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Standard Specification for Pressure Vessel Plates, Carbon Steel, High-Strength Manganese¹

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1. Scope*

- 1.1 This specification² covers high-tensile strength carbon-manganese steel plates intended for welded pressure vessels.
- 1.2 This steel is usually made to a semi-killed or capped deoxidation practice; however, at the purchaser's or the steel producer's option, the steel may be made silicon-killed or aluminum-killed.
- 1.3 The maximum thickness of plates furnished under this specification shall be $\frac{3}{4}$ in. [20 mm].
- 1.4 For plates produced from coil and furnished without heat treatment or with stress relieving only, the additional requirements, including additional testing requirements and the reporting of additional test results, of Specification A 20/A 20M/A 20M apply.
- 1.5 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 must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 *ASTM Standards*:³
A 20/A 20M Specification for General Requirements for Steel Plates for Pressure Vessels

3. General Requirements and Ordering Information

- 3.1 Plates supplied to this product specification shall conform to Specification A 20/A 20M/A 20M₂, which outlines the testing and retesting methods and procedures, permissible variations in dimensions and mass, quality and repair of defects, marking, loading, etc.
- 3.2 Specification A 20/A 20M/A 20M also establishes the rules for ordering information that should be complied with when purchasing plates to this specification.
- 3.3 In addition to the basic requirements of this specification, certain supplementary requirements are available where additional control, testing, or examination is required to meet end use requirements.
- 3.4 The purchaser is referred to the listed supplementary requirements in this specification and to the detailed requirements in Specification A 20/A 20M/A 20M₂.
- 3.5 Coils are excluded from qualification to this specification until they are processed into finished plates. Plates produced from coil means plates that have been cut to individual lengths from coil. The processor directly controls, or is responsible for, the operations involved in the processing of coils into finished plates. Such operations include decoiling, leveling, cutting to length, testing, inspection, conditioning, heat treatment (if applicable), packaging, marking, loading for shipment, and certification.

NOTE 1—For plates produced from coil and furnished without heat treatment or with stress relieving only, three test results are reported for each qualifying coil. Additional requirements regarding plates from coil are described in Specification A 20/A 20M.

- 3.6 If the requirements of this specification are in conflict with the requirements of Specification A 20/A 20M/A 20M₂, the requirements of this specification shall prevail.

4. Heat Treatment

- 4.1 Plates are normally supplied in the as-rolled condition. The plates may be ordered normalized or stress relieved, or both.

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SA-455/SA-455M in Section II of that Code.

³ 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* Vol 01.04, 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.