



AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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NICKEL SHEET AND STRIP
Low (0.02 max) Carbon

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1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers nickel in the form of sheet and strip.

1.2 Application: Primarily for parts requiring excellent corrosion resistance and/or strong magnetic properties.

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, Pennsylvania 15096.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2262 - Tolerances, Nickel, Nickel-Base, and Cobalt-Base Alloy
Sheet, Strip, and Plate

AMS 2269 - Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Nickel and
Nickel-Base Alloys

AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods

AMS 2371 - Quality Assurance Sampling of Corrosion and Heat Resistant
Alloys, Wrought Products Except Forgings

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

ASTM E8 - Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

ASTM E18 - Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of
Metallic Materials

ASTM E354 - Chemical Analysis of High-Temperature, Electrical, Magnetic, and Other
Similar Iron, Nickel, and Cobalt-Base Alloys

2.3 Government Publications: Available from Commanding Officer, Naval Publications and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19120.

2.3.1 Federal Standards:

Federal Test Method Standard No. 151 - Metals; Test Methods

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

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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 Test Method Standard No. 151, Method 112, or by other approved analytical methods:

	min	max
Nickel + Cobalt	99.0	--
Carbon	--	0.02
Manganese	--	0.35
Silicon	--	0.35
Sulfur	--	0.010
Iron	--	0.40
Copper	--	0.25

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

3.2 Condition: Cold rolled, annealed, and descaled unless annealing is performed in an atmosphere yielding a bright finish, having a surface appearance as close as possible to a commercial corrosion resistant steel No. 2D finish; standards for acceptance shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.3 Properties: The product shall conform to the following requirements:

3.3.1 Tensile Properties: Shall be as shown in Table I, determined in accordance with ASTM E8:

TABLE I

Nominal Thickness Inch	Tensile Strength psi, min	Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset psi	Elongation in 2 in. %, min
0.005 to 0.010, excl	45,000	--	--
0.010 to 0.015, incl	50,000	30,000 max	35
Over 0.015 to 0.025, incl	50,000	12,000 min	35
Over 0.025	50,000	12,000 min	40

TABLE I (SI)

Nominal Thickness Millimetres	Tensile Strength MPa, min	Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset MPa	Elongation in 50.8 mm %, min
0.13 to 0.25, excl	310	--	--
0.25 to 0.38, incl	345	207 max	35
Over 0.38 to 0.64, incl	345	83 min	35
Over 0.64	345	83 min	40

3.3.2 Hardness: Should be not higher than 66 HRB or equivalent, determined in accordance with ASTM E18, but the product shall not be rejected on the basis of hardness if the tensile property requirements are met.

3.4 Quality: The product shall be uniform in quality and condition, clean, sound, and free from foreign materials and from internal and external imperfections detrimental to fabrication or to performance of parts.

3.5 Tolerances: Unless otherwise specified, tolerances shall conform to all applicable requirements of AMS 2262.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of the product 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 4.4. Purchaser reserves the right to perform such confirmatory testing as he deems necessary to assure that the product conforms 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 or routine control tests.

4.3 Sampling: Shall be in accordance with AMS 2371 and the following:

4.3.1 Tensile test specimens from widths 9 in. (229 mm) and over shall be taken with axis perpendicular to the direction of rolling; for widths less than 9 in. (229 mm), specimens shall be taken with axis parallel to the direction of rolling.

4.4 Reports:

4.4.1 The vendor of the product shall furnish with each shipment three copies of a report of the results of tests for chemical composition of each heat in the shipment and the results of tests on each thickness from each heat to determine conformance to the tensile property and hardness requirements of this specification. This report shall include the purchase order number, heat number, material specification number and its revision letter, size, and quantity from each heat.

4.4.2 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 material, part number, and quantity. When material for making parts is produced or purchased by the parts vendor, that vendor shall inspect each lot of material to determine conformance to the requirements of this specification, and shall include in the report a statement that the material conforms, or shall include copies of laboratory reports showing the results of tests to determine conformance.

4.5 Resampling and Retesting: If any specimen used in the above tests fails to meet the specified requirements, disposition of the product 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 product represented and no additional testing shall be permitted. Results of all tests shall be reported.

5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY:

5.1 Identification: Each sheet and strip shall be marked on one face, in the respective location indicated below, with AMS 5553B, heat number, manufacturer's identification, and nominal thickness. The characters shall be of such size as to be clearly legible, shall be applied using a suitable marking fluid, and shall be capable of being removed in hot alkaline cleaning solution without rubbing. The markings shall have no deleterious effect on the material or its performance and shall be sufficiently stable to withstand normal handling.

5.1.1 Flat Strip 6 In. (152 mm) and Under in Width: Shall be marked in one or more lengthwise rows of characters recurring at intervals not greater than 3 ft (914 mm).

5.1.2 Flat Sheet and Flat Strip Over 6 In. (152 mm) in Width: Shall be marked in lengthwise rows of characters recurring at intervals not greater than 3 ft (914 mm), the rows being spaced not more than 6 in. (152 mm) apart and alternately staggered.