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Standard Specification for Precipitation-Hardening Bolting Material (UNS N07718) for High Temperature Service¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers a precipitation hardening bolting material (UNS N07718) for high temperature service.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products²

A 962/A 962M Specification for Common Requirements for Steel Fasteners or Fastener Materials, or Both, Intended for Use at Any Temperature from Cryogenic to the Creep Range³

B 637 Specification for Precipitation-Hardening Nickel Alloy Bars, Forgings, and Forging Stock for High-Temperature Service⁴

E 112 Test Methods for Determining the Average Grain Size⁵

E 292 Test Methods for Conducting Time-For-Rupture Notch Tension Tests of Materials⁵

2.2 ANSI Standards:

B1.1 Screw Threads⁶

3. Ordering Information

3.1 *Ordering*—It shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for product under this specification including any supplementary ones and those included in the ordering information required by Specification A 962/A 962M.

4. Common Requirements

4.1 *Common Requirements*—Product furnished to this specification shall conform to Specification A 962/A 962M, including any supplementary requirements indicated on the purchase order. Failure to comply with Specification A 962/

A 962M constitutes non-conformance with this specification. If the requirements of this specification conflict with those of Specification A 962/A 962M then the requirements of this specification shall prevail.

5. Manufacture

5.1 *Melting Process*—Alloy shall be multiple melted using consumable electrode practice in the remelt cycle or shall be induction melted under vacuum. If consumable electrode remelting is not performed in vacuum, electrodes produced by vacuum induction melting shall be used.

5.2 Heat Treatment:

5.2.1 *Solution Treatment*—Material shall be solution heat treated at a temperature within the range of 1725 to 1850°F (941 to 1010°C), held at the selected temperature for a time commensurate with cross-sectional thickness, and cooled at a rate equivalent to an air cool or faster.

5.2.1.1 *Temperature Variation*—Solution treating temperatures shall be controlled in the range of $\pm 25^\circ\text{F}$ ($\pm 14^\circ\text{C}$).

5.2.2 *Precipitation Heat Treatment*—Material shall be heated to a temperature of 1325°F (718°C), held at temperature for eight hours minimum, furnace cooled to 1150°F (621°C) at 100°F (56°C) per hour, held at temperature for eight hours, and cooled to room temperature. Alternatively, material may be furnace cooled to 1150°F (621°C) at any rate provided the time at 1150°F (621°C) is adjusted so the total precipitation heat treatment time is 18 hours minimum.

5.2.2.1 *Temperature Variation*—Precipitation treatment temperatures and cooling rates shall be controlled in the range of $\pm 15^\circ\text{F}$ ($\pm 8^\circ\text{C}$).

5.3 *Straightening*—When straightening is necessary it shall be done after solution treating and prior to aging. Straightening after aging is prohibited.

5.4 *Threads*—Threads shall be formed by rolling in one pass after oxides have been removed from the area to be threaded.

5.5 *Dimensions and Tolerances, Bolting Material*—Fully heat treated bolting material shall meet the dimensional requirements of Specification B 637 for UNS N07718.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 *Remelt Ingots*—The chemical analyses of each remelted ingot shall conform to the requirements for chemical composition prescribed in Table 1.

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.01.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.04.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01.

⁶ Available from American National Standards Institute, 11 W. 42nd St., 13th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	UNS N07718 (Formerly Grade 718)	Product (Check) Analysis Variations, under min or over max, of the Specified Limit of Element
Carbon, max.	0.08	0.01
Manganese, max.	0.35	0.03
Silicon, max.	0.35	0.03
Phosphorus, max.	0.015	0.005
Sulfur, max.	0.015	0.003
Chromium	17.0–21.0	0.25
Cobalt, max. ^A	1.0	0.03
Molybdenum	2.80–3.30	0.05 under min, 0.10 over max.
Columbium + Tantalum	4.75–5.50	0.15 under min, 0.20 over max.
Titanium	0.65–1.15	0.04 under min, 0.05 over max.
Aluminum	0.20–0.80	0.05 under min, 0.10 over max.
Boron, max.	0.006	0.002
Iron ^B	Remainder	...
Copper, max.	0.30	0.03
Nickel ^C	50.0–55.0	0.35

^A If determined.

^B Determined arithmetically by difference.

^C Nickel + Cobalt.

6.2 *Product Analysis*—If a product (check) analysis is performed by the purchaser, the material shall conform to the product (check) analysis variations prescribed in Table 1.

7. Mechanical Properties

7.1 *Tensile and Hardness*—All testing shall be performed after aging. The test specimens shall meet the requirements of Table 2.

7.2 *Stress Rupture*—Stress rupture testing shall be conducted in accordance with Table 2 using a combination test bar in accordance with Test Methods E 292. Rupture must occur in the smooth section of each test specimen.

7.3 *Headed Fasteners*—In addition to 7.1 and 7.2, headed fasteners with body length three times the diameter or longer shall be subjected to full size tensile test in accordance with Annex A3 of Test Methods and Definitions A 370 and shall conform to the tensile strength shown in Table 2. The minimum full size breaking strength (lbf) for individual sizes shall be as follows:

TABLE 2 Mechanical Properties

Tensile and Hardness	
Tensile strength, min, ksi (Mpa)	185 (1275)
Yield Strength, min, ksi, (Mpa) 0.2 % offset	150 (1035)
Elongation in 2 in., min %	12
Reduction of area, min, %	15
Hardness, Brinell	331–444
Stress Rupture Requirements	
Temperature, °F (°C)	1200 (650)
Stress, ksi (Mpa)	100 (690)
Hours, min	23
Elongation in 2 in., or 50 mm (or 4D), min %	5
Elevated Tensile Requirements	
Temperature, °F (°C)	1200 (650)
Tensile strength, min, ksi (Mpa)	145 (1000)
Yield Strength, min, ksi, (Mpa) 0.2 % offset	125 (860)
Elongation in 2 in., min %	12
Reduction of area, min, %	15

$$T_s = UTS \times A_s \quad (1)$$

where:

T_s = tensile strength,

UTS = tensile strength specified in Table 2, and

A_s = stress area, square inches, as shown in ANSI B1.1 or calculated as follows:

$$A_s = 0.785 (D - (0.974/n))^2 \quad (2)$$

where:

D = nominal thread size, and

n = the number of threads per inch.

8. Metallography

8.1 *Microstructure*—The microstructure shall be free of freckles, white spots, and Laves phases. Threads may show evidence of cold working as a result of rolling. The average grain size shall be determined in accordance with Test Methods E 112 and found to be ASTM No 5 or finer. Up to 20 % of the structure may have a grain size as large as a No. 3 due to the presence of noncrystallized grains.

8.2 *Macrostructure*—Fasteners produced from forgings shall exhibit continuous flow lines in the threads and in any shank to head or fillet and/or bearing surface areas.

9. Number of Tests

9.1 *Chemistry*—One test per remelt ingot.

9.2 *Mechanical Properties*—The number of tests shall be in accordance with Specification A 962/A 962M except that for stress rupture one test shall be run per lot. For headed fasteners with a body length less than three times the diameter a separately forged test bar may be used for tensile and stress rupture testing provided it is heat-treated with the parts. Separately forged bars shall be approximately the same diameter as the headed fastener they represent.

9.3 *Grain Size*—One test per lot.

9.4 *Flow Lines*—One test per lot on forged fasteners after final machining.

9.5 *Headed Fasteners*—One tensile test per lot.

10. Workmanship

10.1 *Bolting Material*—Shall be uniform in quality and condition, smooth, commercially straight or flat, and free of injurious imperfections.

10.2 *Fasteners*—Multiple laps on thread flanks are prohibited. Seams, laps, notches, slivers, or oxide scale in the root area of threads are prohibited. Cracks are prohibited.

11. Product Marking

11.1 *Marking*—Fasteners shall be marked with “718” and the manufacturer’s identification symbol.

12. Certification

12.1 *Report*—In addition to the requirements of A 962/A 962M, certification shall include the solution treatment cycle time and temperature and the aging cycle time(s) and temperature(s).

13. Keywords

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