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STEEL BARS AND FORGINGS, CORROSION RESISTANT 13Cr (0.30-0.40C) (SAE 51420)

1. SCOPE:

- 1.1 Form: This specification covers a corrosion-resistant steel in the form of bars, wire, forgings, and forging stock.
- 1.2 Application: Primarily for parts requiring hardness usually within the range 40 - 50 HRC with corrosion resistance and oxidation resistance up to 800° F (427° C) but useful at the higher temperatures only when stresses are moderately low.

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) and Aerospace Standards (AS) 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., Two Pennsylvania Plaza, New York, New York 10001.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2241 - Tolerances, Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steel Bars and Wire and Titanium and Titanium-Alloy Bars and Wire
AMS 2248 - Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Heat and Corrosion Resistant Steels and Alloys
AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods
AMS 2371 - Quality Assurance Sampling of Corrosion and Heat Resistant Alloys, Wrought Products Except Forgings
AMS 2375 - Approval and Control of Critical Forgings
AMS 2808 - Identification, Forgings

2.1.2 Aerospace Standards:

AS 1182 - Standard Machining Allowance, Aircraft Quality and Premium Quality Steel Products

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

ASTM A370 - Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
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, Pennsylvania 19120.

2.3.1 Federal Standards:

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

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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 112, or by other approved analytical methods:

	min	max
Carbon	0.30 -	0.40
Manganese	--	1.00
Silicon	--	1.00
Phosphorus	--	0.040
Sulfur	--	0.030
Chromium	12.00 -	14.00
Nickel	--	0.50
Molybdenum	--	0.50
Copper	--	0.50

3.1.1 Check Analysis: Composition variations shall meet the requirements of AMS 2248.

3.2 Condition: The product shall be supplied in the following condition; hardness and tensile strength shall be determined in accordance with ASTM A370:

3.2.1 Bars:

3.2.1.1 Bars Over 0.500 to 2.750 In. (12.70 to 69.85 mm), Incl. in Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides and All Hexagons: Cold finished having hardness not higher than 241 HB.

3.2.1.2 Bars, Other Than Hexagons, Over 2.750 In. (69.85 mm) in Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides: Hot finished having hardness not higher than 241 HB.

3.2.2 Wire: Cold finished having tensile strength not higher than 115,000 psi (793 MPa) or equivalent hardness.

3.2.3 Forgings: As ordered.

3.2.4 Forging Stock: As ordered by the forging manufacturer.

3.3 Properties: The product shall conform to the following requirements; hardness testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM A370:

3.3.1 Response to Heat Treatment: Product 0.500 in. (12.70 mm) and less in thickness and 0.500 in. (12.70 mm) thick specimens cut from larger bars and forgings, placed in a furnace which is at $1825^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10$ ($996.1^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5.6$), allowed to heat to $1825^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10$ ($996.1^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5.6$), held at heat for 30 min., and cooled in still air, shall have hardness not lower than 50 HRC or equivalent.

3.3.2 Decarburization:

3.3.2.1 Bars and wire ordered ground, turned, or polished shall be free from decarburization on the ground, turned, or polished surfaces.

3.3.2.2 Allowable decarburization of bars and billets ordered for forging or to specified microstructural requirements shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.3.2.3 Decarburization of bars and wire to which 3.3.2.1 or 3.3.2.2 is not applicable shall be not greater than shown in Table I.

TABLE I

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Inches	Depth of Decarburization Inch
Up to 0.375, incl	0.010
Over 0.375 to 0.500, incl	0.012
Over 0.500 to 0.625, incl	0.014
Over 0.625 to 1.000, incl	0.017
Over 1.000 to 1.500, incl	0.020
Over 1.500 to 2.000, incl	0.025
Over 2.000 to 2.500, incl	0.030
Over 2.500 to 3.000, incl	0.035
Over 3.000 to 4.000, incl	0.045

TABLE I (SI)

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Millimetres	Depth of Decarburization Millimetres
Up to 9.52, incl	0.25
Over 9.52 to 12.70, incl	0.30
Over 12.70 to 15.88, incl	0.36
Over 15.88 to 25.40, incl	0.43
Over 25.40 to 38.10, incl	0.51
Over 38.10 to 50.80, incl	0.64
Over 50.80 to 63.50, incl	0.76
Over 63.50 to 76.20, incl	0.89
Over 76.20 to 101.60, incl	1.14

- 3.3.2.3.1 Limits for depth of decarburization of bars over 4.000 in. (101.60 mm) in nominal diameter or distance between parallel sides shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.
- 3.3.2.4 Decarburization shall be measured by the microscopic method or by Rockwell Superficial 30-N scale or equivalent hardness testing method on hardened but untempered specimens protected during heat treatment to prevent changes in surface carbon content. Depth of decarburization, when measured by a hardness method, is defined as the perpendicular distance from the surface to the depth under that surface below which there is no further increase in hardness. Such measurements shall be far enough away from any adjacent surface to be uninfluenced by any decarburization or lack of decarburization thereon.
- 3.3.2.4.1 When determining the depth of decarburization, it is permissible to disregard local areas provided the decarburization of such areas does not exceed the above limits by more than 0.005 in. (0.13 mm) and the width is 0.065 in. (1.65 mm) or less.
- 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.
- 3.4.1 Bars and wire ordered ground, turned, or polished shall be free from seams, laps, tears, and cracks open to the ground, turned, or polished surfaces.
- 3.4.2 Product ordered to surface conditions other than ground, turned, or polished shall, after removal of the standard machining allowance, be free from seams, laps, tears, cracks, and other imperfections exposed to the machined surfaces. Standard machining allowance shall be in accordance with AS 1182.

- 3.5 Sizes: Except when exact lengths or multiples of exact lengths are ordered, bars and straight wire will be acceptable in mill lengths of 6 - 20 ft (1.8 - 6.1 m) but not more than 10% of any shipment shall be supplied in lengths shorter than 10 ft (3 m).
- 3.6 Tolerances: Unless otherwise specified, tolerances for bars and wire shall conform to all applicable requirements of AMS 2241.
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 4.5. 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 the following:
- 4.3.1 Bars and Wire: AMS 2371.
- 4.3.2 Forgings and Forging Stock: As agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.
- 4.4 Approval: When specified, approval and control of critical forgings shall be in accordance with AMS 2375.
- 4.5 Reports:
- 4.5.1 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 size from each heat to determine conformance to the response to heat treatment requirements. This report shall include the purchase order number, heat number, material specification number and its revision letter, size, and quantity from each heat. If forgings are supplied, the part number and the size and melt source of stock used to make the forgings shall also be included.
- 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 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.
- 4.6 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.