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Standard Specification for Precipitation-Hardening and Cold Worked Nickel Alloy Bars, Forgings, and Forging Stock for Moderate or High Temperature Service¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers hot- and cold-worked precipitation-hardenable nickel alloy rod, bar, forgings, and forging stock for moderate or high temperature service ([Table 1](#)).

1.2 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.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to become familiar with all hazards including those identified in the appropriate Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for this product/material as provided by the manufacturer, to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices, and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *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:*³

[B880 Specification for General Requirements for Chemical](#)

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee B02 on Nonferrous Metals and Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee B02.07 on Refined Nickel and Cobalt and Their Alloys.

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SB-637 in Section II of that Code.

³ 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.

[Check Analysis Limits for Nickel, Nickel Alloys and Cobalt Alloys](#)

[E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials](#)

[E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications](#)

[E139 Test Methods for Conducting Creep, Creep-Rupture, and Stress-Rupture Tests of Metallic Materials](#)

[E140 Hardness Conversion Tables for Metals Relationship Among Brinell Hardness, Vickers Hardness, Rockwell Hardness, Superficial Hardness, Knoop Hardness, Scleroscope Hardness, and Leeb Hardness](#)

[E1473 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel, Cobalt and High-Temperature Alloys](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *bar, n*—material of rectangular (flats), hexagonal, octagonal, or square solid section in straight lengths.

3.1.2 *rod, n*—material of round solid section furnished in straight lengths.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 It is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for material ordered under this specification. Examples of such requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

4.1.1 Alloy ([Table 1](#)).

4.1.2 Condition (temper or cold worked) ([Tables 2 and 3 and 6.1](#)).

4.1.3 *Shape*—Rod or bar (round, rectangle, square, hexagon, octagon).

4.1.3.1 Forging (sketch or drawing).

4.1.4 *Dimensions*, including length.

4.1.5 Quantity (mass or number of pieces).

4.1.6 *Forging Stock*—Specify if material is stock for reforging.

4.1.7 Finish.

4.1.8 *Certification*—State if certification is required ([Section 15](#)).

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition Limits, %							
	UNS N07022	UNS N07208	UNS N07252 (Formerly Grade 689)	UNS N07001 (Formerly Grade 685)	UNS N07500 (Formerly Grade 684)	UNS N07740	UNS N07750 (Formerly Grade 688)	UNS N07718 (Formerly Grade 718)
Carbon	0.010 max	0.04–0.08	0.10–0.20	0.03–0.10	0.15 max	0.005–0.08	0.08 max	0.08 max
Manganese	0.5 max	0.3 max	0.50 max	1.00 max	0.75 max	1.00 max	1.00 max	0.35 max
Silicon	0.08 max	0.15 max	0.50 max	0.75 max	0.75 max	1.00 max	0.50 max	0.35 max
Phosphorus	0.025 max	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.030 max	0.015 max	0.030 max	...	0.015 max
Sulfur	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.030 max	0.015 max	0.030 max	0.01 max	0.015 max
Chromium	20.0–21.4	18.5–20.5	18.00–20.00	18.00–21.00	15.00–20.00	23.50–25.50	14.00–17.00	17.0–21.0
Cobalt	1.0 max	9.0–11.0	9.00–11.00	12.00–15.00	13.00–20.00	15.00–22.00	1.00 max ^A	1.0 max ^A
Molybdenum	15.5–17.4	8.0–9.0	9.00–10.50	3.50–5.00	3.00–5.00	2.00 max	...	2.80–3.30
Columbium (Nb) + tantalum	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.70–1.20	4.75–5.50
Titanium	...	1.90–2.30	2.25–2.75	2.75–3.25	2.50–3.25	0.50–2.50	2.25–2.75	0.65–1.15
Aluminum	0.5 max	1.38–1.65	0.75–1.25	1.20–1.60	2.50–3.25	0.20–2.00	0.40–1.00	0.20–0.80
Zirconium	...	0.020 max	...	0.02–0.12	...	...	...	...
Boron	0.006 max	0.003–0.010	0.003–0.01	0.003–0.01	0.003–0.01	0.0008–0.006	...	0.006 max
Iron	1.8 max	1.5 max	5.00 max	2.00 max	4.00 max	3.00 max	5.00–9.00	remainder ^B
Copper	0.5 max	0.1 max	...	0.50 max	0.15 max	0.50 max	0.50 max	0.30 max
Nickel	remainder ^B	remainder ^B	remainder ^B	remainder ^B	remainder ^B	remainder ^B	70.00 min	50.0–55.0
Tantalum	0.2 max	0.1 max	...	...	...	...	...	...
Columbium (Niobium)	...	0.2 max	...	...	...	0.50–2.50	...	...
Tungsten	0.8 max	0.5 max	...	...	...	...	...	...
	UNS N07080 (Formerly Grade 80A)	UNS N07752	UNS N09925	UNS N07725				
Carbon	0.10 max	0.020–0.060	0.03 max	0.03 max				
Manganese	1.00 max	1.00 max	1.0 max	0.35 max				
Silicon	1.00 max	0.50 max	0.5 max	0.20 max				
Phosphorus	...	0.008 max	0.03 max	0.015 max				
Sulfur	0.015 max	0.003 max	0.03 max	0.010 max				
Chromium	18.00–21.00	14.50–17.00	19.5–22.5	19.00–22.50				
Cobalt	...	0.050 max	...	...		
Molybdenum	...	...	2.5–3.5	7.00–9.50				
Columbium (Nb) + tantalum	...	0.70–1.20	0.5 max (Nb only)	2.75–4.00				
Titanium	1.80–2.70	2.25–2.75	1.9–2.40	1.00–1.70				
Aluminum	0.50–1.80	0.40–1.00	0.1–0.5	0.35 max				
Boron	...	0.007 max	...	...		
Iron	3.00 max	5.00–9.00	22.0 min	remainder ^B				
Copper	...	0.50 max	1.5–3.0	...				
Zirconium	...	0.050 max	...	...		
Vanadium	...	0.10 max	...	...		
Nickel	remainder ^B	70.0 min	42.0–46.0	55.0–59.0				

^A If determined.

^B The element shall be determined arithmetically by difference.

4.1.9 *Samples for Product (Check) Analysis*—Whether samples for product (check) analysis shall be furnished (9.2).

4.1.10 *Purchaser Inspection*—If the purchaser wishes to witness tests or inspection of material at the place of manufacture, the purchase order must so state indicating which tests or inspections are to be witnessed (Section 13).

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The material shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition prescribed in Table 1.

5.2 If a product (check) analysis is performed by the purchaser, the material shall conform to the product (check) analysis variations prescribed in Specification B880.

6. Mechanical Properties

6.1 Unless otherwise specified, the material shall be supplied in the cold worked or solution treated condition, suitable for subsequent age hardening.

6.2 The cold worked or solution treated material shall be capable of meeting the mechanical property requirements of Table 3, and the stress rupture requirements of Table 4 (except alloys UNS N07022, N09925 and N07725), following the precipitation hardening treatment described in Table 2.

6.3 When the material is to be supplied in the cold worked or solution treated plus aged condition, the requirements of Table 3 and Table 4 (except alloys UNS N07022, N09925 and N07725) shall apply, with the precipitation hardening treatment of Table 2, or as agreed upon between the purchaser and the manufacturer as part of the purchase contract.

7. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

7.1 *Diameter, Thickness, or Width*—The permissible variations from the specified dimensions of cold-worked rod and bar shall be as prescribed in Table 5, and of hot-worked rod and bar as prescribed in Table 6.