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Standard Specification for Ni-Fe-Cr-Mo-Cu-N Low-Carbon Alloys (UNS N08925, UNS N08031, UNS N08354, and UNS N08926), and Cr-Ni-Fe-N Low-Carbon Alloy (UNS R20033) Bar and Wire, and Ni-Cr-Fe-Mo-N Alloy (UNS N08936) Wire¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers nickel-iron-chromium-molybdenum-copper-nitrogen alloys (UNS N08925, UNS N08031, UNS N08354, and UNS N08926), and chromium-nickel-iron-nitrogen low-carbon alloy (UNS R20033) bar and wire, and nickel-chromium-iron-molybdenum-nitrogen alloy (UNS N08936) wire.

1.2 ASTM International has adopted definitions whereby some grades, such as UNS N08904, previously in this specification were recognized as stainless steels, because those grades have iron as the largest element by mass percent. Such grades are under the oversight of ASTM Committee A01 and its subcommittees. The products of N08904 previously covered in this specification are now covered by Specifications A479/A479M and A484/A484M.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to become familiar with all hazards including those identified in the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for this product/material as provided by the manufacturer, to establish appropriate safety and health practices, and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

A479/A479M Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes for Use in Boilers and Other Pressure Vessels

A484/A484M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Bars, Billets, and Forgings

B880 Specification for General Requirements for Chemical Check Analysis Limits for Nickel, Nickel Alloys and Cobalt Alloys

E8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

E55 Practice for Sampling Wrought Nonferrous Metals and Alloys for Determination of Chemical Composition

E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)

E1473 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel, Cobalt, and High-Temperature Alloys

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *bars, n*—hot-finished rounds, squares, octagons, and hexagons: $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6.35 mm) and over in diameter or size. Hot-finished flats: $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to 10 in. (254 mm) inclusive in width, $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3.18 mm) and over in thickness. Cold-finished rounds, squares, octagons, hexagons, and shapes: over $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (12.70 mm) in diameter or size. Cold-finished flats: $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.52 mm) and over in width (see 3.1.1.1) and $\frac{1}{8}$ in. and over in thickness (see 3.1.1.2).

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—Widths less than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.52 mm) and thicknesses less than $\frac{3}{16}$ in. (4.76 mm) are described generally as flat wire.

3.1.1.2 *Discussion*—Thickness $\frac{1}{8}$ in. to under $\frac{3}{16}$ in. (3.18 mm to under 4.76 mm) can be cold-rolled strip as well as bar.

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.

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

3.1.2 *wire, n*—cold-finished only: round, square, octagon, hexagon, and shape wire, ½ in. (12.70 mm) and under in diameter or size. Cold-finished only: flat wire, ⅜ in. to under ⅝ in. (4.76 mm to under 9.52 mm) in width, 0.010 to under ⅜ in. (0.25 to under 4.76 mm) in thickness.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 It is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for material ordered to this specification. Examples of such requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 4.1.1 Quantity (weight or number of pieces),
- 4.1.2 Alloy name or UNS number,
- 4.1.3 Form (bar or wire),
- 4.1.4 Dimensions,
- 4.1.5 Finish (Section 9),
- 4.1.6 ASTM designation and year of issue,
- 4.1.7 Exceptions to the specification or special requirements, and
- 4.1.8 Certification (Section 16). State if certification is required.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 *Heat Treatment*—With the exception of UNS N08936, the material shall be supplied in the solution-treated condition except as noted in 5.2. UNS N08936 shall be supplied in the cold drawn condition.

NOTE 1—The recommended heat treatment shall consist of heating to a temperature of 2010 to 2100°F (1100 to 1150°C) followed by water quenching for UNS N08925, UNS N08031, 1975 to 2150°F (1080 to 1180°C) followed by water quenching or fast air cool for UNS N08354, and UNS N08926, or 2010 to 2150°F (1100 to 1180°C) followed by water quenching or fast air cool for UNS R20033.

5.2 The heat treatment shall be waived for forging quality material.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The material sampled in accordance with 10.2 shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition prescribed in Table 1.

6.2 *Product Analysis*—Product analysis may be made by the purchaser to verify the identity of the finished material representing each heat or lot. Such analysis may be made by any of the commonly accepted methods that will positively identify the material.

6.2.1 If a product analysis is made, the material shall conform to the product check analysis variation per Specification B880.

7. Mechanical and Other Requirements

7.1 *Tensile Requirements*—The material shall conform to the requirements as to the mechanical property prescribed in Table 2.

8. Dimensions, Weights, and Permissible Variations

8.1 *Bar*—The material referred to as bar shall conform to the variations in dimensions prescribed in Tables 3-11 inclusive, as applicable.

8.2 *Wire*—The material referred to as wire shall conform to the permissible variations in dimensions prescribed in Tables 12-16 inclusive, as applicable.

9. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

9.1 The material shall be uniform in quality and condition, smooth, commercially straight or flat, and free of injurious defects.

9.2 Bars in the hot-finished condition may be furnished with one of the following finishes:

- 9.2.1 Scale not removed,
- 9.2.2 Pickled or descaled, or
- 9.2.3 Turned (rounds only).

9.3 Bars in the cold-finished condition may be furnished with one of the following finishes:

- 9.3.1 Cold-drawn,
- 9.3.2 Centerless ground (rounds only), or
- 9.3.3 Polished (rounds only).

9.4 Wire in the cold-finished condition may be furnished with one of the following finishes:

- 9.4.1 Cold-drawn,
- 9.4.2 Centerless ground (rounds only),
- 9.4.3 Polished (rounds only), or
- 9.4.4 Pickled.

10. Sampling

10.1 *Lots for Chemical Analysis and Mechanical Testing:*

- 10.1.1 A lot for chemical analysis shall consist of one heat.
- 10.1.2 A lot for testing and inspection purposes shall consist of material from one heat of the same condition (temper), finish, and cross section, and in no case more than 30 000 lb (13 600 kg) in mass.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	UNS N08936	UNS N08925	UNS N08031	UNS N08354	UNS N08926	UNS R20033
Carbon, max	0.020	0.020	0.015	0.030	0.020	0.015
Manganese, max	4.00–6.00	1.00	2.0	1.00	2.00	2.0
Phosphorus, max	0.025	0.045	0.020	0.030	0.03	0.02
Sulfur, max	0.010	0.030	0.010	0.010	0.01	0.01
Silicon, max	0.50	0.50	0.3	1.00	0.5	0.50
Nickel	33.00–35.00	24.00–26.00	30.0–32.0	34.0–36.0	24.00–26.00	30.0–33.0
Chromium	26.00–28.00	19.00–21.00	26.0–28.0	22.0–24.0	19.00–21.00	31.0–35.0
Molybdenum	5.00–6.00	6.0–7.0	6.0–7.0	7.0–8.0	6.0–7.0	0.50–2.0
Copper	0.50	0.8–1.5	1.0–1.4	...	0.5–1.5	0.30–1.20
Nitrogen	0.30–0.50	0.1–0.2	0.15–0.25	0.17–0.24	0.15–0.25	0.35–0.60
Iron	balance	balance	balance	balance	balance	balance

TABLE 2 Mechanical Property Requirements^A

Alloy	Cold Finished and Hot Finished Annealed, ^B All Sizes Except Where Noted			Forging Quality, All Sizes
	Tensile Strength, min, psi (MPa) ^C	Yield Strength min, psi (MPa) ^C	Elongation in 2 in. (50.8 mm), min, %	
UNS N08925	87 000 (600)	43 000 (300)	40	^A
UNS N08031	94 000 (650)	40 000 (270)	40	^A
UNS N08926	94 000 (650)	43 000 (295)	35	^A
UNS N08354	93 000 (640)	43 000 (295)	40	^A
UNS R20033	109 000 (750)	55 000 (380)	40	^A
UNS N08936				
Up to 0.063 in. (1.60 mm) dia., incl.	280 000 (1931)	240 000 (1655)
Over 0.063 in. (1.60 mm) dia.	250 000 (1724)	220 000 (1517)

^A No tensile properties are required on forging quality.

^B UNS N08936 shall be supplied in the cold drawn condition only.

^C For cold finished and annealed wire only, tensile strength 90 000 to 120 000 psi (620 to 830 MPa).

NOTE 2—Where material cannot be identified by heat, a lot shall consist of not more than 500 lb (227 kg) of material in the same thickness and condition, except that for pieces weighing over 500 lb, only one specimen shall be taken.

10.2 Sampling for Chemical Analysis:

10.2.1 A representative sample shall be taken from each heat during pouring or subsequent processing.

10.2.2 If the manufacturer determines that the material meets the chemical requirements during pouring or subsequent processing, he shall not be required to sample and analyze the finished product.

10.2.3 Product analysis, if performed, shall be wholly the responsibility of the purchaser.

10.3 Sampling for Mechanical Tests:

10.3.1 A sample of the material to provide test specimens for mechanical tests shall be taken from such a location in each lot as to be representative of that lot.

10.3.2 When samples are to be taken after delivery, the purchaser of material ordered to cut lengths may request on the purchase order additional material of adequate size to provide sample coupons for inspection purposes.

11. Number of Tests

11.1 One chemical analysis shall be made on each lot in accordance with 10.1.1.

11.2 One tension test shall be made on each lot in accordance with 10.1.2.

11.2.1 If any specimens selected to represent any heat fail to meet any of the test requirements, the material represented by such specimens may be reheat-treated and resubmitted for test.

12. Specimen Preparation

12.1 Tension test specimens shall be taken from material after final heat treatment and shall be selected in the longitudinal direction. The tension test specimens shall conform to the appropriate sections of Test Methods E8.

13. Test Methods

13.1 The chemical composition and mechanical properties of the material as enumerated in this specification shall, in case of disagreement, be determined in accordance with the following methods:

Test	ASTM Designations
Chemical analysis	E1473 ^A
Tension	E8
Rounding procedure	E29
Method of sampling	E55

^A Iron shall be determined arithmetically by difference.

13.2 For purposes of determining compliance with the limits in this specification, an observed value or a calculated value shall be rounded as indicated in accordance with the rounding method of Practice E29.

Requirements	Rounded Unit for Observed or Calculated Value
Chemical composition (when expressed in decimals)	nearest unit in the last right-hand place of figures of the specified limit
Tensile strength and yield strength Elongation	nearest 1000 psi (7 MPa) nearest 1 %

14. Inspection

14.1 Inspection of the material by the purchaser shall be made as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller as part of and set forth in the purchase contract.

15. Rejection and Rehearing

15.1 Material that fails to conform to the requirements of this specification may be rejected. Rejection should be reported to the producer or supplier promptly and in writing. In case of dissatisfaction with the results of the test, the producer or supplier may make claim for a rehearing.

16. Certification

16.1 If required by the purchaser in the contract or purchase order, a manufacturer's certification that the material was manufactured and tested in accordance with this specification shall be furnished at the time of shipment.

16.2 If required by the purchaser in the contract or purchase order, a copy of the test results shall be furnished at the time of shipment.

17. Packaging and Package Marking

17.1 *Marking*—Each bundle or box shall be tagged properly with metal tags showing heat number, grade, condition, specification number, and size to assure proper identification.

17.1.1 Large diameter bars may be line marked showing heat number, grade, condition, specification number, and size at the manufacturer's discretion.

17.2 *Packaging*—Bars or wire shall be bundled or boxed in such a manner as to assure safe delivery to their destination when properly transported by any common carrier.

18. Keywords

18.1 UNS N08031; UNS N08925; UNS N08926; UNS N08354; UNS N08936; UNS R20033; bar; wire