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Steel, Corrosion Resistant, Bars and Forgings
17Cr (0.60 - 0.75C) (SAE 51440A)

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1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form:

This specification covers a corrosion-resistant steel in the form of bars, forgings, and forging stock.

1.2 Application:

These products have been used typically for parts requiring hardness up to 55 HRC and resistance to wear, corrosion, and oxidation, but usage is not limited to such applications.

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.

AMS 2241	Tolerances, Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steel, Iron Alloy, Titanium, and Titanium Alloy Bars and Wire
MAM 2241	Tolerances, Metric, Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steel, Iron Alloy, Titanium, and Titanium Alloy Bars and Wire
AMS 2248	Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steels and Alloys, Maraging and Other Highly Alloyed Steels, and Iron Alloys
AMS 2371	Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing, Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steels and Alloys, Wrought Products and Forging Stock
AMS 2374	Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing, Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steel and Alloy Forgings
AMS 2806	Identification, Bars, Wire, Mechanical Tubing, and Extrusions, Carbon and Alloy Steels and Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steels and Alloys
AMS 2808	Identification, Forgings

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2.1 (Continued):

AS1182 Standard Machining Allowance, Aircraft-Quality and Premium Aircraft-Quality Steel, Bars and Mechanical Tubing

2.2 ASTM Publications:

Available from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

ASTM A 370 Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

ASTM E 353 Chemical Analysis of Stainless, Heat-Resisting, Maraging, and Other Similar Chromium-Nickel-Iron Alloys

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 353, by spectrochemical methods, or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser.

TABLE 1 - Composition

Element	min	max
Carbon	0.60	0.75
Manganese	--	1.00
Silicon	--	1.00
Phosphorus	--	0.040
Sulfur	--	0.030
Chromium	16.00	18.00
Nickel	--	0.75
Molybdenum	--	0.75
Copper	--	0.50

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

3.2 Condition:

The product shall be supplied in the following condition:

3.2.1 Bars: Shall have hardness not higher than 241 HB, or equivalent, determined in accordance with ASTM A 370 (See 8.2).

3.2.1.1 Bars and All Hexagons 2.750 Inches (69.85 mm) and Under in Nominal Diameter or Least Distance Between Parallel Sides: Cold finished.

3.2.1.2 Bars, Other Than Hexagons, Over 2.750 Inches (69.85 mm) in Nominal Diameter or Least Distance Between Parallel Sides: Hot finished and descaled.

3.2.2 Forgings: As ordered.

3.2.3 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 A 370:

3.3.1 Response to Heat Treatment: Product 0.375 inch (9.52 mm) and under in nominal cross-section and 0.375 inch \pm 0.015 (9.52 mm \pm 0.38) thick specimens cut from larger product shall have hardness not lower than 55 HRC, or equivalent (See 8.2), after being heated to 1875 °F \pm 25 (1024 °C \pm 14), held at heat for 30 minutes \pm 3, and cooled at a rate equivalent to an air cool.

3.3.2 Decarburization:

3.3.2.1 Bars 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 redrawing or forging or to specified microstructural requirements shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.3.2.3 Decarburization of bars to which 3.3.2.1 or 3.3.2.2 is not applicable shall be not greater than shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2A - Maximum Depth of Decarburization, Inch/Pound Units

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Inches	Total Depth of Decarburization Inch
Up to 0.500, incl	0.015
Over 0.500 to 1.000, incl	0.020
Over 1.000 to 1.500, incl	0.025
Over 1.500 to 2.000, incl	0.030
Over 2.000 to 2.500, incl	0.035
Over 2.500 to 3.000, incl	0.040

TABLE 2B - Maximum Depth of Decarburization, SI Units

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Millimeters	Total Depth of Decarburization Millimeters
Up to 12.70, incl	0.38
Over 12.70 to 25.40, incl	0.51
Over 25.40 to 38.10, incl	0.64
Over 38.10 to 50.80, incl	0.76
Over 50.80 to 63.50, incl	0.89
Over 63.50 to 76.20, incl	1.02

3.3.2.4 Decarburization shall be measured by the metallographic method, by HR 30N scale hardness testing method, or by the microhardness transverse method on a hardened but untempered specimen 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 on the adjacent surface. In case of dispute, the depth of decarburization determined using the microhardness transverse method shall govern.

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 inch (0.13 mm) and the width is 0.065 inch (1.65 mm) or less.

3.4 Quality:

The product, 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 product.

3.4.1 Product ordered hot rolled or cold drawn or ground, turned, or polished shall, after removal of the standard machining allowance in accordance with AS1182, be free from seams, laps, tears, and cracks open to the ground, turned or polished surfaces.

3.4.2 Grain flow of die forgings, except in areas which contain flash-line end grain, shall follow the general contour of the forgings showing no evidence of reentrant grain flow.

3.5 Tolerances:

Bars shall conform to all applicable requirements of AMS 2241 or MAM 2241.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection:

The vendor of the product 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 product conforms to specified requirements.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Composition (3.1), condition (3.2), response to heat treatment (3.3.1), decarburization (3.3.2) and tolerances (3.5) are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests: Grain flow of die forgings (3.4.2) is a periodic test and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the vendor unless frequency of testing is specified by purchaser.

4.3 Sampling and Testing:

Shall be as follows:

4.3.1 Bars and Forging Stock: In accordance with AMS 2371.

4.3.2 Forgings: In accordance with AMS 2374.

4.4 Reports:

The vendor of the product shall furnish with each shipment a report showing the results of tests for chemical composition and for response to heat treatment and condition of each heat and for condition (hardness) of each lot, and stating that the product conforms to the other technical requirements. This report shall include the purchase order number, heat and lot numbers, AMS 5631D, size, and quantity. If forgings are supplied, the size and melt source of stock used to make the forgings shall also be included.

4.5 Resampling and Retesting:

Shall be as follows:

4.5.1 Bars and Forging Stock: In accordance with AMS 2371.

4.5.2 Forgings: In accordance with AMS 2374.