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Standard Specification for Free-Machining Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers hot-finished or cold-finished plate, sheet, and strip in the more commonly used types of stainless free machining steels designed especially for optimum machinability and for general corrosion and high temperature service. Stainless and heat-resisting plate, sheet, and strip, other than free-machining types, are covered in separate specifications.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

A480/A480M Specification for General Requirements for Flat-Rolled Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip

A751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products

E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)

2.2 *SAE Standard*:³

SAE J 1086 Recommended Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard*:

3.1.1 *plate*—material $\frac{3}{16}$ in. (4.8 mm) and over in thickness and over 10 in. (250 mm) in width.

3.1.2 *sheet*—material under $\frac{3}{16}$ in. (5.0 mm) in thickness and 24 in. (600 mm) and over in width.

3.1.3 *strip*—material under $\frac{3}{16}$ in. (5.0 mm) in thickness and under 24 in. (600 mm) in width.

4. Process

4.1 The steel shall be made by one or more of the following processes: electric-arc, electric-induction, or other suitable commercial processes.

4.2 Plate, sheet, and strip may be furnished in one of the conditions listed in **Table 1**.

5. Ordering Information

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

5.1.1 Quantity (weight or number of pieces),

5.1.2 Type or UNS designation (**Table 2**),

5.1.3 Form (plate, sheet, or strip),

5.1.4 Condition (**Table 2**),

5.1.5 Finish (**9.2**),

5.1.6 Dimensions (thickness, width, and length),

5.1.7 Edge, strip only (see Specification **A480/A480M**),

5.1.8 ASTM designation and date of issue,

5.1.9 Additions to specification or special requirements,

5.1.10 Preparation for delivery, and

5.1.11 Marking requirements.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The chemical composition shall conform to the requirements specified in **Table 2**.

6.2 Methods and practices relating to chemical analysis required by this specification shall be in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology **A751**.

7. Hardness Requirement

7.1 The material shall conform to the hardness requirements as specified in **Table 3**.

7.2 The hardness test shall be determined in accordance with Test Methods and Definitions **A370**.

8. General Requirements for Delivery

8.1 Material furnished under this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of the current edition of

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² 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.

³ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, <http://www.sae.org>.