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STEEL CASTINGS, INVESTMENT, CORROSION RESISTANT 18Cr - 9Ni

1. SCOPE:

- 1.1 Form: This specification covers a corrosion-resistant steel in the form of investment castings.
- 1.2 Application: Primarily for small parts requiring corrosion resistance and not subjected to operating temperatures over 700° F (370° C). Satisfactory for use up to 1500° F (815° C) at low stress levels. However, corrosion resistance is appreciably reduced when exposed to temperatures in the range 800° - 1100° F (425° - 595° C) for extended periods.
2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specifications (AMS) shall apply. The applicable issue of other documents shall be as specified in AMS 2350.
- 2.1 SAE Publications: Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.
- 2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:
- AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods
 - AMS 2360 - Room Temperature Tensile Properties of Castings
 - AMS 2635 - Radiographic Inspection
 - AMS 2645 - Fluorescent Penetrant Inspection
- 2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
- ASTM A370 - Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
 - ASTM E192 - Reference Radiographs of Investment Steel Castings for Aerospace Applications
 - ASTM E353 - Chemical Analysis of Stainless, Heat-Resisting, Maraging, and Other Similar Chromium-Nickel-Iron Alloys
- 2.3 Government Publications: Available from Commanding Officer, Naval Publications and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120.
- 2.3.1 Federal Standards:
- Federal Test Method Standard No. 151 - Metals; Test Methods
- 2.3.2 Military Standards:
- MIL-STD-794 - Parts and Equipment, Procedures for Packaging and Packing of

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3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 **Composition:** Shall conform to the following percentages by weight, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E353, by spectrographic methods in accordance with Federal Test Method Standard No. 151, Method No. 112, or by other approved analytical methods:

		min	max
∅	Carbon	--	0.25
	Manganese	--	2.00
	Silicon	--	1.00
	Phosphorus	--	0.04
	Sulfur	--	0.03
	Chromium	17.00 - 19.00	
	Nickel	8.00 - 10.00	
	Molybdenum	--	0.75
	Copper	--	0.75

3.2 **Condition:** Solution heat treated free from continuous carbide network.

3.3 **Casting:** Castings shall be poured either from remelted metal from a master heat or directly from a master heat. In either case, metal for casting shall be qualified as in 3.4.

3.3.1 A master heat is refined metal of a single furnace charge or metal blended as in 3.3.2. Gates, sprues, risers, and rejected castings shall be used only in preparation of master heats; they shall not be remelted directly, without refining, for pouring of castings.

3.3.2 Unless prohibited by purchaser, metal from two or more master heats may be blended provided that the composition of each master heat to be blended is within the limits of 3.1 and that the total weight of metal blended does not exceed 10,000 lb (4540 kg). Ingot and pig may be blended together, shot may be blended, but shot shall not be blended with ingot or pig. When two or more master heats are blended, the resultant blend shall be considered a master heat.

3.4 **Master Heat Qualification:** Each master heat shall be qualified by evaluation of chemical analysis specimens conforming to 3.4.1. A master heat may be considered conditionally qualified if vendor's test results show conformance to all applicable requirements of this specification. However, except when purchaser waives confirmatory testing, final qualification shall be based on purchaser's test results. Conditional qualification of a master heat shall not be construed as a guarantee of acceptance of castings poured therefrom.

3.4.1 **Chemical Analysis Specimens:** Shall be of any convenient size, shape, and form for vendor's tests. When chemical analysis specimens are required by purchaser, specimens shall be cast to a size, shape, and form agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.5 **Properties:** Casting shall conform to the following requirements; hardness and tensile testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM A370:

3.5.1 **Hardness:** Shall be not higher than 175 HB or equivalent.

3.5.2 **Tensile Properties:** When specified on the drawing or when agreed upon by purchaser and vendor, tensile test specimens conforming to ASTM A370 shall be machined from castings selected at random from each master heat. Property requirements for such specimens shall be as specified on the drawing or as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor and may be defined as specified in AMS 2360.

3.6 Quality:

3.6.1 Castings, as received by the purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from internal and external imperfections detrimental to usage of the castings.

3.6.1.1 Castings shall have smooth surfaces and shall be well cleaned. Metallic shot or grit shall not be used for final cleaning, unless otherwise permitted.

3.6.2 Castings shall be produced under radiographic control, unless otherwise specified. This control shall consist of radiographic examination of castings in accordance with AMS 2635 until proper foundry technique, which will produce castings free from harmful internal imperfections, is established for each part number and of production castings as necessary to ensure maintenance of satisfactory quality.

3.6.3 When specified, castings shall be subject to fluorescent penetrant inspection in accordance with AMS 2645.

3.6.4 Radiographic, fluorescent penetrant, and other quality standards shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor. ASTM E192 may be used to define radiographic acceptance standards.

3.6.5 Castings shall not be repaired by peening, plugging, welding, or other methods without written permission from purchaser.

3.6.5.1 When permitted in writing by purchaser, defects in castings may be removed and the castings repaired by welding provided the weld repair area has properties comparable to those of the parent metal. Repair welds shall be subjected to the same inspection procedures and acceptance standards required of the casting. Weld repair areas shall be suitably marked to facilitate inspection. The repair welding shall be performed prior to any heat treatment and nondestructive testing specified herein.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of castings shall supply all samples and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Results of such tests shall be reported to the purchaser as required by 4.5. Purchaser reserves the right to perform such confirmatory testing as he deems necessary to ensure that the castings conform to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests: Tests to determine conformance to all technical requirements of this specification are classified as acceptance tests and as preproduction tests.

4.2.1 For direct U.S. Military procurement, substantiating test data and, when requested, preproduction test material shall be submitted to the cognizant agency as directed by the procuring activity, the contracting officer, or the request for procurement.

4.3 Sampling: Shall be in accordance with the following:

4.3.1 Two chemical analysis specimens in accordance with 3.4.1 and/or a casting from each master heat.

4.3.2 Two preproduction castings in accordance with 4.4.1 of each part number.

4.3.3 One or more castings from each master heat when properties of specimens machined from castings are required. Specific size, locations, and number of specimens machined from castings shall be as specified on the drawing or as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor. When size, location, and number of test specimens are not specified, not less than two tensile test specimens, one from the thickest section and one from the thinnest section, shall be cut from a casting or castings from each master heat.

4.4 Approval:

4.4.1 Sample castings from new or reworked master patterns and the casting procedure shall be approved by purchaser before castings for production use are supplied, unless such approval be waived.

4.4.2 Vendor shall establish for production of sample castings of each part number the control factors of processing which will produce acceptable castings; these shall constitute the approved casting procedure and shall be used for producing production castings. If necessary to make any change in control factors of processing, vendor shall submit for reapproval a statement of the proposed changes in processing and, when requested, sample test specimens, castings, or both. Production castings incorporating the revised operations shall not be shipped prior to receipt of reapproval.

4.4.2.1 Control factors for producing castings include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ∅ Type of furnace and its capacity
- Size of furnace charge
- Furnace atmosphere
- Fluxing or deoxidation procedure
- Mold refractory formulation
- Mold back-up material
- Gating practices
- Mold preheat and pouring temperatures (variations of $\pm 25^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($\pm 15^{\circ}\text{C}$) from established limits are permissible)
- Solidification and cooling procedures
- Cleaning operations
- Methods of routine inspection

4.4.2.1.1 Any of the above control factors of processing considered proprietary by the vendor may be assigned a code designation. Each variation in such factors shall be assigned a modified code designation.

4.5 Reports:

4.5.1 The vendor of castings shall furnish with each shipment three copies of a report showing the results of tests for chemical composition of at least one casting, or of specimens as in 3.4.1 cast in a mold with parts, from each master heat represented and stating that the castings conform to the other technical requirements of this specification. When properties of specimens cut from castings are specified, the report shall include the results of tests to determine conformance to such requirements. This report shall include the purchase order number, master heat number (and code symbol if used), material specification number and its revision letter, part number, and quantity from each master heat.

4.5.2 The vendor of finished or semi-finished parts shall furnish with each shipment three copies of a report showing the purchase order number, material specification number and its revision letter, contractor or other direct supplier of castings, part number, and quantity. When castings for making parts are produced or purchased by the parts vendor, that vendor shall inspect castings from each master heat represented to determine conformance to the requirements of this specification, and shall include in the report a statement that the castings conform, or shall include copies of laboratory reports showing the results of tests to determine conformance.

4.6 Resampling and Retesting: If any specimen used in the above tests fails to meet the specified requirements, disposition of the castings may be based on the results of testing three additional specimens for each original nonconforming specimen. Failure of any retest specimen to meet the specified requirements shall be cause for rejection of the master heat in the case of qualification test specimens or of the castings in that shipment in the case of tests on castings or specimens cut from castings and no additional testing shall be permitted. Results of all tests shall be reported.