



# Standard Specification for Billets made by Winding Molten Extruded Stress-Rated High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers billets made from stress-rated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) materials.

1.2 The billets are manufactured by application of molten extruded material onto a rotating mandrel to form a monolithic mass. Removal of the mandrel provides a billet in the approximate shape of a thick-walled cylindrical shell. Machining prior to dimensioning is acceptable.

NOTE 1—Although it is impossible to address all manufacturing details related to the fabrication of billets in this specification, successful heat fusion bonding of HDPE is obtained through controlled application of sufficient heat to cause melting in combination with applied force over a period of time.

1.3 The billets are intended for fabrication into pipe fittings such as flange adapters and reducers.

1.4 Requirements for and use of the fabricated pipe fittings shall be in accordance with an applicable product specification. This specification for billets does not include requirements for items fabricated from the billets.

1.5 This specification includes thermoplastic pipe material designation codes for selection of appropriate stress-rated material, together with performance requirements for billets and test methods for determining conformance with the requirements.

1.6 Minimum quality control measures are prescribed for manufacturers. See **Annex A1** for quality control for billets conforming to this specification.

1.7 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.

1.8 *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 establish appro-*

*appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.9 *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:<sup>2</sup>

- D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing
- D638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics
- D1238 Test Method for Melt Flow Rates of Thermoplastics by Extrusion Plastometer
- D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
- D1603 Test Method for Carbon Black Content in Olefin Plastics
- D2122 Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings
- D2837 Test Method for Obtaining Hydrostatic Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Materials or Pressure Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Products
- D3350 Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Pipe and Fittings Materials
- D4218 Test Method for Determination of Carbon Black Content in Polyethylene Compounds by the Muffle-Furnace Technique
- F412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems

### 2.2 NSF/ANSI Standards:<sup>3</sup>

- Standard No. 14 for Plastic Piping Components and Related Materials
- Standard No. 61 for Drinking Water Systems Components—Health Effects

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Available from NSF International, P.O. Box 130140, 789 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, <http://www.nsf.org>.

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

### 2.3 PPI Standards:<sup>4</sup>

**PPI TR-3** Policies and Procedures for Developing Hydrostatic Design Basis (HDB), Pressure Design Basis (PDB), Strength Design Basis (SDB), and Minimum Required Strength (MRS) Ratings for Thermoplastic Piping Materials or Pipe

**PPI TR-4** HDB/SDB/PDB/MRS Listed Materials, PPI Listing of Hydrostatic Design Basis (HDB), Strength Design Basis (SDB), Pressure Design Basis (PDB), and Minimum Required Strength (MRS) Ratings for Thermoplastic Piping Materials or Pipe

## 3. Terminology

3.1 Unless otherwise specified, definitions are in accordance with Terminology **F412** and abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology **D1600**.

### 3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *average outside diameter, n*—the average distance following all forming and machining operations when measured in accordance with **6.3.1**.

3.2.2 *billet, n*—a mass formed from a single polyethylene compound in the approximate shape of a thick-walled cylindrical shell.

3.2.3 *mid-wall, n*—the location half-way between the outside diameter and the inside diameter following all forming and machining operations.

3.2.4 *minimum wall thickness, n*—the minimum distance following all forming and machining operations when measured in accordance with **6.3.2**.

## 4. Materials

4.1 *Polyethylene Compound*—Polyethylene compounds used in the manufacture of billet under this specification shall have thermoplastic pipe materials designation code PE3608, PE4608 or PE4710; shall have a minimum Specification **D3350** cell classification of 333344C and shall meet all other requirements of Specification **D3350**.

4.1.1 *General*—The PE compound used to make billet shall be virgin PE compound or reworked PE compound (see **4.3**) and shall have a hydrostatic design basis listed in Plastics Pipe Institute (PPI) TR-4.

4.1.2 *Color and Ultraviolet (UV) Stabilization*—Polyethylene compounds shall meet Specification **D3350** code C. In addition, Code C polyethylene compounds shall have 2.0 to 3.0 percent carbon black.

4.1.3 *Hydrostatic Design Basis (HDB) Substantiation*—The HDB for PE compound at 73 °F (23 °C) shall be substantiated to be linear to 50 years as described in Substantiation of the HDB for Polyethylene Materials in Test Method **D2837**.

NOTE 2—This is 5.7 in the 2011 publication of Test Method **D2837**.

4.1.4 *Melt Flow Requirement*—Polyethylene compounds shall be tested in conformance with Test Method **D1238** either at condition 190/2.16 or 190/21.6. When tested at condition

190/2.16, the resulting value shall be  $\leq 0.15$  g/10 min. When tested at condition 190/21.6, the resulting value shall be  $\leq 20$  g/10 min.

4.2 *Potable Water Requirement*—When required by the purchaser, billets intended for fabrication into products intended for contact with potable water shall utilize PE compounds certified for conformance with NSF/ANSI Standard No. 61 or the health effects portion of NSF/ANSI Standard No. 14 by an acceptable certifying organization.

4.3 *Rework Material*—Clean polyethylene compound from the manufacturer's own production that meets **4.1** and **4.2** of this specification as new compound is suitable for reextrusion into billet, when blended with new compound of the same thermoplastic pipe material designation code. Billet containing rework material shall meet the requirements of this specification.

## 5. Requirements

5.1 *Workmanship*—The billet shall be uniform in appearance and consistent throughout. The walls shall be free of cracks, holes, blisters, voids, foreign inclusion, or other defects that are visible to the naked eye and that affect the wall integrity (see **Annex A1**). A single hole deliberately placed in the center of the billet is required.

NOTE 3—Manufacturers should use appropriate quality assurance procedures to ensure that billets are free from injurious defects including laminations.

5.2 *Dimensions and Tolerances*: Requirements for dimensions shall only apply to a billet that is transferred from a seller to a buyer prior to being fabricated into one or more pipe fittings. When a billet is produced and fabricated into pipe fittings by a single manufacturer, there are no dimensional requirements specified for the billet by this Standard. All dimensional requirements for pipe fittings are as given in the applicable product standard.

5.2.1 *Average Outside Diameter and Minimum Wall Thickness*—The average outside diameter and minimum wall thickness shall fall within the range of acceptable values established in either **Table 1** or **Table 2** depending on nominal mandrel dimensions for billets manufactured to meet a standard size. When measured in accordance with Test Method **D2122** conditioning is required according to Practice **D618**, Procedure A to standard temperature without regard to relative humidity.

5.2.2 *Length*—Any length shall be allowable, provided it is agreeable to both buyer and seller. When specified, the minimum length shall be measured following conditioning according to Practice **D618**, Procedure A to standard temperature without regard to relative humidity.

5.2.3 *Special Sizes*—Where existing system conditions or special local requirements make other average outside diameters or minimum wall thicknesses necessary, other average outside diameters or minimum wall thicknesses, or both, shall be acceptable when mutually agreed upon by the customer and the manufacturer, provided the billet meets all other requirements of this specification. For average outside diameters not shown in **Table 1** or **Table 2**, the tolerance shall be the same

<sup>4</sup> Available from Plastics Pipe Institute (PPI), 105 Decker Court, Suite 825, Irving, TX 75062, <http://www.plasticpipe.org>.

**TABLE 1 Dimensions of Standard Billet Sizes up to Nominal Mandrel Size of 21**

Nominal	Nominal Mandrel Sizes													
	6.625			8.625			10.75			12.75				
	Min. OD	Max OD	Outside Diameter Dimensions	Min.Wall	Max.Wall	Min.Wall	Max.Wall	Min.Wall	Max.Wall	Min.Wall	Max.Wall	Min.Wall	Max.Wall	
O.D.	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm
13	12.922	328.22	13.078	332.18	3.149	79.98	3.227	81.95	2.149	54.57	2.227	56.55	N/A	N/A
15	14.910	378.71	15.090	383.29	4.143	105.23	4.293	107.51	3.143	79.82	3.233	82.11	2.080	52.83
16	15.904	403.96	16.096	408.84	4.640	117.86	4.736	120.28	3.640	92.44	3.736	94.88	2.577	65.46
18	17.892	454.46	18.108	459.94	5.634	143.10	5.742	145.83	4.634	117.69	4.742	120.43	3.571	90.70
20	19.880	504.95	20.120	511.05	6.628	168.35	6.748	171.39	5.628	142.94	5.748	145.99	4.565	115.95
21	20.874	530.20	21.126	536.60	7.125	180.98	7.251	184.16	6.125	155.56	6.251	158.76	5.062	128.57
22	21.868	555.45	22.132	562.15	7.622	193.60	7.754	196.94	6.622	168.19	6.754	171.54	5.559	141.20
25	24.850	631.19	25.150	638.81	9.113	231.47	9.263	235.27	8.113	206.06	8.263	209.87	7.050	179.07
26	25.844	656.44	26.156	664.36	9.610	244.09	9.766	248.04	8.610	218.68	8.766	222.64	7.547	191.69
27	26.838	681.69	27.162	689.91	10.107	256.72	10.269	260.82	9.107	231.31	9.269	235.42	8.044	204.32
28	27.832	706.93	28.168	715.47	10.604	269.34	10.772	273.60	9.604	243.93	9.772	248.20	8.541	216.94
29	28.826	732.18	29.174	741.02	11.101	281.97	11.275	286.37	10.101	256.55	10.275	260.97	9.038	229.57
30	29.820	757.43	30.180	766.57	11.598	294.59	11.778	299.15	10.598	269.18	10.778	273.75	9.535	242.19
31	30.814	782.68	31.186	792.12	12.095	307.21	12.281	311.92	11.095	281.80	11.281	286.52	10.032	254.81
33	32.802	833.17	33.198	843.23	13.089	332.46	13.287	337.48	12.089	307.05	12.287	312.08	11.026	280.06
34	33.796	858.42	34.204	868.78	13.586	345.08	13.790	350.25	12.586	319.67	12.790	324.85	11.523	292.68
35	34.790	883.67	35.210	894.33	14.083	357.71	14.293	363.03	13.083	332.30	13.293	337.63	12.020	305.31
37	36.778	934.16	37.222	945.44	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.077	357.54	14.299	363.18	13.014	330.56
39	38.766	984.66	39.234	996.54	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.008	355.80
40	39.760	1009.90	40.240	1022.10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
41.25	41.003	1041.48	41.498	1054.05	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
42	41.748	1060.40	42.252	1073.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
43	42.742	1085.65	43.258	1098.75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
44	43.736	1110.89	44.264	1124.31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
48	47.712	1211.88	48.288	1226.52	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
49	48.706	1237.13	49.294	1252.07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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**TABLE 2 Dimensions of Standard Billet Sizes for Nominal Mandrel Sizes of 24 or Larger**

Nominal O.D.	Nominal Mandrel Sizes												
	24			27			30			36			
	Min. OD	Max OD	Outside Diameter Dimensions	Min. Wall	Max. Wall	Min. Wall	Max. Wall	Min. Wall	Max. Wall	Min. Wall	Max. Wall	Min. Wall	Max. Wall
28	27.832	706.93	28.168	715.47	1.916	48.67	52.93	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
29	28.826	732.18	29.174	741.02	2.413	61.29	65.71	0.913	23.19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
30	29.820	757.43	30.180	766.57	2.910	73.91	78.49	1.410	35.81	1.590	40.39	N/A	N/A
31	30.814	782.68	31.186	792.12	3.407	86.54	91.26	1.907	48.44	2.093	53.16	N/A	N/A
33	32.802	833.17	33.198	843.23	4.401	111.79	116.81	2.901	73.69	3.099	78.71	1.401	35.59
34	33.796	858.42	34.204	868.78	4.898	124.41	129.59	3.398	86.31	3.602	91.49	1.898	48.21
35	34.790	883.67	35.210	894.33	5.395	137.03	142.37	3.895	98.93	4.105	104.27	2.395	60.83
37	36.778	934.16	37.222	945.44	6.389	162.28	167.92	4.889	124.18	5.111	129.82	3.389	86.08
39	38.766	984.66	39.234	996.54	7.383	187.53	193.47	5.883	149.43	6.117	155.37	4.383	111.33
40	39.760	1009.90	40.240	1022.10	7.880	200.15	206.25	6.380	162.05	6.620	168.15	4.880	123.95
41.25	41.003	1041.48	41.498	1054.05	8.502	215.94	222.22	7.002	177.84	7.249	184.12	5.502	139.74
42	41.748	1060.40	42.252	1073.20	8.874	225.40	231.80	7.374	187.30	7.626	193.70	5.874	149.20
43	42.742	1085.65	43.258	1098.75	9.371	238.02	244.58	7.871	199.92	8.129	206.48	6.371	161.82
44	43.736	1110.89	44.264	1124.31	9.868	250.65	257.35	8.368	212.55	8.632	219.25	6.868	174.45
48	47.712	1211.88	48.288	1226.52	11.856	301.14	308.46	10.356	263.04	10.644	270.36	8.856	224.94
49	48.706	1237.13	49.294	1252.07	12.353	313.77	321.23	10.853	275.67	11.147	283.13	9.353	237.57
56	55.664	1413.87	56.336	1430.93	15.832	402.13	410.67	14.332	364.03	14.668	372.57	12.832	325.93
60.63	60.266	1530.76	60.994	1549.25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.133	384.38
65	64.610	1641.09	65.390	1660.91	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
69	68.586	1742.08	69.414	1763.12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
72	71.568	1817.83	72.432	1839.77	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
77	76.538	1944.07	77.462	1967.53	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
60.63	60.266	1530.76	60.994	1549.25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.133	384.38
65	64.610	1641.09	65.390	1660.91	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.305	363.35
69	68.586	1742.08	69.414	1763.12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.293	413.84
72	71.568	1817.83	72.432	1839.77	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
77	76.538	1944.07	77.462	1967.53	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**TABLE 2 Dimensions of Standard Billet Sizes for Nominal Mandrel Sizes of 24 or Larger (continued)**

Nominal	Nominal Mandrel Sizes											
	42			48			54			60		
	Min. Wall	Max. Wall		Min. Wall	Max. Wall		Min. Wall	Max. Wall		Min. Wall	Max. Wall	
O.D.	in.	mm		in.	mm		in.	mm		in.	mm	
28	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
29	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
33	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
35	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
37	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
39	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
40	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
41.25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
43	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
44	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
48	2.856	72.54	3.144	79.86	79.86	3.144	79.86	79.86	3.144	79.86	79.86	3.144
49	3.353	85.17	3.647	92.63	92.63	3.647	92.63	92.63	3.647	92.63	92.63	3.647
56	6.832	173.53	7.168	182.07	182.07	7.168	182.07	182.07	7.168	182.07	182.07	7.168
60.63	9.133	231.98	9.497	241.22	241.22	9.497	241.22	241.22	9.497	241.22	241.22	9.497
65	11.305	287.15	11.695	297.05	297.05	11.695	297.05	297.05	11.695	297.05	297.05	11.695
69	13.293	337.64	13.707	348.16	348.16	13.707	348.16	348.16	13.707	348.16	348.16	13.707
72	14.784	375.51	15.216	386.49	386.49	15.216	386.49	386.49	15.216	386.49	386.49	15.216
77	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

percentage as that used in [Table 1](#) or [Table 2](#) for the next smaller listed average outside diameter. Maximum and minimum wall thicknesses for mandrel sizes not shown in [Table 1](#) or [Table 2](#) shall be determined by subtracting the mandrel size from the maximum and minimum average outside diameter, respectively, then dividing by 2 and, finally, by rounding the third decimal place of the resulting value to give the maximum or minimum wall thickness respectively.

**5.3 Thermal Stability**—The PE material shall contain sufficient antioxidant so that the minimum induction temperature for mid-wall, outside diameter and inside diameter shall each be 428°F (220°C) when tested in accordance with both [Specification D3350](#) and **6.4 Thermal Stability Testing**. Failure to meet this requirement shall be cause to reject the billet as unsuitable for this standard without allowance for retesting.

**5.4 Carbon Black Content**—The value obtained shall be greater than 2.0 wt% and less than 3.0 wt% when tested in accordance with **6.5**. Failure to meet this requirement shall be cause to reject the billet as unsuitable for this standard without allowance for retesting.

**5.5 Radial Tensile Elongation**—When tested per **6.6**, all specimens shall show yielding in the stress strain curve, the average elongation at break shall exceed 500% and the elongation at break of all replicates tested shall exceed 400%. Failure to meet any of these requirements shall be cause to reject the billet as unsuitable for this standard without allowance for retesting.

**5.6 Circumferential Tensile Elongation**—When tested per **6.7**, all specimens shall show yielding in the stress strain curve, the average elongation at break shall exceed 500% and the elongation at break of all replicates tested shall exceed 400%. Failure to meet any of these requirements shall be cause to reject the billet as unsuitable for this standard without allowance for retesting.

## 6. Test Method

### 6.1 Conditioning:

**6.1.1 Referee Testing**—When conditioning is required for refereed tests, condition the specimen in accordance with Procedure A of Practice [D618](#) at 73 °F ± 4 °F (23 °C ± 2 °C) without regard to relative humidity for not less than 40 h prior to test. Conduct tests under the same conditions of temperature, and humidity unless otherwise specified.

**6.1.2 Quality Control Testing and Conditioning**—Unless otherwise specified, condition specimens for a minimum of 4 h prior to test in air or 1 h in water at 73 °F ± 4 °F (23 °C ± 2 °C). Test the specimens at 73 °F ± 4 °F (23 °C ± 2 °C) without regard to relative humidity.

**6.2 Sampling**—The selection of samples of the billet shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller. In case of no prior agreement, any sample selected by the testing laboratory shall be deemed adequate.

### 6.3 Dimensions:

**6.3.1 Average Outside Diameter**—Determine the average outside diameter using a circumferential wrap tape as per Test Method [D2122](#) to the nearest 0.001 in. (0.02 mm) as required.

**6.3.2 Minimum Wall Thickness**—Measure the wall thickness in accordance with the requirements of Test Method [D2122](#). Make sufficient readings, a minimum of eight (8), approximately equally spaced around the circumference to ensure that the minimum thickness has been determined. Use of a properly calibrated ultrasonic thickness tester is also permitted under this specification. For nondestructive testing, this is the preferred method.

**6.4 Thermal Stability Testing**—Test samples shall be removed no deeper than 0.010 in. (0.25 mm) from the outside diameter and no deeper than 0.010 in. (0.25 mm) inside diameter of the billet and tested according to [Specification D3350](#), 10.1.9.

**6.5 Carbon Black Content**—Test Method [D1603](#) or Test Method [D4218](#) shall be used. Duplicate determinations shall be made from a sample no deeper than 0.010 in. (0.25 mm) from the outside diameter of the billet and no deeper than 0.010 in. (0.25 mm) from the inside diameter of the billet.

**6.6 Radial Tensile Testing**—At least five (5) tensile bars conforming to Type IV dimensions specified in Test Method [D638](#) shall be prepared sampling a minimum of four (4) quadrants of the billet. See [Fig. 1](#) for a general illustration of a typical sampling plan. Assure that the test axis of each specimen is approximately aligned with the radial direction of the billet. Conduct Test Method [D638](#) tensile testing on the specimens at 2.0 in. (50.8 mm) per minute. Report the failure mode for each specimen and the average value for stress at yield, elongation at yield, and elongation at break. Tensile bars conforming to Type IV dimensions specified in Test Method [D638](#) are recommended but other tensile bar dimensions are allowed when agreed upon by both buyer and seller.

**6.7 Circumferential Tensile Testing**—At least five (5) tensile bars conforming to Type IV dimensions specified in Test Method [D638](#) shall be prepared sampling a minimum of four (4) quadrants of the billet and tangent to the circumference of the billet. See [Fig. 2](#) for a general illustration of a typical sampling plan. Assure that the test axis of each specimen is approximately aligned tangentially to the circumferential (hoop) direction of the billet. The radial position (distance from the centerline of the billet) may be varied as desired to obtain the specimens. Specimens may be oriented as shown (thickness into the plane), or may be rotated 90° (width into the plane). Conduct Test Method [D638](#) tensile testing on the specimens at 2.0 in. (50.8 mm) per minute. Report the failure mode for each specimen and the average value for stress at yield, elongation at yield, and elongation at break. Tensile bars conforming to Type IV dimensions specified in Test Method [D638](#) are recommended but other tensile bar dimensions are allowed when agreed upon by both buyer and seller.

## 7. Certification

**7.1** When specified in the purchase order or contract, a producer's or supplier's certification shall be furnished to the purchaser that the billet was manufactured, sampled, tested and inspected in accordance with this specification and has been found to meet the requirements. When specified in the purchase order or contract, a report of the test results shall be furnished.