



# 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)

## RATIONALE

AMS5388K corrects an error in the reports paragraph (4.5).

### 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

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#### 2.1 SAE Publications

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- AMS2175 Castings, Classification and Inspection of
- AMS2269 Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Nickel, Nickel Alloys, and Cobalt Alloys
- AMS2360 Room Temperature Tensile Properties of Castings
- AMS2361 Elevated Temperature Tensile Properties of Castings

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AMS2694 In-Process Welding of Castings

AMS2804 Identification, Castings

## 2.2 ASTM Publications

Available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Tel: 610-832-9585, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

ASTM E 8/E 8M Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

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/E 1417M Liquid Penetrant Testing

ASTM E 1742/E 1742M 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 AMS2269.

### 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/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 AMS2360.

### 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  $\pm$  5 (816 °C  $\pm$  3). Properties other than those listed in Table 2 may be defined as specified in AMS2361.

TABLE 2 - MINIMUM ELEVATED TEMPERATURE TENSILE PROPERTIES OF SEPARATELY-CAST SPECIMENS

Property	Value
Tensile Strength	50 ksi (345 MPa)
Elongation in 4D	10%

### 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/E 1742M 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/E 1417M 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). AMS2175 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 AMS2175 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 AMS2694 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)

Welding procedure, if applicable

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 report showing the results of tests for composition from each master heat represented and the results of tests on each lot to determine conformance to the other technical requirements. This report shall include the purchase order number, master heat number or code symbol, AMS5388K, lot number, part number, and quantity.

#### 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.

### 5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY

#### 5.1 Identification

Unless otherwise specified by purchaser, individual castings shall be identified in accordance with AMS2804.

##### 5.1.1 Traceability

Individual castings shall be traceable to their conditions of manufacture and inspection up to and including the point of acceptance by purchaser.

##### 5.1.2 Serialization

When specified (See 4.5.2 and 8.6) each casting shall be serialized with a unique non-repeating serial number.

#### 5.2 Packaging

Castings shall be prepared for shipment in accordance with commercial practice and in compliance with applicable rules and regulations pertaining to the handling, packaging, and transportation of the castings to ensure carrier acceptance and safe delivery.

### 6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A vendor shall mention this specification number and its revision letter in all quotations and when acknowledging purchase orders.

### 7. REJECTIONS

Castings not conforming to this specification, or to modifications authorized by purchaser, will be subject to rejection.

### 8. NOTES

8.1 A change bar (I) located in the left margin is for the convenience of the user in locating areas where technical revisions, not editorial changes, have been made to the previous issue of this document. An (R) symbol to the left of the document title indicates a complete revision of the document, including technical revisions. Change bars and (R) are not used in original publications, nor in documents that contain editorial changes only.

8.2 Terms used in AMS are clarified in ARP1917 and as follows:

#### 8.2.1 "Acceptable to Purchaser"

Does not require prior written approval from purchaser, but allows vendor to make a decision and purchaser the right to disapprove the decision.

#### 8.2.2 "Purchaser"

The cognizant engineering organization responsible for casting design and fitness for use, or the designee of this engineering organization.