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Standard Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon and Alloy, Hot-Wrought and Cold-Finished, General Requirements for¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers a group of common requirements which, unless otherwise specified in the purchase order or in an individual specification, shall apply to carbon and alloy steel bars under each of the following ASTM specifications (or under any other ASTM specification which invokes this specification or portions thereof):

Title of Specification	ASTM Designation ⁴
Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Bars:	
Steel Bars, Carbon, Quenched and Tempered	A 321
Steel Bars and Shapes, Carbon Rolled from "T" Rails	A 499
Steel Bars, Carbon, Merchant Quality, M-Grades	A 575
Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought, Special Quality	A 576
Steel Bars, Carbon, Merchant Quality, Mechanical Properties	A 663
Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought, Special Quality, Mechanical Properties	A 675
Steel Bars for Springs, Carbon and Alloy	A 689
Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought, Special Quality, for Fluid Power Applications	A 695
Cold-Finished Carbon Steel Bars:	
Steel Bars, Carbon, Cold-Finished, Standard Quality	A 108
Stress-Relieved Steel Bars Subject to Mechanical Property Requirements, Cold-Drawn Carbon	A 311/A 311M
Hot-Rolled Alloy Steel Bars:	
Steel Bars, Alloy, Standard Grades	A 322
Steel Bars, Alloy, Subject to End-Quench Hardenability Requirements	A 304
Steel Bars, Alloy, Hot-Wrought or Cold-Finished, Quenched and Tempered	A 434
Steel Bars, Alloy, Hot-Wrought, for Elevated Temperature or Pressure-Containing Parts, or Both	A 739
Cold-Finished Alloy Steel Bars:	
Steel Bars, Alloy, Cold-Finished	A 331
Steel Bars, Alloy, Hot-Rolled or Cold-Finished, Quenched and Tempered	A 434
Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought or Cold-Finished, Special Quality, for Pressure Piping Components	A 696

⁴ These designations refer to the latest issue of the respective specifications, which appear either in the *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.05, or as reprints obtainable from ASTM.

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-29/SA-29M in Section II of that Code.

1.2 In case of any conflict in requirements, the requirements of the purchase order, the individual material specification, and this general specification shall prevail in the sequence named.

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

1.4 For purposes of determining conformance to this specification and the various material specifications referenced in 1.1, dimensional values shall be rounded to the nearest unit in the right-hand place of figures used in expressing the limiting values in accordance with the rounding method of Practice E 29E 29.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

- A 108 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Cold-Finished, Standard Quality
- A 304 Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Bars Subject to End-Quench Hardenability Requirements
- A 311 Specification for Cold-Drawn, Stress-Relieved Carbon Steel Bars Subject to Mechanical Property Requirements
- A 321 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Quenched and Tempered
- A 322 Specification for Steel Bars, Alloy, Standard Grades
- A 331 Specification for Steel Bars, Alloy, Cold-Finished
- A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
- A 434 Specification for Steel Bars, Alloy, Hot-Wrought or Cold-Finished, Quenched and Tempered
- A 499 Specification for Steel Bars and Shapes, Carbon Rolled from "T" Rails
- A 575 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Merchant Quality, M-Grade

³ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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

- A 576 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought, Special Quality
- A 663 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Merchant Quality, Mechanical Properties
- A 675 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought, Special Quality, Mechanical Properties
- A 689 Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Bars for Springs
- A 695 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought, Special Quality, for Fluid Power Applications⁴
- A 696 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought or Cold-Finished, Special Quality for Pressure Piping Components
- A 700 Practices for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Domestic Shipment
- A 739 Specification for Steel Bars, Alloy, Hot-Wrought, for Elevated Temperature or Pressure-Containing Parts, or Both
- A 751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products
- E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications
- E 112 Test Methods for Determining the Average Grain Size
- 2.2 Federal Standards:
 - Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)⁵
 - Fed. Std. No. 183 Continuous Identification Marking of Iron and Steel Products⁵
- 2.3 Military Standard:
 - MIL-STD-163 Steel Mill Products—Preparation for Shipment and Storage⁵
- 2.4 Other Standards:
 - AIAG B-1 Bar Code Symbology Standard for 3-of-9 Bar Codes⁶
 - AIAGB-5 02.00 Primary Metals Tag Application Standard⁶

yield straight lengths (or coils, depending upon size, section, and mill equipment) in sections which are uniform throughout their length, and in the following sections and sizes:

- 3.1.1.1 Rounds, 7/32 to 10.0 in. [5.5 to 250 mm], inclusive,
- 3.1.1.2 Squares, 7/32 to 6.0 in. [6 to 160 mm], inclusive,
- 3.1.1.3 Round-Cornered Squares, 7/32 to 8.0 in. [6 to 200 mm], inclusive,
- 3.1.1.4 Flats, 1/4 to 8 in. inclusive, in width: 13/64 in. in minimum thickness up to 6 in. in width; and 0.230 in. in minimum thickness for over 6 to 8 in. in width, inclusive [over 5 mm in thickness up to 150 mm in width; and over 6 mm in thickness for over 150 mm through 200 mm in width]. Maximum thickness for all widths is 4 in. [100 mm].
- 3.1.1.5 Hexagons and Octagons, 1/4 to 4 1/16 in. [6 to 103 mm], inclusive, between parallel surfaces,
- 3.1.1.6 Bar Size Shapes—Angles, channels, tees, zeeks, when their greatest cross-sectional dimension is under 3 in. [75 mm], and
- 3.1.1.7 Special Bar Sections—Half-rounds, ovals, half-ovals, other special bar size sections.
- 3.1.2 Cold-Finished Steel Bars—Steel bars produced by cold finishing previously hot-wrought bars by means of cold drawing, cold forming, turning, grinding, or polishing (singly or in combination) to yield straight lengths or coils in sections which are uniform throughout their length and in the following sections and sizes:
 - 3.1.2.1 Rounds, 9 in. [230 mm] and under in diameter,
 - 3.1.2.2 Squares, 6 in. [150 mm] and under between parallel surfaces,
 - 3.1.2.3 Hexagons, 4 in. [100 mm] and under between parallel surfaces,
 - 3.1.2.4 Flats, 1/8 in. [3 mm] and over in thickness and not over 12 in. [300 mm] in width, and
 - 3.1.2.5 Special Bar Sections.
- 3.1.3 Lot—Unless otherwise specified in the contract or order, a lot shall consist of all bars submitted for inspection at the same time of the same heat, condition, finish, size, or shape. For bars specified in the quenched and tempered condition, when heat treated in batch-type furnaces, a lot shall consist of all bars from the same heat, of the same prior condition, the same size, and subjected to the same heat treatment in one tempering charge. For bars specified in the quenched and tempered condition, when heat treated without interruption in a continuous-type furnace, a lot shall consist of all bars from the same heat, of the same prior condition, of the same size, and subjected to the same heat treatment.

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 Hot-Wrought Steel Bars—Steel bars produced by hot forming ingots, blooms, billets, or other semifinished forms to

⁴ Withdrawn.

⁵ Copies of military specifications, military standards, and federal standards required by contractors in connection with specific procurement functions should be obtained from the procuring activity or as directed by the contracting officer, or from the Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

⁶ Available from Automotive Industry Action Group, North Park Plaza, Ste. 830, 17117 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075.

TABLE 1 Grade Designations and Chemical Compositions of Carbon Steel Bars

Grade Designation	Heat Chemical Ranges and Limits, %			
	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus, max	Sulfur, max ^A
Nonresulfurized Carbon Steels ^{B,C,D,E,F}				
1005	0.06 max	0.35 max	0.040	0.050
1006	0.08 max	0.25–0.40	0.040	0.050
1008	0.10 max	0.30–0.50	0.040	0.050
1010	0.08–0.13	0.30–0.60	0.040	0.050
1011	0.08–0.13	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050

TABLE 1 *Continued*

Grade Designation	Heat Chemical Ranges and Limits, %				
	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus, max	Sulfur, max ^A	
1012	0.10–0.15	0.30–0.60	0.040	0.050	
1013	0.11–0.16	0.50–0.80	0.040	0.050	
1015	0.13–0.18	0.30–0.60	0.040	0.050	
1016	0.13–0.18	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1017	0.15–0.20	0.30–0.60	0.040	0.050	
1018	0.15–0.20	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1019	0.15–0.20	0.70–1.00	0.040	0.050	
1020	0.18–0.23	0.30–0.60	0.040	0.050	
1021	0.18–0.23	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1022	0.18–0.23	0.70–1.00	0.040	0.050	
1023	0.20–0.25	0.30–0.60	0.040	0.050	
1025	0.22–0.28	0.30–0.60	0.040	0.050	
1026	0.22–0.28	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1029	0.25–0.31	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1030	0.28–0.34	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1034	0.32–0.38	0.50–0.80	0.040	0.050	
1035	0.32–0.38	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1037	0.32–0.38	0.70–1.00	0.040	0.050	
1038	0.35–0.42	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1039	0.37–0.44	0.70–1.00	0.040	0.050	
1040	0.37–0.44	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1042	0.40–0.47	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1043	0.40–0.47	0.70–1.00	0.040	0.050	
1044	0.43–0.50	0.30–0.60	0.040	0.050	
1045	0.43–0.50	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1046	0.43–0.50	0.70–1.00	0.040	0.050	
1049	0.46–0.53	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1050	0.48–0.55	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1053	0.48–0.55	0.70–1.00	0.040	0.050	
1055	0.50–0.60	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1059	0.55–0.65	0.50–0.80	0.040	0.050	
1060	0.55–0.65	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1064	0.60–0.70	0.50–0.80	0.040	0.050	
1065	0.60–0.70	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1069	0.65–0.75	0.40–0.70	0.040	0.050	
1070	0.65–0.75	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1071	0.65–0.70	0.75–1.05	0.040	0.050	
1074	0.70–0.80	0.50–0.80	0.040	0.050	
1075	0.70–0.80	0.40–0.70	0.040	0.050	
1078	0.72–0.85	0.30–0.60	0.040	0.050	
1080	0.75–0.88	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1084	0.80–0.93	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1086	0.80–0.93	0.30–0.50	0.040	0.050	
1090	0.85–0.98	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.050	
1095	0.90–1.03	0.30–0.50	0.040	0.050	
Resulfurized Carbon Steels^{B,D,F}					
1108	0.08–0.13	0.60–0.80	0.040	0.08–0.13	
1109	0.08–0.13	0.60–0.90	0.040	0.08–0.13	
1110	0.08–0.13	0.30–0.60	0.040	0.08–0.13	
1116	0.14–0.20	1.10–1.40	0.040	0.16–0.23	
1117	0.14–0.20	1.00–1.30	0.040	0.08–0.13	
1118	0.14–0.20	1.30–1.60	0.040	0.08–0.13	
1119	0.14–0.20	1.00–1.30	0.040	0.24–0.33	
1132	0.27–0.34	1.35–1.65	0.040	0.08–0.13	
1137	0.32–0.39	1.35–1.65	0.040	0.08–0.13	
1139	0.35–0.43	1.35–1.65	0.040	0.13–0.20	
1140	0.37–0.44	0.70–1.00	0.040	0.08–0.13	
1141	0.37–0.45	1.35–1.65	0.040	0.08–0.13	
1144	0.40–0.48	1.35–1.65	0.040	0.24–0.33	
1145	0.42–0.49	0.70–1.00	0.040	0.04–0.07	
1146	0.42–0.49	0.70–1.00	0.040	0.08–0.13	
1151	0.48–0.55	0.70–1.00	0.040	0.08–0.13	
Rephosphorized and Resulfurized Carbon Steels^{D,G,F}					
Grade Designation	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus	Sulfur	Lead
1211	0.13 max	0.60–0.90	0.07–0.12	0.10–0.15	...
1212	0.13 max	0.70–1.00	0.07–0.12	0.16–0.23	...
1213	0.13 max	0.70–1.00	0.07–0.12	0.24–0.33	...
1215	0.09 max	0.75–1.05	0.04–0.09	0.26–0.35	...
12L13	0.13 max	0.70–1.00	0.07–0.12	0.24–0.33	0.15–0.35
12L14	0.15 max	0.85–1.15	0.04–0.09	0.26–0.35	0.15–0.35

TABLE 1 Continued

Rephosphorized and Resulfurized Carbon Steels ^{D,G,F}					
Grade Designation	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorous	Sulfur	Lead
12L15	0.09 max	0.75–1.05	0.04–0.09	0.26–0.35	0.15–0.35
High-Manganese Carbon Steels ^{B,C,D,E,F}					
Grade Designation	Former Designation	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorous, max	Sulfur, max
1513	...	0.10–0.16	1.10–1.40	0.040	0.050
1518	...	0.15–0.21	1.10–1.40	0.040	0.050
1522	...	0.18–0.24	1.10–1.40	0.040	0.050
1524	1024	0.19–0.25	1.35–1.65	0.040	0.050
1525	...	0.23–0.29	0.80–1.10	0.040	0.050
1526	...	0.22–0.29	1.10–1.40	0.040	0.050
1527	1027	0.22–0.29	1.20–1.50	0.040	0.050
1536	1036	0.30–0.37	1.20–1.50	0.040	0.050
1541	1041	0.36–0.44	1.35–1.65	0.040	0.050
1547	...	0.43–0.51	1.35–1.65	0.040	0.050
1548	1048	0.44–0.52	1.10–1.40	0.040	0.050
1551	1051	0.45–0.56	0.85–1.15	0.040	0.050
1552	1052	0.47–0.55	1.20–1.50	0.040	0.050
1561	1061	0.55–0.65	0.75–1.05	0.040	0.050
1566	1066	0.60–0.71	0.85–1.15	0.040	0.050
1572	1072	0.65–0.76	1.00–1.30	0.040	0.050
Heat Chemical Ranges and Limits, percent					
Merchant Quality M Series Carbon Steel Bars					
Grade Designation	Carbon	Manganese ^G	Phosphorous, max	Sulfur, max	
M 1008	0.10 max	0.25–0.60	0.04	0.05	
M 1010	0.07–0.14	0.25–0.60	0.04	0.05	
M 1012	0.09–0.16	0.25–0.60	0.04	0.05	
M 1015	0.12–0.19	0.25–0.60	0.04	0.05	
M 1017	0.14–0.21	0.25–0.60	0.04	0.05	
M 1020	0.17–0.24	0.25–0.60	0.04	0.05	
M 1023	0.19–0.27	0.25–0.60	0.04	0.05	
M 1025	0.20–0.30	0.25–0.60	0.04	0.05	
M 1031	0.26–0.36	0.25–0.60	0.04	0.05	
M 1044	0.40–0.50	0.25–0.60	0.04	0.05	

^A Maximum unless otherwise indicated.

^B When silicon is required, the following ranges and limits are commonly specified: 0.10 %, max, 0.10 % to 0.20 %, 0.15 % to 0.35 %, 0.20 % to 0.40 %, or 0.30 % to 0.60 %.

^C Copper can be specified when required as 0.20 % minimum.

^D When lead is required as an added element to a standard steel, a range of 0.15 to 0.35 % inclusive is specified. Such a steel is identified by inserting the letter “L” between the second and third numerals of the grade designation, for example, 10 L 45. A cast or heat analysis is not determinable when lead is added to the ladle stream.

^E When boron treatment for killed steels is specified, the steels can be expected to contain 0.0005 to 0.003 % boron. If the usual titanium additive is not permitted, the steels can be expected to contain up to 0.005 % boron.

^F The elements bismuth, calcium, selenium, or tellurium may be added as agreed upon between purchaser and supplier.

^G Unless prohibited by the purchaser, the manganese content may exceed 0.60 % on heat analysis to a maximum of 0.75 %, provided the carbon range on heat analysis has the minimum and maximum reduced by 0.01 % for each 0.05 % manganese over 0.60 %.

TABLE 2 Grade Designations and Chemical Compositions of Alloy Steel Bars

NOTE 1—Small quantities of certain elements are present in alloy steels which are not specified or required. These elements are considered as incidental and may be present to the following maximum amounts: copper, 0.35 %; nickel, 0.25 %; chromium, 0.20 % and molybdenum, 0.06 %.

NOTE 2—Where minimum and maximum sulfur content is shown it is indicative of resulfurized steel.

NOTE 3—The chemical ranges and limits shown in Table 2 are produced to product analysis tolerances shown in Table 6.

NOTE 4—Standard alloy steels can be produced with a lead range of 0.15–0.35 %. Such steels are identified by inserting the letter “L” between the second and third numerals of the AISI number, for example, 41 L 40. A cast or heat analysis is not determinable when lead is added to the ladle stream.

Grade Designation	Heat Chemical Ranges and Limits, %							
	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorous, max	Sulfur, max	Silicon ^A	Nickel	Chromium	Molybdenum
1330	0.28–0.33	1.60–1.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	...
1335	0.33–0.38	1.60–1.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	...
1340	0.38–0.43	1.60–1.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	...
1345	0.43–0.48	1.60–1.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	...
4012	0.09–0.14	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.15–0.25
4023	0.20–0.25	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.20–0.30
4024	0.20–0.25	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.035–0.050	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.20–0.30
4027	0.25–0.30	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.20–0.30

TABLE 2 Continued

Grade Designation	Heat Chemical Ranges and Limits, %							
	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus, max	Sulfur, max	Silicon ^A	Nickel	Chromium	Molybdenum
4028	0.25–0.30	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.035–0.050	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.20–0.30
4032	0.30–0.35	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.20–0.30
4037	0.35–0.40	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.20–0.30
4042	0.40–0.45	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.20–0.30
4047	0.45–0.50	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.20–0.30
4118	0.18–0.23	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.40–0.60	0.08–0.15
4120	0.18–0.23	0.90–1.20	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.40–0.60	0.13–0.20
4121	0.18–0.23	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.45–0.65	0.20–0.30
4130	0.28–0.33	0.40–0.60	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.80–1.10	0.15–0.25
4135	0.33–0.38	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.80–1.10	0.15–0.25
4137	0.35–0.40	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.80–1.10	0.15–0.25
4140	0.38–0.43	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.80–1.10	0.15–0.25
4142	0.40–0.45	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.80–1.10	0.15–0.25
4145	0.43–0.48	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.80–1.10	0.15–0.25
4147	0.45–0.50	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.80–1.10	0.15–0.25
4150	0.48–0.53	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.80–1.10	0.15–0.25
4161	0.56–0.64	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.70–0.90	0.25–0.35
4320	0.17–0.22	0.45–0.65	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	1.65–2.00	0.40–0.60	0.20–0.30
4340	0.38–0.43	0.60–0.80	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	1.65–2.00	0.70–0.90	0.20–0.30
E4340	0.38–0.43	0.65–0.85	0.025	0.025	0.15 to 0.35	1.65–2.00	0.70–0.90	0.20–0.30
4419	0.18–0.23	0.45–0.65	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.45–0.60
4422	0.20–0.25	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.35–0.45
4427	0.24–0.29	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	...	0.35–0.45
4615	0.13–0.18	0.45–0.65	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	1.65–2.00	...	0.20–0.30
4620	0.17–0.22	0.45–0.65	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	1.65–2.00	...	0.20–0.30
4621	0.18–0.23	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	1.65–2.00	...	0.20–0.30
4626	0.24–0.29	0.45–0.65	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.70–1.00	...	0.15–0.25
4715	0.13–0.18	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.70–1.00	0.45–0.65	0.45–0.60
4718	0.16–0.21	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.90–1.20	0.35–0.55	0.30–0.40
4720	0.17–0.22	0.50–0.70	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.90–1.20	0.35–0.55	0.15–0.25
4815	0.13–0.18	0.40–0.60	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	3.25–3.75	...	0.20–0.30
4817	0.15–0.20	0.40–0.60	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	3.25–3.75	...	0.20–0.30
4820	0.18–0.23	0.50–0.70	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	3.25–3.75	...	0.20–0.30
5015	0.12–0.17	0.30–0.50	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.30–0.50	...
5046	0.43–0.48	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.20–0.35	...
5115	0.13–0.18	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.70–0.90	...
5120	0.17–0.22	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.70–0.90	...
5130	0.28–0.33	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.80–1.10	...
5132	0.30–0.35	0.60–0.80	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.75–1.00	...
5135	0.33–0.38	0.60–0.80	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.80–1.05	...
5140	0.38–0.43	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.70–0.90	...
5145	0.43–0.48	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.70–0.90	...
5147	0.46–0.51	0.70–0.95	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.85–1.15	...
5150	0.48–0.53	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.70–0.90	...
5155	0.51–0.59	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.70–0.90	...
5160	0.56–0.61	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.70–0.90	...
E50100	0.98–1.10	0.25–0.45	0.025	0.025	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.40–0.60	...
E51100	0.98–1.10	0.25–0.45	0.025	0.025	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.90–1.15	...
E52100	0.98–1.10	0.25–0.45	0.025	0.025	0.15 to 0.35	...	1.30–1.60	...
52100 ^B	0.93–1.05	0.25–0.45	0.025	0.015	0.15 to 0.35	...	1.30–1.60	...
6118	0.16–0.21	0.50–0.70	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.50–0.70	(0.10–0.15 V)
6150	0.48–0.53	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	...	0.80–1.10	(0.15 min V)
8115	0.13–0.18	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.20–0.40	0.30–0.50	0.08–0.15
8615	0.13–0.18	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8617	0.15–0.20	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8620	0.18–0.23	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8622	0.20–0.25	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8625	0.23–0.28	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8627	0.25–0.30	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8630	0.28–0.33	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8637	0.35–0.40	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8640	0.38–0.43	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8642	0.40–0.45	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8645	0.43–0.48	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8650	0.48–0.53	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8655	0.51–0.59	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8660	0.56–0.64	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.15–0.25
8720	0.18–0.23	0.70–0.90	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.7	0.40–0.60	0.20–0.30
8740	0.38–0.43	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.20–0.30
8822	0.20–0.25†	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15 to 0.35	0.40–0.70	0.40–0.60	0.30–0.40
9254	0.51–0.59	0.60–0.80	0.035	0.040	1.20–1.60	...	0.60–0.80	...

TABLE 2 Continued

Grade Designation	Heat Chemical Ranges and Limits, %							
	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus, max	Sulfur, max	Silicon ^A	Nickel	Chromium	Molybdenum
9255	0.51–0.59	0.70–0.95	0.035	0.040	1.80–2.20	...	...	...
9259	0.56–0.64	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.70–1.10	...	0.45–0.65	...
9260	0.56–0.64	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	1.80–2.20	...	...	...
E9310	0.08–0.13	0.45–0.65	0.025	0.025	0.15 to 0.30	3.00–3.50	1.00–1.40	0.08–0.15
Standard Boron Steels ^C								
50B44	0.43–0.48	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15–0.35	...	0.20–0.60	...
50B46	0.44–0.49	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15–0.35	...	0.20–0.35	...
50B50	0.48–0.53	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15–0.35	...	0.40–0.60	...
50B60	0.56–0.64	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15–0.35	...	0.40–0.60	...
51B60	0.56–0.64	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15–0.35	...	0.70–0.90	...
81B45	0.43–0.48	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15–0.35	0.20–0.40	0.35–0.55	0.08–0.15
94B17	0.15–0.20	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15–0.35	0.30–0.60	0.30–0.50	0.80–0.15
94B30	0.28–0.33	0.75–1.00	0.035	0.040	0.15–0.35	0.30–0.60	0.30–0.50	0.08–0.15

^A Silicon may be specified by the purchaser as 0.10% maximum. The need for 0.10% maximum generally relates to severe cold-formed parts.

^B The purchaser may also require the following maximums: copper 0.30 %; aluminum 0.050 %; oxygen 0.0015 %.

^C These steels can be expected to contain 0.0005 to 0.003 % boron. If the usual titanium additive is not permitted, the steels can be expected to contain up to 0.005 % boron.

† Editorially corrected.

4. Chemical Composition

4.1 Limits:

4.1.1 The chemical composition shall conform to the requirements specified in the purchase order or the individual product specifications. For convenience the grades commonly specified for carbon steel bars are shown in Tables 1 and 2. Bars may be ordered to these grade designations and when so ordered shall conform to the specified limits by heat analysis.

4.1.2 When compositions other than those shown in Tables 1 and 2 are required, the composition limits shall be prepared using the ranges and limits shown in Table 3 for carbon steel and Table 4 for alloy steel.

4.2 Heat or Cast Analysis:

4.2.1 The chemical composition of each heat or cast shall be determined by the manufacturer in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A 751A 751.

4.2.2 The heat or cast analysis shall conform to the requirements specified in the product specification or purchase order. These can be the heat chemical range and limit for a grade designated in Tables 1 and 2, or another range and limit in accordance with 4.1.2, or with requirements of the product specification.

NOTE 1—Heat analysis for lead is not determinable since lead is added to the ladle stream while each ingot is poured. When specified as an added element to a standard steel, the percentage of lead is reported as 0.15 to 0.35 incl, which is the range commonly specified for this element.

4.2.3 If requested or required, the heat analysis shall be reported to the purchaser or his representative.

4.2.4 Reporting of significant figures and rounding shall be in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A 751A 751.

4.3 Product Analysis:

4.3.1 Merchant quality carbon bar steel is not subject to rejection for product analysis unless misapplication of a heat is clearly indicated.

4.3.2 Analyses may be made by the purchaser from finished bars other than merchant quality representing each heat of

open-hearth, basic-oxygen, or electric-furnace steel. The chemical composition thus determined shall not vary from the limits specified in the applicable specification by more than the amounts prescribed in Table 5 and Table 6, but the several determinations of any element, excluding lead, in a heat may not vary both above and below the specified range. Rimmed or capped steel is characterized by a lack of homogeneity in its composition, especially for the elements carbon, phosphorus, and sulfur; therefore, when rimmed or capped steel is specified or required, the limitations for these elements shall not be applicable. Because of the degree to which phosphorus and sulfur segregate, the limitations for these elements shall not be applicable to rephosphorized or resulfurized steels.

4.3.3 Samples for product analysis shall be taken by one of the following methods:

4.3.3.1 Applicable to small sections whose cross-sectional area does not exceed 0.75 in.² [500 mm²] such as rounds, squares, hexagons, etc. Chips are taken by milling or machining the full cross section of the piece. Drilling is not a feasible method for sampling sizes 0.75 in.² and smaller.

4.3.3.2 Applicable to products where the width of the cross section greatly exceeds the thickness, such as bar size shapes and light flat bars. Chips are taken by drilling entirely through the steel at a point midway between the edge and the middle of the section, or by milling or machining the entire cross section.

4.3.3.3 Applicable to large rounds, squares semifinished, etc. Chips are taken at any point midway between the outside and the center of the piece by drilling parallel to the axis or by milling or machining the full cross section. In cases where these methods are not practicable, the piece may be drilled on the side, but chips are not taken until they represent the portion midway between the outside and the center.

4.3.3.4 When the steel is subject to tension test requirements, the tension test specimen can also be used for product analysis. In that case, chips for product analysis can be taken by drilling entirely through the tension test specimens or by the method described in 4.3.3.1.

TABLE 3 Heat Analysis Chemical Ranges and Limits of Carbon Steel Bars

Element	Chemical Ranges and Limits, %		
	When Maximum of Specified Elements is:	Range	Lowest Maximum
Carbon ^A	...	...	0.06
	to 0.12, incl	...	...
	over 0.12 to 0.25, incl	0.05	...
	over 0.25 to 0.40, incl	0.06	...
	over 0.40 to 0.55, incl	0.07	...
	over 0.55 to 0.80, incl over 0.80	0.10 0.13	...
Manganese	...	...	0.35
	to 0.40, incl	0.15	...
	over 0.40 to 0.50, incl over 0.50 to 1.65, incl	0.20 0.30	...
Phosphorus	to 0.040, incl	...	0.040 ^B
	over 0.040 to 0.08, incl	0.03	...
	over 0.08 to 0.13, incl	0.05	...
Sulfur	to 0.050, incl	...	0.050 ^B
	over 0.050 to 0.09, incl	0.03	...
	over 0.09 to 0.15, incl	0.05	...
	over 0.15 to 0.23, incl over 0.23 to 0.50, incl	0.07 0.09	...
Silicon ^C	...	...	0.10
	to 0.10, incl	...	...
	over 0.10 to 0.15, incl	0.08	...
	over 0.15 to 0.20, incl	0.10	...
	over 0.20 to 0.30, incl over 0.30 to 0.60, incl	0.15 0.20	...
Copper	When copper is required 0.20 min is generally used		
Lead ^D	When lead is required, a range of 0.15 to 0.35 is specified		
Bismuth ^E			
Calcium ^E			
Selenium ^E			
Tellurium ^E			

^A The carbon ranges shown in the column headed "Range" apply when the specified maximum limit for manganese does not exceed 1.10 %. When the maximum manganese limit exceeds 1.10 %, add 0.01 to the carbon ranges shown above.

^B For steels produced in merchant quality the phosphorus maximum is 0.04 % and the sulfur maximum is 0.05 %.

^C It is not common practice to produce a rephosphorized and resulfurized carbon steel to specified limits for silicon because of its adverse effect on machinability.

^D A cast or heat analysis is not determinable when lead is added to the ladle stream.

^E Element specification range as agreed upon between purchaser and supplier.

4.3.4 When chips are taken by drilling, the diameter of the drill used shall conform to the following:

Area of Sample Cross Section, in. ² (cm ²)	Approximate Drill Diameter, in. (mm)
16 [100] or less	½ [12.5]
Over 16 [100]	1 [25.0]

4.3.5 The minimum number of samples to be taken from material representing the same heat or lot before rejection by the purchaser shall be as follows:

	Minimum Number of Samples
15 tons [15 Mg] and under	4
Over 15 tons [15 Mg]	6

4.3.6 In case the number of pieces in a heat is less than the number of samples required, one sample from each piece shall be considered sufficient.

4.3.7 In the event that product analysis determinations are outside the permissible limits as prescribed in 4.3.2, additional samples shall be analyzed and the acceptability of the heat negotiated between the purchaser and the producer.

4.4 *Referee Analysis*—In case a referee analysis is required and agreed upon to resolve a dispute concerning the results of a chemical analysis, the referee analysis shall be performed in accordance with the latest issue of Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A 751A 751, unless otherwise agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

5. Grain Size Requirement

5.1 Austenitic Grain Size:

5.1.1 When a coarse austenitic grain size is specified, the steel shall have a grain size number of 1 to 5 exclusive as determined in accordance with Test Methods E 112E 112. Conformance to this grain size of 70 % of the grains in the area examined shall constitute the basis of acceptance. One test per heat shall be made.

5.1.2 When a fine austenitic grain size is specified, the steel shall have a grain size number of 5 or higher as determined in accordance with Test Methods E 112E 112. Conformance to this grain size of 70 % of the area examined shall constitute the basis of acceptance. One test per heat shall be made unless the provisions of 5.1.2.1 or 5.1.2.2 are exercised.

5.1.2.1 When aluminum is used as the grain refining element, the fine austenitic grain size requirement shall be deemed to be fulfilled if, on heat analysis, the aluminum content is not less than 0.020 % total aluminum or, alternately, 0.015 % acid soluble aluminum. The aluminum content shall be reported. The grain size test specified in 5.1.2 shall be the referee test.

5.1.2.2 By agreement between purchaser and supplier, columbium or vanadium or both may be used for grain refining instead of or with aluminum. When columbium or vanadium is used as a grain refining element, the fine austenitic grain size requirement shall be deemed to be fulfilled if, on heat analysis, the columbium or vanadium content is as follows (the content of the elements shall be reported with the heat analysis):

Steels having 0.25 % carbon or less:

Cb	0.025 min
V	0.05 min

Steels having over 0.25 % carbon:

Cb	0.015 min
V	0.02 min

The maximum contents shall be:

Cb	0.05 max
V	0.08 max
Cb + V	0.06 max

5.1.2.3 When provisions of 5.1.2.1 or 5.1.2.2 are exercised, a grain size test is not required unless specified by the purchaser. Unless otherwise specified, fine austenitic grain size shall be certified using the analysis of grain refining element(s).

5.1.2.4 *Referee Test*—In the event that the chemical analysis of columbium or vanadium does not meet the requirements of 5.1.2.2, the grain size test shown in 5.1.2 shall be the referee test unless an alternative test method is agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

TABLE 4 Heat Analysis Chemical Ranges and Limits of Alloy Steel Bars

NOTE 1—Boron steels can be expected to have 0.0005 % minimum boron content.

NOTE 2—Alloy steels can be produced with a lead range of 0.15–0.35 %. A cast or heat analysis is not determinable when lead is added to the ladle stream.

Element	Chemical Ranges and Limits, %			
	When Maximum of Specified Element is:	Open-Hearth or Basic-Oxygen Steel	Electric Furnace Steel	Maximum Limit, % ^A
Carbon	To 0.55, incl	0.05	0.05	
	Over 0.55–0.70, incl	0.08	0.07	
	Over 0.70 to 0.80, incl	0.10	0.09	
	Over 0.80–0.95, incl	0.12	0.11	
	Over 0.95–1.35, incl	0.13	0.12	
Manganese	To 0.60, incl	0.20	0.15	
	Over 0.60–0.90, incl	0.20	0.20	
	Over 0.90–1.05, incl	0.25	0.25	
	Over 1.05–1.90, incl	0.30	0.30	
	Over 1.90–2.10, incl	0.40	0.35	
Phosphorus	Basic open-hearth or basic-oxygen steel			0.035
	Acid open-hearth steel			0.050
	Basic electric-furnace steel			0.025
	Acid electric-furnace steel			0.050
Sulfur	To 0.050, incl	0.015	0.015	
	Over 0.050–0.07, incl	0.02	0.02	
	Over 0.07–0.10, incl	0.04	0.04	
	Over 0.10–0.14, incl	0.05	0.05	
	Basic open-hearth or basic-oxygen steel			0.040
	Acid open-hearth steel			0.050
	Basic electric-furnace steel			0.025
Silicon	Acid electric-furnace steel			0.050
	To 0.20, incl	0.08	0.08	
	Over 0.20–0.30, incl	0.15	0.15	
	Over 0.30–0.60, incl	0.20	0.20	
	Over 0.60–1.00, incl	0.30	0.30	
Nickel	Over 1.00–2.20, incl	0.40	0.35	
	Acid steels ^B			
	To 0.50, incl	0.20	0.20	
	Over 0.50–1.50, incl	0.30	0.30	
	Over 1.50–2.00, incl	0.35	0.35	
	Over 2.00–3.00, incl	0.40	0.40	
	Over 3.00–5.30, incl	0.50	0.50	
Chromium	Over 5.30–10.00, incl	1.00	1.00	
	To 0.40, incl	0.15	0.15	
	Over 0.40–0.90, incl	0.20	0.20	
	Over 0.90–1.05, incl	0.25	0.25	
	Over 1.05–1.60, incl	0.30	0.30	
	Over 1.60–1.75, incl	^c	0.35	
	Over 1.75–2.10, incl	^c	0.40	
	Over 2.10–3.99, incl	^c	0.50	
	To 0.10, incl	0.05	0.05	
	Over 0.10–0.20, incl	0.07	0.07	
Molybdenum	Over 0.20–0.50, incl	0.10	0.10	
	Over 0.50–0.80, incl	0.15	0.15	
	Over 0.80–1.15, incl	0.20	0.20	
	To 0.50, incl	0.20	0.20	
	Over 0.50–1.00, incl	0.30	0.30	
Tungsten	Over 1.00–2.00, incl	0.50	0.50	
	Over 2.00–4.00, incl	0.60	0.60	
	To 0.25, incl	0.05	0.05	
	Over 0.25–0.50, incl	0.10	0.10	
Vanadium	Over 0.50–0.80, incl	0.15	0.15	
	Over 0.80–1.30, incl	0.25	0.25	
	Over 1.30–1.80, incl	0.35	0.35	
	Over 1.80–2.00, incl	0.45	0.45	
	To 0.10, incl	0.05	0.05	
Aluminum	Over 0.10–0.20, incl	0.10	0.10	
	Over 0.20–0.30, incl	0.15	0.15	
	Over 0.30–0.80, incl	0.25	0.25	
	Over 0.80–1.30, incl	0.35	0.35	
	Over 1.30–1.80, incl	0.45	0.45	
Copper	To 0.60, incl	0.20	0.20	
	Over 0.60–1.50, incl	0.30	0.30	
	Over 1.50–2.00, incl	0.35	0.35	

^A Applies to only nonrephosphorized and nonresulfurized steels.

^B Minimum silicon limit for acid open-hearth or acid electric-furnace alloy steels is 0.15 %.

^C Not normally produced in open-hearth.

TABLE 5 Permissible Variations for Product Analysis of Carbon Steel

Element	Limit, or Maximum of Specified Range, %	Over Maximum Limit, %	Under Minimum Limit, %
Carbon ^A	0.25 and under	0.02	0.02
	over 0.25 to 0.55, incl	0.03	0.03
	over 0.55	0.04	0.04
Manganese	0.90 and under	0.03	0.03
	over 0.90 to 1.65, incl	0.06	0.06
Phosphorus ^{A,B}	basic steels	0.008	...
	acid bessemer steel	0.01	0.01
Sulfur ^{A,B}		0.008	...
Silicon	0.35 and under	0.02	0.02
	over 0.35 to 0.60, incl	0.05	0.05
Copper	under minimum only	...	0.02
Lead ^C	0.15 to 0.35, incl	0.03	0.03

^A Rimmed and capped steels are not subject to rejection on product analysis unless misapplication is clearly indicated.

^B Resulturized or rephosphorized steels are not subject to rejection on product analysis for these elements unless misapplication is clearly indicated.

^C Product analysis tolerance for lead applies both over and under to a specified range of 0.15 to 0.35 %.

TABLE 6 Permissible Variations for Product Analysis of Alloy Steel

Elements	Limit, or Maximum of Specified Range, %	Permissible Variations Over Maximum Limit or Under Minimum Limit, %
Carbon	0.30 and under	0.01
	over 0.30 to 0.75, incl	0.02
	over 0.75	0.03
Manganese	0.90 and under	0.03
	over 0.90 to 2.10, incl	0.04
Phosphorus	over maximum only	0.005
Sulfur	0.060 and under	0.005
Silicon	0.40 and under	0.02
	over 0.40 to 2.20, incl	0.05
	1.00 and under	0.03
Nickel	over 1.00 to 2.00, incl	0.05
	over 2.00 to 5.30, incl	0.07
	over 5.30 to 10.00, incl	0.10
	0.90 and under	0.03
Chromium	over 0.90 to 2.10, incl	0.05
	over 2.10 to 3.99, incl	0.10
	0.20 and under	0.01
Molybdenum	over 0.20 to 0.40, incl	0.02
	over 0.40 to 1.15, incl	0.03
	0.10 and under	0.01
Vanadium	over 0.10 to 0.25, incl	0.02
	over 0.25 to 0.50, incl	0.03
	minimum value specified, under minimum limit only	0.01
	1.00 and under	0.04
Tungsten	over 1.00 to 4.00, incl	0.08
	0.10 and under	0.03
Aluminum	over 0.10 to 0.20, incl	0.04
	over 0.20 to 0.30, incl	0.05
	over 0.30 to 0.80, incl	0.07
	over 0.80 to 1.80, incl	0.10
	0.15 to 0.35, incl	0.03
Lead ^A	0.15 to 0.35, incl	0.03
Copper	to 1.00 incl	0.03
	over 1.00 to 2.00, incl	0.05

^A Product analysis tolerance for lead applies both over and under to a specified range of 0.15 to 0.35 %.

6. Mechanical Property Requirements

6.1 Test Specimens:

6.1.1 *Selection*—Test specimens shall be selected in accordance with the requirements of the applicable product specification or in accordance with Supplement I of the latest issue of Test Methods and Definitions A 370A 370, in the sequence named.

6.1.2 *Preparation*—Unless otherwise specified in the applicable product specification, test specimens shall be prepared in accordance with the latest issue of Test Methods and Definitions A 370A 370, and especially Supplement I thereof.

6.2 *Methods of Mechanical Testing*—All mechanical tests shall be conducted in accordance with the latest issue of Test Methods and Definitions A 370A 370, and especially Supplement I thereof, on steel bar products.

6.3 *Retests*:

6.3.1 If any test specimen shows defective machining or develops flaws, the specimen may be discarded and another substituted.

6.3.2 If the percentage elongation of any tension specimen is less than that specified and any part of the fracture is more than 3/4 in. [20 mm] from the center of a 2-in. [50-mm] specimen, or is outside the middle half of the gage length of an 8-in. [200-mm] specimen as indicated by scribe scratches marked on the specimen before testing, a retest shall be allowed.

6.3.3 For “as-wrought” material, if the results for any original tension specimen are within 2000 psi [14 MPa] of the required tensile strength, within 1000 psi [7 MPa] of the required yield point, or within 2 % of the required elongation, retesting shall be permitted. If the original testing required only one test, the retest shall consist of two random tests from the heat or lot involved. If the original testing required two tests of which one failed by the amounts listed in this paragraph, the retest shall be made on one random test from the heat or lot. If the results on the retest specimen or specimens meet the specified requirements, the heat or test lot will be accepted. If the results of one retest specimen do not meet the specified requirements, the material is subject to rejection.

6.3.4 For thermally treated bars, if the results of the mechanical tests do not conform to the requirements specified, two more tests may be selected for each bar failing, and each of these retests shall conform to the requirements of the product specification.

6.3.5 If a bend specimen fails, due to conditions of bending more severe than required by the specification, a retest shall be permitted from the heat or test lot involved for which one random specimen for each original specimen showing failure shall be used. If the results on the retest specimen meet the requirements of the specification, the heat or test lot will be accepted.

7. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

7.1 *Hot-Wrought Bars*—The permissible variations for dimensions of hot-wrought carbon and alloy steel bars shall not exceed the applicable limits stated in Annex A1 for inch-pound values and Annex A2 for metric values.

7.2 *Cold-Finished Bars*—The permissible variations for dimensions of cold-finished carbon and alloy steel bars shall not exceed the applicable limits stated in Annex A1 for inch-pound values and Annex A2 for metric values.

8. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

8.1 The material shall be free of injurious defects and shall have a workmanlike finish.

9. Rework and Retreatment

9.1 For thermally treated bars only, the manufacturer may retreat a lot one or more times, and retests shall be made in the same manner as the original tests. Each such retest shall conform to the requirements specified.

10. Inspection

10.1 The inspector representing the purchaser shall have entry, at all times while work on the contract of the purchaser is being performed, to all parts of the manufacturer's works that concern the manufacture of the material ordered. The manufacturer shall afford the inspector all reasonable facilities to satisfy him that the material is being furnished in accordance with this specification. All tests (except product analysis) and inspection shall be made at the place of manufacture prior to shipment, unless otherwise specified, and shall be so conducted as not to interfere unnecessarily with the operation of the works.

10.2 All required tests and inspection shall be made by the manufacturer prior to shipment.

11. Rejection

11.1 Unless otherwise specified, any rejection because of noncompliance to the requirements of the specification shall be reported by the purchaser to the manufacturer within 30 working days after receipt of samples.

11.2 Material that shows imperfections capable of adversely affecting processibility subsequent to its acceptance at the purchaser's works will be rejected, and the manufacturer shall be notified.

12. Rehearing

12.1 Samples that represent rejected material shall be preserved for two weeks from the date rejection is reported to the

manufacturer. In case of dissatisfaction with the results of the tests, the manufacturer may make claim for a rehearing within that time.

13. Product Marking

13.1 *Civilian Procurement*—Bars of all sizes, when loaded for shipment, shall be properly identified with the name or brand of manufacturer, purchaser's name and order number, the ASTM designation (year date is not required), grade number where appropriate, size and length, weight of lift, and the heat number for identification. Unless otherwise specified, the method of marking is at the manufacturer's option and may be made by hot stamping, cold stamping, painting, or marking tags attached to the lifts of bars.

13.1.1 Bar code marking may be used as an auxiliary method of identification. Such bar-code markings shall be of the 3-of-9 type and shall conform to AIAG B1. When barcoded tags are used, they shall conform to AIAG B5.

13.2 *Government Procurement*:

13.2.1 Marking for shipment shall be in accordance with the requirements specified in the contract or order and shall be in accordance with **MIL-STD-163** for military agencies and in accordance with **Fed. Std. No. 123** for civil agencies.

13.2.2 For government procurement by the Defense Supply Agency, the bars shall be continuously marked for identification in accordance with **Fed. Std. No. 183**.

14. Packaging

14.1 *Civilian Procurement*—Unless otherwise specified, the bars shall be packaged and loaded in accordance with Practices **A 700A 700**.

14.2 *Government Procurement*—**MIL-STD-163** shall apply when packaging is specified in the contract or order, or when Level A for preservation, packaging, and packing is specified for direct procurement by or direct shipment to the government.

15. Keywords

15.1 alloy steel bars; carbon steel bars; cold finished steel bars; general delivery requirements; hot wrought steel bars; steel bars

SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

The following supplementary requirements shall apply only when specified by the purchaser in the contract or order.

S1. Flat Bar Thickness Tolerances

S1.1 When flat bars are specified in metric units to a thickness under tolerance of 0.3 mm, the thickness tolerance of

Table S1.1 shall apply.