

# AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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Steel, Bars  
0.95Cr - 0.20Mo (0.28 to 0.33C) (SAE 4130)  
Normalized

(Composition similar to UNS G41300)

## 1. SCOPE:

### 1.1 Form:

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

### 1.2 Application:

These bars have been used typically for parts, 0.50 inch (12.7 mm) and under in section thickness at time of heat treatment, requiring a through-hardening steel capable of developing hardness as high as 35 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:

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## 2.1 SAE Publications:

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001 or [www.sae.org](http://www.sae.org).

AMS 2251	Tolerances, Low-Alloy Steel Bars
AMS 2259	Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels
AMS 2301	Steel Cleanliness, Aircraft Quality, Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure
AMS 2370	Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steel Wrought Products and Forging Stock
AMS 2806	Identification, Bars, Wire, Mechanical Tubing, and Extrusions, Carbon and Alloy Steels and Corrosion and Heat-Resistant Steels and Alloys
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 or [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

ASTM A 255	Determining 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 Steel Bars, Billets, Blooms, and Forgings
ASTM E 384	Microindentation Hardness of Materials

## 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 350, by spectrochemical methods, or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser.

TABLE 1 - Composition

Element	min	max
Carbon	0.28	0.33
Manganese	0.40	0.60
Silicon	0.15	0.35
Phosphorus	--	0.025
Sulfur	--	0.025
Chromium	0.80	1.10
Molybdenum	0.15	0.25
Nickel	--	0.25
Copper	--	0.35

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

3.2 Condition:

Bars shall be supplied in the following condition:

3.2.1 Bars 0.500 Inch (12.70 mm) and Under in Nominal Diameter or Least Distance Between Parallel Sides: Normalized and cold finished.

3.2.2 Bars Over 0.500 Inch (12.70 mm) in Nominal Diameter or Least Distance Between Parallel Sides: Hot finished and normalized or normalized and cold finished, as ordered.

3.3 Properties:

Bars 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 and billets, etched in hot hydrochloric acid 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

Cross-Sectional Area Square Inches		Cross-Sectional Area 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 No. 5 or finer, determined in accordance with ASTM E 112.

3.3.3 Hardenability: Shall be J5/16 inch (7.9 mm) = 34 HRC minimum and J8/16 inch (12.7 mm) = 27 HRC minimum (See 8.2), 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 1600 °F ± 10 (871 °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 to specified microstructural requirements shall be 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 - Maximum Decarburization, Inch/Pound Units

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides		Total Depth of Decarburization
Inches		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 - Maximum Decarburization, SI Units

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides		Total Depth of Decarburization
Millimeters		Millimeter
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 the HR30N scale hardness testing method, or by a traverse method using microhardness testing in accordance with ASTM E 384. The hardness method(s) shall be conducted 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 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 inches (0.13 mm) and the width is 0.065 inches (1.65 mm) or less.

### 3.4 Quality:

Bars, 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 bars.

#### 3.4.1 Steel shall be aircraft quality conforming to AMS 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.

### 3.5 Tolerances:

Shall conform to all applicable requirements of AMS 2251.

## 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

### 4.1 Responsibility for Inspection:

The vendor of bars 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 bars conform to specified requirements.

### 4.2 Classification of Tests:

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 AMS 2370.

### 4.4 Reports:

The vendor of bars shall furnish with each shipment a report showing the results of tests for composition, macrostructure, hardenability, and frequency-severity cleanliness rating of each heat, and for 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 6348C, size, and quantity.

### 4.5 Resampling and Retesting:

Shall be in accordance with AMS 2370.