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Standard Specification for Nickel-Chromium-Iron Alloys (UNS N06600, N06601, N06603, N06690, N06693, N06025, N06045, and N06045)*N06696)* and Nickel-Chromium-Cobalt-Molybdenum Alloy (UNS N06617) Rod, Bar, and Wire¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers nickel-chromium-iron alloys (UNS N06600, N06601, N06603, N06690, N06693, N06025, N06045, and N06045)*N06696)* and nickel-chromium-cobalt-molybdenum alloy (UNS N06617) in the form of hot-finished and cold-worked rounds, squares, hexagons, rectangles, and cold-worked wire.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 12, of this specification: *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

- B 168 Specification for Nickel-Chromium-Iron Alloys (UNS N06600, N06601, N06603, N06690, N06693, N06025, N06045, and N06696) and Nickel-Chromium-Cobalt-Molybdenum Alloy (UNS N06617) Plate, Sheet, and Strip
- B 880 Specification for General Requirements for Chemical Check Analysis Limits for Nickel, Nickel Alloys and Cobalt Alloys
- E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials
- E 18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials
- E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications
- E 38 Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel-Chromium and Nickel-Chromium-Iron Alloys⁴
- E 140 Hardness Conversion Tables for Metals Relationship Among Brinell Hardness, Vickers Hardness, Rockwell Hardness, Superficial Hardness, Knoop Hardness, and Scleroscope Hardness
- E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)
- E 1473 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel, Cobalt, and High-Temperature Alloys

2.2 Federal Standards:⁵

- Fed. Std. No. 102 Preservation, Packaging and Packing Levels
- Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)
- Fed. Std. No. 182 Continuous Identification Marking of Nickel and Nickel-Base Alloys

2.3 Military Standard:⁵

- MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code application see related Specification SB-166 in Section II of that Code.

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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* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

⁴ Withdrawn.

⁵ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://www.dodssp.daps.mil>.

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

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *bar, n*—material of rectangular (flats), hexagonal, or square solid section up to and including 10 in. (254 mm) in width and 1/8 in. (3.2 mm) and over in thickness in straight lengths.

3.1.2 *rod, n*—material of round solid section furnished in straight lengths.

DISCUSSION— Hot-worked rectangular bar in widths 10 in. and under may be furnished as hot-rolled plate with sheared or cut edges in accordance with Specification B 168, provided the mechanical property requirements of this specification are met.

3.1.3 *wire, n*—a cold-worked solid product of uniform round cross section along its whole length, supplied in coil form.

4. Ordering Information

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

4.1.1 *Alloy Name or UNS Number*—see Table 1,

4.1.2 *ASTM Designation*, including year of issue,

4.1.3 *Section*—Rod (round), bar (square, hexagonal, or rectangular), or wire (round),

4.1.4 *Condition* (see Table 2 and Table 3),

4.1.5 *Finish*,

4.1.6 *Dimensions*, including length (see Tables 4-8),

4.1.7 *Quantity*—feet or number of pieces,

4.1.8 *Certification*— State if certification is required,

4.1.9 *Samples for Product (Check) Analysis*—State whether samples for product (check) analysis shall be furnished, and

4.1.10 *Purchaser Inspection*—If purchaser wishes to witness tests or inspection of material at place of manufacture, the purchase order must so state indicating which test or inspections are to be witnessed.

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The material shall conform to the composition limits specified in Table 1.

5.2 If a product (check) analysis is performed by the purchaser, the material shall conform to the product (check) analysis variations in Specification B 880.

6. Mechanical Properties

6.1 *Mechanical Properties*—The material shall conform to the mechanical properties specified in Table 2 for rod and bar and Table 3 (UNS N06600 and N06690 only) for wire.

7. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

7.1 *Diameter, Thickness, or Width*—The permissible variations from the specified dimensions as measured on the diameter or between parallel surfaces of cold-worked rod and bar shall be as prescribed in Table 4; of hot-worked rod and bar as prescribed in Table 5; and of wire as prescribed in Table 6.

7.2 *Out-of-Round*— Hot-worked rods and cold-worked rods (except “forging quality”) all sizes, in straight lengths, shall not be out-of-round by more than one half the total permissible variations in diameter shown in Table 4 and Table 5, except for hot-worked rods 1/2 in. (12.7 mm) in diameter and under, which may be out-of-round by the total permissible variations in diameter shown in Table 5. Cold-worked wire shall not be out-of-round by more than one-half the total permissible variations in diameter shown in Table 6.

7.3 *Corners*—Cold-worked bars will have practically exact angles and sharp corners.

7.4 *Machining Allowances for Hot-Worked Materials*—When the surfaces of hot-worked products are to be machined, the allowances prescribed in Table 7 are recommended for normal machining operations.

7.5 *Length*—The permissible variations in length of cold-worked and hot-worked rod and bar shall be as prescribed in Table 8.

7.5.1 Rods and bars ordered to random or nominal lengths will be furnished with either cropped or saw-cut ends; material ordered to cut lengths will be furnished with square saw-cut or machined ends.

7.6 *Straightness*— The permissible variations in straightness of cold-worked rod and bar as determined by the departure from straightness shall be as prescribed in Table 9.

7.6.1 The permissible variations in straightness of hot-worked rod and bar as determined by the departure from straightness shall be as specified in Table 10.

8. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

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

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements—Chemical Requirements

Element	Alloy N06600	Alloy N06601	Alloy N06617	Alloy N06690	Alloy N06693	Alloy N06025	Alloy N06045	Alloy N06603	Alloy N06696
Nickel	72.0 min	58.0–63.0	44.5 min	56.0 min	remainder ^A	remainder ^A	45.0 min	remainder ^A	Alloy N06696
Nickel	72.0 min	58.0–63.0	44.5 min	58.0 min	remainder ^A	remainder ^A	45.0 min	remainder ^A	remainder ^A
Chromium	14.0–17.0	21.0–25.0	20.0–24.0	27.0–31.0	27.0–31.0	24.0–26.0	26.0–29.0	24.0–26.0	28.0–32.0
Chromium	14.0–17.0	21.0–25.0	20.0–24.0	27.0–31.0	27.0–31.0	24.0–26.0	26.0–29.0	24.0–26.0	28.0–32.0
Cobalt	...	...	10.0–15.0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cobalt	...	...	10.0–15.0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Molybdenum	...	...	8.0–10.0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Molybdenum	...	...	8.0–10.0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iron	6.0–10.0	remainder ^A	3.0 max	7.0–11.0	2.5–6.0	8.0–11.0	21.0–25.0	8.0–11.0	1.0–3.0
Iron	6.0–10.0	remainder ^A	3.0 max	7.0–11.0	2.5–6.0	8.0–11.0	21.0–25.0	8.0–11.0	2.0–6.0
Manganese	1.0 max	1.0 max	1.0 max	0.5 max	1.0 max	0.15 max	1.0 max	0.15 max	1.0 max
Manganese	1.0 max	1.0 max	1.0 max	0.5 max	1.0 max	0.15 max	1.0 max	0.15 max	1.0 max
Manganese	1.0 max	1.0 max	1.0 max	0.5 max	1.0 max	0.15 max	1.0 max	0.15 max	1.0 max
Aluminum	...	1.0–1.7	0.8–1.5	...	2.5–4.0	1.8–2.4	...	2.4–3.0	...
Aluminum	...	1.0–1.7	0.8–1.5	...	2.5–4.0	1.8–2.4	...	2.4–3.0	...
Carbon	0.15 max	0.10 max	0.05–0.15	0.05 max	0.15 max	0.15–0.25	0.05–0.12	0.20–0.40	0.15 max
Carbon	0.15 max	0.10 max	0.05–0.15	0.05 max	0.15 max	0.15–0.25	0.05–0.12	0.20–0.40	0.15 max
Copper	0.5 max	1.0 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	0.1 max	0.3 max	0.50 max	1.5–3.0
Copper	0.5 max	1.0 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	0.1 max	0.3 max	0.50 max	1.5–3.0
Copper	0.5 max	1.0 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	0.1 max	0.3 max	0.50 max	1.5–3.0
Silicon	0.5 max	0.5 max	1.0 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	2.5–3.0	0.50 max	1.0–2.5
Silicon	0.5 max	0.5 max	1.0 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	0.5 max	2.5–3.0	0.50 max	1.0–2.5
Sulfur	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.01 max	0.010 max	0.010 max	0.010 max	0.010 max
Sulfur	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.01 max	0.010 max	0.010 max	0.010 max	0.010 max
Sulfur	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.015 max	0.01 max	0.010 max	0.010 max	0.010 max	0.010 max
Titanium	...	...	0.6 max	...	1.0 max	0.1–0.2	...	0.01–0.25	1.0 max
Titanium	...	...	0.6 max	...	1.0 max	0.1–0.2	...	0.01–0.25	1.0 max
Titanium	...	...	0.6 max	...	1.0 max	0.1–0.2	...	0.01–0.25	1.0 max
Phosphorus	...	...	...	...	...	0.020 max	0.020 max	0.20 max	...
Phosphorus	...	...	...	...	...	0.020 max	0.020 max	0.20 max	...
Phosphorus	...	...	...	...	...	0.020 max	0.020 max	0.20 max	...
Zirconium	...	...	...	...	...	0.01–0.10	...	0.01–0.10	...
Zirconium	...	...	...	...	...	0.01–0.10	...	0.01–0.10	...
Zirconium	...	...	...	...	...	0.01–0.10	...	0.01–0.10	...
Yttrium	...	...	...	...	...	0.05–0.12	...	0.01–0.15	...
Yttrium	...	...	...	...	...	0.05–0.12	...	0.01–0.15	...
Boron	...	...	0.006 max	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boron	...	...	0.006 max	...	...	...	...	...	...
Niobium	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Niobium	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Niobium	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerium	...	...	...	...	0.5–2.5	...	...	...	...
Cerium	...	...	...	...	0.5–2.5	...	...	...	...
Cerium	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.03–0.09	...	...
Cerium	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.03–0.09	...	...

^A Element shall be determined arithmetically by difference.

TABLE 2 Mechanical Properties of Rods and Bars

Condition and Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces, in. (mm)	Tensile Strength, min, psi (MPa)	Yield Strength (0.2 % offset), min, psi (MPa)	Elongation in 2 in. or 50 mm or 4D, min, %
UNS N06600:			
Cold-worked (as worked):			
Rounds:			
Under ½ (12.7)	120 000 (825)	90 000 (620)	7 ^A
½ to 1 (12.7 to 25.4), incl	110 000 (760)	85 000 (585)	10
Over 1 to 2½ (25.4 to 63.5), incl	105 000 (725)	80 000 (550)	12
Squares, hexagons, and rectangles:			
¼ (6.4) and under	100 000 (690)	80 000 (550)	5 ^A
Over ¼ to ½ (6.4 to 12.7), excl	95 000 (655)	70 000 (480)	7
Hot worked (as worked):			
Rounds:			
¼ to ½ (6.4 to 12.7), incl	95 000 (655)	45 000 (310)	20
Over ½ to 3 (12.7 to 76.2), incl	90 000 (620)	40 000 (275)	25
Over 3 (76.2)	85 000 (585)	35 000 (240)	30
Squares, hexagons, and rectangles:			
All sizes	85 000 (585)	35 000 (240)	20
Rings and disks ^B	—	—	—
Cold-worked (annealed) or hot-worked (annealed):			
Rods and bars, all sizes	80 000 (550)	35 000 (240)	30 ^A
Rings and disks ^C	—	—	—
Forging Quality:			
All sizes	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>
UNS N06601:			
Cold-worked (annealed) or hot-worked (annealed):			
All products, all sizes	80 000 (550)	30 000 (205)	30
Forging Quality:			
All sizes	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>
UNS N06617:			
Cold-worked (annealed) or hot-worked (annealed):			
All products, all sizes	95 000 (655)	35 000 (240)	35
Forging Quality:			
All sizes	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>
UNS N06690:			
Cold-worked (as worked):			
Rounds:			
Under ½ (12.7)	120 000 (825)	90 000 (620)	7 ^A
½ to 1 (12.7 to 25.4), incl	110 000 (760)	85 000 (585)	10
Over 1 to 2½ (25.4 to 63.5), incl	105 000 (725)	80 000 (550)	12
Squares, hexagons, and rectangles:			
¼ (6.4) and under	100 000 (690)	80 000 (550)	5 ^A
Over ¼ to ½ (6.4 to 12.7), excl	95 000 (655)	70 000 (480)	7
Hot worked (as worked):			
Rounds:			
¼ to ½ (6.4 to 12.7), incl	95 000 (655)	45 000 (310)	20
Over ½ to 3 (12.7 to 76.2), incl	90 000 (620)	40 000 (275)	25
Over 3 (76.2)	85 000 (585)	35 000 (240)	30
Squares, hexagons, and rectangles:			
All sizes	85 000 (585)	35 000 (240)	20
Rings and disks ^B	—	—	—
Cold-worked (annealed) or hot-worked (annealed):			
Rods and bars, all sizes	85 000 (586)	35 000 (240)	30 ^A
Rings and disks ^C	—	—	—
Forging Quality:			
All sizes	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>
UNS N06693:			
Cold-worked (annealed) or hot-worked (annealed):			
Rods and bars, all sizes	100 000 (690)	50 000 (345)	30
Forging Quality:			
All sizes	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>
UNS N06603:			
Cold-worked (annealed) or hot-worked (annealed):			
All products, all sizes	94 000 (650)	43 000 (300)	25
Forging Quality:			
All sizes	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>
UNS N06025:			
Cold-worked (annealed) or hot-worked (annealed):			
All products, all sizes	98 000 (680)	39 000 (270)	30
Forging Quality:			
All sizes	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>
UNS N06045:			
Cold-worked (annealed) or hot-worked (annealed):			
All products, all sizes	90 000 (620)	35 000 (240)	35
Hot-worked (Annealed): ^E			
Rods and bars, all sizes	75 000 (517)	30 000 (207)	30

TABLE 5 Permissible Variations in Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces of Hot-Worked Rod and Bar

Specified Dimension, in. (mm) ^A	Permissible Variations from Specified Dimensions, in. (mm)	
	+	-
Rod and bar, hot-worked:		
1 (25.4) and under	0.016 (0.41)	0.016 (0.41)
over 1 (25.4) to 2 (50.8), incl	0.031 (0.79)	0.016 (0.41)
over 2 (50.8) to 4 (101.6), incl	0.047 (1.19)	0.031 (0.79)
over 4 (101.6)	0.125 (3.18)	0.063 (1.60)
Rod, rough-turned or ground:		
under 1 (25.4)	0.005 (0.13)	0.005 (0.13)
1 (25.4) and over	0.031 (0.79)	0
Forging quality rod: ^B		
Under 1 (25.4)	0.005 (0.13)	0.005 (0.13)
1 (25.4) and over	0.031 (0.79)	0

^A Dimensions apply to diameter of rods, to distance between parallel surfaces of hexagons and squares, and separately to width and thickness of rectangles.

^B Spot grinding is permitted to remove minor surface imperfections. The depth of these spot ground areas shall not exceed 3 % of the diameter of the rod.

TABLE 6 Permissible Variations in Diameter of Cold-Worked Wire

Diameter, in. (mm)	Permissible Variations, in. (mm)
	+ or -
Up to 0.0044 (0.112), incl	0.0002 (0.005)
Over 0.0044 (0.112) to 0.0079 (0.201), incl	0.00025 (0.006)
Over 0.0079 (0.201) to 0.0149 (0.378), incl	0.0003 (0.008)
Over 0.0149 (0.378) to 0.0199 (0.505), incl	0.0004 (0.010)
Over 0.0199 (0.505) to 0.031 (0.79), incl	0.0005 (0.013)
Over 0.031 (0.79) to 0.045 (1.14), incl	0.0006 (0.015)
Over 0.045 (1.14) to 0.079 (2.01), incl	0.0007 (0.018)
Over 0.079 (2.01) to 0.1875 (4.76), incl	0.001 (0.025)
Over 0.1875 (4.76) to 0.3125 (7.93), incl	0.002 (0.051)
Over 0.3125 (7.93) to 0.563 (14.3), incl	0.003 (0.076)

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TABLE 7 Normal Machining Allowances for Hot-Worked Material

Finished-Machined Dimensions for Finishes as Indicated Below, in. (mm) ^A	Normal Machining Allowance, in. (mm)			
	On Diameter, for Rods	Distance Between Parallel Surfaces for Hexagonal and Square Bar	For Rectangular Bar	
			On Thickness	On Width
Hot-worked:^B				
Up to 7/8 (22.2), incl	1/8 (3.2)	1/8 (3.2)	1/8 (3.2)	3/16 (4.8)
Over 7/8 to 1 1/8 (22.2 to 47.6), incl	1/8 (3.2)	3/16 (4.8)	1/8 (3.2)	3/16 (4.8)
Over 1 1/8 to 2 7/8 (47.6 to 73.0), incl	3/16 (4.8)	1/4 (6.4)	...	3/16 (4.8)
Over 2 7/8 to 3 13/16 (73.0 to 96.8), incl	1/4 (6.4)	...	...	3/16 (4.8)
Over 3 13/16 (96.8)	1/4 (6.4)	...	...	3/8 (9.5)
Hot-worked rods:				
Rough-turned or rough-ground:^C				
1 5/16 to 4 (23.8 to 101.6), incl in diameter	1/16 (1.6)	...	...	...
Over 4 to 12 (101.6 to 304.8), incl in diameter	1/8 (3.2)	...	...	...

^A Dimensions apply to diameter of rods, to distance between parallel surfaces of hexagonal and square bar, and separately to width and thickness of rectangular bar.

^B The allowances for hot-worked material in Table 5 are recommended for rods machined in lengths of 3 ft (0.91 m) or less and for bars machined in lengths of 2 ft (0.61 m) or less. Hot-worked material to be machined in longer lengths should be specified showing the finished cross-sectional dimension and the length in which the material will be machined in order that the manufacturer may supply material with sufficient oversize, including allowance for out-of-straightness.

^C Applicable to 3 ft (0.91 m) max length.

9.2.1 *Chemical Analysis*—Representative samples from each lot shall be taken during pouring or subsequent processing.

9.2.1.1 Product (check) analysis shall be wholly the responsibility of the purchaser.

9.2.2 *Mechanical Properties*—Samples of the material to provide test specimens for mechanical properties shall be taken from such locations in each lot as to be representative of that lot.