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Standard Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Merchant Quality, M-Grades¹

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^{e1} NOTE—Sections 1.4 and 4.1 were editorially corrected in July 2013.

1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers hot-wrought merchant quality carbon steel bars produced to a chemical composition. Merchant quality bars are used for structural and similar miscellaneous bar applications involving moderate cold bending, moderate hot forming, punching, and welding as used in the production of noncritical parts. Moderate cold bending involves a generous bend radius with the axis of the bend transverse to the direction of rolling.

1.2 Special quality hot-wrought carbon steel bars are covered in Specification **A576**.

1.3 Some end uses may require one or more of the available designations shown under Supplementary Requirements.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.5 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

A29/A29M Specification for General Requirements for Steel Bars, Carbon and Alloy, Hot-Wrought
A576 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought, Special Quality

3. Ordering Information

3.1 Orders under this specification should include the following as required to describe adequately the desired material:

3.1.1 ASTM specification number and date of issue,

3.1.2 Grade designation or chemical composition (Section 7 and appropriate chemical analysis tables),

3.1.3 Supplementary Requirements or additions, if required,

3.1.4 Dimensions and quantity, and

3.1.5 End use and processing.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The steel shall be made by the basic-oxygen or electric-furnace process.

5. Conditions

5.1 Merchant quality bars are available in rounds, squares, round cornered squares, hexagons, and bar size shapes under 3 in. (76.2 mm), and in flats less than 40.8 lb/ft (60.7 kg/m). Hot-wrought merchant quality carbon steel bars are produced in cut lengths and coils; the producer should be consulted regarding sections and sizes available in coils.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.