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Standard Specification for Carbon Steel, Alloy Steel, and Stainless Steel Nuts for Bolts for High Pressure or High Temperature Service, or Both¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers a variety of carbon, alloy, and martensitic stainless steel nuts in the size range ¼ through 4 in. and metric M12 through M100 nominal. It also covers austenitic stainless steel nuts in the size range ¼ in. and M12 nominal and above. These nuts are intended for high-pressure or high-temperature service, or both. Grade substitutions without the purchaser's permission are not allowed.

1.2 Bars from which the nuts are made shall be hot-wrought. The material may be further processed by centerless grinding or by cold drawing. Austenitic stainless steel may be solution annealed or annealed and strain-hardened. When annealed and strain hardened austenitic stainless steel is ordered in accordance with Supplementary Requirement S1, the purchaser should take special care to ensure that 8.2.2, Supplementary Requirement S1, and Appendix X1 are thoroughly understood.

1.3 Supplementary requirements of an optional nature are provided. These shall apply only when specified in the inquiry, contract, and order.

1.4 This specification is expressed in both inch-pound units and in SI units. However, unless the order specifies the applicable "M" specification designation (SI units), the material shall be furnished to inch-pound units.

1.5 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI 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. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets.

1.6 *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.*

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 A01.22 on Steel Forgings and Wrought Fittings for Piping Applications and Bolting Materials for Piping and Special Purpose Applications.

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-194 in Section II of that code.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

- A153/A153M Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware
- A276/A276M Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes
- A320/A320M Specification for Alloy-Steel and Stainless Steel Bolting for Low-Temperature Service
- A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
- A962/A962M Specification for Common Requirements for Bolting Intended for Use at Any Temperature from Cryogenic to the Creep Range
- B633 Specification for Electrodeposited Coatings of Zinc on Iron and Steel
- B695 Specification for Coatings of Zinc Mechanically Deposited on Iron and Steel
- B696 Specification for Coatings of Cadmium Mechanically Deposited
- B766 Specification for Electrodeposited Coatings of Cadmium
- E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size
- E566 Practice for Electromagnetic (Eddy Current/Magnetic Induction) Sorting of Ferrous Metals
- F606/F606M Test Methods for Determining the Mechanical Properties of Externally and Internally Threaded Fasteners, Washers, Direct Tension Indicators, and Rivets
- F1940 Test Method for Process Control Verification to Prevent Hydrogen Embrittlement in Plated or Coated Fasteners
- F1941/F1941M Specification for Electrodeposited Coatings on Mechanical Fasteners, Inch and Metric
- F2329/F2329M Specification for Zinc Coating, Hot-Dip, Requirements for Application to Carbon and Alloy Steel Bolts, Screws, Washers, Nuts, and Special Threaded Fasteners

2.2 ASME Standards:⁴

- B 1.1 Unified Screw Threads
- B 1.2 Gages and Gaging for Unified Inch Screw Threads
- B 1.13M Metric Screw Threads
- B 18.2.2 Square and Hex Nuts
- B 18.2.4.6M Metric Heavy Hex Nuts

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *Austenitic Grades*—All grades with a prefix of “8” or “9.”

3.1.2 *Ferritic Grades*—Grades 1, 2, 2H, 2HM, 3, 6, 6F, 7, 7M, 43, and 16.

3.1.3 *Lot*—Unless otherwise specified (see Discussion below), a lot is the quantity of nuts of a single nominal size and grade produced by the same manufacturing process.

3.1.3.1 Discussion—

When Supplementary Requirement S5 is invoked on the purchase order, the following definitions of a lot shall apply:

3.1.3.2 *For Grade 8 Nuts*—The quantity of all the nuts of a single nominal diameter and grade made from the same heat of steel and made by the same manufacturing process.

3.1.3.3 *For All Other Grade Nuts*—(see 8.2 and 8.1.2.1)—All the nuts of a single nominal diameter and grade made from the same heat number and heat treated in the same batch if batch-type heat treating equipment is used or heat treated in the same continuous run of not more than 8 h under the same conditions if continuous-type heat treating equipment is used.

3.1.4 *Type*:

3.1.4.1 *For Grade 8 Nuts*—Variations within the grade designated by a letter and differentiated by chemistry and by manufacturing process.

3.1.4.2 *For Grade 6 Nuts*—Variations within the grade designated by the letter F as differentiated by chemical additions made for machineability.

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>.

3.1.5 *Series*—The dimensional relationship and geometry of the nuts as described in ASME B 18.2.2 for inch nuts or ASME B 18.2.4.6M for metric nuts.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 The inquiry and order for bolting material and bolting components under this specification shall include the following as required to describe the items adequately:

4.1.1 Specification designation, year date, and grade, issue date and revision letter,

4.1.2 Quantity, number of pieces,

4.1.3 Dimensions (see Section 9),

4.1.4 Options in accordance with 8.2.2.1, 9.1, 9.2, 10.3, and 12, and

4.1.5 Supplementary Requirements, if any.

4.2 *Coatings*—Coatings are prohibited unless specified by the purchaser (see Supplementary Requirements S7 and S8). When coated nuts are ordered, the purchaser should take special care to ensure that Appendix X2 is thoroughly understood.

4.3 See Supplementary Requirement S3 for nuts to be used in low temperature applications (Specification A320/A320M).

4.4 *Proof Load Testing*—See Supplementary Requirement S9 for proof load testing of nuts manufactured to dimensions and configurations other than those covered in Tables 3 and 4.

5. Common Requirements

5.1 Bolting material and bolting components supplied to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Specification A962/A962M, of which nuts are considered bolting components, as are bolts, studs, screws, and washers intended for use in special service applications. These requirements include test methods, finish, thread dimensions, marking, certification, optional supplementary requirements, and others. Failure to comply with the requirements of Specification A962/A962M constitutes nonconformance with this specification. In case of conflict between the requirements of this specification and Specification A962/A962M, this specification shall prevail.

6. Manufacture (Process)

6.1 Stainless steels for all types of Grade 6 and 8 nuts shall be made by one of the following processes:

6.1.1 Electric-furnace (with separate degassing and refining optional),

6.1.2 Vacuum induction furnace, or

6.1.3 Either of the above followed by electroslag remelting, or consumable-arc remelting.

6.2 The steel producer shall exercise adequate control to eliminate excessive unhomogeneity, nonmetallics, pipe, porosity, and other defects.

6.3 Grades 1 and 2 nuts shall be hot or cold forged, or shall be machined from hot-forged, hot-rolled, or cold-drawn bars.

6.3.1 All Grade 1 and 2 nuts shall be stress-relieved at a temperature of at least 1000 °F [538 °C] after forming or machining from bar with the following exceptions:

6.3.1.1 Nuts made by hot forging.

6.3.1.2 Nuts machined from hot-forged or hot-rolled bar.



TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements (Composition, percent)^{A,B,C,D,I}

Grade	Description and UNS Designation	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus	Sulfur ^F	Silicon	Chromium	Nickel	Molybdenum	Titanium	Niobium ^H	Nitrogen	Copper	Selenium	Vanadium	Aluminum
1 2, 2HM, and 2H	carbon carbon	0.15 min 0.40 min	1.00 1.00	0.040 0.040	0.050 0.050	0.40 0.40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	(501) S50100	0.10 min	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	4.0–6.0	...	0.40–0.65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	(410) S41000	0.08–0.15	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	11.5–13.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6F	(416) S41600	0.15	1.25	0.060	0.15 min	1.00	12.0–14.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6F	(416Se) S41623	0.15	1.25	0.060	0.060	1.00	12.0–14.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.15 min	...	...
7 ^G , 7M ^G	Chromium- Molybdenum ^G	0.38–0.48	0.75–1.0	0.035	0.04	0.15–0.35	0.80–1.10	...	0.15–0.25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
43	Nickel- Chromium Molybdenum	0.38–0.43	0.60–0.85	0.035	0.04	0.15–0.35	0.70–0.90	1.65–2.0	0.20–0.30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8, 8A	(304) S30400	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0–20.0	8.0–11.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8C, 8CA	(347) S34700	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–12.0	...	...	10 x carbon content, min	...	...	...	...	...
8CLN, 8CLNA	(347LN) S34751	0.005– 0.020	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–13.0	...	...	0.20–0.50, min 1.10	0.06–0.10	...	...	...	...
8CLNCuB, 8CLNCuBA	S34752 ^J	0.005– 0.020	2.00	0.035	0.010	0.60	17.0–19.0	10.0–13.0	0.20–1.20	...	15 x carbon content, min	0.06–0.12	2.50–3.50	...	...	...
8M, 8MA	(316) S31600	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	10.0–14.0	2.00–3.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8T, 8TA	(321) S32100	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–12.0	...	5 x (C+N) min - 0.70 max	...	0.10	...	...	...	...
8F, 8FA	(303) S30300	0.15	2.00	0.20	0.15 min	1.00	17.0–19.0	8.0–10.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8F, 8FA	(303Se) S30323	0.15	2.00	0.20	0.06	1.00	17.0–19.0	8.0–10.0	...	...	...	...	...	0.15 min	...	...
8P, 8PA	(305) S30500	0.12	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	11.0–13.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8N, 8NA	(304N) S30451	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0–20.0	8.0–11.0	...	...	...	0.10–0.16	...	...	...	...
8LN, 8LNA	(304LN) S30453	0.030	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0–20.0	8.0–11.0	...	...	...	0.10–0.16	...	...	...	...
8MN, 8MNA	(316N) S31651	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	10.0–13.0	2.00–3.00	...	...	0.10–0.16	...	...	...	...



TABLE 1 Continued

Grade	Description and UNS Designation	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus	Sulfur ^F	Silicon	Chromium	Nickel	Molybdenum	Titanium	Niobium ^H	Nitrogen	Copper	Selenium	Vanadium	Aluminum
8MLN, 8MLNA 8R, 8RA ^F	(316LN) S31653 (XM19)	0.030	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	10.0–13.0	2.00–3.00	...	...	0.10–0.16	...	...	...	...
8S, 8SA	(Nitronic 60) S20910 S21800	0.10	4.0–6.0	0.045	0.030	1.00	20.5–23.5	11.5–13.5	1.50–3.00	...	0.10–0.30	0.20–0.40	...	...	0.10–0.30	...
8MLCuN, 8MLCuNA B8ML4CuN	(254) S31254 (317) S31730	0.020 0.030	7.0–9.0	0.060	0.030	3.5–4.5	16.0–18.0	8.0–9.0	...	...	...	0.08–0.18	...	...	...	...
9C, 9CA	(AL-6XN) N08367	0.030	1.00	0.030	0.010	0.80	19.5–20.5	17.5–18.5	6.0–6.5	...	...	0.18–0.22	0.50–1.00	...	...	...
16	Chromium Molybdenum Vanadium	0.36–0.47	2.00	0.040	0.040	1.00	17.0–19.0	15.0–16.5	3.0–4.0	...	...	0.045	4.0–5.0	...	...	...
			0.45–0.70	0.035	0.040	0.15–0.35	20.0–22.0	23.5–25.5	6.0–7.0	...	...	0.18–0.25	0.75	...	...	0.15 ^P

^A The intentional addition of Bi, Se, Te, and Pb is not permitted except for Grades 6F, 8F, and 8FA, in which Se is specified and required.

^B Total aluminum, soluble and insoluble.

^C Maximum, unless minimum or range is indicated.

^D Where ellipses (...) appear in this table there is no requirement and the element need not be determined or reported.

^E Because of the degree to which sulfur segregates, product analysis for sulfur over 0.060 % max is not technologically appropriate.

^F As described in Specification A276/A276M.

^G Typical steel compositions used for this grade include 4140, 4142, 4145, 4140H, 4142H, and 4145H.

^H Niobium (Nb) and Columbiun (Cb) are alternate names for element 41 in the Periodic Table of the Elements.

^I Product Analysis—Individual determinations sometimes vary from the specified limits as shown in the tables. The several determinations of any individual element in a heat may not vary both above and below the specified range. Product variation limits are over for maximums, over or under for ranges, and under for minimums, unless otherwise indicated.

^J Boron content shall be in the range 0.001–0.005.

TABLE 2 Hardness Requirements^A

Grade and Type	Completed Nuts			Sample Nut after Treatment as in 8.1.5	
	Brinell Hardness	Rockwell Hardness		Brinell Hardness, min	Rockwell Hardness B Scale, min
		C Scale	B Scale		
1	121 min	...	70 min	121	70
2	159 to 352	...	84 min	159	84
2H to 1½ in. or M36, incl	248 to 327	24 to 35	...	179	89
2H over 1½ in. or M36	212 to 327	35 max	95 min	147	79
2HM and 7M	159 to 235	...	84 to 99	159	84
3, 7, 16, 43	248 to 327	24 to 35	...	201	94
6 and 6F	228 to 271	20 to 28	...	...	...
8, 8C, 8CLN, 8CLNCuB, 8M, 8T, 8F, 8P, 8N, 8MN, 8LN, 8MLN, 8MLCuN, 8ML4CuN, and 9C	126 to 300	32 max	60 min	...	...
8A, 8CA, 8CLNA, 8CLNCuBA, 8MA, 8TA, 8FA, 8PA, 8NA, 8MNA, 8LNA, 8MLNA, 8MLCuNA, 8ML4CuNA, and 9CA	126 to 192	...	60 to 90	...	...
8R, 8RA, 8S, and 8SA	183 to 271	25 max	88 min	...	...

^A Where ellipses (...) appear in this table there is no requirement.

6.3.1.3 Nuts machined from hot-forged/hot-rolled and cold-finished (max 10 % reduction in area) bar.

6.3.1.4 Nuts machined from cold-drawn and annealed (min 1000 °F [538 °C]) bar.

6.3.2 Grade 1 and 2 nuts made by hot forging or by machining from hot-forged or hot-rolled bars need not be stress relieved.

6.4 Grades 2H, 2HM, 3, 6, 6F, 7, 7M, 43, and 16 nuts shall be hot- or cold-forged or shall be machined from hot-forged, hot-rolled, or cold-drawn bars and shall be heat treated to meet the required mechanical properties. These grades shall be uniformly reheated to the proper austenitizing temperature (a group thus reheated being known as a quenching charge) and quenched under substantially uniform conditions for each quenching charge and tempered as shown below. Grades 2H, 2HM, 3, 7, and 7M shall be liquid quenched. Grades 6 and 6F shall be quenched in liquid or inert gas. Grade 16 shall be heated to a temperature range from 1700 to 1750 °F (925 to 955 °C) and oil quenched.

Grade	Minimum Tempering Temperature, °F [°C]
2H	850 [455]
2HM	1150 [620]
3	1050 [565]
6 and 6F	1100 [595]
7	1100 [595]
7M	1150 [620]
43	1100 [595]
16	1200 [650]

Nuts machined from bar heat treated in accordance with this specification need not be reheat-treated. For Grade 2HM and 7M nuts, a final stress relief shall be done at or above the minimum tempering temperature after all forming, machining, and tapping operations. This final stress relief may be the tempering operation.

6.4.1 Grade 6 and 6F nuts shall be tempered for a minimum of 1 h at the temperature.

6.5 For Grade 2HM and 7M nuts, a final stress relief shall be performed, after all machining, cutting, and forming operations, at a minimum temperature of 50°F (28°C) below the original tempering temperature. A tempering operation may be substituted for this post-machining/cutting/forming stress relief. Surface preparation for hardness testing or nondestructive evaluation is permitted.

6.5.1 In the case where the original temper was performed via induction heat treatment at a temperature above 1300°F (705°C) but the post-machining/cutting/forming stress relief will be performed in a standard furnace, the minimum stress relief temperature shall be 1200°F (650°C).

TABLE 3 Proof Load Using Threaded Mandrel — Inch Series

NOTE 1—Proof loads are not design loads.

Nominal Size, in.	Threads per Inch	Stress Area in. ²	Proof Load, lbf ^A					
			Grade 1		Grades 2, 2HM, 6, 6F, 7M		Grades 2H, 3, 7, 16, 43	
			Heavy Hex ^B	Hex ^C	Heavy Hex ^D	Hex ^E	Heavy Hex ^F	Hex ^G
1/4	20	0.0316	4 130	3 820	4 770	4 300	5 570	4 770
5/16	18	0.0524	6 810	6 290	7 860	7 070	9 170	7 860
3/8	16	0.0774	10 080	9 300	11 620	10 460	13 560	11 620
7/16	14	0.1063	13 820	12 760	15 940	14 350	18 600	15 940
1/2	13	0.1419	18 450	17 030	21 280	19 160	24 830	21 280
9/16	12	0.182	23 660	21 840	27 300	24 570	31 850	27 300
5/8	11	0.226	29 380	27 120	33 900	30 510	39 550	33 900
3/4	10	0.334	43 420	40 080	50 100	45 090	58 450	50 100
7/8	9	0.462	60 060	55 440	69 300	62 370	80 850	69 300
1	8	0.606	78 780	72 720	90 900	81 810	106 000	90 900
1 1/8	8	0.790	102 700	94 800	118 500	106 700	138 200	118 500
1 1/4	8	1.000	130 000	120 000	150 000	135 000	175 000	150 000
1 3/8	8	1.233	160 200	148 000	185 000	166 500	215 800	185 000
1 1/2	8	1.492	194 000	170 040	223 800	201 400	261 100	223 800

All Types of Grade 8, Grades 9C and 9CA					
			Heavy Hex ^H		Hex ^I
1/4	20	0.0316		2 540	2 380
5/16	18	0.0524		4 190	3 930
3/8	16	0.0774		6 200	5 810
7/16	14	0.1063		8 500	7 970
1/2	13	0.1419		11 350	10 640
9/16	12	0.182		14 560	13 650
5/8	11	0.226		18 080	16 950
3/4	10	0.334		26 720	25 050
7/8	9	0.462		36 960	34 650
1	8	0.606		48 480	45 450
1 1/8	8	0.790		63 200	59 250
1 1/4	8	1.000		80 000	75 000
1 3/8	8	1.233		98 640	92 450
1 1/2	8	1.492		119 360	111 900

^A See limit for proof load test in 8.2.2.1. The proof load for jam nuts shall be 46 % of the tabulated load.

^B Based on proof stress of 130 000 psi.

^C Based on proof stress of 120 000 psi.

^D Based on proof stress of 150 000 psi.

^E Based on proof stress of 135 000 psi.

^F Based on proof stress of 175 000 psi.

^G Based on proof stress of 150 000 psi.

^H Based on proof stress of 80 000 psi.

^I Based on proof stress of 75 000 psi.

NOTE 1—A specific minimum stress relief temperature is given in 6.5.1 because no correlation can be drawn between the original tempering temperature utilizing induction and the stress relieving temperature in a standard furnace.

6.6 Grades 8, 8C, 8CLN, 8CLNCuB, 8M, 8T, 8F, 8P, 8N, 8MN, 8R, 8S, 8LN, 8MLN, 8MLCuN, 8ML4CuN, and 9C nuts shall be hot or cold forged, or shall be machined from hot-forged, hot-rolled or cold-drawn bars.

6.7 Grades 8A, 8CA, 8CLNA, 8CLNCuBA, 8MA, 8TA, 8FA, 8PA, 8NA, 8MNA, 8RA, 8SA, 8LNA, 8MLNA, 8MLCuNA, 8ML4CuNA, and 9CA nuts shall be hot- or cold-forged or shall be machined from hot-forged, hot-rolled, or cold-drawn bars and the nuts shall subsequently be carbide-solution treated by heating them for a sufficient time at a temperature to dissolve chromium carbides followed by cooling at a rate sufficient to prevent reprecipitation of the carbides.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 Each alloy shall conform to the chemical composition requirements prescribed in Table 1.