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Standard Specification for Alloy Steel Forgings for Pressure and High-Temperature Parts¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers ferritic steel forgings for boilers, pressure vessels, high-temperature parts, and associated equipment.

1.2 Forgings made of steel grades listed in Specification [A335/A335M](#), may also be ordered under this specification. The chemical, tensile, heat treatment, and marking requirements of Specification [A335/A335M](#) shall apply, except the forging shall conform to the chemical requirements of Tables 1 and 2 of Specification [A335/A335M](#) only with respect to heat analysis. On product analysis they may deviate from these limits to the extent permitted in [Table 1](#) of this specification.

1.3 Supplementary Requirements S1 to S9 are provided for use when additional testing or inspection is desired. These shall apply only when specified individually by the purchaser in the order.

1.4 Unless the order specifies the applicable “M” specification designation, the material shall be furnished to the inch-pound units.

1.5 Specification A336/A336M formerly included austenitic steel forgings, which are now found in Specification [A965/A965M](#).

1.6 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.7 *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

[A275/A275M Practice for Magnetic Particle Examination of Steel Forgings](#)

[A335/A335M Specification for Seamless Ferritic Alloy-Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service](#)

[A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products](#)

[A788/A788M Specification for Steel Forgings, General Requirements](#)

[A965/A965M Specification for Steel Forgings, Austenitic, for Pressure and High Temperature Parts](#)

[E165/E165M Practice for Liquid Penetrant Testing for General Industry](#)

2.2 ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code:⁴

[Section III Nuclear Power Plant Components](#)

[Section IX Welding and Brazing Qualifications](#)

2.3 AWS Specifications:⁵

[A5.5/A5.5M Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding](#)

[A5.23/A5.23M Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes and Fluxes for Submerged Arc Welding](#)

[A5.28/A5.28M Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes for Gas Shielded Arc Welding](#)

[A5.29/A5.29M Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes for Flux Cored Arc Welding](#)

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.

⁴ Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

⁵ Available from American Welding Society (AWS), 8669 NW 36 St., #130, Miami, FL 33166-6672, <http://www.aws.org>.

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



TABLE 1 Tensile Requirements

| | Ferritic Steels | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Grade | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | F1 | F11, Class 2 | F11, Class 3 | F11, Class 1 | F12 | F5 | F5A | F9 | F6 | F6NM | F21, Class 3 | F21, Class 1 | F22, Class 3 | F22, Class 1 | F91, Type 1 and Type 2 | F911 | F92 | F3V | F3VCb | F22V | |
| Tensile strength, ksi [MPa] | 70-95 [485-660] | 70-95 [485-660] | 75-100 [515-690] | 60-85 [415-585] | 70-95 [485-660] | 60-85 [415-585] | 80-105 [550-725] | 85-110 [585-760] | 85-110 [585-760] | 115-140 [790-965] | 75-100 [515-690] | 60-85 [415-585] | 75-100 [515-690] | 60-85 [415-585] | 90-120 [620-830] | 90-120 [620-830] | 90-120 [620-830] | 85-110 [585-760] | 85-110 [585-760] | 85-110 [585-760] | 85-110 [585-760] |
| Yield strength, min, ksi [MPa] | 40 [275] | 40 [275] | 45 [310] | 30 [205] | 40 [275] | 36 [250] | 50 [345] | 55 [380] | 55 [380] | 90 [620] | 45 [310] | 30 [205] | 45 [310] | 30 [205] | 64 [440] | 64 [440] | 64 [440] | 60 [415] | 60 [415] | 60 [415] | 60 [415] |
| Elongation in 2 in. or 50 mm, min, % | 20 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 18 | 15 | 19 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Reduction of area, min, % | 40 | 40 | 40 | 45 | 40 | 40 | 35 | 40 | 35 | 45 | 40 | 45 | 40 | 45 | 40 | 40 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 |

3. Ordering Information and General Requirements

3.1 In addition to the ordering information required by Specification **A788/A788M**, the purchaser should include with the inquiry and order the following information:

3.1.1 A drawing or sketch that shows test locations when the testing is in accordance with **8.2.1.3**.

3.1.2 The intended use of forgings if **5.1** is applicable.

3.2 Material supplied to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Specification **A788/A788M**, which outlines additional ordering information, manufacturing requirements, testing and retesting methods and procedures, marking, certification, product analysis variations, and additional supplementary requirements.

3.3 If the requirements of this specification are in conflict with the requirements of Specification **A788/A788M**, the requirements of this specification shall prevail.

3.4 For hubbed flatheads and tube sheets ordered for ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code application, Supplementary Requirement S12 of Specification **A788/A788M** shall be specified.

3.5 At the purchaser's request the forgings shall be rough machined before heat treatment (**5.2**).

3.6 For Section III, Part NB of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code application, Supplementary Requirement S3 shall be specified.

4. Melting and Forging

4.1 In addition to the melting and forging requirements of Specification **A788/A788M**, which may be supplemented by Supplementary Requirement S8, the following conditions apply:

4.1.1 A sufficient discard shall be made to secure freedom from injurious pipe and undue segregation.

5. Machining

5.1 Forged pressure vessels for steam power service shall have the inner surface machined or ground. Unfired pressure vessels shall have the inner surfaces sufficiently free of scale to permit inspection.

5.2 Unless otherwise specified by the purchaser, when rough machining is performed, it may be done either before or after heat treatment at the manufacturer's option.

6. Heat Treatment

6.1 Except as permitted in **6.1.1** for Grade F22V, and in **6.1.2** for Grade F91 Type 1 and Type 2 and Grade F92, the steel forgings shall be annealed or normalized and tempered but alternatively may be liquid quenched and tempered when mutually agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser. For all grades, normalizing or liquid quenching shall be followed by tempering at a subcritical temperature as shown in **6.1.4**.

6.1.1 Grade F22V forgings shall be normalized and tempered or liquid quenched and tempered at the manufacturer's option.

6.1.1.1 For Grade F22V forgings the minimum austenitizing temperature shall be 1650 °F [900 °C].

6.1.2 Grade F91 Type 1 and Type 2 forgings having any section thickness greater than 3 in. [75 mm] shall be normalized and tempered or liquid quenched and tempered at the manufacturer's option. Grade F92 forgings shall be normalized and tempered or liquid quenched and tempered at the manufacturer's option.

6.1.2.1 For Grade F91 Type 1 and Type 2, F911, and F92 forgings, the austenitizing temperature shall be in the range of 1900 °F to 1975 °F [1040 °C to 1080 °C].

6.1.3 For Grade F6NM the austenitizing temperature shall be 1850 °F [1010 °C] minimum. The tempering temperature range shall be as shown in **6.1.4**.

6.1.4 Except for the following grades, the minimum tempering temperature shall be 1100 °F [595 °C]:

| Grade | Tempering Temperature Minimum or Range, °F [°C] |
|----------------------------|--|
| F6 | 1150 [620] |
| F6NM | 1040–1120 [560–600] |
| F11, Class 2 | 1150 [620] |
| F11, Class 3 | 1150 [620] |
| F11, Class 1 | 1150 [620] |
| F5, F5a | 1250 [675] |
| F9 | 1250 [675] |
| F21, Class 1 | 1250 [675] |
| F3V, F3VCb | 1250 [675] |
| F22, Class 1 | 1250 [675] |
| F22V | 1250 [675] |
| F91 Type 1 and Type 2, F92 | 1350–1470 [730–800] |
| F911 | 1365–1435 [740–780] |
| F22, Class 3 | 1250 [675] |

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 *Heat Analysis*—The heat analysis obtained from sampling in accordance with Specification **A788/A788M** and shall comply with **Table 2**.

7.2 *Product Analysis*—The manufacturer shall use the product analysis provision of Specification **A788/A788M** to obtain a product analysis from a forging representing each heat or multiple heat. The product analysis for columbium and calcium for Grade F22V shall conform to the requirements of **Table 2** of this specification. Boron is not subject to product analysis. The purchaser may also make this determination in accordance with Specification **A788/A788M**.

8. Mechanical Properties

8.1 *General Requirements*—The material shall conform to the requirements for mechanical properties prescribed in **Table 1**. The largest obtainable tension test specimen as specified in Test Methods and Definitions **A370** shall be used.

8.2 *Sampling*—The mid-point of the gauge length of tension test specimens and the area under the notch of impact specimens shall be located in accordance with one of the following methods as specified by the purchaser, or suggested by the supplier and approved by the purchaser. Unless otherwise noted, all testing shall be from integral prolongations of the forging.

TABLE 2 Chemical Requirements^A

| Composition, % | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Grade | | | | | | | | | |
| Element | F1 | F11, Classes 2 and 3 | F11, Class 1 | F12 | F5 ^B | F5A ^B | F9 | F6 | F6NM |
| Carbon | 0.20–0.30 | 0.10–0.20 | 0.05–0.15 | 0.10–0.20 | 0.15 max | 0.25 max | 0.15 max | 0.12 max | 0.05 max |
| Manganese | 0.60–0.80 | 0.30–0.80 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.30–0.80 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.60 max | 0.30–0.60 | 1.00 max | 0.50–1.00 |
| Phosphorus, max | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.020 |
| Sulfur, max | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.015 |
| Silicon | 0.20–0.35 | 0.50–1.00 | 0.50–1.00 | 0.10–0.60 | 0.50 max | 0.50 max | 0.50–1.00 | 1.00 max | 0.60 max |
| Nickel | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.50 max | 0.50 max | ... | 0.50 max | 3.5–5.5 |
| Chromium | ... | 1.00–1.50 | 1.00–1.50 | 0.80–1.10 | 4.0–6.0 | 4.0–6.0 | 8.0–10.0 | 11.5–13.5 | 11.5–14 |
| Molybdenum | 0.40–0.60 | 0.45–0.65 | 0.44–0.65 | 0.45–0.65 | 0.45–0.65 | 0.45–0.65 | 0.90–1.10 | ... | 0.50–1.00 |

| Grade | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Element | F21, Classes 1 and 3 | F22, Classes 1 and 3 | | | | | | | |
| Carbon | 0.05–0.15 | 0.05–0.15 | | | | | | | |
| Manganese | 0.30–0.60 | 0.30–0.60 | | | | | | | |
| Phosphorus, max | 0.025 | 0.025 | | | | | | | |
| Sulfur, max | 0.025 | 0.025 | | | | | | | |
| Silicon | 0.50 max | 0.50 max | | | | | | | |
| Nickel | ... | ... | | | | | | | |
| Chromium | 2.7–3.3 | 2.00–2.50 | | | | | | | |
| Molybdenum | 0.80–1.06 | 0.90–1.10 | | | | | | | |
| Vanadium | ... | ... | | | | | | | |
| Copper | ... | ... | | | | | | | |
| Nitrogen | ... | ... | | | | | | | |
| Columbium ^C | ... | ... | | | | | | | |

| Element | Grade F91 Type 1 | Grade F91 Type 2 | Grade F911 | Grade F92 | F3V | F3VCb | F22V |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Carbon | 0.08–0.12 | 0.08–0.12 | 0.09–0.13 | 0.07–0.13 | 0.10–0.15 | 0.10–0.15 | 0.11–0.15 |
| Heat Product | ... | 0.07–0.13 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Manganese | 0.30–0.60 | 0.30–0.50 ^D | 0.30–0.60 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.30–0.60 |
| Phosphorus, max | 0.025 | 0.020 ^D | 0.020 | 0.020 | 0.020 | 0.020 | 0.015 |
| Sulfur, max | 0.025 | 0.005 ^D | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.020 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Silicon | 0.20–0.50 | 0.20–0.40 ^D | 0.10–0.50 | 0.50 | 0.10 max | 0.10 max | 0.10 max |
| Nickel | 0.40 max | 0.20 max ^D | 0.40 max | 0.40 | ... | 0.25 max | 0.25 max |
| Chromium | 8.0–9.5 | 8.0–9.5 ^D | 8.5–9.5 | 8.50–9.50 | 2.7–3.3 | 2.7–3.3 | 2.00–2.50 |
| Molybdenum | 0.85–1.05 | 0.85–1.05 | 0.90–1.10 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.90–1.10 | 0.90–1.10 | 0.90–1.10 |
| Vanadium | 0.18–0.25 | 0.18–0.25 | 0.18–0.25 | 0.15–0.25 | 0.20–0.30 | 0.20–0.30 | 0.25–0.35 |
| Heat Product | ... | 0.16–0.27 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Columbium ^C | 0.06–0.10 | 0.06–0.10 | 0.06–0.10 | 0.04–0.09 | ... | 0.015–0.070 | 0.07 max |
| Nitrogen | 0.03–0.07 | 0.035–0.070 ^D | 0.04–0.09 | 0.030–0.070 | ... | ... | ... |
| Aluminum | 0.02 max ^D | 0.02 max ^D | 0.02 max ^D | 0.02 | ... | ... | ... |
| Boron | ... | 0.001 max ^D | 0.0003–0.006 | 0.001–0.006 | 0.001–0.003 | ... | 0.0020 max |
| N/Al ratio | ... | ≥4.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Tungsten | ... | 0.05 max ^D | 0.90–1.10 | 1.50–2.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| Titanium | 0.01 max ^D | 0.01 max ^D | 0.01 max ^D | 0.01 | 0.015–0.035 | 0.015 max | 0.030 max |
| Copper | ... | 0.10 max ^D | ... | ... | ... | 0.25 max | 0.20 max |
| Calcium | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.0005–0.0150 | 0.015 max ^E |
| Zirconium | 0.01 max ^D | 0.01 max ^D | 0.01 max ^D | 0.01 | ... | ... | ... |
| Tin | ... | 0.010 max ^D | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Antimony | ... | 0.003 max ^D | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Arsenic | ... | 0.010 max ^D | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

^A Where ellipses (...) appear in this table, there is no requirement, and the element need neither be analyzed for nor reported.
^B The present Grade F5A (0.25 %, maximum carbon) previous to 1955 was assigned the identification symbol F5. Identification symbol F5 has been assigned to the 0.15 %, maximum, carbon grade to be consistent with ASTM specifications for other products such as pipe, tubing, bolting, welding, fittings, etc.
^C Columbium (Cb) and Niobium (Nb) are alternate names for Element 41 in the Periodic Table of the Elements.
^D Applies to both heat and product analyses.
^E For Grade F22V, rare earth metals (REM) may be added in place of calcium subject to agreement between the producer and the purchaser. In that case the total amount of REM shall be determined and reported.

8.2.1 Except as required in 3.4, for annealed, normalized, and tempered or quenched and tempered forgings, the longitudinal axis of the tension test specimens, and, when required, Charpy impact test specimens, shall be parallel to the direction

of major working of the forging, except when Supplementary Requirement S2 is specified. For upset disk forgings, the longitudinal axis of the test specimen shall be in the tangential direction.

8.2.1.1 Except as provided for liquid quenched and tempered forgings in 8.2.1.3, the longitudinal axis of the specimen shall be located midway between the parallel surfaces of the test extension if added to the periphery of disks or midway between the center and surface of solid forgings. For hollow forgings, or those heat-treated after boring, the specimen shall be located at midwall. For the special case of forgings that are heat-treated solid, but are subsequently bored, the tension test specimen may be taken at the location of the minimum inside diameter after boring instead of the mid-radius position. When separately forged test blocks are employed, as defined in 8.2.3, the tension test specimens shall be taken from a location that represents the midwall of the heaviest section of the production forgings. When specimens are required from opposite ends, they shall be taken from the diagonal corners of an axial plane. Alternatively, and when specified by the purchaser, the specimens shall be taken in accordance with Supplementary Requirement S3.

8.2.1.2 For liquid quenched and tempered forgings, the test specimens shall have their longitudinal axis at least $\frac{1}{4} T$ of the maximum heat-treated thickness from any surface and with the mid-length of the specimens at least one T from any second surface. This is normally referred to as $\frac{1}{4} T \times T$, where T is the maximum heat-treated thickness. A thermal buffer may be used to adhere to the above condition.

8.2.1.3 For liquid quenched and tempered forgings with prior purchaser approval, test specimens may be taken at a depth (t) corresponding to the distance from the area of significant stress to the nearest heat-treated surface and at least twice this distance ($2t$) from any second surface. However, the test depth shall not be nearer to one heat-treated surface than $\frac{3}{4}$ in. [19 mm] and to the second treated surface than $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. [38 mm]. This method of test specimen location normally (known as $tx2t$ testing) applies to thick and complex pressure vessel components where the testing in accordance with 8.2.1.2 is not practical. Sketches showing the proposed exact test locations shall be approved by the purchaser when this method is used.

8.2.2 Except as specified in this specification, tests for acceptance shall be made after heat treatment has been completed in accordance with Section 6. When the ends of the cylindrical forgings are closed in by reforging, the cylindrical forgings may be normalized and tempered or annealed and tested before reforging. After reforging, the entire forging shall be reheat-treated in the same manner and at the same temperature range as employed when the forging was heat-treated before certification testing.

8.2.3 When mutually agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser, test specimens may be machined from a specially forged block suitably worked and heat-treated with the production forgings. Such a special block shall be obtained from an ingot, slab, or billet from the same heat used to make the forgings it represents. This block shall receive essentially the same type of hot-working and forging reduction as the production forgings; however, a longitudinally forged bar with dimensions not less than $T \times T \times 3T$ may be used to represent a ring forging. The dimension T shall be representative of the heaviest effective cross section of the forging. For quenched

and tempered forgings for which tests are required at both ends by 8.3.2.3 and 8.3.2.4, separately forged test blocks are not allowed.

NOTE 1—In using separately forged test blocks, attention is drawn to the effect of mass differences between the production forgings and the test blocks. This can be particularly significant when forgings are either normalized and tempered or quenched and tempered.

8.3 *Number and Location of Tests*—The number and location of tests are based on forging length, weight, and heat treatment and shall be as prescribed below. The length and weight to be used for this purpose shall be the length and weight at the time of heat treatment.

8.3.1 *Annealed or Normalized and Tempered Forgings:*

8.3.1.1 For forgings weighing 5000 lb [2250 kg] or less at the time of heat treatment, one tension test shall be taken from one forging per heat, per heat treatment charge. When heat treatment is performed in continuous type furnaces with suitable temperature controls and equipped with recording pyrometers so that complete heat treatment records are available, a tempering charge may be considered as any continuous run not exceeding an 8 h period.

8.3.1.2 For forgings and forged bars weighing over 5000 lb [2250 kg] at the time of heat treatment, one tension test shall be taken from each forging.

8.3.2 *Quenched and Tempered Forgings:*

8.3.2.1 For quenched and tempered forgings weighing 5000 lb [2250 kg] or less at the time of heat treatment, but not exceeding 12 ft [3.7 m] in length, one tension test shall be taken from one forging per heat, per heat treatment charge. When heat treatment is performed in continuous type furnaces with suitable temperature controls and equipped with recording pyrometers so that complete heat treatment records are available, a tempering charge may be considered as any continuous run not exceeding an 8 h period.

8.3.2.2 For quenched and tempered forgings and forged bars weighing over 5000 lb to 10 000 lb [2250 kg to 4500 kg] at the time of heat treatment, but not exceeding 12 ft [3.7 m] in length, one tension test shall be taken from each forging.

8.3.2.3 Quenched and tempered forgings that exceed 12 ft [3.7 m] in length shall be tension tested at both ends of the forging under test.

8.3.2.4 For quenched and tempered forgings and forged bars weighing more than 10 000 lb [4500 kg] at the time of heat treatment, two tension test specimens shall be taken from each forging. These shall be offset 180° from each other except that if the length of the forging, excluding test prolongations, exceeds 12 ft [3.7 m], then one specimen shall be taken from each end of the forging.

8.4 *Notch Toughness Requirements—Grades F3V, F3VCb, F22V, and F6NM:*

8.4.1 Impact test specimens shall be Charpy V-notch, as shown in Test Methods and Definitions A370. The usage of subsize specimens due to material limitations must have prior purchaser approval.

8.4.2 The Charpy V-notch test specimens shall be obtained as required for tension tests in 8.1 and 8.3. One set of three Charpy V-notch specimens shall be taken from each tensile specimen location.