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STEEL BARS, FORGINGS, AND TUBING
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1. SCOPE:

- 1.1 Form: This specification covers an aircraft-quality, low-alloy steel in the form of bars, forgings, mechanical tubing, and forging stock.
- 1.2 Application: Primarily for carburized parts for which a high minimum core hardness is required and a wide hardness range in sections 0.375 inch (9.52 mm) and under in nominal thickness is permitted.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of SAE publications shall apply. The applicable issue of other publications shall be the issue in effect on the date of the purchase order.

2.1 SAE Publications: Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

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2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

- AMS-2251 - Tolerances, Low-Alloy Steel Bars
- MAM-2251 - Tolerances, Metric, Low-Alloy Steel Bars
- AMS-2253 - Tolerances, Carbon and Alloy Steel Tubing
- MAM-2253 - Tolerances, Metric, Carbon and Alloy Steel Tubing
- AMS-2259 - Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels
- AMS-2301 - Aircraft Quality Steel Cleanliness, Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure
- AMS-2370 - Quality Assurance Sampling of Carbon and Low-Alloy Steels, Wrought Products Except Forgings and Forging Stock
- AMS-2372 - Quality Assurance Sampling of Carbon and Low-Alloy Steels, Forgings and Forging Stock
- 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

2.1.2 Aerospace Standards:

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

2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1187.

- ASTM A 255 - End-Quench Test for Hardenability of Steel
- ASTM A 370 - Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
- ASTM E 112 - Determining Average Grain Size
- ASTM E 350 - Chemical Analysis of Carbon Steel, Low-Alloy Steel, Silicon Electrical Steel, Ingot Iron, and Wrought Iron
- ASTM E 381 - Macroetch Testing, Inspection, and Rating Steel Products, Comprising Bars, Billets, Blooms, and Forgings

2.3 U.S. Government Publications: Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Building 4D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.

2.3.1 Military Standards:

- MIL-STD-163 - Steel Mill Products, Preparation for Shipment and Storage

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 3.1 Composition: Shall conform to the following percentages by weight, \emptyset determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E 350, by spectrochemical methods, or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser:

	min	max
Carbon	0.17	0.23
Manganese	0.60	0.95
Silicon	0.15	0.35
Phosphorus	--	0.025
Sulfur	--	0.025
Chromium	0.35	0.65
Nickel	0.35	0.75
Molybdenum	0.15	0.25
Copper	--	0.35

- 3.1.1 Check Analysis: Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS-2259.

- 3.2 Condition: The product shall be supplied in the following condition; hardness and tensile strength shall be determined in accordance with ASTM A 370:

3.2.1 Bars:

- 3.2.1.1 Bars 0.500 Inch (12.70 mm) and Under in Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides: Cold finished having tensile strength not higher than 130,000 psi (896 MPa) or hardness not higher than 28 HRC.

- 3.2.1.2 Bars Over 0.500 Inch (12.70 mm) in Nominal Diameter or Nominal Distance Between Parallel Sides: Hot finished and annealed having hardness not higher than 21 HRC, or equivalent, except bars ordered cold finished may have hardness as high as 24 HRC, or equivalent.

- 3.2.2 Forgings: As ordered.

- 3.2.3 Mechanical Tubing: Cold finished having hardness not higher than 25 HRC, \emptyset or equivalent, except that tubing ordered hot finished and annealed shall have hardness not higher than 99 HRB, or equivalent.

- 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 A 370:

- 3.3.1 Macrostructure: Visual examination of transverse sections as in 4.3.3
 Ø from bars, billets, tube rounds or tubes, and forging stock, etched in accordance with ASTM E 381 in hot hydrochloric acid, shall show no pipe or cracks. Except as specified in 3.3.3.1, porosity, segregation, inclusions, and other imperfections shall be no worse than the following macrographs of ASTM E 381:

Section Size		Macrographs
Square Inches	Square Centimetres	
Up to 36, incl	Up to 232, incl	S2 - R1 - C2
Over 36 to 100, incl	Over 232 to 645, incl	S2 - R2 - C3
Over 100	Over 645	As agreed upon

- 3.3.1.1 If tubes are produced directly from ingots or large blooms, transverse sections may be taken from tubes rather than tube rounds. Macrostructure standards for such tubes shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

- 3.3.2 Grain Size: Predominantly 5 or finer with occasional grains as large as 3 permissible, determined in accordance with ASTM E 112.

- 3.3.3 Hardenability: Shall be J48=1 maximum and J32=3 minimum, determined on the standard end-quench test specimen in accordance with ASTM A 255 except that the steel shall be normalized at $1700^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10$ ($927^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 6$) and the test specimen austenitized at $1700^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10$ ($927^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 6$). The hardenability test is not required on a product which will not yield a suitable specimen but the steel from which the product is made shall conform to the hardenability specified.

3.4 Quality:

- 3.4.1 Steel shall be aircraft quality conforming to AMS-2301.
- 3.4.2 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.
- 3.4.3 Bars and mechanical tubing ordered hot rolled or cold drawn, or ground, Ø 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.
- 3.4.4 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 re-entrant grain flow.

- 3.5 Sizes: Except when exact lengths or multiples of exact lengths are ordered, straight bars and tubing will be acceptable in mill lengths of 6 - 20 feet (1.8 - 6.1 m) but not more than 10% of any shipment shall be supplied in lengths shorter than 10 feet (3 m).

- 3.6 Tolerances: Shall conform to all applicable requirements of the following:

3.6.1 Bars: AMS-2251 or MAM-2251.

3.6.2 Mechanical Tubing: AMS-2253 or MAM-2253.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of the product shall supply all \emptyset samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the product conforms to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests: Tests for all technical requirements are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable.

4.3 Sampling and Testing: Shall be in accordance with the following:

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4.3.1 Bars and Mechanical Tubing: AMS-2370.

4.3.2 Forgings and Forging Stock: AMS-2372.

4.3.3 Samples for macrostructure rating (3.3.1) shall be full cross-sectional specimens obtained from the finished billet or suitable rerolled product representing the top and bottom of at least the first, middle, and last usable ingot from each heat. When ingot location is not available, the lot shall be sampled on at least one end of 10% of the billets or bars.

4.4 Reports: The vendor of the product shall furnish with each shipment a report showing the results of tests for chemical composition, macrostructure, grain size, hardenability, and frequency-severity cleanliness rating of each heat. This report shall include the purchase order number, lot number, AMS-6274L, size, and quantity. 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 Resampling and Retesting: Shall be in accordance with the following:

4.5.1 Bars and Mechanical Tubing: AMS-2370.

4.5.2 Forgings and Forging Stock: AMS-2372.

5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY:

5.1 Identification: Shall be as follows:

5.1.1 Bars and Mechanical Tubing: In accordance with AMS-2806.

5.1.2 Forgings: In accordance with AMS-2808.

5.1.3 Forging Stock: As agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.