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Standard Specification for Zirconium and Zirconium Alloy Forgings¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification² covers three grades of zirconium and zirconium alloy forgings.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 12, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials³

3. Terminology

3.1 *Lot Definitions:*

3.1.1 *castings*—a lot shall consist of all castings produced from the same pour.

3.1.2 *ingot*—no definition required.

3.1.3 *rounds, flats, tubes, and wrought powder metallurgical products (single definition, common to nuclear and non-nuclear standards)*—a lot shall consist of a material of the same size, shape, condition, and finish produced from the same ingot or powder blend by the same reduction schedule and the same heat treatment parameters. Unless otherwise agreed between manufacturer and purchaser, a lot shall be limited to the product of an 8 h period for final continuous anneal, or to a single furnace load for final batch anneal.

3.1.4 *sponge*—a lot shall consist of a single blend produced at one time.

3.1.5 *weld fittings*—definition is to be mutually agreed upon between manufacturer and the purchaser.

4. Classification

4.1 The forgings are furnished in three grades as follows:

4.1.1 *Grade R60702*—Unalloyed zirconium.

4.1.2 *Grade R60704*—Zirconium-tin alloy.

4.1.3 *Grade R60705*—Zirconium-niobium alloy.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Orders for material under this specification shall include the following information:

5.1.1 Quantity (weight and number of pieces),

5.1.2 Name of material (zirconium forgings),

5.1.3 Finish (Section 9),

5.1.4 Dimension (diameter, thickness, length, width, or as specified in appropriate drawings),

5.1.5 ASTM designation and year of issue,

5.1.6 Grade number (see 3.1), and

5.1.7 Additions to the specification and supplementary requirements, if required.

NOTE 1—A typical ordering description is as follows: 8000-lb zirconium forgings, mechanically descaled 10 by 12 by 12-in. rectangular bar, ASTM B 493, dated __, Grade R60702.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 The forgings shall be formed with conventional forging equipment normally found in primary ferrous and nonferrous metal plants.

6.2 Forgings shall be furnished in the annealed conditions.

7. Chemical Composition

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

7.2 The manufacturer's ingot analysis shall be considered the chemical analysis for forgings, except for hydrogen and nitrogen, which shall be determined on the finished product.

7.3 When requested by the purchaser and stated in the purchase order, a check analysis for any elements listed in Table 1 shall be made on the finished product.

7.3.1 The manufacturer's analysis shall be considered as verified if the check analysis confirms the manufacturer's reported values within the tolerances prescribed in Table 2.

8. Workmanship and Quality Level Requirements

8.1 The material shall be free of injurious imperfections. Minor surface imperfections may be removed by spot grinding

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SB-493 in Section II of that Code.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.