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AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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STEEL BARS, FORGINGS, AND TUBING
0.88Cr - 1.8Ni - 0.42Mo - 0.08V (0.28 - 0.33C)
Premium Quality, Consumable Electrode Remelted

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers a premium-quality, low-alloy steel in the form of bars, forgings, mechanical tubing, and forging stock.

1.2 Application: Primarily for parts requiring high tensile strength and good ductility with relatively high impact strength, superior transverse properties, and hardness. Certain design and processing procedures may cause this material to be susceptible to stress-corrosion cracking after heat treatment; ARP 1110 recommends practices to minimize such conditions.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specification (AMS), Aerospace Standards (AS), and Aerospace Recommended Practices (ARP) 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., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2251 - Tolerances, Low-Alloy Steel Bars
AMS 2253 - Tolerances, Carbon and Alloy Steel Tubing
AMS 2259 - Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels
AMS 2300 - Premium Aircraft-Quality Steel Cleanliness, Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure
AMS 2310 - Qualification Sampling of Steels, Transverse Tensile Properties
AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods
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 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

2.1.3 Aerospace Recommended Practices:

ARP 1110 - Minimizing Stress-Corrosion Cracking in Heat-Treatable Wrought Low-Alloy and Martensitic Corrosion-Resistant Steels

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

ASTM A255 - End-Quench Test for Hardenability of Steel
ASTM A370 - Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
ASTM A604 - Macroetch Testing of Consumable Electrode Vacuum Arc Remelted Steel Bars and Billets
ASTM E23 - Notched Bar Impact Testing of Metallic Materials
ASTM E112 - Estimating the Average Grain Size of Metals
ASTM E350 - Chemical Analysis of Carbon Steel, Low-Alloy Steel, Silicon Electrical Steel, Ingot Iron, and Wrought Iron

2.3 Government Publications: Available from Commanding Officer, Naval Publications and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120.

2.3.1 Federal Standards:

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

2.3.2 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, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E350, by spectrographic methods in accordance with Federal Test Method Standard No. 151, Method 112, or by other approved analytical methods:

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	min	max
Carbon	0.28	0.33
Manganese	0.65	1.00
Silicon	0.15	0.35
Phosphorus	--	0.015
Sulfur	--	0.015
Chromium	0.75	1.00
Nickel	1.65	2.00
Molybdenum	0.35	0.50
Vanadium	0.05	0.10
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 A370:

3.2.1 Bars:

3.2.1.1 Bars 0.500 In. (12.70 mm) and Under in Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides:

Ø Cold finished having tensile strength not higher than 130,000 psi (896 MPa) or equivalent hardness.

3.2.1.2 Bars Over 0.500 In. (12.70 mm) in Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides:

Ø Hot finished, and annealed if necessary, having hardness not higher than 241 HB or equivalent except that bars ordered cold finished may have hardness as high as 248 HB or equivalent.

3.2.2 Forgings: Normalized and tempered having hardness not higher than 269 HB or equivalent.

3.2.3 Mechanical Tubing: Cold finished having hardness not higher than 25 HRC or equivalent except that tubing ordered hot finished 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 and tensile testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM A370:

3.3.1 Hardenability: Shall be J49=14 min and J45=24 min, determined on the standard end-quench test specimen in accordance with ASTM A255 except that the steel shall be normalized at 1700° F ± 10 (926.7° C ± 5.6) and the test specimen austenitized at 1550° F ± 10 (843.3° C ± 5.6). 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.

3.3.2 Grain Size: Predominantly 5 or finer with occasional grains as large as 3 permissible, ø ASTM E112.

3.3.3 Macrostructure: Visual examination of transverse sections from bars, billets, forging stock, ø and tube rounds or tubes, etched in accordance with ASTM A604 in hot hydrochloric acid (1:1) at 160° - 180° F (71.1° - 82.2° C) for sufficient time to develop a well-defined macrostructure, shall show no imperfections, such as pipe, cracks, porosity, segregation, and inclusions, detrimental to fabrication or to performance of parts. Except as specified in 3.3.3.1, macrostructure shall be equal to or better than the following macrographs of ASTM A604:

Class	Condition	Severity
1	Freckles	B
2	White Spots	C
3	Radial Segregation	C
4	Ring Pattern	D

3.3.3.1 Macrostructure of Tubes: If tubes are produced directly from ingots or large blooms, ø transverse sections may be taken from tubes rather than tube rounds and standards shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.3.4 Decarburization:

3.3.4.1 Bars and tubing ordered ground, turned, or polished shall be free from decarburization on the ground, turned, or polished surfaces. Decarburization on tubing ID shall not exceed the maximum depth specified in Table II.

3.3.4.2 Allowable decarburization of bars, billets, and tube rounds or tubing ordered for redrawing or forging or to specified microstructural requirements shal 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 I.

TABLE I

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Inches	Depth of Decarburization Inch
Up to 0.375, incl	0.015
Over 0.375 to 0.500, incl	0.017
Over 0.500 to 0.625, incl	0.019
Over 0.625 to 1.000, incl	0.022
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
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	0.38
Over 9.52 to 12.70, incl	0.43
Over 12.70 to 15.88, incl	0.48
Over 15.88 to 25.40, incl	0.56
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
Over 76.20 to 101.60, incl	1.14

3.3.4.3.1 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.

3.3.4.4 Decarburization of tubing to which 3.3.4.1 or 3.3.4.2 is not applicable shall be not greater than shown in Table II.

TABLE II

Nominal Wall Thickness Inches	Depth of Decarburization Inch	
	ID	OD
Up to 0.109, incl	0.008	0.015
Over 0.109 to 0.203, incl	0.010	0.020
Over 0.203 to 0.400, incl	0.012	0.025
Over 0.400 to 0.600, incl	0.015	0.030
Over 0.600 to 1.000, incl	0.017	0.035
Over 1.000	0.020	0.040

TABLE II (SI)

Nominal Wall Thickness Millimetres	Depth of Decarburization Millimetres	
	ID	OD
Up to 2.77, incl	0.20	0.38
Over 2.77 to 5.16, incl	0.25	0.51
Over 5.16 to 10.16, incl	0.30	0.64
Over 10.16 to 15.24, incl	0.38	0.76
Over 15.24 to 25.40, incl	0.43	0.89
Over 25.40	0.51	1.02

3.3.4.5 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.

3.3.4.5.1 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.

3.3.5 Properties After Heat Treatment: Specimens shall conform to the following requirements after being normalized by heating to 1700°F ±10 (926.7°C ±5.6), holding at heat for not less than 1 hr, and cooling in air; hardened by heating to 1550° F ± 10 (843.3° C ± 5.6), holding at heat for 1 hr ± 0.2, and quenching in oil, and heated to the required tempering temperature, held at heat for not less than 1 hr, and cooled in air:

3.3.5.1 Tensile Properties:

3.3.5.1.1 Longitudinal: Shall be as follows; testing in the longitudinal direction need not be performed on product tested in the transverse direction:

Tensile Strength, min	220,000 psi (1517 MPa)
Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset, min	185,000 psi (1276 MPa)
Elongation in 2 in. (50.8 mm) or 4D, min	10%
Reduction of Area (round specimens), min	35%

3.3.5.1.2 Transverse: Shall be as follows, determined on specimens selected and prepared in accordance with AMS 2310; transverse tensile requirements of Table III are applicable only to product sufficiently large to yield tensile test specimens not less than 2.50 in. (63.5 mm) in length:

TABLE III

Cross Section Area Square Inches	Tensile Strength psi, min	Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset psi, min	Reduction of Area %, min	
			Average	Individual
Up to 144, incl	220,000	185,000	35	30
Over 144 to 225, incl	220,000	185,000	30	25
Over 225	220,000	185,000	25	20

TABLE III (SI)

Cross Section Area Square Centimetres	Tensile Strength MPa, min	Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset MPa, min	Reduction of Area %, min	
			Average	Individual
Up to 929, incl	1517	1276	35	30
Over 929 to 1452, incl	1517	1276	30	25
Over 1452	1517	1276	25	20

3.3.5.2 Impact Strength (Notch Sensitivity): The Izod impact value of transverse specimens heat treated in the same manner as tensile test specimens shall be not less than 15 ft-lb (20.3 N·m), determined in accordance with ASTM E23 at room temperature using a V-notched specimen. Before heat treatment, specimens shall be to size or approximately to size, except for the notch.

3.4 Quality:

3.4.1 Steel shall be premium quality conforming to AMS 2300 except that a maximum average frequency (F) rating of 0.10 and a maximum average severity (S) rating of 0.20 shall apply. Steel shall be multiple melted using consumable electrode process in the remelt cycle, unless otherwise permitted.

3.4.2 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.

3.4.2.1 Bars and tubing ordered ground, turned, or polished shall be free from seams, laps, tears, and cracks open to the ground, turned, or polished surfaces.

3.4.2.2 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 defects 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 tubing 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 shall conform to all applicable requirements of the following:

Ø 3.6.1 Bars: AMS 2251.

3.6.2 Tubing: AMS 2253.

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 ensure 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.