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Standard Specification for Structural Carbon Steel Plates of Improved Toughness[1]

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers structural quality carbon-manganese-silicon steel plates in three tensile strength ranges intended primarily for service at atmospheric temperatures where improved notch toughness is important.

1.2 Plates covered by this specification are limited to a maximum thickness of 1.5 in. [40 mm].

1.3 If the steel is to be welded, it is presupposed that a welding procedure suitable for the grade of steel and intended use or service will be utilized. See Appendix X 3 of Specification A6/A6M for information on weldability.

1.4 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system is to be used independently of the other without combining values in any way.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

A6/A6M Specification for General Requirements for Rolled Structural Steel Bars, Plates, Shapes, and Sheet Piling

3. General Requirements for Delivery

3.1 Plates furnished under this specification shall conform to the requirements of the current edition of Specification A6/A6M, unless a conflict exists in which case this specification shall prevail.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements (Heat Analysis)

	Composition, %		
	Grade 58 [400]	Grade 65 [450]	Grade 70 [485]
Carbon, max:			
½ in. [13 mm] and under	0.23	0.24	0.27
Over ½ in. [13 mm] to 1½ in., [40 mm], incl	0.23	0.26	0.28
Manganese[A]	0.60–0.90	0.85–1.20	0.85–1.20
Phosphorus, max	0.035	0.035	0.035
Sulfur, max	0.04	0.04	0.04
Silicon	0.10–0.35	0.15–0.40	0.15–0.40

[A] For each reduction of 0.01 percentage point below the specified maximum for carbon, an increase of 0.06 percentage points above the specified maximum for manganese is permitted, up to a maximum of 1.50 % for Grades 58 and 65; and up to a maximum of 1.60 % for Grade 70.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The steel shall be made to fine grain practice.

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The heat analysis shall conform to the requirements given in Table 1.

5.2 The product analysis shall conform to the requirements given in Table 1 subject to the product analysis tolerances in Specification A6/A6M.

6. Tension Test

6.1 The plates, as represented by the tension test specimens, shall conform to the tensile requirements given in Table 2.

7. Keywords

7.1 carbon steel; plates; structural steel; toughness; welded construction

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[2] 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.

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