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# Standard Specification for Forged or Rolled Alloy and Stainless Steel Pipe Flanges, Forged Fittings, and Valves and Parts for High-Temperature Service<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification<sup>2</sup> covers forged low alloy and stainless steel piping components for use in pressure systems. Included are flanges, fittings, valves, and similar parts to specified dimensions or to dimensional standards, such as the ASME specifications that are referenced in Section 2.

1.2 For bars and products machined directly from bar, refer to Specifications A 479/A 479M and A 739 for the similar grades available in those specifications. Products made to this specification are limited to a maximum weight of 10 000 lb [4540 kg]. For larger products and products for other applications, refer to Specifications A 336/A 336M and A 965/A 965M for the similar ferritic and austenitic grades, respectively, available in those specifications.

1.3 Several grades of low alloy steels and ferritic, martensitic, austenitic, and ferritic-austenitic stainless steels are included in this specification. Selection will depend upon design and service requirements.

1.4 Supplementary requirements are provided for use when additional testing or inspection is desired. These shall apply only when specified individually by the purchaser in the order.

1.5 This specification is expressed in both inch-pound units and in SI units. However, unless the order specifies the applicable “M” specification designation (SI units), the material shall be furnished to inch-pound units.

1.6 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately 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.

<sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee A01 on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee A01.22 on Steel Forgings and Wrought Fittings for Piping Applications and Bolting Materials for Piping and Special Purpose Applications.

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<sup>2</sup> For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-182 in Section II of that Code.

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 In addition to the referenced documents listed in Specification A 961/A 961M, the following list of standards apply to this specification.

2.2 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>3</sup>

A 234/A 234M Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Moderate and High Temperature Service

A 262 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Austenitic Stainless Steels

A 275/A 275M Test Method for Magnetic Particle Examination of Steel Forgings

A 336/A 336M Specification for Alloy Steel Forgings for Pressure and High-Temperature Parts

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

A 403/A 403M Specification for Wrought Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping Fittings

A 479/A 479M Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes for Use in Boilers and Other Pressure Vessels

A 484/A 484M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Bars, Billets, and Forgings

A 739 Specification for Steel Bars, Alloy, Hot-Wrought, for Elevated Temperature or Pressure-Containing Parts, or Both

A 763 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Ferritic Stainless Steels

A 788 Specification for Steel Forgings, General Requirements

A 961/A 961M Specification for Common Requirements for Steel Flanges, Forged Fittings, Valves, and Parts for Piping Applications

A 965/A 965M Specification for Steel Forgings, Austenitic, for Pressure and High Temperature Parts

E 112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size

<sup>3</sup> 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.



E 165 Test Method for Liquid Penetrant Examination  
E 340 Test Method for Macroetching Metals and Alloys  
2.3 ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Codes:<sup>4</sup>

### Section IX Welding Qualifications

SFA-5.4 Specification for Corrosion-Resisting Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Steel Covered Welding Electrodes

SFA-5.5 Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Covered Arc-Welding Electrodes

SFA-5.9 Specification for Corrosion-Resisting Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Steel Welding Rods and Bare Electrodes

SFA-5.11 Specification for Nickel and Nickel-Alloy Covered Welding Electrodes

## 3. Ordering Information

3.1 It is the purchaser's responsibility to specify in the purchase order information necessary to purchase the needed material. In addition to the ordering information guidelines in Specification A 961/A 961M, orders should include the following information:

3.1.1 Additional requirements (see 6.2.1, Table 2 footnotes, 8.3, and 17.2), and

3.1.2 Requirement, if any, that manufacturer shall submit drawings for approval showing the shape of the rough forging before machining and the exact location of test specimen material (see 8.3.1).

## 4. General Requirements

4.1 Product furnished to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Specification A 961/A 961M, including any supplementary requirements that are indicated in the purchase order. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification A 961/A 961M constitutes nonconformance with this specification. In case of conflict between the requirements of this specification and Specification A 961/A 961M, this specification shall prevail.

## 5. Manufacture

5.1 The low-alloy ferritic steels shall be made by the open-hearth, electric-furnace, or basic-oxygen process with the option of separate degassing and refining processes in each case.

5.2 The stainless steels shall be melted by one of the following processes: (a) electric-furnace (with the option of separate degassing and refining processes); (b) vacuum-furnace; or (c) one of the former followed by vacuum or electroslag-consumable remelting. Grade F XM-27Cb may be produced by electron-beam melting.

5.3 A sufficient discard shall be made to secure freedom from injurious piping and undue segregation.

5.4 The material shall be forged as close as practicable to the specified shape and size. Except for flanges of any type, forged or rolled bar may be used without additional hot

working for small cylindrically shaped parts within the limits defined by Specification A 234/A 234M for low alloy steels and martensitic stainless steels and Specification A 403/A 403M for austenitic and ferritic-austenitic stainless steels. Elbows, return bends, tees, and header tees shall not be machined directly from bar stock.

5.5 Except as provided for in 5.4, the finished product shall be a forging as defined in the Terminology section of Specification A 788.

## 6. Heat Treatment<sup>5</sup>

6.1 After hot working, forgings shall be cooled to a temperature below 1000 °F [538 °C] prior to heat treating in accordance with the requirements of Table 1.

6.2 *Low Alloy Steels and Ferritic and Martensitic Stainless Steels*—The low alloy steels and ferritic and martensitic stainless steels shall be heat treated in accordance with the requirements of 6.1 and Table 1.

6.2.1 *Liquid Quenching*—When agreed to by the purchaser, liquid quenching followed by tempering shall be permitted provided the temperatures in Table 1 for each grade are utilized.

6.2.1.1 *Marking*—Parts that are liquid quenched and tempered shall be marked “QT.”

6.2.2 Alternatively, Grade F 1, F 2, and F 12, Classes 1 and 2 may be given a heat treatment of 1200 °F [650 °C] minimum after final hot or cold forming.

6.3 *Austenitic and Ferritic-Austenitic Stainless Steels*—The austenitic and ferritic-austenitic stainless steels shall be heat treated in accordance with the requirements of 6.1 and Table 1.

6.3.1 Alternatively, immediately following hot working, while the temperature of the forging is not less than the minimum solutioning temperature specified in Table 1, forgings made from austenitic grades (except grades F 304H, F 316H, F 321, F 321H, F 347, F 347H, F 348, and F 348H) may be individually rapidly quenched in accordance with the requirements of Table 1.

6.3.2 See Supplementary Requirement S8 if a particular heat treatment method is to be employed.

6.4 *Time of Heat Treatment*—Heat treatment of forgings may be performed before machining.

6.5 *Forged or Rolled Bar*—Forged or rolled austenitic stainless bar from which small cylindrically shaped parts are to be machined, as permitted by 5.4, and the parts machined from such bar, without heat treatment after machining, shall be furnished to the annealing requirements of Specification A 479/A 479M or this specification, with subsequent light cold drawing and straightening permitted (see Supplementary Requirement S3 if annealing must be the final operation).

<sup>4</sup> Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Three Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016-5990.

<sup>5</sup> A solution annealing temperature above 1950 °F [1065 °C] may impair the resistance to intergranular corrosion after subsequent exposure to sensitizing conditions in F 321, F 321H, F 347, F 347H, F 348, and F 348H. When specified by the purchaser, a lower temperature stabilization or resolution annealing shall be used subsequent to the initial high temperature solution anneal (see Supplementary Requirement S10).



TABLE 1 Heat Treating Requirements

| Grade                        | Heat Treat Type                           | Austenitizing/Solutioning Temperature, Minimum or Range, °F [°C] <sup>A</sup> | Cooling Media                  | Quenching Cool Below °F [°C] | Tempering Temperature, Minimum or Range, °F [°C] |
|------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Low Alloy Steels             |   |   |                                |                              |  |
| F 1                          | anneal                                    | 1650 [900]  | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | 1650 [900]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1150 [620]                                       |
| F 2                          | anneal                                    | 1650 [900]  | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | 1650 [900]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1150 [620]                                       |
| F 5, F 5a                    | anneal                                    | 1750 [955]  | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | 1750 [955]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1250 [675]                                       |
| F 9                          | anneal                                    | 1750 [955]  | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | 1750 [955]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1250 [675]                                       |
| F 10                         | solution treat and quench                 | 1900 [1040]   | liquid                         | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 91                         | normalize and temper                      | 1900-1975 [1040-1080]   | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1350-1470 [730-800]                              |
| F 92                         | normalize and temper                      | 1900-1975 [1040-1080]   | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1350-1470 [730-800]                              |
| F 122                        | normalize and temper                      | 1900-1975 [1040-1080]   | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1350-1470 [730-800]                              |
| F 911                        | normalize and temper                      | 1900-1975 [1040-1080]   | air cool or liquid             | <i>B</i>                     | 1365-1435 [740-780]                              |
| F 11, Class 1, 2, 3          | anneal                                    | 1650 [900]  | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | 1650 [900]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1150 [620]                                       |
| F 12, Class 1, 2             | anneal                                    | 1650 [900]  | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | 1650 [900]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1150 [620]                                       |
| F 21, F 3V, and F 3VCb       | anneal                                    | 1750 [955]  | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | 1750 [955]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1250 [675]                                       |
| F 22, Class 1, 3             | anneal                                    | 1650 [900]  | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | 1650 [900]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1250 [675]                                       |
| F 22V                        | normalize and temper or quench and temper | 1650 [900]  | air cool or liquid             | <i>B</i>                     | 1250 [675]                                       |
| F 23                         | normalize and temper                      | 1900-1975 [1040-1080]   | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1350-1470 [730-800]                              |
|                              |   |   | accelerated cool               |                              |  |
| F 24                         | normalize and temper                      | 1800-1975 [980-1080]  | air cool or liquid             | <i>B</i>                     | 1350-1470 [730-800]                              |
| FR                           | anneal                                    | 1750 [955]  | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize                                 | 1750 [955]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | 1750 [955]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1250 [675]                                       |
| F 36, Class 1                | normalize and temper                      | 1650 [900]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1100 [595]                                       |
| F 36, Class 2                | normalize and temper                      | 1650 [900]  | air cool                       | <i>B</i>                     | 1100 [595]                                       |
|                              | quench and temper                         | 1650 [900]  | accelerated air cool or liquid |                              | 1100 [595]                                       |
| Martensitic Stainless Steels |   |   |                                |                              |  |
| F 6a Class 1                 | anneal                                    | not specified   | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | not specified   | air cool                       | 400 [205]                    | 1325 [725]                                       |
|                              | temper                                    | not required  |                                | <i>B</i>                     | 1325 [725]                                       |
| F 6a Class 2                 | anneal                                    | not specified   | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | not specified   | air cool                       | 400 [205]                    | 1250 [675]                                       |
|                              | temper                                    | not required  |                                | <i>B</i>                     | 1250 [675]                                       |
| F 6a Class 3                 | anneal                                    | not specified   | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | not specified   | air cool                       | 400 [205]                    | 1100 [595]                                       |
| F 6a Class 4                 | anneal                                    | not specified   | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | not specified   | air cool                       | 400 [205]                    | 1000 [540]                                       |
| F 6b                         | anneal                                    | 1750 [955]  | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
|                              | normalize and temper                      | 1750 [955]  | air cool                       | 400 [205]                    | 1150 [620]                                       |
| F 6NM                        | normalize and temper                      | 1850 [1010]   | air cool                       | 200 [95]                     | 1040-1120 [560-600]                              |
| Ferritic Stainless Steels    |   |   |                                |                              |  |
| F XM-27 Cb                   | anneal                                    | 1850 [1010]   | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
| F 429                        | anneal                                    | 1850 [1010]   | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |
| F 430                        | anneal                                    | not specified   | furnace cool                   | <i>B</i>                     | <i>B</i>   |



TABLE 1 Continued

| Grade                                | Heat Treat Type           | Austenitizing/Solutioning Temperature, Minimum or Range, °F [°C] <sup>A</sup> | Cooling Media | Quenching Cool Below °F [°C] | Tempering Temperature, Minimum or Range, °F [°C] |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------|--|
| Austenitic Stainless Steels          |                           |   |               |                              |  |
| F 304                                | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 304H                               | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 304L                               | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 304N                               | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 304LN                              | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 309H                               | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 310                                | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 310H                               | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 310MoLN                            | solution treat and quench | 1900–2010 [1050–1100]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 316                                | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 316H                               | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 316L                               | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 316N                               | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 316LN                              | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 317                                | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 317L                               | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 347                                | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 347H                               | solution treat and quench | 2000 [1095]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 348                                | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 348H                               | solution treat and quench | 2000 [1095]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 321                                | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 321H                               | solution treat and quench | 2000 [1095]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F XM-11                              | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F XM-19                              | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 20                                 | solution treat and quench | 1700–1850 [925–1010]  | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 44                                 | solution treat and quench | 2100 [1150]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 45                                 | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 46                                 | solution treat and quench | 2010–2140 [1100–1140]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 47                                 | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 48                                 | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 49                                 | solution treat and quench | 2050 [1120]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 56                                 | solution treat and quench | 2050–2160 [1120–1180]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 58                                 | solution treat and quench | 2085 [1140]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 62                                 | solution treat and quench | 2025 [1105]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 63                                 | solution treat and quench | 1900 [1040]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 64                                 | solution treat and quench | 2010–2140 [1100–1170]   | liquid        | 500 [250]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 904L                               | solution treat and quench | 1920–2100 [1050–1150]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| Ferritic-Austenitic Stainless Steels |                           |   |               |                              |  |
| F 50                                 | solution treat and quench | 1925 [1050]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 51                                 | solution treat and quench | 1870 [1020]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 52 <sup>C</sup>                    |                           |   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 53                                 | solution treat and quench | 1880 [1025]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 54                                 | solution treat and quench | 1920–2060 [1050–1125]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 55                                 | solution treat and quench | 2010–2085 [1100–1140]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 57                                 | solution treat and quench | 1940 [1060]   | liquid        | 175 [80]                     | <i>B</i>   |
| F 59                                 | solution treat and quench | 1975–2050 [1080–1120]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 60                                 | solution treat and quench | 1870 [1020]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |
| F 61                                 | solution treat and quench | 1920–2060 [1050–1125]   | liquid        | 500 [260]                    | <i>B</i>   |

<sup>A</sup> Minimum unless temperature range is listed.

<sup>B</sup> Not applicable.

<sup>C</sup> Grade F 52 shall be solution treated at 1825 to 1875 °F [995 to 1025 °C] 30 min/in. of thickness and water quenched.

## 7. Chemical Composition

7.1 A chemical heat analysis in accordance with Specification A 961/A 961M shall be made and conform to the chemical composition prescribed in Table 2.

7.2 Grades to which lead, selenium, or other elements are added for the purpose of rendering the material free-machining shall not be used.

7.3 Starting material produced to a specification that specifically requires the addition of any element beyond those listed in Table 2 for the applicable grade of material is not permitted.

7.4 Steel grades covered in this specification shall not contain an unspecified element, other than nitrogen in stainless steels, for the ordered grade to the extent that the steel conforms to the requirements of another grade for which that element is a specified element having a required minimum content. For this requirement, a grade is defined as an alloy described individually and identified by its own UNS designation or Grade designation and identification symbol in Table 2.

7.5 *Product Analysis*—The purchaser may make a product analysis on products supplied to this specification in accordance with Specification A 961/A 961M.



## 8. Mechanical Properties

8.1 The material shall conform to the requirements as to mechanical properties for the grade ordered as listed in [Table 3](#).

8.2 Mechanical test specimens shall be obtained from production forgings, or from separately forged test blanks prepared from the stock used to make the finished product. In either case, mechanical test specimens shall not be removed until after all heat treatment is complete. If repair welding is required, test specimens shall not be removed until after post-weld heat treatment is complete, except for ferritic grades when the post-weld heat treatment is conducted at least 50 °F [30 °C] below the actual tempering temperature. When test blanks are used, they shall receive approximately the same working as the finished product. The test blanks shall be heat treated with the finished product and shall approximate the maximum cross section of the forgings they represent.

8.3 For normalized and tempered, or quenched and tempered forgings, the central axis of the test specimen shall correspond to the  $\frac{1}{4} T$  plane or deeper position where  $T$  is the maximum heat-treated thickness of the represented forging. In addition, for quenched and tempered forgings, the mid-length of the test specimen shall be at least  $T$  from any second heat-treated surface. When the section thickness does not permit this positioning, the test specimen shall be positioned as near as possible to the prescribed location, as agreed to by the purchaser and the supplier.

8.3.1 With prior purchase approval, the test specimen for ferritic steel forgings may be taken at a depth ( $t$ ) corresponding to the distance from the area of significant stress to the nearest heat-treated surface and at least twice this distance ( $2t$ ) from any second surface. However, the test depth shall not be nearer to one treated surface than  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. [19 mm] and to the second treated surface than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. [38 mm]. This method of test specimen location would normally apply to contour-forged parts, or parts with thick cross-sectional areas where  $\frac{1}{4} T \times T$  testing (see [8.3](#)) is not practical. Sketches showing the exact test locations shall be approved by the purchaser when this method is used.

8.3.2 *Metal Buffers*—The required distances from heat-treated surfaces may be obtained with metal buffers instead of integral extensions. Buffer material may be carbon or low-alloy steel, and shall be joined to the forging with a partial penetration weld that seals the buffered surface. Specimens shall be located at  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. [13-mm] minimum from the buffered surface of the forging. Buffers shall be removed and the welded areas subjected to magnetic particle test to ensure freedom from cracks unless the welded areas are completely removed by subsequent machining.

8.4 For annealed low alloy steels, ferritic stainless steels, and martensitic stainless steels, and also for austenitic and ferritic-austenitic stainless steels, the test specimen may be taken from any convenient location.

### 8.5 Tension Tests:

8.5.1 *Low Alloy Steels and Ferritic and Martensitic Stainless Steels*—One tension test shall be made for each heat in each heat treatment charge.

8.5.1.1 When the heat-treating cycles are the same and the furnaces (either batch or continuous type) are controlled within  $\pm 25$  °F [ $\pm 14$  °C] and equipped with recording pyrometers so that complete records of heat treatment are available, then only one tension test from each heat of each forging type (see [Note 1](#)) and section size is required, instead of one test from each heat in each heat-treatment charge.

NOTE 1—“Type” in this case is used to describe the forging shape such as a flange, ell, tee, and the like.

8.5.2 *Austenitic and Ferritic-Austenitic Stainless Steel Grades*—One tension test shall be made for each heat.

8.5.2.1 When heat treated in accordance with [6.1](#), the test blank or forging used to provide the test specimen shall be heat treated with a finished forged product.

8.5.2.2 When the alternative method in [6.3.1](#) is used, the test blank or forging used to provide the test specimen shall be forged and quenched under the same processing conditions as the forgings they represent.

8.5.3 Testing shall be performed in accordance with Test Methods and Definitions [A 370](#) using the largest feasible of the round specimens. The gage length for measuring elongation shall be four times the diameter of the test section.

### 8.6 Hardness Tests:

8.6.1 Except when only one forging is produced, a minimum of two pieces per batch or continuous run as defined in [8.6.2](#) shall be hardness tested in accordance with Test Methods and Definitions [A 370](#) to ensure that the forgings are within the hardness limits given for each grade in [Table 3](#). The purchaser may verify that the requirement has been met by testing at any location on the forging provided such testing does not render the forging useless.

8.6.2 When the reduced number of tension tests permitted by [8.5.1.1](#) is applied, additional hardness tests shall be made on forgings or samples, as defined in [8.2](#), scattered throughout the load (see [Note 2](#)). At least eight samples shall be checked from each batch load, and at least one check per hour shall be made from a continuous run. When the furnace batch is less than eight forgings, each forging shall be checked. If any check falls outside the prescribed limits, the entire lot of forgings shall be reheated and the requirements of [8.5.1](#) shall apply.

NOTE 2—The tension test required in [8.5.1](#) is used to determine material capability and conformance in addition to verifying the adequacy of the heat-treatment cycle. Additional hardness tests in accordance with [8.6.2](#) are required when [8.5.1.1](#) is applied to ensure the prescribed heat-treating cycle and uniformity throughout the load.

8.7 *Notch Toughness Requirements*—Grades F 3V, F 3VCb, and F 22V.

8.7.1 Impact test specimens shall be Charpy V-notch Type, as shown in Fig. 11a of Test Methods and Definitions [A 370](#). The usage of subsize specimens due to material limitations must have prior purchaser approval.

TABLE 2 Chemical Requirements<sup>A</sup>

| Identification Symbol | UNS Designation | Grade  | Composition, % |           |            |        |           |           |             |            |             |  |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--|----------------|-----------|------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|--|
|                       |                 |  | Carbon         | Manganese | Phosphorus | Sulfur | Silicon   | Nickel    | Chromium    | Molybdenum | Columbium   | Titanium   |
| Low Alloy Steels      |                 |  |                |           |            |        |           |           |             |            |             |  |
| F 1                   | K12822          | carbon-molybdenum  | 0.28           | 0.60–0.90 | 0.045      | 0.045  | 0.15–0.35 |           |             |            | 0.44–0.65   |  |
| F 2 <sup>B</sup>      | K12122          | 0.5 % chromium, 0.5 % molybdenum   | 0.05–0.21      | 0.30–0.80 | 0.040      | 0.040  | 0.10–0.60 |           |             | 0.50–0.81  | 0.44–0.65   |  |
| F 5 <sup>C</sup>      | K41545          | 4 to 6 % chromium  | 0.15           | 0.30–0.60 | 0.030      | 0.030  | 0.50      | 0.50      | 4.0–6.0     |            | 0.44–0.65   |  |
| F 5a <sup>C</sup>     | K42544          | 4 to 6 % chromium  | 0.25           | 0.60      | 0.040      | 0.030  | 0.50      | 0.50      | 4.0–6.0     |            | 0.44–0.65   |  |
| F 9                   | K90941          | 9 % chromium   | 0.15           | 0.30–0.60 | 0.030      | 0.030  | 0.50–1.00 |           | 8.0–10.0    |            | 0.90–1.10   |  |
| F 10                  | S33100          | 20 nickel, 8 chromium  | 0.10–0.20      | 0.50–0.80 | 0.040      | 0.030  | 1.00–1.40 | 19.0–22.0 | 7.0–9.0     |            |             |  |
| F 91                  | K90901          | 9 % chromium, 1 % molybdenum, 0.2 % vanadium plus columbium and nitrogen                                     | 0.08–0.12      | 0.30–0.60 | 0.020      | 0.010  | 0.20–0.50 | 0.40      | 8.0–9.5     | 0.85–1.05  | 0.06–0.10   | N 0.03–0.07<br>Al 0.04<br>V 0.18–0.25  |
| F 92                  | K92460          | 9 % chromium, 1.8 % tungsten, 0.2 % vanadium plus columbium  | 0.07–0.13      | 0.30–0.60 | 0.020      | 0.010  | 0.50      | 0.40      | 8.50–9.50   | 0.30–0.60  | 0.04–0.09   | V 0.15–0.25<br>N<br>0.030–0.070<br>Al 0.04<br>W 1.50–2.00<br>B<br>0.001–0.006      |
| F 122                 | K91271          | 11 % chromium, 2 % tungsten, 0.2 % vanadium, plus molybdenum, columbium, copper, nickel, nitrogen, and boron | 0.07–0.14      | 0.70      | 0.020      | 0.010  | 0.50      | 0.50      | 10.00–12.50 | 0.25–0.60  | 0.04–0.10   | V 0.15–0.30<br>B 0.005<br>N 0.040–0.100<br>Al 0.040<br>Cu 0.30–1.70<br>W 1.50–2.50 |
| F 911                 | K91061          | 9 % chromium, 1 % molybdenum, 0.2 % vanadium plus columbium and nitrogen                                     | 0.09–0.13      | 0.30–0.60 | 0.020      | 0.010  | 0.10–0.50 | 0.40      | 8.5–9.5     | 0.90–1.10  | 0.060–0.10  | W 0.90–1.10<br>Al 0.04<br>N 0.04–0.09<br>V 0.18–0.25<br>B 0.0003–0.006             |
| F 11 Class 1          | K11597          | 1.25 % chromium, 0.5 % molybdenum  | 0.05–0.15      | 0.30–0.60 | 0.030      | 0.030  | 0.50–1.00 |           | 1.00–1.50   | 0.44–0.65  |             |  |
| F 11 Class 2          | K11572          | 1.25 % chromium, 0.5 % molybdenum  | 0.10–0.20      | 0.30–0.80 | 0.040      | 0.040  | 0.50–1.00 |           | 1.00–1.50   | 0.44–0.65  |             |  |
| F 11 Class 3          | K11572          | 1.25 % chromium, 0.5 % molybdenum  | 0.10–0.20      | 0.30–0.80 | 0.040      | 0.040  | 0.50–1.00 |           | 1.00–1.50   | 0.44–0.65  |             |  |
| F 12 Class 1          | K11562          | 1 % chromium, 0.5 % molybdenum   | 0.05–0.15      | 0.30–0.60 | 0.045      | 0.045  | 0.50 max  |           | 0.80–1.25   | 0.44–0.65  |             |  |
| F 12 Class 2          | K11564          | 1 % chromium, 0.5 % molybdenum   | 0.10–0.20      | 0.30–0.80 | 0.040      | 0.040  | 0.10–0.60 |           | 0.80–1.25   | 0.44–0.65  |             |  |
| F 21                  | K31545          | chromium-molybdenum  | 0.05–0.15      | 0.30–0.60 | 0.040      | 0.040  | 0.50 max  |           | 2.7–3.3     | 0.80–1.06  |             |  |
| F 3V                  | K31830          | 3 % chromium, 1 % molybdenum, 0.25 % vanadium plus boron and titanium  | 0.05–0.18      | 0.30–0.60 | 0.020      | 0.020  | 0.10      |           | 2.8–3.2     | 0.90–1.10  | 0.015–0.035 | V 0.20–0.30<br>B<br>0.001–0.003  |

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