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# Standard Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Deformed and Plain Bars for Concrete Reinforcement<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 *General*—This specification covers deformed and plain low-alloy steel bars in cut lengths or coils for concrete reinforcement intended for applications where restrictive mechanical properties and chemical composition are required for compatibility with controlled tensile property applications or to enhance weldability. The standard sizes and dimensions of deformed bars and their number designations are given in [Table 1](#). The text of this specification references notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes, excluding those in tables, shall not be considered as requirements of this specification.

1.2 *Grade*—Bars are of a single minimum yield strength level: namely, 60 000 psi [420 MPa], designated as Grade 60 [420].

1.3 Plain bars, in sizes up to and including 2½ in. [63.5 mm] in diameter in coils or cut lengths, when ordered, shall be furnished under this specification. For ductility properties (elongation and bending), test provisions of the nearest smaller nominal diameter deformed bar size shall apply.

1.4 *Controlled Tensile Properties*—This specification limits mechanical properties ([Table 2](#)) to provide the desired yield/tensile properties for controlled tensile property applications.

1.5 *Welding*—This specification limits chemical composition ([6.2](#)) and carbon equivalent ([6.4](#)) to enhance the weldability of the material. When steel is to be welded, a welding procedure suitable for the chemical composition and intended use or service should be used. The use of the latest edition of [AWS D1.4/D1.4M](#) is recommended. This document describes the proper selection of the filler metals, preheat/interpass temperatures, as well as, performance and procedure qualification requirements.

1.6 This specification is applicable for orders in either inch-pound units (Specification A 706) or in SI units [Specification A 706M].

1.7 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded 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 this specification.

1.8 *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 establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

[A 6/A 6M](#) Specification for General Requirements for Rolled Structural Steel Bars, Plates, Shapes, and Sheet Piling

[A 370](#) Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

[A 510](#) Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel

[A 510M](#) Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel (Metric)

[A 615/A 615M](#) Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement

[A 700](#) Practices for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Shipment

[A 751](#) Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products

[E 29](#) Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

### 2.2 AWS Standard:<sup>3</sup>

[AWS D1.4/D1.4M](#) Structural Welding Code—Reinforcing Steel

<sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee A01 on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee A01.05 on Steel Reinforcement.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Available from American Welding Society (AWS), 550 NW LeJeune Rd., Miami, FL 33126, <http://www.aws.org>.

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

**TABLE 1 Deformed Bar Designation Numbers, Nominal Weights [Masses], Nominal Dimensions, and Deformation Requirements**

| Bar Designation No. <sup>A</sup> | Nominal Weight, lb/ft<br>[Nominal Mass, kg/m] | Nominal Dimensions <sup>B</sup> |  |                     | Deformation Requirements, in. [mm] |                        |  |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
|                                  |   | Diameter, in. [mm]              | Cross-Sectional Area in. <sup>2</sup> [mm <sup>2</sup> ] | Perimeter, in. [mm] | Maximum Average Spacing            | Minimum Average Height | Maximum Gap (Chord of 12.5 % of Nominal Perimeter) |
| 3 [10]                           | 0.376 [ 0.560]                                | 0.375 [ 9.5]                    | 0.11 [ 71]   | 1.178 [ 29.9]       | 0.262 [ 6.7]                       | 0.015 [0.38]           | 0.143 [ 3.6]                                       |
| 4 [13]                           | 0.668 [ 0.994]                                | 0.500 [12.7]                    | 0.20 [ 129]  | 1.571 [ 39.9]       | 0.350 [ 8.9]                       | 0.020 [0.51]           | 0.191 [ 4.9]                                       |
| 5 [16]                           | 1.043 [ 1.552]                                | 0.625 [15.9]                    | 0.31 [ 199]  | 1.963 [ 49.9]       | 0.437 [11.1]                       | 0.028 [0.71]           | 0.239 [ 6.1]                                       |
| 6 [19]                           | 1.502 [ 2.235]                                | 0.750 [19.1]                    | 0.44 [ 284]  | 2.356 [ 59.8]       | 0.525 [13.3]                       | 0.038 [0.97]           | 0.286 [ 7.3]                                       |
| 7 [22]                           | 2.044 [ 3.042]                                | 0.875 [22.2]                    | 0.60 [ 387]  | 2.749 [ 69.8]       | 0.612 [15.5]                       | 0.044 [1.12]           | 0.334 [ 8.5]                                       |
| 8 [25]                           | 2.670 [ 3.973]                                | 1.000 [25.4]                    | 0.79 [ 510]  | 3.142 [ 79.8]       | 0.700 [17.8]                       | 0.050 [1.27]           | 0.383 [ 9.7]                                       |
| 9 [29]                           | 3.400 [ 5.060]                                | 1.128 [28.7]                    | 1.00 [ 645]  | 3.544 [ 90.0]       | 0.790 [20.1]                       | 0.056 [1.42]           | 0.431 [10.9]                                       |
| 10 [32]                          | 4.303 [ 6.404]                                | 1.270 [32.3]                    | 1.27 [ 819]  | 3.990 [101.3]       | 0.889 [22.6]                       | 0.064 [1.63]           | 0.487 [12.4]                                       |
| 11 [36]                          | 5.313 [ 7.907]                                | 1.410 [35.8]                    | 1.56 [1006]  | 4.430 [112.5]       | 0.987 [25.1]                       | 0.071 [1.80]           | 0.540 [13.7]                                       |
| 14 [43]                          | 7.65 [11.38]                                  | 1.693 [43.0]                    | 2.25 [1452]  | 5.32 [135.1]        | 1.185 [30.1]                       | 0.085 [2.16]           | 0.648 [16.5]                                       |
| 18 [57]                          | 13.60 [20.24]                                 | 2.257 [57.3]                    | 4.00 [2581]  | 7.09 [180.1]        | 1.58 [40.1]                        | 0.102 [2.59]           | 0.864 [21.9]                                       |

<sup>A</sup> Bar numbers are based on the number of eighths of an inch included in the nominal diameter of the bars [bar numbers approximate the number of millimetres of the nominal diameter of the bar].

<sup>B</sup> The nominal dimensions of a deformed bar are equivalent to those of a plain round bar having the same weight [mass] per foot [metre] as the deformed bar.

**TABLE 2 Tensile Requirements**

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Tensile strength, min, psi [MPa]       | 80 000 [550] <sup>A</sup> |
| Yield strength, min, psi [MPa]         | 60 000 [420]              |
| Yield strength, max, psi [MPa]         | 78 000 [540]              |
| Elongation in 8 in. [203.2 mm], min, % |                           |
| Bar Designation Nos.                   |                           |
| 3, 4, 5, 6 [10, 13, 16, 19]            | 14                        |
| 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 [22, 25, 29, 32, 36]   | 12                        |
| 14, 18 [43, 57]                        | 10                        |

<sup>A</sup> Tensile strength shall not be less than 1.25 times the actual yield strength.

### 2.3 Government Standard:<sup>4</sup>

**MIL-STD-129** Marking for Shipment and Storage

### 2.4 U.S. Federal Standard:<sup>4</sup>

**Fed. Std. No. 123** Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *deformations, n*—transverse protrusions on a deformed bar.

3.1.2 *deformed bar, n*—steel bar with protrusions; a bar that is intended for use as reinforcement in reinforced concrete and related construction.

3.1.3 *Discussion*—The surface of the bar is provided with lugs or protrusions that inhibit longitudinal movement of the bar relative to the concrete surrounding the bar in such construction. The lugs or protrusions conform to the provisions of this specification.

3.1.4 *plain bar, n*—steel bar without protrusions.

3.1.5 *rib, n*—longitudinal protrusions on a deformed bar.

## 4. Ordering Information

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

4.1.1 Quantity (weight) [mass],

4.1.2 Name of material (low-alloy steel deformed and plain bars for concrete reinforcement),

4.1.3 Size,

4.1.4 Cut lengths or coils,

4.1.5 Deformed or plain,

4.1.6 Packaging (see Section 17), and

4.1.7 ASTM designation and year of issue.

## 5. Material and Manufacture

5.1 The bars shall be processed from properly identified heats of mold-cast or strand-cast steel.

5.2 The steel shall be made by one of the following processes: electric-furnace, basic-oxygen, or open-hearth.

## 6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The chemical analysis of each heat shall be determined in accordance with Test Methods **A 751**. The manufacturer shall make the analysis on test samples taken preferably during the pouring of the heat. The percentages of carbon, manganese, phosphorus, sulfur, silicon, copper, nickel, chromium, molybdenum, and vanadium shall be determined.

6.2 The chemical composition as shown by heat analysis shall be limited by the following:

| Element    | max, % |
|------------|--------|
| Carbon     | 0.30   |
| Manganese  | 1.50   |
| Phosphorus | 0.035  |
| Sulfur     | 0.045  |
| Silicon    | 0.50   |

6.3 Choice and use of alloying elements, combined with carbon, phosphorus, and sulfur to produce the mechanical properties prescribed in **Table 2** and **Table 3**, shall be made by the manufacturer. Elements commonly used include manganese, silicon, copper, nickel, chromium, molybdenum, vanadium, columbium, titanium, and zirconium.

**TABLE 3 Bend Test Requirements**

| Bar Designation No.    | Pin Diameter for 180° Bend Tests |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3, 4, 5 [10, 13, 16]   | 3d <sup>A</sup>                  |
| 6, 7, 8 [19, 22, 25]   | 4d                               |
| 9, 10, 11 [29, 32, 36] | 6d                               |
| 14, 18 [43, 57]        | 8d                               |

<sup>A</sup> d = nominal diameter of specimen.

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