

# AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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Nickel Alloy, Corrosion and Heat-Resistant, Investment Castings  
53.3Ni - 16.5Cr - 17Mo - 4.5W - 5.8Fe - 0.40V (CW-12MW)  
As-Cast

(Composition similar to UNS N10002)

## 1. SCOPE:

### 1.1 Form:

This specification covers a corrosion and heat-resistant nickel alloy in the form of investment castings.

### 1.2 Application:

These castings have been used typically for parts, such as nozzle guide vanes, requiring good corrosion resistance and strength up to 1500 °F (816 °C), and oxidation resistance up to 1800 °F (982 °C), but usage is not limited to such applications (See 8.3).

## 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:

The issue of the following documents in effect on the date of the purchase order forms a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The supplier may work to a subsequent revision of a document unless a specific document issue is specified. When the referenced document has been canceled and no superseding document has been specified, the last published issue of that document shall apply.

### 2.1 SAE Publications:

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001 or [www.sae.org](http://www.sae.org).

AMS 2175	Castings, Classification and Inspection of
AMS 2269	Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Nickel, Nickel Alloys, and Cobalt Alloys
AMS 2360	Room Temperature Tensile Properties of Castings
AMS 2361	Elevated Temperature Tensile Properties of Castings
AMS 2694	Repair Welding of Aerospace Castings
AMS 2804	Identification, Castings

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## 2.2 ASTM Publications:

Available from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 or [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

ASTM E 8	Tension Testing of Metallic Materials
ASTM E 8M	Tension Testing of Metallic Materials (Metric)
ASTM E 21	Elevated Temperature Tension Tests for Metallic Materials
ASTM E 354	Chemical Analysis of High-Temperature, Electrical, Magnetic, and Other Similar Iron, Nickel, and Cobalt Alloys
ASTM E 1417	Liquid Penetrant Examination
ASTM E 1742	Radiographic Examination

## 3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

### 3.1 Composition:

Shall conform to the percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E 354, by spectrochemical methods, or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser (See 8.2.1 and 8.2.2).

TABLE 1 - Composition

Element	min	max
Carbon	--	0.15
Manganese	--	1.00
Silicon	--	1.00
Phosphorus	--	0.03
Sulfur	--	0.03
Chromium	15.50	17.50
Molybdenum	16.00	18.00
Tungsten	3.75	5.25
Iron	4.50	7.00
Vanadium	0.20	0.60
Cobalt	--	2.50
Other Elements (3.1.1)	--	--
Nickel	remainder	

3.1.1 Vendor may test for any element not otherwise listed in Table 1 and include this analysis in the report of 4.5. Limits of acceptability may be specified by purchaser (See 8.2.3).

3.1.2 Check Analysis: Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS 2269.

### 3.2 Melting Practice:

Castings and specimens shall be poured at casting vendor's facility either from a melt (See 8.2.4) of a master heat, or directly from a master heat (See 3.4.2 and 8.2.5).

- 3.2.1 Revert (gates, sprues, risers, and rejected castings) may be used only in the preparation of master heats; revert shall not be remelted directly without refining for pouring of castings. Melting of revert creates a new master heat.
- 3.2.2 Portions of two or more qualified master heats (See 3.4.2) may be melted together and poured into castings using a procedure authorized by purchaser (See 8.2.6).
- 3.2.3 If melts (See 8.2.4) are modified by replenishment (See 8.2.7), vendor shall have a written procedure acceptable to purchaser which defines the controls, test, and traceability criteria for both castings and separately-cast specimens. Control factors of 4.4.2.2 shall apply.
- 3.3 Condition:
- Castings shall be delivered in the as-cast condition.
- 3.4 Test Specimens:
- Specimens shall be either separately-cast, integrally-cast (See 8.2.8), or machined from a casting, and shall conform to 3.2.
- 3.4.1 If specimens are separately-cast, vendor shall have a written procedure acceptable to purchaser. Control factors of 4.4.2.2 shall apply.
- 3.4.2 Each master heat shall be qualified by evaluation of chemical and tensile specimens.
- 3.4.2.1 If replenishments are made at remelt as in 3.2.3, frequency of sampling and testing used by the vendor for qualification to 3.4.2 shall be acceptable to purchaser.
- 3.4.2.2 Tensile tests of 3.4.2 are not required if these tests are conducted using integrally-cast specimens (4.3.3.2) or specimens machined-from-casting (4.3.3.3).
- 3.4.3 Chemical Analysis Specimens: Shall be of any convenient size and shape.
- 3.4.4 Tensile Specimens: Shall be of standard proportions in accordance with ASTM E 8 or ASTM E 8M (See 8.4) with 0.250-inch (6.35-mm) diameter at the reduced parallel gage section.
- 3.4.4.1 Separately-cast and integrally-cast specimens may be either cast to size, and/or cast oversize and subsequently machined to 0.250-inch (6.35-mm) diameter.
- 3.4.4.2 When integrally-cast specimens and/or specimens machined-from-casting are specified, specimen size and location shall be agreed upon by purchaser and vendor (See 8.2.9 and 8.6).
- 3.5 Heat Treatment:
- Not applicable.

## 3.6 Properties:

Conformance shall be based upon testing of separately-cast specimens unless purchaser specifies integrally-cast specimens or specimens machined-from-casting. Properties for integrally-cast specimens and specimens machined-from-casting shall be as specified by purchaser (See 8.6).

- 3.6.1 Room Temperature Tensile Properties: Tensile properties may be specified by purchaser in accordance with AMS 2360.
- 3.6.2 Elevated Temperature Tensile Properties at 1500 °F (816 °C): Shall be as shown in Table 2, determined on separately-cast specimens in accordance with ASTM E 21 on specimens heated to and tested at 1500 °F ± 5 (816 °C ± 3). Properties other than those listed in Table 2 may be defined as specified in AMS 2361.

TABLE 2 - Minimum Elevated Temperature Tensile Properties  
of Separately-Cast Specimens

Property	Value
Tensile Strength	50 ksi (552 MPa)
Elongation in 4D	18%

- 3.6.3 Hardness: Not applicable.

## 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 imperfections detrimental to usage of the castings. Castings shall be free of cracks, laps, hot tears, and cold shuts, and free of scale and other process-induced surface contamination which would obscure defects.
- 3.7.2 Castings shall be produced under radiographic control. This control shall consist of radiographic examination of each casting part number until foundry manufacturing controls in accordance with 4.4.2 have been established. Additional radiography shall be conducted in accordance with the frequency of inspection specified by purchaser, or as necessary to ensure continued maintenance of internal quality.
- 3.7.2.1 Radiographic inspection shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM E 1742 or other method specified by purchaser.
- 3.7.3 When specified, castings shall be subjected to fluorescent penetrant inspection in accordance with ASTM E 1417 or other method specified by purchaser.
- 3.7.4 Acceptance standards for radiographic, fluorescent penetrant, visual, and other inspection methods shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor (See 8.2.9). AMS 2175 may be used to specify acceptance standards (casting grade) and frequency of inspection (casting class).

3.7.4.1 When acceptance standards are not specified, Grade C of AMS 2175 as applicable to steel castings shall apply for each specified method of inspection.

3.7.5 Castings shall not be peened, plugged, impregnated, or welded unless authorized by purchaser.

3.7.5.1 When authorized by purchaser, welding in accordance with AMS 2694 or other welding program acceptable to purchaser may be used.

#### 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

##### 4.1 Responsibility for inspection:

The vendor of castings shall supply all samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for the performance of all required tests. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the castings conform to specified requirements.

##### 4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Composition (3.1), room temperature tensile properties if specified (3.6.1), elevated temperature tensile properties (3.6.2), and the applicable requirements of quality (3.7) are acceptance tests and shall be performed as specified in 4.3.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests: Radiographic soundness (3.7.2) is a periodic test and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the vendor unless a frequency of testing is specified by purchaser.

4.2.3 Preproduction Tests: All technical requirements are preproduction tests and shall be performed on sample castings (4.3.2), when a change in control factors occurs (4.4.2.2), and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

##### 4.3 Sampling and Testing:

The minimum testing performed by vendor shall be in accordance with the following:

4.3.1 One chemical analysis specimen or a casting from each master heat shall be tested for conformance with Table 1; if 3.4.2.1 applies, test frequency shall be acceptable to purchaser.

4.3.2 One preproduction casting in accordance with 4.4 shall be tested to requirements of the casting drawing and to all technical requirements.

4.3.2.1 Dimensional inspection sample quantity shall be as specified by purchaser.

4.3.3 Tensile property tests shall be conducted to determine conformance with 3.6.2. Sampling and test frequency is dependent upon the type and origin of the specimen specified by purchaser (See 3.4.4 and 3.6) or selected by vendor (See 4.3.3.4). When 3.4.2.1 applies, specimen source and test frequency shall be acceptable to purchaser.

- 4.3.3.1 For separately-cast specimens in the as-cast condition, one specimen from each master heat shall be tested for conformance to 3.6.2.
- 4.3.3.2 For integrally-cast specimens in the as-cast condition, two specimens shall be randomly selected from each lot (See 8.2.10) and tested for conformance with properties specified by purchaser (See 8.6).
- 4.3.3.3 For specimens machined-from-casting, one casting shall be randomly selected from each lot and tested in the as-cast condition at each location shown on the engineering drawing for conformance with properties specified by purchaser (See 8.6).
- 4.3.3.3.1 When size and location of specimens are not shown, two specimens shall be tested, one from the thickest section and one from the thinnest section. Once established under 4.4.2.2, test locations may be changed only as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.
- 4.3.3.4 When acceptable to purchaser, specimens machined-from-casting may be used in lieu of both separately-cast and integrally-cast specimens, and integrally-cast specimens may be used in lieu of separately-cast specimens. In each case, the resultant properties shall conform to the requirements of 3.6 or to alternative requirements specified by purchaser (See 8.6).
- 4.3.3.4.1 When specimens are selected for test as in 4.3.3.4 from an origin other than that specified by purchaser, vendor shall include in the report of 4.5 a description of the source of the specimen that was tested.
- 4.3.3.5 When casting size, section thickness, gating method, or other factors do not permit conformance with 4.3.3.2 or 4.3.3.3, sampling and testing shall be agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.
- 4.3.4 Castings shall be inspected in accordance with 3.7 to the methods, frequency, and acceptance standards specified by purchaser.
- 4.4 Approval:
- 4.4.1 Sample casting(s) from new or reworked master patterns produced under the casting procedure of 4.4.2 shall be approved by purchaser before castings for production use are supplied, unless such approval be waived by purchaser.
- 4.4.2 For each casting part number, vendor shall establish parameters for process control factors that will consistently produce castings and test specimens meeting the requirements of the casting drawing and this specification. These parameters shall constitute the approved casting procedure and shall be used for production of subsequent castings and test specimens. If necessary to make any change to these parameters, vendor shall submit a statement of the proposed change for purchaser reapproval. When requested, vendor shall also submit test specimens, sample castings, or both to purchaser for reapproval.

- 4.4.2.1 Production castings produced prior to receipt of purchaser's approval shall be at vendor's risk.
- 4.4.2.2 Control factors for producing castings and separately-cast specimens include, but are not limited to, the following factors. Supplier's procedures shall identify tolerances, ranges, and/or control limits, as applicable. Control factors for separately-cast specimens must generally represent, but need not be identical to, those factors used for castings (See 3.2.3 and 3.4.1):

Composition of ceramic cores, if used  
Arrangement and number of patterns in the mold (including integrally-cast specimens, if applicable)  
Size, shape, and location of gates and risers  
Mold refractory formulation  
Grain refinement methods, if applicable  
Mold back-up material (weight, thickness, or number of dips)  
Type of furnace, atmosphere, and charge for melting  
Mold preheat and metal pouring temperatures  
Fluxing or deoxidation procedure  
Replenishment procedure, if applicable  
Time molten metal is in furnace  
Solidification and cooling procedures  
Cleaning operations (mechanical and chemical)  
Straightening  
Final inspection methods  
Location and size of integrally-cast and specimens machined from a casting, if applicable.

- 4.4.2.2.1 Any of the control factors 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.
- 4.4.2.2.1.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon by purchaser and vendor, purchaser shall be entitled to review proprietary control factor details and coding at vendor's facility.

#### 4.5 Reports:

The vendor of castings shall furnish with each shipment a certification document declaring that castings have been processed, tested, and inspected as specified and that the results of the inspections and tests conform to requirements.

- 4.5.1 Unless otherwise specified, vendor shall furnish test report(s) showing the results of tests and inspections conducted in accordance with 4.2 and 4.3.
- 4.5.1.1 Chemical analysis determinations, property test data, and the results of any retests conducted shall be expressed numerically to reflect actual quantitative test values.

- 4.5.1.2 Inspection and preproduction results shall be reported at the frequency specified by, and in a format acceptable to purchaser.
- 4.5.1.3 Nonconformances shall be documented and approved by purchaser in accordance with purchaser's material review requirements.
- 4.5.2 The statement of conformity and test report(s) shall include or be traceable to the purchase order number, master heat identification, heat treat/lot number, AMS 5388G, part number, quantity, and when required (See 5.1.1) the list of individual serial numbers or serial number range.
- 4.5.2.1 If 4.3.3.4.1 applies, the mechanical property test report shall denote the source of the specimens that were tested.
- 4.5.3 Test reports for acceptance testing of 4.2 shall be as follows:
- 4.5.3.1 For each master heat:
- Composition (See 4.3.1)
  - Room temperature tensile properties, if specified (See 4.3.3.1)
  - Elevated temperature tensile properties (See 4.3.3.1)
- 4.5.3.2 For each lot:
- Inspection results (See 4.3.4)
  - Integrally-cast or machined-from-casting room temperature and elevated temperature properties, when specified (See 3.6, 4.3.3.2 and 4.3.3.3)
- 4.5.4 The vendor shall retain records of processing and inspection in accordance with purchaser requirements.
- 4.6 Resampling and Retesting:
- If results of a valid test fail to meet specified requirements, two additional specimens in accordance with 4.3 from the same master heat, modified melt (See 3.2.3), or lot, as applicable, shall be tested for each nonconforming characteristic. Results of each additional test, and the average of the results of all tests (original and retests) shall meet specified requirements; otherwise, the master heat or lot shall be rejected. Results of all tests shall be reported.
- 4.6.1 A test may be declared invalid if failure is due to specimen mispreparation, test equipment malfunction, improper test procedure, or the presence of random process defects such as inclusions or gas holes in a tensile specimen.