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Standard Specification for Precipitation Hardening Iron Base Superalloy Bars, Forgings, and Forging Stock for High-Temperature Service¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification² covers hot-finished or cold-finished precipitation hardening iron base superalloy bars, forgings, and forging stock for high-temperature service. The mechanical properties of these alloys are developed by suitable solution treating and precipitation hardening treatments.

1.2 Two grades of iron base alloy are covered. Selection will depend upon design, service conditions, mechanical properties, and elevated temperature characteristics.

1.3 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI (metric) units are to be regarded separately as standards; within the text and tables, the SI units are shown in [brackets]. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independent of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

1.4 Unless the order specifies an “M” designation, the material shall be furnished to inch-pound units.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:³

[A484/A484M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Bars, Billets, and Forgings](#)

[A751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products](#)

[E30 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Steel, Cast Iron, Open-Hearth Iron, and Wrought Iron](#)⁴

[E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System \(UNS\)](#)

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-638 in Section II of that Code.

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.

⁴ Withdrawn.

3. Ordering Information

3.1 It is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for material ordered under this specification. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, the following:

3.1.1 Quantity (weight or number of pieces),

3.1.2 Name of material (precipitation hardening iron base superalloy),

3.1.3 Form (bars, forgings, and forging stock),

3.1.4 Dimensions (in the case of rough or finished forgings the order shall be accompanied by a print or drawing or otherwise adequately described as to the shape and dimension),

3.1.5 Grade designation ([Table 1](#)),

3.1.6 Condition ([Section 5](#)),

3.1.7 Finish ([Section 3](#)),

3.1.8 Mechanical requirements ([Section 8](#)),

3.1.9 ASTM designation, and

3.1.10 Special requirements.

4. General Requirements

4.1 In addition to the requirements of this specification, all requirements of the current edition of Specification [A484/A484M](#) shall apply. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification [A484/A484M](#) constitutes nonconformance with this specification.

5. Condition

5.1 The product forms covered in this specification may be furnished in one of the following conditions:

5.1.1 Hot-finished,

5.1.2 Solution treated (Grade 660 only—Type 1 or Type 2 solution treatment as specified),

5.1.3 Solution and precipitation treated (Grade 660 only—Type 1 or Type 2 solution treatment as specified), or

5.1.4 Other as specified.

6. Heat Treatment

6.1 Samples cut from bars, forgings, or a sample forged from the forging stock shall conform to the mechanical properties of [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) when heat treated as prescribed in [Table 3](#).