

# AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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Superseding AMS 6300C

## Steel Bars and Forgings 0.25Mo (0.35 - 0.40C) (SAE 4037)

UNS G40370

### 1. SCOPE:

#### 1.1 Form:

This specification covers an aircraft-quality, low-alloy steel in the form of bars, forgings, and forging stock.

#### 1.2 Application:

These products have been used typically for parts, 0.375 inch (9.52 mm) and under in nominal section-thickness at time of heat treatment, requiring a through hardening steel capable of developing hardness up to 40 HRC when properly hardened and tempered, and also parts of greater thickness but requiring proportionately lower hardness, 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 2251 Tolerances, Low-Alloy Steel Bars
- MAM 2251 Tolerances, Metric, Low-Alloy Steel Bars
- AMS 2259 Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels
- AMS 2301 Cleanliness, Aircraft Quality Steel, Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure
- MAM 2301 Cleanliness, Aircraft Quality Steel, Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure, Metric (SI) Measurement
- AMS 2370 Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steels, Wrought Products and Forging Stock

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## 2.1 (Continued):

- AMS 2372 Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steel Forgings  
 AMS 2759 Heat Treatment of Steel Parts, General Requirements  
 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
- 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 255 End-Quench Test for Hardenability of Steel  
 ASTM A 370 Mechanical Testing of Steel Products  
 ASTM E 112 Determining the 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

## 3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

## 3.1 Composition:

Shall conform to the following percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E 350, by spectrochemical methods, or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser:

TABLE 1 - Composition

Element	min	max
Carbon	0.35	0.40
Manganese	0.70	0.90
Silicon	0.15	0.35
Phosphorus	--	0.040
Sulfur	--	0.040
Molybdenum	0.20	0.30
Chromium	--	0.20
Nickel	--	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 Least Distance Between Parallel Sides: Cold finished having tensile strength not higher than 130.0 ksi (896 MPa), or equivalent hardness (See 8.2).

3.2.1.2 Bars Over 0.500 Inch (12.70 mm) in Nominal Diameter or Least Distance Between Parallel Sides: Hot finished and annealed, unless otherwise ordered, having hardness not higher than 229 HB, or equivalent (See 8.3). Bars ordered cold finished may have hardness as high as 241 HB, or equivalent.

3.2.2 Forgings: Normalized and tempered in accordance with AMS 2759/1.

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 Macrostructure: Visual examination of transverse full cross-sections from bars, billets, and forging stock, etched in accordance with ASTM E 381, shall show no pipe or cracks. Porosity, segregation, inclusions, and other imperfections shall be no worse than the macrographs of ASTM E 381 shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2 - Macrostructure Limits

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

3.3.2 Average Grain Size: Shall be ASTM 5 or finer determined in accordance with ASTM E 112 (See 8.4).

3.3.3 Hardenability: Shall be J1/16 inch (1.5 mm) = 52 HRC min and J5/16 inch (7.5 mm) = 30 HRC min (See 8.5), determined on the standard end-quench test specimen in accordance with ASTM A 255, except that the steel shall be normalized at 1700 °F ± 10 (927 °C ± 6) and the test specimen austenitized at 1550 °F ± 10 (843 °C ± 6).

## 3.3.4 Decarburization:

- 3.3.4.1 Bars ordered ground, turned, or polished shall be free from decarburization on the ground, turned, or polished surfaces.
- 3.3.4.2 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.
- 3.3.4.3 Decarburization of bars to which 3.3.4.1 or 3.3.4.2 is not applicable shall be not greater than shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3A - Decarburization, Inch/Pound Units

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Inches	Total 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 3B - Decarburization, SI Units

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Millimeters	Total Depth of Decarburization Millimeters
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

3.3.4.4 Decarburization shall be measured by the metallographic method, by HR30N scale hardness testing method, or by the microhardness traverse 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 decarburization on the adjacent surface. In case of dispute, the depth of decarburization determined using the microhardness traverse method shall govern.

3.3.4.4.1 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 Steel shall be aircraft quality conforming to AMS 2301 or MAM 2301.

3.4.2 Bars 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 surface.

3.4.2.1 Forgings shall have substantially uniform macrostructure. Standards for acceptance shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.4.2.2 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 re-entrant grain flow.

#### 3.5 Tolerances:

Bars shall conform to all applicable requirements of AMS 2251 or MAM 2251.

### 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 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), macrostructure (3.3.1), average grain size (3.3.2), hardenability (3.3.3), decarburization (3.3.4), frequency-severity cleanliness rating (3.4.1) and tolerances (3.5) are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable.
- 4.2.2 Periodic Tests: Uniform macrostructure of forgings (3.4.2.1) and grain flow of die forgings (3.4.2.2) are periodic tests 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 2370.
- 4.3.2 Forgings: In accordance with AMS 2372.

#### 4.4 Reports:

The vendor of the product shall furnish with each shipment a report showing the results of tests for chemical composition, macrostructure, hardenability and frequency-severity cleanliness rating of each heat and for the tensile strength or hardness as applicable and the average grain size 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 6300D, 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 2370.
- 4.5.2 Forgings: In accordance with AMS 2372.

### 5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY:

#### 5.1 Sizes:

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