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Standard Specification for Uncoated High-Strength Steel Bars for Prestressing Concrete¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers uncoated high-strength steel bars intended for use in pretensioned and post-tensioned prestressed concrete construction or in prestressed ground anchors. Bars are of a minimum ultimate tensile strength level of 1035 MPa (150 000 psi).

1.2 Two types of bars are provided: Type I bar has a plain surface and Type II bar has surface deformations.

1.3 Supplementary requirements of an optional nature are provided. They shall apply only when specified by the purchaser.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products²

A 700 Practices for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Domestic Shipment³

E 30 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Steel, Cast Iron, Open-Hearth Iron, and Wrought Iron⁴

3. Ordering Information

3.1 Orders for material under this specification should include the following information:

3.1.1 Quantity,

3.1.2 Name of material (uncoated high-strength bars for prestressing concrete),

3.1.3 ASTM designation and year of issue,

3.1.4 Size and length,

3.1.5 Type,

3.1.6 Special inspection requirements, if desired (see Section 12),

3.1.7 Special preparation for delivery, if desired (see Section 11), and

3.1.8 Supplementary requirements, if desired.

NOTE 1—A typical ordering description is as follows: 50 uncoated high-strength steel bars for prestressing concrete to ASTM A 722/A 722M – ; 26 mm diameter, 12.20 m long, Type II; packed in accordance with A 700; meeting supplementary bending properties.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The bars shall be rolled from properly identified heats of ingot cast or strand cast steel. The standard sizes and dimensions of Type I and II bars shall be those listed in Table 1 and Table 2, respectively.

4.2 The bars shall be subjected to cold-stressing to not less than 80 % of the minimum ultimate strength, and then shall be stress relieved, to produce the prescribed mechanical properties.

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 An analysis of each heat of steel shall be made by the manufacturer from test samples taken during the pouring of each heat.

5.1.1 Choice and use of chemical composition and alloying elements, to produce the mechanical properties of the finished bar prescribed in 6.2, shall be made by the manufacturer, subject to the limitations in 5.1.2.

5.1.2 On heat analysis, phosphorus and sulfur shall not exceed the following:

Phosphorus	0.040 %
Sulfur	0.050 %

5.2 A product analysis may be made by the purchaser from the finished bar representing each cast or heat of steel. The phosphorus and sulfur contents thus determined shall not exceed the limits specified in 5.1.2 by 0.008 %.

5.3 Method E 30 shall be used for referee purposes.

6. Mechanical Properties

6.1 All testing for mechanical properties shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of Methods and Definitions A 370.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.03.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.05.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

TABLE 1 Dimensions for Type I (Plain) Bar

Nominal Diameter		Nominal Mass (Weight)		Nominal Area ^A	
mm	in.	kg/m	lb/ft	mm ²	in. ²
19	¾	2.23	1.50	284	0.44
22	7/8	3.04	2.04	387	0.60
25	1	3.97	2.67	503	0.78
29	1½	5.03	3.38	639	0.99
32	1¼	6.21	4.17	794	1.23
35	1⅜	7.52	5.05	955	1.48

^AThe nominal area is determined from the nominal diameter in inches. Values have been converted from inch-pound units to metric units.

TABLE 2 Dimensions for Type II (Deformed) Bar

Nominal Diameter ^A		Nominal Mass (Weight)		Nominal Area ^B	
mm	in.	kg/m	lb/ft	mm ²	in. ²
15	5/8	1.46	0.98	181	0.28
20	¾	2.22	1.49	271	0.42
26	1	4.48	3.01	548	0.85
32	1¼	6.54	4.39	806	1.25
36	1⅜	8.28	5.56	1019	1.58
46	1¾	13.54	9.10	1664	2.58
65	2½	27.10	18.20	3331	5.16

^ANominal diameters are for identification only. Values have been converted from metric to inch-pound units.

^BThe nominal area is determined from the bar weight less 3.5 % for the ineffective weight of the deformations.

6.2 Tensile Properties:

6.2.1 Finished bars shall have a minimum ultimate tensile strength of 1035 MPa (150 000 psi).

6.2.2 The minimum yield strength of Type I and Type II bars shall be 85 % and 80 %, respectively, of the minimum ultimate tensile strength of the bars. The yield strength shall be determined by either of the methods described in Test Methods and Definitions A 370; however, in the extension under load method, the total strain shall be 0.7 %, and in the offset method the offset shall be 0.2 %.

6.2.3 The minimum elongation after rupture shall be 4.0 % in a gage length equal to 20 bar diameters, or 7.0 % in a gage length equal to 10 bar diameters.

6.3 *Test Specimens*—Tension tests shall be made using full-size bar test specimens. Machined reduced section test specimens are not permitted. All unit stress determinations shall be based on the nominal area shown in Table 1 or the effective area shown in Table 2.

6.4 *Number of Tests*—The number of tensile specimens tested shall be one from each 36 Mg (39 tons) or fraction thereof, of each size of bar rolled from each heat but not less than two from each heat. The specimens shall be randomly selected following the final processing operation.

6.5 Retests:

6.5.1 If any tensile property of any tension test specimen is less than that specified, and any part of the fracture is outside the middle third of the gage length, as indicated by scribe scratches marked on the specimen before testing, a retest shall be allowed.

6.5.2 If the results of an original tension test fail to meet specified requirements, two additional tests shall be made on samples of bar from the same heat and bar size, and if failure occurs in either of these tests, the bar size from that heat shall be rejected.

6.5.3 If any test specimen fails because of mechanical reasons such as failure of testing equipment, it shall be discarded and another specimen taken.

6.5.4 If any test specimen develops flaws, it shall be discarded and another specimen of the same size bar from the same heat substituted.

7. Requirements for Deformations

7.1 Material furnished as Type II bar shall have deformations spaced uniformly along the length of the bar. The deformations on opposite sides of the bar shall be similar in size and shape. The average spacing or distance between deformations on both sides of the bar shall not exceed seven tenths of the nominal diameter of the bar.

7.2 The minimum height and minimum projected area of the deformations shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 3.

7.3 *Mechanical Coupling*—For those bars having deformations arranged in a manner to permit coupling of the bars with a screw-on type coupler, it shall be the responsibility of the finished-bar manufacturer to demonstrate that a bar cut at any point along its length may be coupled to any other length of bar and that a coupled joint supports the minimum specified ultimate tensile strength of the coupled bars. The coupler type shall be provided or designed by the finished-bar manufacturer.

8. Measurements of Deformations

8.1 The average spacing of deformations shall be determined by dividing a measured length of the bar specimen by the number of individual deformations and fractional parts of deformations on any one side of the bar specimen. A measured length of the bar specimen shall be considered the distance from a point on a deformation to a corresponding point on any other deformation on the same side of the bar.

8.2 The average height of deformations shall be determined from measurements made on not less than two typical deformations. Determinations shall be based on three measurements per deformation: one at the center of the overall length, and the other two at the quarter points of the overall length.

8.3 To indicate adequately the conformity to the dimensional requirements, measurements shall be taken at random from one bar from each 30 Mg (33 tons) of each lot or fraction thereof.

TABLE 3 Deformation Dimensions for Type II Bar

Nominal Diameter		Deformation Dimensions					
		Maximum Average Spacing		Minimum Average Height		Minimum Projected Area ^A	
mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm ² /mm	in. ² /in.
15	5/8	11.1	0.44	0.7	0.03	2.4	0.09
20	¾	13.3	0.52	1.0	0.04	3.4	0.13
26	1	17.8	0.70	1.3	0.05	4.4	0.17
32	1¼	22.5	0.89	1.6	0.06	5.4	0.21
36	1⅜	25.1	0.99	1.8	0.07	6.1	0.24
46	1¾	30.1	1.19	2.2	0.09	7.3	0.29
65	2½	44.5	1.75	2.9	0.11	9.7	0.38

^ACalculated from equation, min projected area = 0.75πd h/s
where:
d = nominal diameter,
h = minimum average height, and
s = maximum average spacing.