



## Standard Specification Nickel-Chromium-Iron Alloys (UNS N06600, N06601, N06603, N06690, N06025, and N06045) and Nickel-Chromium-Cobalt- Molybdenum Alloy (UNS N06617) Plate, Sheet, and Strip<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification<sup>2</sup> covers rolled nickel-chromium-iron alloys (UNS N06600, N06601, N06603, N06690, N06025, and N06045)\* and nickel-chromium-cobalt-molybdenum alloy (UNS N06617) plate, sheet, and strip.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 12, of 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:

- B 166 Specification for Nickel-Chromium-Iron Alloys (UNS N06600, N06601, N06603, N06690, N06025, and N06045) and Nickel-Chromium-Cobalt-Molybdenum Alloy (UNS N06617) Rod, Bar, and Wire<sup>3</sup>
- B 880 Specification for General Requirements for Chemical Check Analysis Limits for Nickel, Nickel Alloys and Cobalt Alloys<sup>3</sup>
- E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials<sup>4</sup>
- E 10 Test Method for Brinell Hardness of Metallic Materials<sup>4</sup>
- E 18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness 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 38 Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel-Chromium and Nickel-Chromium-Iron Alloys<sup>6</sup>
- E 112 Test Methods for Determining the Average Grain Size<sup>4</sup>
- E 140 Hardness Conversion Tables for Metals<sup>4</sup>
- E 1473 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel, Cobalt, and High-Temperature Alloys<sup>7</sup>
- F 155 Test Method for Temper of Strip and Sheet Metals for Electronic Devices (Spring-Back Method)<sup>8</sup>
- 2.2 Federal Standards:<sup>9</sup>
  - Fed. Std. No. 102 Preservation, Packaging and Packing Levels
  - Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)
  - Fed. Std. No. 182 Continuous Identification Marking of Nickel and Nickel-Base Alloys
- 2.3 Military Standard:<sup>9</sup>
  - MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage

### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Descriptions of Terms Specific to This Standard*—The terms given in Table 1 shall apply.

### 4. Ordering Information

4.1 It is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for the safe and satisfactory performance of material ordered under this specification. Examples of such requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 4.1.1 *Alloy*—Name or UNS number (see Table 2),
- 4.1.2 *ASTM designation*, including year of issue,
- 4.1.3 *Condition*—See 6.1 and 6.2 and Appendix X1,
- 4.1.4 *Finish*—Appendix X1,
- 4.1.5 *Dimensions*—Thickness, width, and length,
- 4.1.6 *Quantity*,

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<sup>2</sup> For ASME Boiler and Pressure Code applications, see related Specification SB-168 in Section II of that Code.

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<sup>3</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 02.04.

<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> Discontinued: see *1989 Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

<sup>7</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.06.

<sup>8</sup> Discontinued: see *1983 Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 10.04.

<sup>9</sup> Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

**TABLE 1 Product Description**

Product	Thickness, in. (mm)	Width, in. (mm)
Hot-rolled plate <sup>A</sup>	3/16 and over (Table 5 and Table 6)	(Table 8) <sup>B</sup>
Hot-rolled sheet <sup>A</sup>	0.018 to 0.250 (0.46 to 6.4), incl (Table 7)	(Table 10)
Cold-rolled sheet <sup>C</sup>	0.018 to 0.250 (0.46 to 6.4), incl (Table 7)	(Table 10)
Cold-rolled strip <sup>C</sup>	0.005 to 0.250 (0.13 to 6.4), incl (Table 7)	(Table 10)

<sup>A</sup> Material 3/16 to 1/4 in. (4.8 to 6.4 mm), incl, in thickness may be furnished as sheet or plate provided the material meets the specification requirements for the condition ordered.

<sup>B</sup> Hot-rolled plate, in widths 10 in. (254 mm) and under, may be furnished as hot-finished rectangles with sheared or cut edges in accordance with Specification B 166, provided the mechanical property requirements of this specification are met.

<sup>C</sup> Material under 48 in. (1219 mm) in width may be furnished as sheet or strip provided the material meets the specification requirements for the condition ordered.

**TABLE 2 Chemical Requirements**

Element	Composition Limits, %						
	Alloy N06600	Alloy N06601	Alloy N06617	Alloy N06690	Alloy N06025	Alloy N06045	Alloy N06603
Nickel <sup>A</sup>	72.0 min	58.0–63.0	44.5 min	58.0 min	Remainder	45.0 min	Bal
Chromium	14.0–17.0	21.0–25.0	20.0–24.0	27.0–31.0	24.0–26.0	26.0–29.0	24.0–26.0
Cobalt	...	...	10.0–15.0	...	...	...	...
Molybdenum	...	...	8.0–10.0	...	...	...	...
Iron	6.0–10.0	remainder	3.0 max	7.0–11.0	8.0–11.0	21.0–25.0	8.0–11.0
Manganese	1.0 max	1.5 max	1.0 max	0.5 max	0.15 max	1.0 max	0.15 max
Aluminum	...	1.0–1.7	0.8–1.5	...	1.8–2.4	...	2.4–3.0
Carbon	0.15 max	0.10 max	0.05–0.15	0.05 max	0.15–0.25	0.05–0.12	0.20–0.40
Copper	0.5 max	1.0 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	0.1 max	0.3 max	0.50 max
Silicon	0.5 max	0.5 max	1.0 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	2.5–3.0	0.50 max
Sulfur	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.010 max	0.010 max	0.010 max
Titanium	...	...	0.6 max	...	0.1–0.2	...	0.01–0.25
Phosphorus	...	...	...	...	0.020 max	0.020 max	0.020 max
Zirconium	...	...	...	...	0.01–0.10	...	0.01–0.10
Yttrium	...	...	...	...	0.05–0.12	...	0.01–0.15
Boron	...	...	0.006 max	...	...	...	...
Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerium	...	...	...	...	...	0.03–0.09	...

<sup>A</sup> Element shall be determined arithmetically by difference.

#### 4.1.7 Optional Requirements:

4.1.7.1 *Sheet and Strip*—Whether to be furnished in coil, in cut straight lengths, or in random straight lengths,

4.1.7.2 *Strip*—Whether to be furnished with commercial slit edge, square edge, or round edge,

4.1.7.3 *Plate*—Whether to be furnished specially flattened (see 7.7.2); also how plate is to be cut (see 7.2.1 and 7.3.2),

4.1.8 *Certification*—State if certification or a report of test results is required (Section 15),

4.1.9 *Samples for Product (Check) Analysis*—Whether samples for product (check) analysis should be furnished (see 5.2), and

4.1.10 *Purchaser Inspection*—If the purchaser wishes to witness tests or inspection of material at the place of manufacture, the purchase order must so state indicating which tests

or inspections are to be witnessed (Section 13).

## 5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The material shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition prescribed in Table 2.

5.2 If a product (check) analysis is performed by the purchaser, the material shall conform to the product (check) analysis variations prescribed in B 880.

## 6. Mechanical Properties and Other Requirements

6.1 *Mechanical Properties*—The material shall conform to the mechanical properties prescribed in Table 3.

**TABLE 3 Mechanical Properties for Plate, Sheet, and Strip (All Thicknesses and Sizes Unless Otherwise Indicated)**

Condition (Temper)	Tensile Strength, min, psi (MPa)	Yield Strength <sup>A</sup> (0.2 % offset), min, psi (MPa)	Elongation in 2 in. or 50 mm		Rockwell Hardness <sup>B,C</sup>
			(or 4D), min, %		
Hot-Rolled Plate					
UNS N06600:					
Annealed	80 000 (550)	35 000 (240)	30	...	...
As-rolled <sup>D,E</sup>	85 000 (586)	35 000 (240)	30	...	...
UNS N06601:					
Annealed	80 000 (550)	30 000 (205)	30	...	...
UNS N06603:					
Annealed	94 000 (650)	43 000 (300)	25	...	...
UNS N06617:					
Annealed	95 000 (655)	35 000 (240)	35	...	...

**TABLE 3** *Continued*

Condition (Temper)	Tensile Strength, min, psi (MPa)	Yield Strength <sup>A</sup> (0.2 % offset), min, psi (MPa)	Elongation in 2 in. or 50 mm	
			(or 4D), min,%	Rockwell Hardness <sup>B,C</sup>
<b>UNS N06690:</b>				
Annealed	85 000 (586)	35 000 (240)	30	...
As-rolled <sup>D,E</sup>	85 000 (586)	35 000 (240)	30	...
Annealed <sup>F</sup>	75 000 (514)	30 000 (206)	30	...
<b>UNS N06025</b>				
Annealed	98 000 (680)	39 000 (270)	30	...
<b>UNS N06045</b>				
Annealed	90 000 (620)	35 000 (240)	35	...
Hot-Rolled Sheet				
<b>UNS N06600:</b>				
Annealed	80 000 (550)	35 000 (240)	30	...
<b>UNS N06601:</b>				
Annealed	80 000 (550)	30 000 (205)	30	...
<b>UNS N06603:</b>				
Annealed	94 000 (650)	43 000 (300)	25	...
<b>UNS N06617:</b>				
Annealed	95 000 (655)	35 000 (240)	30	...
<b>UNS N06690:</b>				
Annealed	85 000 (586)	35 000 (240)	30	...
<b>UNS N06025</b>				
Annealed	98 000 (680)	39 000 (270)	30	...
<b>UNS N06045</b>				
Annealed	90 000 (620)	35 000 (240)	35	...
Cold-Rolled Plate				
<b>UNS N06603</b>				
Annealed	94 000 (650)	43 000 (300)	25	...
<b>UNS N06025</b>				
Annealed	98 000 (680)	39 000 (270)	30	...
<b>UNS N06045</b>				
Annealed	90 000 (620)	35 000 (240)	35	...
Cold-Rolled Sheet				
<b>UNS N06600:</b>				
Annealed	80 000 (550) <sup>G</sup>	35 000 (240)	30 <sup>G</sup>	...
Hard	125 000 (860) <sup>G</sup>	90 000 (620)	2 <sup>G</sup>	...
<b>UNS N06601:</b>				
Annealed	80 000 (550) <sup>G</sup>	30 000 (205)	30 <sup>G</sup>	...
<b>UNS N06603:</b>				
Annealed	94 000 (650)	43 000 (300)	25 <sup>G</sup>	...
<b>UNS N06617:</b>				
Annealed	95 000 (655) <sup>G</sup>	35 000 (240)	30 <sup>G</sup>	...
<b>UNS N06690:</b>				
Annealed	85 000 (586) <sup>G</sup>	35 000 (240)	30 <sup>G</sup>	...
Hard	125 000 (860) <sup>G</sup>	90 000 (620)	2 <sup>G</sup>	...
<b>UNS N06025</b>				
Annealed	98 000 (680)	39 000 (270)	30	...
<b>UNS N06045</b>				
Annealed	90 000 (620)	35 000 (240)	35	...
Cold-Rolled Strip				
<b>UNS N06600:</b>				
Annealed	80 000 (550) <sup>G</sup>	35 000 (240)	30 <sup>G</sup>	...
Skin-hard	...	...	...	B 85 to B88
Quarter-hard	...	...	...	B 88 to B94
Half-hard	...	...	...	B 93 to B98
Three-quarter-hard	...	...	...	B 97 to C25
Hard	125 000 (860) <sup>G</sup>	90 000 (620)	2 <sup>G</sup>	...
Spring	...	...	...	C 30 min
<b>UNS N06601:</b>				
Annealed	80 000 (550) <sup>G</sup>	30 000 (205)	30 <sup>G</sup>	...
<b>UNS N06603:</b>				
Annealed	94 000 (650)	43 000 (300)	25 <sup>G</sup>	...
<b>UNS N06617:</b>				
Annealed	95 000 (655) <sup>G</sup>	35 000 (240)	30 <sup>G</sup>	...
<b>UNS N06690:</b>				
Annealed	85 000 (586) <sup>G</sup>	35 000 (240)	30 <sup>G</sup>	...
Skin-hard	...	...	...	B 85 to B88
Quarter-hard	...	...	...	B 88 to B94
Half-hard	...	...	...	B 93 to B98
Three-quarter-hard	...	...	...	B 97 to C25

TABLE 3 Continued

Condition (Temper)	Tensile Strength, min, psi (MPa)	Yield Strength <sup>A</sup> (0.2 % offset), min, psi (MPa)	Elongation in 2 in. or 50 mm	
			(or 4D), min,%	Rockwell Hardness <sup>B,C</sup>
Hard Spring	125 000 (860) <sup>G</sup>	90 000 (620)	2 <sup>G</sup>	...
UNS N06025 Annealed	98 000 (680)	39 000 (270)	30	...
UNS N06045 Annealed	90 000 (620)	35 000 (240)	35	...

<sup>A</sup> Yield strength requirements do not apply to material under 0.020 in. (0.51 mm) in thickness.

<sup>B</sup> For Rockwell or equivalent hardness conversions, see Hardness Conversion Tables E140.

<sup>C</sup> Caution should be served in using the Rockwell test on thin material, as the results may be affected by specimen thickness. For thicknesses under 0.050 in. (1.3 mm), the use of the Rockwell superficial or the Vickers hardness test is suggested.

<sup>D</sup> As-rolled plate may be given a stress relieving heat treatment subsequent to final rolling.

<sup>E</sup> As-rolled plate specified "suitable for hot forming" shall be furnished from heats of known good hot-malleability characteristics (see X1.2.2). There are no applicable tensile or hardness requirements for such material.

<sup>F</sup> Annealed at 1850°F (1010°C) minimum.

<sup>G</sup> Not applicable for thickness under 0.010 in. (0.25 mm).

6.2 Deep Drawing and Spinning Quality Sheet and Strip—The material shall conform to the grain size and hardness requirements as prescribed in Table 4.

6.2.1 The mechanical properties of Table 3 do not apply to deep drawing and spinning quality sheet and strip.

7. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

7.1 Thickness and Weight:

7.1.1 Plate—For plate up to 2 in. (50.8 mm), inclusive, in thickness, the permissible variation under the specified thickness and permissible excess in overweight shall not exceed the amounts prescribed in Table 5.

7.1.1.1 For use with Table 5, plate shall be assumed to weigh 0.304 lb/in.<sup>3</sup> (8.415 g/cm<sup>3</sup>).

7.1.2 Plate—For plate over 2 in. (50.8 mm) in thickness, the permissible variations over the specified thickness shall not exceed the amounts prescribed in Table 6.

7.1.3 Sheet and Strip—The permissible variations in thickness of sheet and strip shall be as prescribed in Table 7. The thickness of strip and sheet shall be measured with the micrometer spindle 3/8 in. (9.5 mm) or more from either edge for material 1 in. (25.4 mm) or over in width and at any place on the strip under 1 in. in width.

7.2 Width or Diameter:

7.2.1 Plate—The permissible variations in width of rectangular plates and diameter of circular plates shall be as prescribed in Table 8 and Table 9.

7.2.2 Sheet and Strip—The permissible variations in width for sheet and strip shall be as prescribed in Table 10.

7.3 Length:

7.3.1 Sheet and strip of all sizes may be ordered to cut lengths, in which case a variation of 1/8 in. (3.2 mm) over the specified length shall be permitted.

7.3.2 Permissible variations in length of rectangular plate shall be as prescribed in Table 11.

7.4 Straightness:

7.4.1 The edgewise curvature (depth of chord) of flat sheet, strip, and plate shall not exceed 0.05 in. multiplied by the length in feet (0.04 mm multiplied by the length in centimeters).

7.4.2 Straightness for coiled material is subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

7.5 Edges:

7.5.1 When finished edges of strip are specified in the contract or order, the following descriptions shall apply:

7.5.1.1 Square-edge strip shall be supplied with finished edges, with sharp, square corners, without bevel or rounding.

7.5.1.2 Round-edge strip shall be supplied with finished edges, semicircular in form, the diameter of the circle forming the edge being equal to the strip thickness.

7.5.1.3 When no description of any required form of strip edge is given, it shall be understood that edges such as those resulting from slitting or shearing will be acceptable.

7.5.1.4 Sheet shall have sheared or slit edges.

7.5.1.5 Plate shall have sheared or cut (machined, abrasive-cut, powder-cut, or inert-arc cut) edges, as specified.

7.6 Squareness (Sheet)—For sheets of all thicknesses, the angle between adjacent sides shall be 90 ± 0.15° (1/16 in. in 24

TABLE 4 Grain Size and Hardness for Cold-Rolled, Deep-Drawing, and Spinning-Quality Sheet and Strip

Thickness, in. (mm)	Calculated Diameter of Average Grain Section, max, in. (mm)	Corresponding ASTM MicroGrain Size No.	Rockwell B <sup>A,B</sup> Hardness, max
Sheet (56 in. (1.42 m) Wide and Under)			
0.050 (1.3) and less	0.0030 (0.075)	4.5	86
Over 0.050 to 0.250 (1.3 to 6.4), incl	0.0043 (0.110)	3.5	86
Strip (12 in. (305 mm) Wide and Under) <sup>C</sup>			
0.005 <sup>D</sup> to 0.010 (0.13 to 0.25), incl	0.0009 (0.022)	8 <sup>E</sup>	88 <sup>E</sup>
Over 0.010 to 0.125 (0.25 to 3.2), incl	0.0030 (0.075)	4.5	86

<sup>A</sup> For Rockwell or equivalent hardness conversions, see Hardness Conversion Tables E140.

<sup>B</sup> Caution should be observed in using the Rockwell test on thin material, as the results may be affected by specimen thickness. For thicknesses under 0.050 in. (1.3 mm), the use of the Rockwell superficial or the Vickers hardness test is suggested.

<sup>C</sup> Sheet requirements (above) apply to strip thicknesses over 0.125 in. (3.2 mm), and for all thicknesses of strip over 12 in. (305 mm) in width.

<sup>D</sup> For ductility evaluations for strip under 0.005 in. (0.13 mm) in thickness, the springback test, such as described in Test Method F 155, is often used and the manufacturer should be consulted.

<sup>E</sup> Accurate grain size and hardness determinations are difficult to make on strip under 0.005 in. (0.13 mm) in thickness and are not recommended.

TABLE 5 Permissible Variations in Thickness and Overweight of Rectangular Plates

NOTE 1—All plates shall be ordered to thickness and not to weight per square foot (cm). No plates shall vary more than 0.01 in. (0.3 mm) under the thickness ordered, and the overweight of each lot<sup>A</sup> in each shipment shall not exceed the amount in the table. Spot grinding is permitted to remove surface imperfections, such spots not to exceed 0.01 in. under the specified thickness.

Specified Thickness, in. (mm)	Permissible Excess in Average Weight <sup>B,C</sup> per Square Foot of Plates for Widths Given in Inches (Millimetres) Expressed in Percentage of Nominal Weights									
	Under 48 (1220)	48 to 60 (1220 to 1520), excl	60 to 72 (1520 to 1830), excl	72 to 84 (1830 to 2130), excl	84 to 96 (2130 to 2440), excl	96 to 108 (2440 to 2740), excl	108 to 120 (2740 to 3050), excl	120 to 132 (3050 to 3350), excl	132 to 144 (3350 to 3660), excl	144 to 160 (3660 to 4070), excl
3/16 to 5/16 (4.8 to 7.9), excl	9.0	10.5	12.0	13.5	15.0	16.5	18.0	...	...	...
5/16 to 3/8 (7.9 to 9.5), excl	7.5	9.0	10.5	12.0	13.5	15.0	16.5	18.0	...	...
3/8 to 7/16 (9.5 to 11.1), excl	7.0	7.5	9.0	10.5	12.0	13.5	15.0	16.5	18.0	19.5
7/16 to 1/2 (11.1 to 12.7), excl	6.0	7.0	7.5	9.0	10.5	12.0	13.5	15.0	16.5	18.0
1/2 to 5/8 (12.7 to 15.9), excl	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.5	9.0	10.5	12.0	13.5	15.0	16.5
5/8 to 3/4 (15.9 to 19.1), excl	4.5	5.5	6.0	7.0	7.5	9.0	10.5	12.0	13.5	15.0
3/4 to 1 (19.1 to 25.4), excl	4.0	4.5	5.5	6.0	7.0	7.5	9.0	10.5	12.0	13.5
1 to 2 (25.4 to 50.8), incl	4.0	4.0	4.5	5.5	6.0	7.0	7.5	9.0	10.5	12.0

<sup>A</sup> The term "lot" applied to this table means all of the plates of each group width and each group thickness.  
<sup>B</sup> The permissible overweight for lots of circular and sketch plates shall be 25 % greater than the amounts given in this table.  
<sup>C</sup> The weight of individual plates shall not exceed the nominal weight by more than 1 1/4 times the amount given in the table and Footnote B.

TABLE 6 Permissible Variations in Thickness for Rectangular Plates Over 2 in. (51 mm) in Thickness

NOTE 1—Permissible variation under specified thickness, 0.01 in. (0.3 mm)

Specified Thickness, in. (mm)	Permissible Variations, in. (mm), over Specified Thickness for Widths Given, in. (mm)					
	To 36 (915), excl	36 to 60 (915 to 1520), excl	60 to 84 (1520 to 2130), excl	84 to 120 (2130 to 3050), excl	120 to 132 (3050 to 3350), excl	132 (3350) and over
Over 2 to 3 (51 to 76), excl	1/16 (1.6)	3/32 (2.4)	7/64 (2.8)	1/8 (3.2)	1/8 (3.2)	3/64 (3.6)
3 to 4 (76 to 102), incl	5/64 (2.0)	3/32 (2.4)	7/64 (2.8)	1/8 (3.2)	1/8 (3.2)	3/64 (3.6)

in. (1.6 mm in 610 mm)).

7.7 Flatness:

7.7.1 There shall be no flatness requirements for "deep-drawing quality," "spinning quality," or "as rolled" sheet and strip (see X1.4).

7.7.2 Standard flatness tolerances for plate shall conform to the requirements of Table 12. "Specially flattened" plate, when so specified, shall have permissible variations in flatness as agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

8. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

8.1 The material shall be uniform in quality and temper, smooth, commercially straight or flat, and free of injurious imperfections.

8.2 Sheet, Strip, and Plate—Sheet, strip, and plate supplied in the conditions and finishes as listed in the appendix may be ground or machined to remove surface imperfections, provided such removal does not reduce the material below the minimum specified dimensions. Surface eliminated depressions shall be faired smoothly into the surrounding material. The removal of a surface imperfection shall be verified by the method originally used to detect the imperfection.

9. Sampling

9.1 Lot—Definition:

9.1.1 A lot for chemical analysis shall consist of one heat.

9.1.2 A lot for mechanical properties, hardness, and grain size testing shall consist of all material from the same heat, nominal thickness, and condition.

9.1.2.1 Where material cannot be identified by heat, a lot shall consist of not more than 500 lb (227 kg) of material in the same thickness and condition, except for plates weighing over 500 lb, in which case only one specimen shall be taken.

9.2 Test Material Selection:

9.2.1 Chemical Analysis—Representative samples from each lot shall be taken during pouring or subsequent processing.

9.2.1.1 Product (Check) Analysis shall be wholly the responsibility of the purchaser.

9.2.2 Mechanical Properties, Hardness, and Grain Size—Samples of the material to provide test specimens for mechanical properties, hardness, and grain size shall be taken from such locations in each lot as to be representative of that lot.

10. Number of Tests

10.1 Chemical Analysis—One test per lot.

10.2 Mechanical Properties—One test per lot.

10.3 Hardness—One test per lot. (Required only as specified in Table 3 and Table 4.)

10.4 Grain Size—One test per lot. (Required only as specified in Table 4.)

11. Specimen Preparation

11.1 Tension test specimens shall be taken from material in the final condition (temper) and tested transverse to the direction of rolling when width will permit.

11.2 Tension test specimens shall be any of the standard or subsized specimens shown in Test Methods E 8.

**TABLE 7 Permissible Variations in Thickness of Sheet and Strip**  
(Permissible Variations, Plus and Minus, in Thickness, in. (mm), for Widths Given in in. (mm))

Specified Thickness, in. (mm)	Sheet <sup>A</sup>			
	Hot-Rolled		Cold-Rolled	
	48 (1220) and Under	Over 48 to 60 (1220 to 1520), incl	48 (1220) and Under	Over 48 to 60 (1220 to 1520), incl
0.018 to 0.025 (0.5 to 0.6), incl	0.003 (0.08)	0.004 (0.10)	0.002 (0.05)	0.003 (0.08)
Over 0.025 to 0.034 (0.6 to 0.9), incl	0.004 (0.10)	0.005 (0.13)	0.003 (0.08)	0.004 (0.10)
Over 0.034 to 0.043 (0.9 to 1.1), incl	0.005 (0.13)	0.006 (0.15)	0.004 (0.10)	0.005 (0.13)
Over 0.043 to 0.056 (1.1 to 1.4), incl	0.005 (0.13)	0.006 (0.15)	0.004 (0.10)	0.005 (0.13)
Over 0.056 to 0.070 (1.4 to 1.8), incl	0.006 (0.15)	0.007 (0.18)	0.005 (0.13)	0.006 (0.15)
Over 0.070 to 0.078 (1.8 to 1.9), incl	0.007 (0.18)	0.008 (0.20)	0.006 (0.15)	0.007 (0.18)
Over 0.078 to 0.093 (1.9 to 2.4), incl	0.008 (0.20)	0.009 (0.23)	0.007 (0.18)	0.008 (0.20)
Over 0.093 to 0.109 (2.4 to 2.8), incl	0.009 (0.23)	0.010 (0.25)	0.007 (0.18)	0.009 (0.23)
Over 0.109 to 0.125 (2.8 to 3.2), incl	0.010 (0.25)	0.012 (0.31)	0.008 (0.20)	0.010 (0.25)
Over 0.125 to 0.140 (3.2 to 3.6), incl	0.012 (0.31)	0.014 (0.36)	0.008 (0.20)	0.010 (0.25)
Over 0.140 to 0.171 (3.6 to 4.3), incl	0.014 (0.36)	0.016 (0.41)	0.009 (0.23)	0.012 (0.31)
Over 0.171 to 0.187 (4.3 to 4.8), incl	0.015 (0.38)	0.017 (0.43)	0.010 (0.25)	0.013 (0.33)
Over 0.187 to 0.218 (4.8 to 5.5), incl	0.017 (0.43)	0.019 (0.48)	0.011 (0.28)	0.015 (0.38)
Over 0.218 to 0.234 (5.5 to 5.9), incl	0.018 (0.46)	0.020 (0.51)	0.012 (0.31)	0.016 (0.41)
Over 0.234 to 0.250 (5.9 to 6.4), incl	0.020 (0.51)	0.022 (0.56)	0.013 (0.33)	0.018 (0.46)

  

Specified Thickness, in. (mm)	Cold-Rolled Strip <sup>A,B</sup>	
	Widths 12 in. (305 mm) and under, plus and minus	
Up to 0.050 (1.27), incl		0.0015 (0.038)
Over 0.050 to 0.093 (1.27 to 2.39), incl		0.0025 (0.063)
Over 0.093 to 0.125 (2.39 to 3.18), incl		0.004 (0.11)

<sup>A</sup> Measured 3/16 in. (9.5 mm) or more from either edge except for strip under 1 in. (25.4 mm) in width which is measured at any place.  
<sup>B</sup> Standard sheet tolerances apply for thicknesses over 0.125 in. (3.2 mm) and for all thicknesses of strip over 12 in. (305 mm) wide.

11.3 In the event of disagreement, referee specimens shall be as follows:

11.3.1 Full thickness of the material, machined to the form and dimensions shown for the sheet-type specimen in Test Methods E 8 for material under 1/2 in. (12.7 mm) in thickness.

11.3.2 The largest possible round specimen shown in Test Methods E 8 for material 1/2 in. (12.7 mm) and over.

**12. Test Methods**

12.1 The chemical composition, mechanical, and other properties of the material as enumerated in this specification shall be determined, in case of disagreement, in accordance with the following methods:

Test	ASTM Designation
Chemical Analysis	E 38, <sup>A</sup> E 1473
Tension	E 8
Brinell hardness	E 10
Rockwell hardness	E 18
Hardness conversion	E 140
Grain size	E 112
Rounding procedure	E 29
Spring-back	F 155

<sup>A</sup> Methods E 38 are to be used only for elements not covered by Test Methods E 1473.

12.2 The measurement of average grain size may be carried out by the planimetric method, the comparison method, or the intercept method described in Test Methods E 112. In case of dispute, the referee method for determining average grain size shall be the planimetric method.

12.3 For purposes of determining compliance with the specified limits for requirements of the properties listed in the following table, an observed value or a calculated value shall be rounded as indicated in accordance with the rounding method of Practice E 29.

Test	Rounded Unit for Observed Or Calculated Value
Chemical composition, hardness, and tolerances (when expressed in decimals)	nearest unit in the last right-hand place of figures of the specified limit. If two choices are possible, as when the digits dropped are exactly a 5, or a 5 followed only by zeros, choose the one ending in an even digit, with zero defined as an even digit.
Tensile strength and yield strength	nearest 1000 psi (6.9 MPa)
Elongation	nearest 1 %
Grain Size:	
0.0024 in. (0.060 mm) or larger	nearest multiple of 0.0002 in. (0.005 mm)
less than 0.0024 in. (0.060 mm)	nearest multiple of 0.0001 in. (0.002 mm)

**13. Inspection**

13.1 Inspection of the material shall be made as agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser as part of the purchase contract.

**14. Rejection and Rehearing**

14.1 Material that fails to conform to the requirements of this specification may be rejected. Rejection should be reported to the producer or supplier promptly and in writing. In case of dissatisfaction with the results of the test, the producer or supplier may make claim for a rehearing.

**15. Certification**

15.1 When specified in the purchase order or contract, a manufacturer's certification shall be furnished to the purchaser stating that material has been manufactured, tested, and inspected in accordance with this specification, and that the test