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Standard Specification for Stainless Steel Bolts, Hex Cap Screws, and Studs¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers the requirements for stainless steel bolts, hex cap screws, and studs 0.25 to 1.50 in., inclusive, in nominal diameter in a number of alloys in common use and intended for service applications requiring general corrosion resistance.

1.2 Seven groups of stainless steel alloys are covered, including fourteen austenitic, two ferritic, four martensitic, and one precipitation hardening.

Group	Alloys ^A	Condition ^B
1	304, 305, 384, 304 L, 18-9LW, 302HQ, 304J3 ^D	(CW) cold worked ^C
2	316, 316 L	(CW) cold worked ^C
3	321, 347	(CW) cold worked ^C
4	430 ^E	(CW) cold worked ^C
5	410 ^F	(H) hardened and tempered
6	431	(H) hardened and tempered
7	630	(AH) age hardened

^A Unless otherwise specified on the inquiry and order, the choice of an alloy from within a group shall be at the discretion of the fastener manufacturer (see 6.1).

^B See 4.2 for options.

^C Sizes 0.75 in. and larger may be hot worked and solution annealed, provided the bolts comply with the cold worked (CW) mechanical property requirements.

^D When approved by the purchaser, Alloys 303, 303Se, or XM1 may be furnished.

^E When approved by the purchaser, Alloy 430F may be furnished.

^F When approved by the purchaser, Alloys 416 or 416Se may be furnished.

1.3 Supplementary requirements of an optional nature are provided, applicable only when agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser at the time of the inquiry and order.

1.4 Suitable nuts for use with bolts, hex cap screws, and studs included in this specification are covered by Specification F594. Unless otherwise specified, all nuts used on these fasteners shall conform to the requirements of Specification F594, shall be of the same alloy group, and shall have a specified minimum proof stress equal to or greater than the specified minimum full-size tensile strength of the externally threaded fastener.

1.5 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.

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

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

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:²

- A262 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Austenitic Stainless Steels
- A276 Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes
- A342/A342M Test Methods for Permeability of Weakly Magnetic Materials
- A380 Practice for Cleaning, Descaling, and Passivation of Stainless Steel Parts, Equipment, and Systems
- A484/A484M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Bars, Billets, and Forgings
- A493 Specification for Stainless Steel Wire and Wire Rods for Cold Heading and Cold Forging
- A555/A555M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Wire and Wire Rods
- A564/A564M Specification for Hot-Rolled and Cold-Finished Age-Hardening Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes
- A582/A582M Specification for Free-Machining Stainless Steel Bars
- A751 Test Methods and Practices for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products
- A967 Specification for Chemical Passivation Treatments for Stainless Steel Parts
- D3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging
- E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications
- F594 Specification for Stainless Steel Nuts
- F606/F606M Test Methods for Determining the Mechanical Properties of Externally and Internally Threaded Fasteners, Washers, Direct Tension Indicators, and Rivets
- F1470 Practice for Fastener Sampling for Specified Mechanical Properties and Performance Inspection

2.2 ASME Standards:³

- B1.1 Unified Inch Screw Threads
- B18.2.1 Square and Hex Bolts and Hex Screws, Including Hex Cap Screws

2.3 JIS Standard:⁴

- JIS G4309 Stainless Steel Wires

3. Ordering Information

3.1 Orders for bolts, hex cap screws, and studs under this specification shall include the following:

- 3.1.1 Quantity (number of pieces of each item and size),
- 3.1.2 Name of item (bolt, hex cap screw, stud, etc.),
- 3.1.3 Size (nominal diameter, threads per inch, length; see Section 9),
- 3.1.4 Alloy group number (see 6.1), and
- 3.1.5 Condition (see 4.2).

3.2 Orders for bolts, hex cap screws, and studs under this specification may include the following optional requirements:

- 3.2.1 Forming (see 4.1.2),
- 3.2.2 Rolled or cut threads (see 4.1.3),

² 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.

³ Available from Global Engineering Documents, 15 Inverness Way, East Englewood, CO 80112-5704, <http://www.global.ihs.com>.

⁴ Available from Japanese Industrial Standards Committee (JIS) 1-3-1 Kasumigasaki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8901, Japan. <http://www.jisc.go.jp>

($1038\text{ °C} \pm 28\text{ °C}$); 28 °C), at which time the chromium carbide will go into the solution, be held for a sufficient time, and then be cooled at a rate sufficient to prevent precipitation of the carbide and to provide the specified properties.

5.1.2 *Condition CW*—When Condition CW is specified, the austenitic alloys shall be annealed in accordance with 5.1.1, generally by the raw material manufacturer and then cold worked to develop the specified properties.

5.1.3 *Condition AF*—When Condition AF is specified, the austenitic alloys shall be annealed in accordance with 5.1.1 after all cold working (including heading and threading) has been completed.

5.2 *Alloy Group 4 (Ferritic Alloys 430 and 430F):*

5.2.1 *Condition A*—The ferritic alloys shall be heated to a temperature of $1450\text{ °F} \pm 50\text{ °F}$ ($788\text{ °C} \pm 28\text{ °C}$); 28 °C), held for an appropriate time, and then air cooled to provide the specified properties.

5.2.2 *Condition CW*—When Condition CW is specified, the ferritic alloys shall be annealed in accordance with 5.2.1, generally by the raw material manufacturer and then cold worked to develop the specified properties.

5.2.3 *Condition AF*—When Condition AF is specified, the ferritic alloys shall be annealed in accordance with 5.2.1 after all cold working (including heading and threading) has been completed.

5.3 *Alloy Group 5 (Martensitic Alloys 410, 416, and 416Se):*

5.3.1 *Condition H*—When Condition H is specified, the Martensitic Alloys 410, 416, and 416Se shall be hardened and tempered by heating to $1850\text{ °F} \pm 50\text{ °F}$ ($1010\text{ °C} \pm 28\text{ °C}$); 28 °C) sufficient for austenitization, held for at least ½ h and rapid air- or oil-quenched, and then reheating to 1050 °F (565 °C); 1050 °F (565 °C) minimum for at least 1 h and air cooled to provide the specified properties.

5.3.2 *Condition HT*—When Condition HT is specified, the Martensitic Alloys 410, 416, and 416Se shall be hardened and tempered by heating to $1850\text{ °F} \pm 50\text{ °F}$ ($1010\text{ °C} \pm 28\text{ °C}$); 28 °C) sufficient for austenitization, held for at least ½ h and rapid air- or oil-quenched, and then reheating to 525 °F (274 °C); 525 °F (274 °C) minimum for at least 1 h and air cooled to provide the specified properties.

5.4 *Alloy Group 6 (Martensitic Alloy 431):*

5.4.1 *Conditions H and HT*—Martensitic Alloy 431 shall be hardened and tempered in accordance with 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 as applicable.

5.5 *Alloy Group 7 (Precipitation Hardening Alloy 630):*

5.5.1 *Condition AH*—Precipitation Hardening Alloy 630 shall be solution annealed and aged by heating to $1900\text{ °F} \pm 25\text{ °F}$ ($1038\text{ °C} \pm 14\text{ °C}$); 14 °C) for at least ½ h and rapid air- or oil-quenched to 80 °F (27 °C); 80 °F (27 °C) maximum, then reheating to a temperature of $1150\text{ °F} \pm 15\text{ °F}$ ($621\text{ °C} \pm 8\text{ °C}$); 8 °C) for 4 h and air cooled to provide the specified properties.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 *Alloy Groups*—It is the intent of this specification that fasteners shall be ordered by alloy group numbers, which include alloys considered to be chemically equivalent for general purpose use. The alloy groupings are shown as follows. The purchaser has the option of ordering a specific alloy, in stead of an alloy group number, as permitted in 6.2.2.

Alloy Group	Alloys
1	304, 304 L, 305, 384, 18-9LW, 302HQ, 304J3 ^A
2	316, 316 L
3	321, 347
4	430 ^B
5	410 ^C
6	431
7	630

^A When approved by the purchaser, Alloys 303, 303Se, or XM1 may be furnished.

^B When approved by the purchaser, Alloy 430F may be furnished.

^C When approved by the purchaser, Alloys 416 or 416Se may be furnished.

6.2 Chemical Composition Limits:

6.2.1 *Ordering by Alloy Group*—Unless otherwise specified on the inquiry and order (see Supplementary Requirement S4), the choice of an alloy from within a group shall be at the discretion of the fastener manufacturer as required by his method of fastener fabrication and material availability. The specific alloy used by the fastener manufacturer shall be clearly identified on any certification required by the order and shall have a chemical composition conforming to the requirements of **Table 1** for the specific alloy.

6.2.2 *Ordering by Specific Alloy*—When ordered by a specific alloy number, the fasteners shall conform to the chemical composition limits of **Table 1** for the specific alloy.

6.3 Product Analysis:

6.3.1 When performed, product analysis to determine chemical composition shall be performed on at least one fully manufactured finished fastener representing each lot. The chemical composition thus determined shall conform to the requirements of **Table 1** for the specified alloy or alloy group as appropriate, subject to the Product Analysis Tolerance in Specifications **A484/A484M** and **A555/A555M**.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Alloy Group	UNS Designation	Alloy	Composition, % maximum except as shown, ellipses indicate no requirement for listed element									
			Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus	Sulfur	Silicon	Chromium	Nickel	Copper	Molybdenum	Others
Austenitic Alloys												
†	S30300	303	0.15	2.00	0.20	0.15 min	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	8.0 to 10.0	...	0.60 max ^A	...
1	S30300	303	0.15	2.00	0.20	0.15 min	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	8.0 to 10.0	...	0.60 ^A	...
†	S30323	303 Se	0.15	2.00	0.20	0.060	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	8.0 to 10.0	...	...	Se 0.15 min
†	S30400	304	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0 to 20.0	8.0 to 10.5	1.00	...	...
1	S30400	304	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0 to 20.0	8.0 to 10.5	^B	...	...
†	S30403	304 L	0.03	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0 to 20.0	8.0 to 12.0	1.00	...	...
1	S30403	304 L	0.03	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0 to 20.0	8.0 to 12.0	^B	...	...
†	S30500	305	0.12	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	10.5 to 13.0	1.00	...	...
1	S30500	305	0.12	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	10.0 to 13.0	^B	...	...
†	S38400	384	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	15.0 to 17.0	17.0 to 19.0	...	0.50 max ^A	...
1	S38400	384	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	15.0 to 17.0	17.0 to 19.0	...	...	...
†	S20300	XM†	0.08	5.0 to 6.5	0.040	0.18 to 0.35	1.00	16.0 to 18.0	5.0 to 6.5	1.75 to 2.25	...	...
1	S20300	XM1	0.08	5.0 to 6.5	0.040	0.18 to 0.35	1.00	16.0 to 18.0	5.0 to 6.5	1.75 to 2.25	0.50	...
1	S30430	18-9LW	0.10	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	8.0 to 10.0	3.0 to 4.0	...	...
1	S30433	302HQ	0.03	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	8.0 to 10.0	3.0 to 4.0	...	...
†	...	304J3 ^B	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	8.0 to 10.5	1.00 to 3.00	...	...
1	...	304J3 ^C	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	8.0 to 10.5	1.00 to 3.00	...	...
2	S31600	316	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	16.0 to 18.0	10.0 to 14.0	...	2.00 to 3.00	...
2	S31603	316 L	0.03	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	16.0 to 18.0	10.0 to 14.0	...	2.00 to 3.00	...
3	S32100	321	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	9.0 to 12.0	...	...	Ti 5× C min
3	S34700	347	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	9.0 to 13.0	...	...	Cb+Ta 10× C min
3	S34700	347	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	9.0 to 13.0	...	...	Nb 10× C min ^D
Ferritic Alloys												
4	S43000	430	0.12	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	16.0 to 18.0	...	...	0.60 max ^A	...
4	S43020	430F	0.12	1.25	0.060	0.15 min	1.00	16.0 to 18.0	...	...	0.60 max ^A	...
Martensitic Alloys												
5	S41000	410	0.15	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	11.5 to 13.5	...	...	...	...
5	S41600	416	0.15	1.25	0.060	0.15 min	1.00	12.0 to 14.0	...	...	0.60 max ^A	...
5	S41623	416Se	0.15	1.25	0.060	0.060	1.00	12.0 to 14.0	...	...	0.60 max ^A	Se 0.15 min
6	S43100	431	0.20	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	15.0 to 17.0	1.25 to 2.50	...	...	...
Precipitation Hardening Alloy												
7	S17400	630	0.07	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	15.0 to 17.5	3.0 to 5.0	3.0 to 5.0	...	Cb+Ta 0.15–0.45
7	S17400	630	0.07	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	15.0 to 17.5	3.0 to 5.0	3.0 to 5.0	...	Nb 0.15–0.45 ^D

^A At manufacturer's option, determined only when intentionally added.

^B 1.00 % Cu max allowed by this standard for formability at manufacturer's option.

^C 304J3 from JIS Standard G4309.

^D Niobium formerly known as Columbium (Cb)

6.3.2 In the event of discrepancy, a referee chemical analysis of samples from each lot shall be made in accordance with 14.1.

7. Mechanical Properties

7.1 The finished fasteners shall meet the applicable mechanical property and test requirements of Table 2 and Table 3 as appropriate for the specified alloy group and condition and shall be tested for conformance to the mechanical property requirements as specified herein.

7.2 Fasteners having a nominal thread diameter-length combination as follows:

Thread Diameter, in. 0.75 or less Over 0.75	Thread Length, in. 2.25 <i>D</i> or longer 3 <i>D</i> or longer
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and a breaking load of 120 000 lbf (535 kN) or less shall be tested full size and shall meet the full-size tensile (minimum and maximum) and yield strength requirements in Table 2 for the specified alloy.

7.3 Fasteners having a nominal thread diameter-length combination in accordance with 7.2 and a breaking load exceeding 120 000 lbf (535 kN) shall be tested full-size and shall meet the full size tensile (minimum and maximum) and yield strength properties in Table 2. When equipment of sufficient capacity for such tests is not available, or if excessive length of the fasteners makes full-size testing impractical, use of standard or round specimens that meet the “machined specimen test tensile properties” in Table 2 is permitted. In the event of discrepancy or dispute between test results obtained from full-size finished fasteners and standard or round specimens, the referee method shall be tests performed on full-size finished fasteners.

7.4 Fasteners that are too short (lengths less than that specified in 7.2 (see Test Methods F606/F606M and Table 4); have insufficient threads for tension; or have drilled or undersized heads, drilled or reduced bodies, and so forth, that are weaker than the thread section, shall not be subject to tension tests but shall conform to the hardness (minimum and maximum) requirements of Table 2.

8. Corrosion Resistance

8.1 *Carbide Precipitation:*

8.1.1 Rod, bar, and wire in the austenitic Alloy Groups 1, 2, and 3, except the free-machining grades, 303 and 303Se, used to make fasteners in accordance with this specification shall be capable of passing the test for susceptibility to intergranular corrosion as specified in Practice E of Practices A262.

8.1.2 As stated in Practice A262, samples may be subjected to the faster and more severe screening test in accordance with Practice A. Failing Practice A, specimens shall be tested in accordance with Practice E and be considered satisfactory if passing Practice E.

9. Dimensions

9.1 *Bolts and Hex Cap Screws:*

9.1.1 Unless otherwise specified, the dimensions shall be in accordance with the requirements of ASME B18.2.1 for hex cap screws (finished hex bolts).

9.1.2 When specified, the dimensions of bolts shall be in accordance with the requirements of ASME B18.2.1 (type as specified), or such other dimensions shall be specified.

9.2 *Studs*—Dimensions of studs including double-end clamping and double-end interference shall be as specified by the purchaser.

9.3 *Threads*—Unless otherwise specified, the bolts, cap screws, and studs shall have Class 2A threads in accordance with ASME B1.1.

9.4 *Points*—Unless otherwise specified, the points shall be flat and chamfered or rounded, at the option of the manufacturer.

TABLE 2 Mechanical Property Requirements^A

Stain- less Al- loy Group	Condition ^B	Alloy Mechanical Property Marking	Nominal Diameter, in.	Full-Size Tests			Machined Specimen Tests			
				Tensile Strength ksi ^C	Yield Strength, ksi ^{D,C}	Rockwell Hardness	Tensile Strength ksi ^C	Yield Strength, ksi ^{D,C}	Elon- gation in 4 D, %	
Austenitic Alloys										
1 (303, 304, 304 L, 305, 384, XM1, 18-9LW, 302HQ, 304J3, 303Se)	[	AF	F593A	¼ to 1½, incl	65 to 85	20	B85 max	60	20	40
		A	F593B	¼ to 1½, incl	75 to 100	30	B65 to 95	70	30	30
		CW1	F593C	¼ to ⅝, incl	100 to 150	65	B95 to C32	95	60	20
		CW2	F593D	¾ to 1½, incl	85 to 140	45	B80 to C32	80	40	25
		SH1	<u>F593A</u>	¼ to ⅝, incl	120 to 160	95	C24 to C36	115	90	12
		SH2	<u>F593B</u>	¾ to 1, incl	110 to 150	75	C20 to C32	105	70	15
		SH3	<u>F593C</u>	1⅞ to 1¼, incl	100 to 140	60	B95 to C30	95	55	20
		SH4	<u>F593D</u>	1⅞ to 1½, incl	95 to 130	45	B90 to C28	90	40	28
2 (316, 316L)	[	AF	F593E	¼ to 1½, incl	65 to 85	20	B85 max	60	20	40
		A	F593F	¼ to 1½, incl	75 to 100	30	B65 to 95	70	30	30
		CW1	F593G	¼ to ⅝, incl	100 to 150	65	B95 to C32	95	60	20
		CW2	F593H	¾ to 1½, incl	85 to 140	45	B80 to C32	80	40	25
		SH1	<u>F593E</u>	¼ to ⅝, incl	120 to 160	95	C24 to C36	115	90	12
		SH2	<u>F593F</u>	¾ to 1, incl	110 to 150	75	C20 to C32	105	70	15
		SH3	<u>F593G</u>	1⅞ to 1¼, incl	100 to 140	60	B95 to C30	95	55	20
		SH4	<u>F593H</u>	1⅞ to 1½, incl	95 to 130	45	B90 to C28	90	40	28
3 (321, 347)	[	AF	F593J	¼ to 1½, incl	65 to 85	20	B85 max	60	20	40
		A	F593K	¼ to 1½, incl	75 to 100	30	B65 to 95	70	30	30
		CW1	F593L	¼ to ⅝, incl	100 to 150	65	B95 to C32	95	60	20
		CW2	F593M	¾ to 1½, incl	85 to 140	45	B80 to C32	80	40	25
		SH1	<u>F593J</u>	¼ to ⅝, incl	120 to 160	95	C24 to C36	115	90	12
		SH2	<u>F593K</u>	¾ to 1, incl	110 to 150	75	C20 to C32	105	70	15
		SH3	<u>F593L</u>	1⅞ to 1¼, incl	100 to 140	60	B95 to C30	95	55	20
		SH4	<u>F593M</u>	1⅞ to 1½, incl	95 to 130	45	B90 to C28	90	40	28
Ferritic Alloys										
4 (430, 430F)	[	AF	F593X	¼ to 1½, incl	55 to 75	30	B85 max	50	25	...
		A	F593N	¼ to 1½, incl	55 to 75	30	B85 max	50	25	...
		CW1	F593V	¼ to ⅝, incl	60 to 105	40	B75 to 98	55	35	...
		CW2	F593W	¾ to 1½, incl	55 to 100	30	B65 to 95	50	25	...
Martensitic Alloys										
5 (410, 416, 416Se)	[	H	F593P	¼ to 1½, incl	110 to 140	90	C20 to 30	110	90	18
		HT	F593R	¼ to 1½, incl	160 to 190	120	C34 to 45	160	120	12
6 (431)	[	H	F593S	¼ to 1½, incl	125 to 150	100	C25 to 32	125	100	15
		HT	F593T	¼ to 1½, incl	180 to 220	140	C40 to 48	180	140	10
Precipitation Hardening Alloys										
7 (630)	[	AH	F593U	¼ to 1½, incl	135 to 170	105	C28 to 38	135	105	16

^A Minimum values except where shown as maximum or as a range.

^B Legend of conditions:

A—Machined from annealed or solution-annealed stock thus retaining the properties of the original material, or hot-formed and solution-annealed.

AF—Headed and rolled from annealed stock and then reannealed.

AH—Solution annealed and age-hardened after forming.

CW—Headed and rolled from annealed stock thus acquiring a degree of cold work; sizes 0.75 in. and larger may be hot worked and solution-annealed.

H—Hardened and tempered at 1050°F (565°C) minimum.

HT—Hardened and tempered at 525°F (274°C) minimum.

SH—Machined from strain hardened stock or cold-worked to develop the specified properties.

^C The yield and tensile strength values for full-size products shall be computed by dividing the yield and maximum tensile load values by the stress area for the product size and thread series determined in accordance with Test Methods **F606/F606M** (see Table 4).

^D Yield strength is the stress at which an offset of 0.2 % gage length occurs.