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Standard Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes for Use in Boilers and Other Pressure Vessels¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense.

1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers hot- and cold-finished bars of stainless steel, including rounds, squares, and hexagons, and hot-rolled or extruded shapes such as angles, tees, and channels for use in boiler and pressure vessel construction.²

NOTE 1—There are standards covering high nickel, chromium, austenitic corrosion, and heat-resisting alloy materials. These standards are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Subcommittee B02.07 and may be found in *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 02.04.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

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

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

[A262 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Austenitic Stainless Steels](#)
[A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products](#)
[A484/A484M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Bars, Billets, and Forgings](#)
[A751 Test Methods and Practices for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products](#)
[E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size](#)
[E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System \(UNS\)](#)

2.2 SAE Document:⁴

[SAE J 1086 Recommended Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys](#)

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee A01 on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee A01.17 on Flat-Rolled and Wrought Stainless Steel.

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-479/SA-479M 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.

⁴ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, <http://www.sae.org>.

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



3. General Requirements

3.1 The following requirements for orders for material furnished under this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of the current edition of Specification A484/A484M.

3.1.1 Definitions,

3.1.2 General requirements for delivery,

3.1.3 Ordering information,

3.1.4 Process,

3.1.5 Special tests,

3.1.6 Heat treatment,

3.1.7 Dimensions and permissible variations,

3.1.8 Workmanship, finish, and appearance,

3.1.9 Number of tests/test methods,

3.1.10 Specimen preparation,

3.1.11 Retreatment,

3.1.12 Inspection,

3.1.13 Rejection and reheating,

3.1.14 Material test report,

3.1.15 Certification, and

3.1.16 Packaging, marking, and loading.

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4. Other Requirements

4.1 In addition to the requirements of this specification, all requirements of the current editions of Specification A484/A484M shall apply. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification A484/A484M constitutes nonconformance with this specification.

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 Chemical composition shall be reported to the purchaser, or his representative, and shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 1.

5.2 When a product analysis is performed or requested by the purchaser, the tolerance limits as described in Specification A484/A484M apply unless Supplementary Requirement S3 is invoked.

5.3 Methods and practices relating to chemical analysis required by this specification shall be in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A751.

6. Grain Size for Austenitic Grades

6.1 All austenitic grades shall be tested for average grain size by Test Methods E112.