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Standard Specification for Precipitation-Hardening Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers precipitation-hardening stainless steel plate, sheet, and strip. The mechanical properties of these steels are developed by suitable low-temperature heat treatments generally referred to as precipitation hardening.

1.2 These steels are used for parts requiring corrosion resistance and high strength at room temperature or at temperatures up to 600°F (315°C). Some of these steels are particularly suitable for moderate to severe drawing and forming in the solution-treated condition. Others are capable of mild forming only. They are suitable for machining in the solution-annealed condition, after which they may be hardened to the mechanical properties specified in this standard without danger of cracking or distortion.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 480/A 480M Specification for General Requirements for Flat-Rolled Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip³

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)⁴

2.2 SAE Standard:

SAE J 1086 Recommended Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)⁵

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following requirements for orders for material furnished under this specification shall conform to the appli-

cable requirements of the current edition of Specification A 480/A 480M or as specified in the following:

3.1.1 Ordering Information:

3.1.1.1 In addition to the requirements of A 480/A 480M, the heat treatment (see 6) shall be specified on the purchase order if other than the solution-annealed condition is being ordered.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The steel shall be melted by one of the following processes:

4.1.1 Electric furnace (with separate degassing and refining optional),

4.1.2 Vacuum furnace, and

4.1.3 One of the former followed by:

4.1.3.1 Consumable remelting in vacuum, inert gas, or electroslag, or

4.1.3.2 Electron beam refining.

4.1.4 Other commercial melting methods as agreed upon between purchaser and seller are acceptable.

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The steel shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition specified in Table 1, and shall conform to applicable requirements specified in the current edition of Specification A 480/A 480M.

6. Heat Treatment of Product

6.1 Material shall be furnished in the solution-annealed condition as noted in Table 2 and Table 3 unless otherwise specified by the purchaser on the purchase order.

7. Mechanical Properties

7.1 The material, as represented by mechanical test specimens, shall conform to the mechanical property requirements specified in Table 4 and shall be capable of developing the properties in Table 5 when heat treated as specified in 9.1.

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-693 in Section II of that Code.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.03.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.01.

⁵ Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

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

8. Bending Requirements

8.1 Samples cut from the solution-annealed plate, sheet, or strip shall withstand cold bending as specified in Table 6 without cracking on the outside of the bent portion.

9. Heat Treatment of Test Specimens

9.1 Samples cut from the plate, sheet, or strip shall conform to the mechanical properties of Table 5 when precipitation hardened as specified in Table 2 and Table 3.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements^A

Composition, %													
UNS Designation ^B	Type	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus	Sulfur	Silicon	Chromium	Nickel	Aluminum	Molybdenum	Titanium	Copper	Other Elements ^C
S 17400	630	0.07	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	15.0–17.5	3.0–5.0	...	...	...	3.0–5.0	D
S 17700	631	0.09	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	6.5–7.7	0.75–1.50	...	...	...	...
S 15700	632	0.09	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	14.0–16.0	6.5–7.7	0.75–1.50	2.00–3.00	...	...	...
S 35000	633	0.07–0.11	0.50–1.25	0.040	0.030	0.50	16.0–17.0	4.0–5.0	...	2.5–3.2	...	...	E
S 35500	634	0.10–0.15	0.50–1.25	0.040	0.030	0.50	15.0–16.0	4.0–5.0	...	2.5–3.2	...	...	F
S 17600	635	0.08	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	16.0–17.5	6.0–7.5	0.40	...	0.40–1.20	...	...
S 36200	XM-9	0.05	0.50	0.030	0.030	0.30	14.0–14.5	6.5–7.0	0.10	0.30	0.60–0.90	...	...
S 15500	XM-12	0.07	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	14.0–15.5	3.5–5.5	...	...	...	2.5–4.5	D
S 13800	XM-13	0.05	0.20	0.010	0.008	0.10	12.3–13.2	7.5–8.5	0.90–1.35	2.00–2.50	...	...	G
S 45500	XM-16	0.05	0.50	0.040	0.030	0.50	11.0–12.5	7.5–9.5	...	0.50	0.80–1.40	1.50–2.50	F
S 45000	XM-25	0.05	1.00	0.030	0.030	1.00	14.0–16.0	5.0–7.0	...	0.50–1.00	...	1.25–1.75	H
S 46500	...	0.02	0.25	0.015	0.010	0.25	11.0–12.5	10.8–11.2	...	0.75–1.25	1.50–1.80	...	G

^A Limits are in percent maximum unless shown as a range or stated otherwise.

^B New designation established in accordance with Practice E 527 and SAE J1086.

^C The terms Columbium (Cb) and Niobium (Nb) both relate to the same element.

^D Columbium plus tantalum 0.15–0.45.

^E Nitrogen 0.07–0.13.

^F Columbium plus tantalum 0.10–0.50.

^G Nitrogen 0.01.

^H Columbium 8 times carbon minimum.

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TABLE 2 Heat Treatment, °F

UNS Designation	Type	Solution Treatment	Precipitation Hardening Treatment ^A
S17400	630	1925 ± 50°F (cool as required)	900 ± 15°F, 1 h, air cool. 925 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool. 1025 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool. 1075 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool. 1100 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool. 1150 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool. (1400 ± 15°F, 2 h, air cool + 1150 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool).
S17700	631	1950 ± 25°F (cool as required)	1750 ± 15°F, hold 10 min, cool rapidly to room temperature. Cool within 24 h, to -100 ± 10°F, hold not less than 8 h. Warm in air to room temperature. Heat to 950 ± 10°F, hold 1 h, air cool.
		<i>Alternative Treatment:</i>	
		1400 ± 25°F, hold 90 min, cool to 55 ± 5°F within 1 h. Hold not less than 30 min, heat to 1050 ± 10°F, hold for 90 min, air cool.	
S15700	632	1950 ± 25°F (cool as required)	Same as Type 631
S35000	633	1710 ± 25°F (water quench), hold not less than 3 h at -100°F or lower.	850 ± 15°F, 3 h, air cool. 1000 ± 15°F, 3 h, air cool.
S35500	634 ^B	1900 ± 25°F (quench), hold not less than 3 h at -100°F or lower.	1750 -10°F for not less than 10 min, but not more than 1 h, water quench. Cool to not higher than -100°F, hold for not less than 3 h. Temper at 1000 ± 25°F, holding for not less than 3 h.

TABLE 2 Continued

UNS Designation	Type	Solution Treatment	Precipitation Hardening Treatment ^A
S17600	635	1900 ± 25°F (air cool)	950 ± 15°F, 30 min, air cool. 1000 ± 15°F, 30 min, air cool. 1050 ± 15°F, 30 min, air cool.
S36200	XM-9	1550 ± 25°F (air cool)	900 ± 10°F, 8 h, air cool.
S15500	XM-12	1900 ± 25°F (cool as required)	Same as Type 630
S13800	XM-13	1700 ± 25°F (cool as required to below 60°F)	950 ± 10°F, 4 h, air cool. 1000 ± 10°F, 4 h, air cool.
S45500	XM-16	1525 ± 25°F (water quench)	900 ± 10°F, 4 h, air cool. or 950 ± 10°F, 4 h, air cool.
S45000	XM-25	1900 ± 25°F (cool rapidly)	900 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool. 1000 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool. 1150 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool.
S46500	...	1875 ± 25°F (cool rapidly to room temperature) followed by subzero cooling within 24 h after solution treatment; -100 ± 10°F, hold not less than 8 h; warm in air to room temperature	900 ± 10°F, 4 h, air cool 950 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool 1000 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool 1050 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool 1100 ± 15°F, 4 h, air cool

^A Times refer to time material is at temperature.

^B Equalization and over-tempering treatment: 1425 ± 50°F for not less than 3 h, cool to room temperature, heat to 1075 ± 25°F for not less than 3 h.

TABLE 3 Heat Treatment, °C

UNS Designation	Type	Solution Treatment	Precipitation Hardening Treatment ^A
S17400	630	1050 ± 25°C (cool as required)	482 ± 8°C, 1 h, air cool. 496 ± 8°C, 4 h, air cool. 552 ± 8°C, 4 h, air cool. 579 ± 8°C, 4 h, air cool. 593 ± 8°C, 4 h, air cool. 621 ± 8°C, 4 h, air cool. (760 ± 8°C, 2 h, air cool + 621 ± 8°C, 4 h, air cool).
S17700	631	1065 ± 15°C (water quench)	954 ± 8°C, hold 10 min, cool rapidly to room temperature. Cool within 24 h to -73°C ± 6°C, hold not less than 8 h. Warm in air to room temperature. Heat to 510 ± 6°C, hold 1 h, air cool.
		<i>Alternative Treatment</i>	
		760 ± 15°C, hold 90 min, cool to 15 ± 3°C within 1 h. Hold not less than 30 min, heat to 566 ± 6°C, hold for 90 min, air cool.	
S15700	632	1038 ± 15°C (water quench)	Same as Type 631
S35000	633	930 ± 15°C (water quench), hold not less than 3 h at -75°C or lower.	455 ± 8°C, 3 h, air cool. 540 ± 8°C, 3 h, air cool.
S35500	634 ^B	1038 ± 15°C (quench), hold not less than 3 h at -73°C or lower.	954 ± 6°C for not less than 10 min, but not more than 1 h, water quench. Cool to not higher than -73°C, hold for not less than 3 h. Temper at 538 ± 15°C, holding for not less than 3 h.
S17600	635	1038 ± 15°C (air cool)	510 ± 8°C, 30 min, air cool. 538 ± 8°C, 30 min, air cool. 566 ± 8°C, 30 min, air cool.
S36200	XM-9	843 ± 15°C (air cool)	482 ± 8°C, 8 h, air cool.
S15500	XM-12	1038 ± 15°C (cool as required)	Same as Type 630
S13800	XM-13	927 ± 15°C (cool as required to below 60°C)	510 ± 6°C, 4 h, air cool. 538 ± 6°C, 4 h, air cool.
S45500	XM-16	829 ± 15°C (water quench)	482 ± 6°C, 4 h, air cool. or 510 ± 6°C, 4 h, air cool.