

STEEL BARS, FORGINGS, AND TUBING

0.92Cr - 0.75Ni - 0.52Mo - 0.003B - 0.04V (0.40 - 0.46C) UNS K24336

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 parts 3.5 in. (88 mm) and under in nominal thickness at time of heat treatment requiring a through-hardening steel capable of developing minimum hardness of 30 HRC when properly hardened and tempered and also for parts of greater thickness but requiring proportionately lower hardness.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specifications (AMS) and Aerospace Standards (AS) shall apply. The applicable issue of other documents shall be as specified in AMS 2350.

2.1 SAE Publications: Available from SAE, 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 2301 - 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 - Control of Forgings Requiring First Article Approval
- AMS 2806 - Identification, Bars, Wire, Mechanical Tubing, and Extrusions, Carbon and Alloy Steels and Heat and Corrosion Resistant Steels and Alloys
- AMS 2808 - Identification, Forgings

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2.1.2 Aerospace Standards:

AS 1182 - Standard Machining Allowance, Aircraft-Quality and Premium-Quality Steel Products

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 Steels

ASTM A370 - Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

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

ASTM E381 - Macroetch Testing, Inspection, and Rating Steel Products Comprising Bars, Billets, Blooms, and Forgings

2.3 U.S. 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 of 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 analytical methods approved by purchaser:

	min	max
Carbon	0.40	- 0.46
Manganese	0.75	- 1.00
Silicon	0.50	- 0.80
Phosphorus	--	0.025
Sulfur	--	0.025
Chromium	0.80	- 1.05
Nickel	0.60	- 0.90
Molybdenum	0.45	- 0.60
Boron	0.0005	- 0.005
Vanadium	0.01	- 0.06
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. (12.50 mm) and Under in Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides: Cold finished having tensile strength not higher than 135,000 psi (930 MPa) or equivalent hardness.

3.2.1.2 Bars Over 0.500 In. (12.50 mm) in Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides: Hot finished having hardness not higher than 241 HB or equivalent except that bars ordered cold finished may have hardness as high as 269 HB or equivalent.

3.2.2 Forgings: Normalized and tempered having hardness not higher than 302 HB or equivalent.

3.2.3 Mechanical Tubing: Cold finished having hardness not higher than 30 HRC or equivalent except that tubing ordered hot finished shall have hardness not higher than 25 HRC 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 Macrostructure: Visual examination of transverse sections as in 4.3.3 from bars, billets, tube rounds or tubes, and forging stock, etched in accordance with ASTM E381 in hot hydrochloric acid (1:1) at 160° - 180°F (70° - 80°C) for sufficient time to develop a well-defined macrostructure, shall show no pipe or cracks. Except as specified in 3.3.1.1, porosity, segregation, inclusions, and other imperfections shall be no worse than the following macrographs of ASTM E381:

Section Size		Macrographs
Square Inches	(Square Centimetres)	
Up to 36, incl	(Up to 230, incl)	S2 - R1 - C2
Over 36 to 100, incl	(Over 230 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 E112.

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3.3.3 Hardenability: Shall be J55=20 min and J53=32 min, determined on the standard end-quench test specimen in accordance with ASTM A255 except that the steel shall be normalized at $1600^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10$ ($870^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5$) and the test specimen austenitized at $1550^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10$ ($845^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5$). 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.

3.3.4 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 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 I.

TABLE I

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Inches	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 I (SI)

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Millimetres	Depth of Decarburization Millimetres
Up to 9.50, incl	0.25
Over 9.50 to 12.50, incl	0.30
Over 12.50 to 15.75, incl	0.35
Over 15.75 to 25.00, incl	0.42
Over 25.00 to 37.50, incl	0.50
Over 37.50 to 50.00, incl	0.62
Over 50.00 to 62.50, incl	0.75
Over 62.50 to 75.00, incl	0.88
Over 75.00 to 100.00, incl	1.12

3.3.4.3.1 Limits for depth of decarburization of bars over 4.000 in. (100.00 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 2.75, incl	0.20	0.38
Over 2.75 to 5.00, incl	0.25	0.50
Over 5.00 to 10.00, incl	0.30	0.62
Over 10.00 to 15.00, incl	0.38	0.75
Over 15.00 to 25.00, incl	0.42	0.88
Over 25.00	0.50	1.00

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. (0.12 mm) and the width is 0.065 in. (1.65 mm) or less.

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3.3.5 Transverse Tensile Properties: Specimens, after being selected and tested in accordance with AMS 2310 shall have tensile strength not lower than 280,000 psi (1930 MPa) and reduction of area not lower than 5% normalized by heating to $1600^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10$ ($870^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5$), holding at heat for not less than 1 hr, and cooling in air; hardened by heating to $1550^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10$ ($845^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5$), holding at heat for 60 min. ± 10 , and quenching in oil; and tempered by heating to a temperature within the range $450^{\circ} - 550^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($230^{\circ} - 290^{\circ}\text{C}$), holding at the selected temperature within $\pm 10^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($\pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$) for 2 - 3 hr, and cooling in air.

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 internal and external imperfections detrimental to usage of the product.

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, straight bars and tubing will be acceptable in mill lengths of 6 - 20 ft (2 - 6 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:

3.6.1 Bars: AMS 2251.

3.6.2 Mechanical Tubing: AMS 2253.

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 performing all required tests. Results of such tests shall be reported to the purchaser as required by 4.5. 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:

- 4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Tests to determine conformance to all technical requirements of this specification are classified as acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable.
- 4.2.2 Preproduction Tests: Tests of forgings to determine conformance to all applicable technical requirements of this specification when AMS 2375 is specified are classified as preproduction tests and shall be performed on the first-article shipment of a forging to a purchaser, when a change in material or processing, or both, requires reapproval as in 4.4, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.
- 4.2.2.1 For direct U.S. Military procurement of forgings, substantiating test data and, when requested, preproduction forgings shall be submitted to the cognizant agency as directed by the procuring activity, the contracting officer, or the request for procurement.
- 4.3 Sampling: Shall be in accordance with the following:
- 4.3.1 Bars and Mechanical Tubing: AMS 2370.
- 4.3.2 Forgings and Forging Stock: AMS 2372.
- 4.3.3 Samples for macrostructure (3.3.1) testing 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 ingots of each heat.
- 4.4 Approval: When specified, approval and control of forgings shall be in accordance with AMS 2375.
- 4.5 Reports:
- 4.5.1 The vendor of the product shall furnish with each shipment three copies of a report showing the results of tests for chemical composition, hardenability, grain size, macrostructure, and AMS 2301 frequency-severity rating of each heat and stating that the product conforms to the other technical requirements of this specification. This report shall include the purchase order number, heat number, AMS 6423C, size, and quantity from each heat. If forgings are supplied, the part number and the size and melt source of stock used to make the forgings shall also be included.
- 4.5.2 The vendor of finished or semi-finished parts shall furnish with each shipment three copies of a report showing the purchase order number, AMS 6423C, contractor or other direct supplier of material, part number, and quantity. When material for making parts is produced or purchased by the parts vendor, that vendor shall inspect each lot of material to determine conformance to the requirements of this specification and shall include in the report either a statement that the material conforms or copies of laboratory reports showing the results of tests to determine conformance.
- 4.6 Resampling and Retesting: Shall be in accordance with the following: