

UNS N07500

ALLOY CASTINGS, INVESTMENT, CORROSION AND HEAT RESISTANT  
53Ni - 18Cr - 18Co - 4.0Mo - 2.9Ti - 2.9Al - 0.006B  
Vacuum-Melted, Vacuum-Cast, Solution and Precipitation Heat Treated

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers a corrosion and heat resistant nickel alloy in the form of vacuum-melted, vacuum-cast investment castings.

1.2 Application: Primarily for small parts, such as turbine blades and vanes, requiring high strength and oxidation resistance up to 1600°F (870°C).

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 SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2268 - Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Cast Nickel and Nickel Alloys  
AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods  
AMS 2361 - Elevated Temperature Tensile Properties of Castings  
AMS 2362 - Stress-Rupture Properties of Castings  
AMS 2635 - Radiographic Inspection  
AMS 2645 - Fluorescent Penetrant Inspection  
AMS 2694 - Repair Welding of Aerospace Castings  
AMS 2804 - Identification, Castings

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2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

- ASTM E8 - Tension Testing of Metallic Materials
- ASTM E18 - Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials
- ASTM E21 - Elevated Temperature Tension Tests of Metallic Materials
- ASTM E139 - Conducting Creep, Creep-Rupture, and Stress-Rupture Tests of Metallic Materials
- ASTM E192 - Reference Radiographs of Investment Steel Castings for Aerospace Applications
- ASTM E354 - Chemical Analysis of High-Temperature, Electrical, Magnetic, and Other Similar Iron, Nickel, and Cobalt Alloys

2.3 U.S. 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

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Composition: Shall conform to the following percentages by weight, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E354, by spectrographic methods in accordance with Federal Method Standard No. 151, Method 112, or by other analytical methods approved by purchaser:

	min	max
Carbon	--	0.10
Manganese	--	0.20
Silicon	--	0.30
Phosphorus	--	0.015
Sulfur	--	0.015
Chromium	16.00	20.00
Cobalt	16.00	20.00
Molybdenum	3.00	5.00
Titanium	2.50	3.25
Aluminum	2.50	3.25
Boron	0.003	0.010
Iron	--	2.00
Copper	--	0.10
Nickel		remainder

- 3.1.1 Check Analysis: Composition variations shall meet the requirements of  
Ø AMS 2268.
- 3.2 Condition: Solution and precipitation heat treated.
- 3.3 Casting:
- 3.3.1 The metal for castings shall be melted and poured under vacuum without loss of vacuum between melting and pouring. When permitted by purchaser, protective atmosphere may be used in lieu of vacuum for pouring of castings.
- 3.3.2 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 3.4.
- 3.3.2.1 A master heat is refined metal of a single furnace charge melted and  
Ø cast into ingot under vacuum. 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.
- 3.4 Master Heat Qualification: Each master heat shall be qualified by evaluation of chemical analysis and tensile specimens conforming to 3.4.1 and 3.4.2, respectively. 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.
- 3.4.2 Tensile Specimens: Shall be cast from remelted metal from each master heat except when castings are poured directly from a master heat, in which case the specimens shall also be poured directly from the master heat. Specimens shall be of standard proportions in accordance with ASTM E8 with 0.250 in (6.25 mm) diameter at the reduced parallel gage section. They shall be cast to size or shall be cast oversize and subsequently machined to 0.250 in. (6.25 mm) diameter. Center gating may be used.

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3.5 Heat Treatment: Castings and representative tensile specimens shall be solution heat treated by heating in a suitable protective atmosphere to  $2100^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 25$  ( $1150^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 15$ ), holding at heat for  $4 \text{ hr} \pm 0.25$ , cooling in air to room temperature, reheating to  $1975^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 25$  ( $1080^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 15$ ), holding at heat for  $4 \text{ hr} \pm 0.25$ , and cooling in air and precipitation heat treated by heating to  $1400^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 25$  ( $760^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 15$ ), holding at heat for  $16 \text{ hr} \pm 0.5$ , and cooling in air.

3.6 Properties: Castings and representative tensile specimens produced in accordance with 3.4.2 shall conform to the following requirements:

3.6.1 Separately-Cast Specimens:

3.6.1.1 Tensile Properties:

3.6.1.1.1 At  $1200^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $650^{\circ}\text{C}$ ): Shall be as follows, determined in accordance with ASTM E21 on specimens heated to  $1200^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10$  ( $650^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5$ ), held at heat for 20 to 30 min. before testing, and tested at  $1200^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10$  ( $650^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5$ ).

Tensile Strength, min  
Elongation in 4D, min

120,000 psi (825 MPa)  
7%

3.6.1.2 Hardness: Should be not lower than 30 HRC or equivalent, determined in accordance with ASTM E18, but castings shall not be rejected on the basis of hardness if the tensile property requirements of 3.6.1.1.1 are met.

3.6.1.3 Stress-Rupture Properties at  $1700^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $925^{\circ}\text{C}$ ): Tensile specimens maintained at  $1700^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 3$  ( $925^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2$ ) while a load sufficient to produce an initial axial stress of 25,000 psi (170 MPa) is applied continuously, shall not rupture in less than 35 hours. The test shall be continued to rupture without change of load. Elongation after rupture, measured at room temperature, shall be not less than 5% in 4D. Test shall be performed in accordance with ASTM E139.

3.6.1.3.1 The test of 3.6.1.3 may be conducted using a load higher than required to produce an initial axial stress of 25,000 psi (170 MPa) but load shall not be changed while test is in progress. Time to rupture and elongation requirements shall be as specified in 3.6.1.3.

3.6.1.3.2 When permitted by purchaser, the test of 3.6.1.3 may be conducted using incremental loading. In such case, the load required to produce an initial axial stress of 25,000 psi (170 MPa) shall be used to rupture or for 35 hr, whichever occurs first. After the 35 hr and at intervals of 8 - 16 hr, preferably 8 - 10 hr, thereafter, the stress shall be increased in increments of 2,500 psi (15 MPa). Time to rupture and elongation requirements shall be as specified in 3.6.1.3.

3.6.2 Castings:

- 3.6.2.1 Hardness: Shall be not lower than 30 HRC or equivalent, determined in accordance with ASTM E18.
- 3.6.2.2 Tensile and Stress-Rupture Properties: When specified on the drawing or when agreed upon by purchaser and vendor, tensile specimens conforming to ASTM E8 shall be machined from locations indicated on the drawing from castings selected at random from each master heat. Property requirements for such specimens shall be as shown on the drawing or as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor and may be defined as specified in AMS 2361 and/or AMS 2362.
- 3.7 Quality:
- 3.7.1 Castings, as received by 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.
- 3.7.1.1 Castings shall have smooth surfaces and shall be well cleaned. Metallic shot or grit shall not be used for final cleaning, unless otherwise permitted.
- 3.7.2 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.
- 3.7.3 When specified, castings shall be subjected to fluorescent penetrant inspection in accordance with AMS 2645.
- 3.7.4 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.
- 3.7.5 Castings shall not be repaired by peening, plugging, welding, or other methods without written permission from purchaser.
- 3.7.5.1 When permitted in writing by purchaser, defects in castings may be  
Ø removed and the castings repaired by welding in accordance with AMS 2694.
4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:
- 4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of castings shall supply all  
Ø samples for vendor's tests 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 sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the castings conform to the requirements of this specification.

#### 4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Tests to determine conformance to requirements for composition (3.1), tensile properties (3.6.1.1.1), hardness (3.6.1.2), and stress-rupture properties (3.6.1.3) of separately-cast specimens, hardness of castings (3.6.2.1), and quality (3.7) are classified as acceptance tests and shall be performed on each master heat or lot as applicable.

4.2.1.1 Tensile and/or stress-rupture properties of specimens cut from castings shall be determined only when specified by purchaser or when separately-cast specimens are not available. Tensile and/or stress rupture properties of separately-cast specimens need not be determined when such properties are determined on specimens cut from castings.

4.2.2 Preproduction Tests: Tests to determine conformance to all technical requirements of this specification are classified as preproduction tests and shall be performed prior to or on the first-article shipment of a casting to a purchaser, when a change in material and/or processing requires reapproval as in 4.4.2, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

4.2.2.1 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; a lot shall be all castings of the same part number poured from the same master heat in a period of 8 consecutive hours and presented for vendor's inspection at one time:

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

4.3.2 Six tensile specimens in accordance with 3.4.2 from each master heat.

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

4.3.4 One or more castings from each master heat when properties of specimens machined from castings are required. Size, location, 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 specimens are not specified, not less than four tensile specimens, two from the thickest section and two 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 by purchaser.

4.4.2 Vendor shall establish separately for tensile specimens used for master heat qualification and for production of sample castings of each part number parameters for the control factors of processing which will produce tensile specimens meeting master heat qualification requirements and acceptable castings; these shall constitute the approved casting procedures and shall be used for producing subsequent master heat qualification specimens and production castings. If necessary to make any change in parameters for the 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 test specimens and castings include, but are not limited to, the following:

Type of furnace and its capacity  
Type and size of furnace charge  
Vacuum level  
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  
Solution and precipitation heat treatment cycles  
Cleaning operations  
Methods of inspection

4.4.2.1.1 Any of the above control factors of processing for which parameters are considered proprietary by the vendor may be assigned a code designation. Each variation in such parameters 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 the results of tests for tensile properties, hardness, and stress-rupture properties of separately-cast specimens from each master heat. 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/or code symbol, AMS 5384B, part number, and quantity from each master heat.