1	+CH	860	45	30
^a As a guideline, a hardening time at temperature of at least 30 min is recommended. ^b The maximum diameters stated are those attainable with the lowest hardenability within each steel grade. Using +HH grades the maximum diameter can be increased.				

Annex D (normative)

Specific requirements for cold heading and cold extruding stainless steels

Table D.1 — Combinations of heat treatments conditions at delivery, product forms and applicable requirements

Heat-treatment condition at delivery	Symbol	Product form ^a			Steels ^a			Applicable requirements		
		Wire rod	Bar	Wire	Ferritic	Martensitic	Austenitic and austenitic-ferritic			
Solution annealed or solution annealed + peeled	+AT or AT + PE	X	X	X	—	—	X	Chemical composition as specified in Table D.2	Mechanical properties as specified in Tables D.3, D.4 and D.6	Supplementary or special requirements as specified in Annex E^b
Solution annealed + cold drawn	+AT + C	—	X	X	—	—	X			
Solution annealed + cold drawn + solution annealed	+AT + C + AT	—	X	X	—	—	X			
Solution annealed + cold drawn + solution annealed + skin passed	+AT + C + AT + LC	—	x	x	—	—	x			
Soft annealed or soft annealed + peeled	+A or +A + PE	X	X	X	X	X	—			
Soft annealed + skin passed	+A + LC	—	X	X	X	X	—			
Soft annealed + cold drawn + soft annealed	+A + C + A	—	x	x	X	X	—			
Soft annealed + cold drawn + soft annealed + skin passed	+A + C + A + LC	—	x	x	X	X	—			
Others	Other delivery conditions may be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.									
^a X = applicable, — not applicable. ^b If agreed at the time of the enquiry and order.										

Table D.2 — Chemical composition (applicable to cast analysis) of stainless steel grades

Designation		% mass fraction ^a										
Steel name	ISO steel number	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	N	Cu	Others
Austenitic steels												
X10CrNi18-8	4310-301-00-1	0,05 to 0,15	2,00	2,00	0,045	0,015	16,0 to 19,0	6,0 to 9,5	0,80	0,10	1,00	—
X2CrNi18-9	4307-304-03-1	0,030	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,030	17,5 to 19,5	8,0 to 10,0	—	0,10	1,00	—
X6CrNiCu18-9-2	4567-304-98-X	0,08	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,030	17,0 to 19,0	8,0 to 10,5	—	0,10	1,00 to 3,00	—
X3CrNiCu18-9-4	4567-304-30-1	0,04	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,030	17,0 to 19,0	8,5 to 10,5 ^b	—	0,10	3,00 to 4,00	—
X3CrNiCu19-9-2	4560-304-75-E	0,035	1,00	1,50 to 2,00	0,045	0,015	18,0 to 19,0	8,0 to 9,0	—	0,10	1,50 to 2,00	—
X5CrNi18-10	4301-304-00-1	0,07	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,030	17,5 to 19,5	8,0 to 10,5	—	0,10	1,00	—
X6CrNiTi18-10	4541-321-00-1	0,08	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,030	17,0 to 19,0	9,0 to 12,0	—	—	1,00	Ti = 5xC to 0,70
X2CrNi19-11	4306-304-03-1	0,030	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,030	18,0 to 20,0	10,0 to 12,0	—	0,10	1,00	—
X6CrNi18-12	4303-305-00-1	0,08	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,030	17,0 to 19,0 ^c	10,5 to 13,0	—	0,10	—	—
X3NiCr18-16	4839-384-00-1	0,04 ^d	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,030	15,0 to 17,0	17,0 to 19,0	—	—	—	—
Austenitic steels with Mo												
X2CrNiMo 17-12-2	4404-316-03-1	0,030	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,030	16,5 to 18,5	10,0 to 13,0	2,00 to 3,00	0,10	1,00	—
X5CrNiMo17-12-2	4401-316-00-1	0,07	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,030	16,5 to 18,5	10,0 to 13,0	2,00 to 3,00	0,10	1,00	—
X6CrNiMoTi17-12-2	4571-316-35-1	0,08	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,030	16,5 to 18,5	10,5 to 13,5	2,00 to 2,50	—	1,00	Ti = 5xC to 0,70
<p>Elements not quoted in this table may not be intentionally added to the steel without the agreement of the purchaser except for finishing the heat. All appropriate precautions are to be taken to avoid the addition of such elements from scrap and other materials used in production which would impair mechanical properties and the suitability of the steel.</p> <p>a Maximum values unless otherwise indicated.</p> <p>b A minimum content of 8,0 % of Ni is permitted, unless otherwise agreed at the time of enquiry and order.</p> <p>c For this document, a range for Cr: 16,5 to 19,0 is allowed.</p> <p>d For this document, C: 0,08 is allowed.</p> <p>e In order to improve the cold formability, a carbon content of max. 0,04 % is recommended and may be agreed at the time of enquiry and order.</p>												

Table D.2 (continued)

Designation		% mass fraction ^a										
Steel name	ISO steel number	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	N	Cu	Others
X2CrNiMo17-12-3	4432-316-03-I	0,030	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,015	16,5 to 18,5	10,5 to 13,0	2,50 to 3,00	0,10	1,00	—
X3CrNiMo17-13-3	4436-316-00-I	0,05	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,015	16,5 to 18,5	10,5 to 13,0	2,50 to 3,00	0,10	—	—
X2CrNiMoN17-13-3	4429-316-53-I	0,030	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,015	16,5 to 18,5	10,5 to 13,0	2,50 to 3,00	0,12 to 0,22	1,00	—
X3CrNiCu-Mo17-11-3-2	4578-316-76-E	0,04	1,00	2,00	0,045	0,015	16,5 to 17,5	10,0 to 11,0	2,00 to 2,50	0,10	3,00 to 3,50	—
Austenitic steels with Mo												
X6NiCrTi-MoVB25-15-2	4980-662-86-X	0,08	1,00	2,00	0,040	0,030	13,5 to 16,0	24,0 to 27,0	1,00 to 1,50	—	—	Ti: 1,90 to 2,35 Al: 0,35 V: 0,10 to 0,50 B: 0,001 to 0,010
Austenitic-ferritic steel												
X2CrNiMoN22-5-3	4462-318-03-I	0,030	1,00	2,00	0,035	0,015	21,0 to 23,0	4,5 to 6,5	2,50 to 3,50	0,10 to 0,22	—	—
Ferritic steels												
X6Cr17	4016-430-00-I	0,08 e	1,00	1,00	0,040	0,030	16,0 to 18,0	—	—	—	—	—

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Table D.2 (continued)

Designation		% mass fraction ^a										
Steel name	ISO steel number	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	N	Cu	Others
X6CrMo17-1	4113-434-00-1	0,08	1,00	1,00	0,040	0,030	16,0 to 18,0	—	0,75 to 1,40	—	—	—
Martensitic steel												
X12Cr13	4006-410-00-1	0,08 to 0,15	1,00	1,50	0,040	0,030	11,5 to 13,5	0,75	—	—	—	—

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