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# Standard Specification for Zirconium and Zirconium Alloy Forgings<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification<sup>2</sup> covers three grades of zirconium and zirconium alloy forgings.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.3 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 12, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, 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>3</sup>

E8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Lot Definition*:

3.1.1 *forgings, n*—parts, including semi-finished products, or complex shapes, produced by hot mechanical work using hammers, presses, or forging machines; a lot shall consist of a material of the same size, shape, condition, and finish produced from the same ingot or powder blend by the same reduction schedule and the same heat treatment parameters. Unless otherwise agreed between manufacturer and purchaser, a lot

shall be limited to the product of an 8 h period for final continuous anneal, or to a single furnace load for final batch anneal.

## 4. Classification

4.1 The forgings are furnished in three grades as follows:

4.1.1 *Grade R60702*—Unalloyed zirconium.

4.1.2 *Grade R60704*—Zirconium-tin alloy.

4.1.3 *Grade R60705*—Zirconium-niobium alloy.

## 5. Ordering Information

5.1 Orders for material under this specification shall include the following information:

5.1.1 Quantity (weight and number of pieces),

5.1.2 Name of material (zirconium forgings),

5.1.3 Finish (Section 9),

5.1.4 Dimension (diameter, thickness, length, width, or as specified in appropriate drawings),

5.1.5 ASTM designation and year of issue,

5.1.6 Grade number (see 3.1), and

5.1.7 Additions to the specification and supplementary requirements, if required, including, but not limited to: product marking (see 17.1), check analysis (see 7.3), inspection (see 13.1), lot definition (see 3.1.1), internal soundness (see S1.1), and surface quality (see S2.1) requirements.

NOTE 1—A typical ordering description is as follows: 8000-lb zirconium forgings, mechanically descaled, 100 mm by 120 mm by 1.2 m. rectangular bar, ASTM B493/493M - 08, Grade R60702.

## 6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 The forgings shall be formed with conventional forging equipment normally found in primary ferrous and nonferrous metal plants.

6.2 Forgings shall be furnished in the annealed conditions.

## 7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The material shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition prescribed in Table 1.

7.2 The manufacturer's ingot analysis shall be considered the chemical analysis for forgings, except for hydrogen and nitrogen, which shall be determined on the finished product.

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<sup>2</sup> For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SB-493 in Section II of that Code.

<sup>3</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.