



## Standard Specification for Castings, Nickel and Nickel Alloy<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope \*

1.1 This specification covers nickel, nickel-copper, nickel-copper-silicon, nickel-molybdenum, nickel-chromium, and nickel-molybdenum-chromium alloy castings for corrosion-resistant service.

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification. Inch-pound units are applicable for material ordered to Specification A 494 and SI units for material ordered to Specification A 494M.

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products<sup>2</sup>

A 488/A488M Practice for Steel Castings, Welding, Qualifications of Procedures and Personnel<sup>3</sup>

A 732/A732M Specification for Castings, Investment, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steel for General Application, and Cobalt Alloy for High Strength at Elevated Temperatures<sup>3</sup>

A 781/A781M Specification for Castings, Steel and Alloy, Common Requirements, for General Industrial Use<sup>3</sup>

E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials<sup>4</sup>

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications<sup>5</sup>

E 30 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Steel, Cast Iron, Open-Hearth Iron, and Wrought Iron<sup>6</sup>

E 38 Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel-Chromium and Nickel-Chromium-Iron Alloys<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.02.

<sup>4</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01.

<sup>5</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

<sup>6</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.05.

<sup>7</sup> Discontinued, see 1989 Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.05.

E 76 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel-Copper Alloys<sup>6</sup>

E 354 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of High-Temperature, Electrical, Magnetic, and Other Similar Iron, Nickel, and Cobalt Alloys<sup>6</sup>

### 3. Terminology

#### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *master heat*—a single furnace charge of refined alloy which may either be poured directly into castings or into remelt alloy for individual melts.

3.1.2 *melts*—a single furnace charge poured into castings. When master heats are used to prepare melts, a melt analysis shall be reported.

### 4. General Conditions for Delivery

4.1 Material furnished to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Specification A 781/A 781M, including any supplementary requirements that are indicated in the purchase order. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification A 781/A 781M constitutes nonconformance with this specification. In case of conflict between the requirements of this specification and Specification A 781/A 781M, this specification shall prevail.

### 5. Ordering Information

5.1 Orders for castings to this specification should include the following information:

5.1.1 Quantity, in pieces, and

5.1.2 Grade designation (Table 1) and class (Table 2).

5.2 The purchaser shall specify any of the following information required to describe adequately the desired material:

5.2.1 Heat treat condition (see 6.1 and 6.2),

5.2.2 Repair welding (see 11)

5.2.3 Source inspection requirements, if any (see Specification A 781/A 781M),

5.2.4 Marking-for-identification requirements, if any (see 13.1), and

5.2.5 Supplementary requirements desired, including the standards of acceptance.

### 6. Heat Treatment

6.1 Castings shall be heat treated in accordance with the requirements in Table 2.

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

**TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements**

NOTE 1—Values are maximum unless otherwise indicated.

| Element | Composition, % |                     |           |           |           |                    |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                |                  |
|---------|----------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------------|
|         | CZ-100         | M-35-1 <sup>A</sup> | M-35-2    | M-30H     | M-25S     | M-30C <sup>A</sup> | N-12MV    | N-7M      | CY-40     | CW-12MW   | CW-6M     | CW-2M     | CW-6MC    | CY5SnBiM  | CX2MW (N26022) | CU5MCuC (N28820) |
| C, max  | 1.00           | 0.35                | 0.35      | 0.30      | 0.25      | 0.30               | 0.12      | 0.07      | 0.40      | 0.12      | 0.07      | 0.02      | 0.06      | 0.05      | 0.02           | 0.050 max        |
| Mn, max | 1.50           | 1.50                | 1.50      | 1.50      | 1.50      | 1.50               | 1.00      | 1.00      | 1.50      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 1.5       | 1.00           | 1.0 max          |
| Si, max | 2.00           | 1.25                | 2.00      | 2.7-3.7   | 3.5-4.5   | 1.0-2.0            | 1.00      | 1.00      | 3.00      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 0.80      | 1.00      | 0.5       | 0.80           | 1.0 max          |
| P, max  | 0.03           | 0.03                | 0.03      | 0.03      | 0.03      | 0.03               | 0.040     | 0.040     | 0.03      | 0.040     | 0.040     | 0.03      | 0.015     | 0.03      | 0.025          | 0.030 max        |
| S, max  | 0.03           | 0.03                | 0.03      | 0.03      | 0.03      | 0.03               | 0.030     | 0.030     | 0.03      | 0.030     | 0.030     | 0.03      | 0.015     | 0.03      | 0.025          | 0.030 max        |
| Cu      | 1.25 max       | 26.0-33.0           | 26.0-33.0 | 27.0-33.0 | 27.0-33.0 | 26.0-33.0          | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...            | 1.50-3.50        |
| Mo      | ...            | ...                 | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...                | 26.0-30.0 | 30.0-33.0 | ...       | 16.0-18.0 | 17.0-20.0 | 15.0-17.5 | 8.0-10.0  | 2.0-3.5   | 12.5-14.5      | 2.5-3.5          |
| Fe      | 3.00 max       | 3.50 max            | 3.50 max  | 3.50 max  | 3.50 max  | 3.50 max           | 4.0-6.0   | 3.00 max  | 11.0 max  | 4.5-7.5   | 3.0 max   | 2.0 max   | 5.0 max   | 2.0 max   | 2.0-6.0        | balance          |
| Ni      | 95.00 min      | balance             | balance   | balance   | balance   | balance            | balance   | balance   | balance   | balance   | balance   | balance   | balance   | balance   | balance        | 38.0-44.0        |
| Cr      | ...            | ...                 | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...                | 1.00      | 1.0       | 14.0-17.0 | 15.5-17.5 | 17.0-20.0 | 15.0-17.5 | 20.0-23.0 | 11.0-14.0 | 20.0-22.5      | 19.5-23.5        |
| Cb (Nb) | ...            | 0.5 max             | 0.5 max   | ...       | ...       | 1.0-3.0            | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | 3.15-4.50 | ...       | ...            | 0.60-1.20        |
| W       | ...            | ...                 | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...                | ...       | ...       | ...       | 3.75-5.25 | ...       | 1.0 max   | ...       | ...       | 2.5-3.5        | ...              |
| V       | ...            | ...                 | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...                | 0.20-0.60 | ...       | ...       | 0.20-0.40 | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | 0.35 max       | ...              |
| Bi      | ...            | ...                 | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...                | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | 3.0-5.0   | ...            | ...              |
| Sn      | ...            | ...                 | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...                | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | ...       | 3.0-5.0   | ...            | ...              |

<sup>A</sup>Order M-35-1 or M-30C when weldability is required.

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TABLE 2 Heat Treat Requirements

| Grade   | Heat Treatment  |
|---|---|
| CZ-100, M-35-1, M-35-2, CY-40 Class 1, M-30H, M-30C, M-25S Class 1, CY5SnBiM<br>M-25S, Class 2 <sup>A</sup> | As cast<br><br>Load into furnace at 600°F [315°C] maximum. Heat to 1600°F [870°C] and hold for 1 h plus an additional 30 min for each ½ in. [13 mm] of cross section over 1 in. <sup>B</sup> Cool to 1300°F [705°C] <sup>C</sup> and hold at temperature for 30 min then quench in oil to room temperature. |
| M-25S, Class 3  | Load into furnace at 600°F [315°C] maximum. Heat slowly to 1100°F [605°C] and hold to develop maximum hardness. Furnace or air cool to room temperature.  |
| N-12MV, N-7M  | Heat to 2000°F [1095°C] minimum, hold for sufficient time to heat castings to temperature, quench in water or rapid cool by other means.  |
| CW-12MW, CW-6M, CW-6MC, CW-2M   | Heat to 2150°F [1175°C] minimum, hold for sufficient time to heat castings to temperature, quench in water or rapid cool by other means.  |
| CY-40, Class 2  | Heat to 1900°F [1040°C] minimum, hold for sufficient time to heat castings to temperature, quench in water or rapid cool by other means.  |
| CX2MW (N26022)  | Heat to 2200°F [1205°C] minimum, hold for sufficient time to heat castings to temperature, quench in water or rapid air cool by other means.  |
| CU5MCuC (N28820)  | Heat to 2100°F [1150°C] minimum, hold for sufficient time to heat castings to temperature, quench in water. Stabilize at 1725–1815°F [940–990°C], hold for sufficient time to heat castings to temperature, quench in water or rapid cool by other means.   |

<sup>A</sup> M-25S, while machinable in the “as cast” condition, is capable of being solution treated for improved machinability. It may be subsequently age hardened to the hardness specified in Table 3 and finished machined or ground.

<sup>B</sup> For cross sections over 6 in. [125 mm] it may be necessary to increase the hold time if maximum softness is desired.

<sup>C</sup> For maximum softness and the least variation in hardness levels, castings should be transferred from an oven at 1600°F [870°C] to a second oven at 1300°F [705°C].

NOTE 1—Proper heat treatment of these alloys is usually necessary to enhance corrosion resistance and, in some cases, to meet mechanical properties. Minimum heat treat temperatures are specified; however, it is sometimes necessary to heat treat at higher temperatures, hold for some minimum time at temperature, and then rapidly cool the castings in order to enhance the corrosion resistance and meet mechanical properties.

6.2 When Class 1 is specified, grades CY40 and M-25S shall be supplied in the as-cast condition. When Class 2 is specified, grades CY40 and M-25S shall be supplied in the solution-treated condition. When Class 3 is specified, grade M-25S shall be supplied in the age-hardened condition.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 These alloys shall conform to the chemical composition requirements prescribed in Table 1.

7.2 An analysis of each master heat shall be made by the manufacturer to determine the percentages of the elements specified in Table 1. The analysis shall be made from a representative sample taken during the pouring of the master heat. Chemical composition shall be reported to the purchaser or his representative.

7.3 Test Methods E 76 or Test Methods E 354 shall be used for referee purposes. Test Methods E 30 or Methods E 38 shall

be used if Test Methods E 76 or Test Methods E 354 do not include a method for some element present in the material.

8. Tensile Properties

8.1 One tension test shall be made from each master heat except for grades M-25S and CY5SnBiM when the master heat is used to pour the castings. One tension test shall be made from each melt except for grades M-25S and CY5SnBiM. Test results shall conform to the tensile requirements specified in Table 3. Test bars shall be poured in special blocks from the same heat as the castings represented.

8.2 The bar from which the test specimen is taken shall be heat treated in production furnaces to the same procedure as the castings it represents. If the castings are not heat treated, the bar used for the test specimen must not be heat treated.

8.3 Test specimens may be cut from castings, at the producer’s option, instead of from test bars.

8.4 When castings are produced by methods other than investment process, tension test coupons shall be machined to the form and dimension shown in Fig. 8 of, and tested in accordance with, Test Methods E 8.

8.4.1 When castings are produced by the investment process, test specimens in accordance with Specification A 732/

TABLE 3 Mechanical Properties

|  | CZ-100       | M-35-1       | M-35-2       | M-30H        | M-25S        | M-30C        | N-12MV       | N-7M         | CY-40        | CW-12MW      | CW-6M        | CW-2M        | CW-6MC | CY5SnBiM | CX2MW (N26022) | CU5MCuC (N28820) |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|----------|----------------|------------------|
| Tensile strength, min, psi [MPa]                 | 50 000 [345] | 65 000 [450] | 65 000 [450] | 100 00 [690] | ...          | 65 000 [450] | 76 000 [525] | 76 000 [525] | 70 000 [485] | 72 000 [495] | 72 000 [495] | 70 000 [485] | ...    | ...      | 80 000 [550]   | 75 000 [520]     |
| Yield strength, min, psi [MPa]                   | 18 000 [125] | 25 000 [170] | 30 000 [205] | 60 000 [415] | ...          | 32 500 [225] | 40 000 [275] | 40 000 [275] | 28 000 [195] | 40 000 [275] | 40 000 [275] | 40 000 [275] | ...    | ...      | 45 000 [280]   | 35 000 [240]     |
| Elongation in 2 in. [50 mm], <sup>A</sup> min, % | 10.0         | 25.0         | 25.0         | 10.0         | ...          | 25.0         | 6.0          | 20.0         | 30.0         | 4.0          | 25.0         | 20.0         | 25.0   | ...      | 30.0           | 20.0             |
| Hardness HB                                      | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...          | <sup>B</sup> | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...          | ...    | ...      | ...            | ...              |

<sup>A</sup> When ICI test bars are used in tensile testing as provided for in Specification A 732/A 732M, the gage length to reduced section diameter ratio shall be 4 to 1.

<sup>B</sup> 300 HB minimum for the age hardened condition.