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Standard Specification for Stainless Steel Socket Head Cap Screws[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the chemical and mechanical requirements for stainless steel inch socket head cap screw (SHCS) with nominal thread 0.060 through 1.500 in. and intended for use in applications requiring general corrosion resistance.

1.2 Two groups of stainless steel alloys are covered, austenitic Group 1 and martensitic Group 5.

1.3 Three property conditions are covered: austenitic Alloy Group 1 in an annealed condition AF at 85 ksi maximum, in a cold worked condition CW at 95 to 70 ksi minimum, and martensitic Alloy Group 5 in a heat treated condition HT at 160 ksi minimum.

1.4 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 13, this specification: *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

A 262 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Austenitic Stainless Steels[2]

A 342 Test Methods for Permeability of Feebly Magnetic Materials[3]

A 380 Practice for Cleaning and Descaling Stainless Steel Parts, Equipment, and Systems[2]

A 555/A 555M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Wire and Wire Rods[2]

A 751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products[2]

A 967 Specification for Chemical Passivation Treatments for Stainless Steel Parts[2]

D 3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging[4]

E 353 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Stainless, Heat-Resisting, Maraging, and Other Similar Chromium-Nickel-Iron Alloys[5]

F 593 Specification for Stainless Steel Bolts, Hex Cap Screws, and Studs[6]

F 606 Test Methods for Determining the Mechanical Properties of Externally and Internally Threaded Fasteners, Washers, and Rivets[6]

F 1470 Guide for Fastener Sampling for Specified Mechanical Properties and Performance Inspection[6]

F 788/F 788M Specification for Surface Discontinuities on Bolts, Screws, and Studs, Inch and Metric Series[6]

2.2 *ANSI/ASME Standard:*

ANSI/ASME B18.3 Socket Cap, Shoulder, and Set Screws—Inch Series[7]

3. Classification

3.1 The designation of the alloy group and condition for the two materials and conditions of this specification shall be consistent with the stainless steel designations in Specification F 593.

3.2 The austenitic stainless steel socket head cap screw shall be designated F 837 Group 1 Condition AF (solution annealed) or F 837 Group 1 Condition CW (cold worked).

3.3 The martensitic stainless steel socket head cap screw shall be designated F 837 Group 5 Condition HT.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for socket head cap screws under this specification shall include:

4.1.1 Quantity (number of pieces of each item).

4.1.2 Name of the item (socket head cap screws, SHCS).

4.1.3 Size (nominal diameter, thread pitch, thread class, screw length) or part number.

4.1.4 Alloy Group and Condition (Group 1 AF, Group 1 CW, or Group 5 HT).

4.1.5 ASTM specification and year of issue. When year of issue is not specified, fasteners shall be furnished to the latest issue.

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[2] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.03.

[3] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.04.

[4] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.09.

[5] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

[6] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.08.

[7] Available from American National Standards Institute, 11 West 42nd Street, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

4.1.6 Supplementary requirements, if any, (see S1 through S7).

4.1.7 Additional special requirements, if any, to be specified on the purchase order:

4.1.7.1 Forming (see 5.1).

4.1.7.2 Threading (see 5.2).

4.1.7.3 Surface finish (see 11.1).

4.1.7.4 Alloy selection (see 7.2).

4.1.7.5 Test report (see 12.2).

4.1.7.6 Additional testing (see 12.3).

4.1.7.7 Inspection (see 14.1).

4.1.7.8 Rejection (see 15.1).

4.1.7.9 Certification (see 16.1).

4.1.7.10 Special packaging requirements (see 17.2).

4.1.7.11 Supplementary requirements as needed.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 *Heads*—Unless otherwise specified the head and socket recess of the screw may be hot forged, cold forged, or machined at the option of the manufacturer. Users requiring cold forged heads should specify Supplementary Requirements S1.

5.2 *Threads*—Unless otherwise specified, screws in sizes up to 1.00 in. inclusive and product lengths up to 6 in. inclusive, shall have threads formed by rolling, except by special agreement with the purchaser. Larger products may be rolled, cut, or ground at the option of the manufacturer.

6. Heat Treatment

6.1 Austenitic alloys Group 1 Condition AF screws, following manufacture, shall be annealed by heating to 1900 ± 50°F to obtain maximum corrosion resistance and minimum permeability. The screws shall be held for a sufficient time at temperature and then cooled at a rate sufficient to prevent precipitation of the carbide and to provide the properties specified in Table 1.

6.2 When Condition CW is specified, the austenitic alloys shall be annealed as specified in 6.1 generally by the raw material manufacturer, then cold worked to develop specific properties.

6.3 Martensitic alloy Group 5 Condition HT screws shall be hardened and tempered by heating to 1800 ± 50°F sufficient for austenitization, holding for at least ½ h, rapid air or oil quenching, reheating to 525°F minimum and holding for at least 1 h and then air cooling to provide the properties specified in Table 1.

7. Chemical Properties

7.1 It is the intent of this specification that screws shall be ordered by alloy group and condition. The chemical composition of the screw material shall conform to the requirements of Table 2.

7.2 Unless otherwise specified in the inquiry and purchase order (see Supplementary Requirements S2) when Alloy Group 1 is specified, the choice of alloy used by the manufacturer shall be clearly identified on all certification required in the purchase order and shall have chemical composition conforming to the limits specified in Table 2.

7.3 When chemical analysis is performed by the purchaser using finished fasteners representing each lot, the chemical contents obtained shall conform to the limits specified in Table 2 for the specific alloy. Chemical contents shall conform to the tolerances specified in Specification A 555/A 555M.

7.3.1 In the event of discrepancy, a referee analysis as specified in 13.1 of samples for each lot shall be made in accordance with 12.3.1.

8. Mechanical Properties

8.1 Screws shall be tested in accordance with the mechanical testing requirements for the alloy group and condition nominal thread diameter, length, and specified minimum tensile strength as specified in Table 3, and shall meet the mechanical requirements specified for that product in Table 1.

8.2 For products on which both hardness and tension tests are performed, acceptance based on tensile requirements shall take precedence over low hardness readings (see Table 4).

9. Corrosion Resistance

9.1 *Carbide Precipitation*:

9.1.1 Rod, bar, and wire in the austenitic alloy group 1 (not including the free-machining grade 303) 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 Practice A 262.

9.1.2 As stated in Practices A 262, samples may be subjected to the faster and more severe screening test in accordance with Practice A. Failing Practice A, specimens shall be tested to Practice E and be considered satisfactory if passing Practice E.

10. Dimensions

10.1 Unless otherwise specified, the products shall conform to the requirements of ANSI/ASME B18.3.

11. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

11.1 *Surface Treatment*—Unless otherwise specified, screws shall be cleaned, descaled and passivated in accordance with Practice A 380 or Specification A 967 at the option of the manufacturer.

TABLE 1 Mechanical Property Requirements

Alloy Group	Condition	Nominal Diameter	Full-Size Product		Machine Specimen			Hardness			
			Tensile Strength, ksi	Extension, min	Tensile Strength, ksi	Yield Strength, ksi	Elongation, %	Vickers min	max	Rockwell min	max
1	AF	0.060–1.500	85 max	0.6*D*	85 max	55 max	30	155	220	B70	B95
	CW	0.060–0.625	95 min	0.4*D*	90 min	30 min	10	159	330	B80	C33
		0.750–1.500	70 min	0.2*D*	70 min	26 min	20	157	310	B74	C30
5	HT	0.060–0.190	160 min	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	350	423	C36	C43
5	HT	0.250–1.500	160 min	0.2*D*	160 min	120 min	12	350	423	C36	C43

TABLE 2 Chemical Requirements

Alloy Group	UNS Designation	Alloy	Composition, % maximum except as shown								
			Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus	Sulfur	Silicon	Chromium	Nickel	Copper	Molybdenum
						Austenitic Alloys					
1	S30300	303[A]	0.15	2.00	0.20	0.15 min	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	8.0 to 10.0	. . .	0.60 max[B]
1	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	S30403	304L	0.030	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0 to 20.0	8.0 to 12.0	1.00	. . .
1	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	S38400	384	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	15.0 to 17.0	17.0 to 19.0	. . .	. . .
1	S20300	XM1[A]	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 max[B]
1	S30430	XM7	0.10	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0 to 19.0	8.0 to 10.0	3.00 to 4.00	. . .
1	S31600	316	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	16.0 to 18.0	10.0 to 14.0	. . .	2.0 to 3.0
1	S31603	316L	0.03	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	16.0 to 18.0	10.0 to 14.0	. . .	2.0 to 3.0
						Martensitic Alloys					
5	UNS41000	410	0.15	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	11.5 to 13.5			. . .

[A] Free machining grades are not recommended for forged product. These grades may be furnished only when approved by the purchaser.
[B] At manufacturer's option, determined only when intentionally added.

TABLE 3 Mechanical Testing Requirements

Item	Product Length	Hardness		Test Conducted Using Full Size Product		Test Conducted Using Machined Test Specification		
		max	min	Extension	Axial Tensile Strength	Yield Strength 0.2 % offset	Tensile Strength	Elongation
1	≤3 *D*[A]	[B]	[B]	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
2	>3 *D*-12 in.	[B]	. . .	[B]	[B]	. . .	. . .	. . .
3	Over 12 in.	[B]	. . .	A	A	B	B	B

[A] *D* denotes nominal diameter of product.
[B] Denotes mandatory test. In addition, either all tests denoted by A or all tests denoted by B shall be performed. In case of arbitration full size tests, denoted A, shall be decisive.

11.2 The surface discontinuities for these products shall conform to Specification F 788/F 788M and the additional limitations specified herein.

11.2.1 Forging defects that connect the socket to the periphery of the head are not permissible. Defects originating on the periphery and with a traverse indicating a potential to intersect are not permissible. Other forging defects are permissible provided those located in the bearing area, fillet, and top surfaces shall not have a depth exceeding 0.03 *D* or 0.005 in, whichever is greater. For peripheral discontinuities, the maximum depth may be 0.06 *D* (see Fig. 1).

11.2.2 Forging defects located in the socket wall within 0.1 times the actual key engagement, *T*, from the bottom of the socket are not permissible. Discontinuities located elsewhere in the socket shall not have a length exceeding 0.25 *T*, or a maximum depth of 0.03 *D* not to exceed 0.005 in. (see Fig. 2).

11.2.3 Seams in the shank shall not exceed a depth of 0.03 *D* or 0.008 in., whichever is greater.

11.2.4 No transverse discontinuities shall be permitted in the head-to-shank fillet area.

11.2.5 Threads shall have no laps at the root or on the flanks located below the pitch line. Laps are permitted at the crests (Fig. 3) that do not exceed 25 % of the basic thread depth, and on the flanks outside the pitch cylinder. Longitudinal seams rolled beneath the root of the thread and across the crests of cut threads are acceptable within the limits of 11.2.3.

12. Number of Tests

12.1 The requirements of this specification shall be met in continuous mass production for stock and the manufacturer shall make sample inspections to ensure that the product conforms to the specified requirements. Additional tests of individual shipments of fasteners are not ordinarily necessary. A record of the individual heat of steel in each lot shall be maintained. The containers shall be coded to permit identification of the lot.

12.2 When specified in the purchase order, the manufacturer shall furnish a test report of the last complete set of chemical analysis and mechanical tests for each stock size in each shipment.

12.3 When tests of individual shipments are required, Supplementary Requirement S1 must be specified in the inquiry and order.

12.3.1 When the purchaser does not specify the sampling plan and basis of acceptance, the following shall apply:

12.3.1.1 The lot, for purposes of selecting samples, shall consist of all products offered for inspection and testing, at one time, that are the same type, style, nominal diameter, thread pitch, nominal length, material (alloy), condition, and surface finish.

12.3.1.2 From each lot, samples shall be selected at random