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Standard Specification for Quenched-and-Tempered Carbon and High-Strength Low- Alloy Structural Steel Plates¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers quenched-and-tempered carbon steel and high-strength low-alloy steel plates of structural quality for welded, riveted, or bolted construction.

1.2 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 used.

1.3 Plates under this specification are available in four grades as follows:

Grade	Yield Strength, min, ksi [MPa]	Tensile Strength, ksi [MPa]	Maximum Thickness, in. [mm]
A	50 [345]	70–90 [485–620]	1½ [40]
B	60 [415]	80–100 [550–690]	2½ [65]
C	^A	^A	2 [50]
D	75 [515]	90–110 [620–760]	3 [75]

^AVaries with thickness. See Table 1.

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.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

- A6/A6M Specification for General Requirements for Rolled Structural Steel Bars, Plates, Shapes, and Sheet Piling
- A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

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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.

3. General Requirements for Delivery

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

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The requirements for fine austenitic grain size in Specification A6/A6M shall be met.

5. Heat Treatment

5.1 The plates shall be heat treated by heating to a temperature that produces an austenitic structure, but not exceeding 1700°F [925°C], holding a sufficient time to attain uniform heat throughout the material, quenching in a suitable medium, and tempering at not less than 1100°F [593°C]. The heat-treatment temperatures shall be reported in the test report.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The heat analysis shall conform to the requirements given in Table 2 for the applicable grade.

6.2 The product analysis shall conform to the requirements given in Table 2, subject to the product analysis tolerances in Specification A6/A6M.

7. Tension Test

7.1 The plates as represented by the test specimens shall conform to the requirements given in Table 1 specified for the applicable grade.

7.2 *Number of Tests*—One tension test shall be taken from a corner of each plate as heat treated.

8. Keywords

8.1 carbon; bolted construction; high-strength; low-alloy; plates; quenched; steel; structural steel; tempered; welded construction

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