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Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet and Strip, High-Strength, Low-Alloy, Hot-Rolled and Cold-Rolled, with Improved Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers high-strength, low-alloy, hot- and cold-rolled sheet and strip in cut lengths or coils, intended for use in structural and miscellaneous purposes, where savings in weight or added durability are important. These steels have enhanced atmospheric corrosion resistance and are supplied in two types: Type 2 contains 0.20 % minimum copper based on cast or heat analysis (0.18 % minimum Cu for product check). Type 4 contains additional alloying elements and provides a level of corrosion resistance substantially better than that of carbon steels with or without copper addition (Note 1). When properly exposed to the atmosphere, Type 4 steel can be used bare (unpainted) for many applications.

NOTE 1—For methods of establishing the atmospheric corrosion resistance of low-alloy steels, see Guide G101.

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.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

A109/A109M Specification for Steel, Strip, Carbon (0.25 Maximum Percent), Cold-Rolled

A568/A568M Specification for Steel, Sheet, Carbon, Structural, and High-Strength, Low-Alloy, Hot-Rolled and Cold-Rolled, General Requirements for

A749/A749M Specification for Steel, Strip, Carbon and High-Strength, Low-Alloy, Hot-Rolled, General Requirements for
G101 Guide for Estimating the Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance of Low-Alloy Steels

3. General Requirements for Delivery —

3.1 Material furnished under this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of the current edition of Specification A568/A568M and the dimensional tolerance tables of Specification A109/A109M, unless otherwise provided herein.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material under this specification shall include the following information, as required, to describe adequately the desired material:

4.1.1 ASTM specification number and date of issue, and type,

4.1.2 Name of material (high-strength low-alloy hot-rolled sheet or strip or high-strength low-alloy cold-rolled sheet or strip),

4.1.3 Condition (specify oiled or dry, as required),

4.1.4 Edges (must be specified for hot-rolled sheet or strip) (see 8.1),

4.1.5 Finish—Cold-rolled only (indicate exposed (E) or unexposed (U). Matte (dull) finish will be supplied unless otherwise specified), and

4.1.6 Dimensions (thickness, width, and whether cut lengths or coils).

~~4.1.6.1 As agreed upon between the purchaser and the producer, material ordered to this specification will be supplied to meet~~

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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.

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

~~the appropriate standard or restricted thickness tolerance table shown in Specification A568/A568M.~~

NOTE 2—Not all producers are capable of meeting all of the limitations of the thickness tolerance tables in Specification A568/A568M. The purchaser should contact the producer regarding possible limitations prior to placing an order.

4.1.7 Coil size (must include inside diameter, outside diameter, and maximum weight),

4.1.8 Application (show part identification and description),

~~4.1.9 Special requirements (if required), and~~

~~4.1.10 Cast or heat (formerly ladle) analysis and mechanical properties report (if required) (see~~

4.1.9 Cast or heat (formerly ladle) analysis and mechanical properties report (if required) (see 10.1)–), and

4.1.10 Special requirements (if any).

4.1.10.1 When the purchaser requires thickness tolerances for $\frac{3}{8}$ in. [10 mm] minimum edge distance (see Supplementary Requirement in Specification A568/A568M), this requirement shall be specified in the purchase order or contract.

NOTE 3—A typical ordering description is as follows: “ASTM A606–XX, Type 4 high-strength low-alloy hot-rolled sheet, dry, mill edge 0.106 by 48 by 96 in. for truck frame side members.” Or, “ASTM A606M–XX, Type 4 high-strength low-alloy hot-rolled sheet, dry, mill edge, 2.7 by 1220 mm by coil for truck frame side members.”

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 *Condition*—The material shall be furnished hot-rolled or cold-rolled as specified on the purchase order.

5.2 *Heat Treatment*— Unless otherwise specified, hot-rolled shall be furnished as rolled. When hot-rolled annealed or hot-rolled normalized material is required, it shall be specified on the purchase order.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The maximum limits of carbon, manganese, and sulfur shall be as prescribed in Table 1, unless otherwise agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

6.2 The manufacturer shall use such alloying elements, combined with the carbon, manganese, and sulfur within the limits prescribed in Table 1 to satisfy the mechanical properties prescribed in Table 2 or Table 3. Such elements shall be included and reported in the specified heat or cast analysis. As indicated in 1.1, these steels have enhanced atmospheric corrosion resistance and are supplied in two types: Type 2 and Type 4. When requested, the producer shall supply acceptable evidence of corrosion resistance to the purchaser. For Type 2 steel, confirmation of the minimum copper content requirement of 1.1 shall be sufficient evidence of corrosion resistance. For Type 4 steel, the basis for this evidence can be a corrosion-resistance index calculated from the chemical composition of the steel in accordance with Guide G101. To comply with Specification A606, Type 4 steel shall have a minimum corrosion-resistance index of 6.0, based upon Guide G101—Predictive Method Based on the Data of Larabee and Coburn (see Note 4).

NOTE 4—The user is cautioned that the Guide G101 predictive equation (Predictive Method Based on the Data of Larabee and Coburn) for calculation of an atmospheric corrosion index has been verified only for the composition limits stated in that guide.

6.3 When the steel is used in welded applications, welding procedure shall be suitable for the steel chemistry as described in 6.2 and the intended service.

7. Mechanical Property Requirements

7.1 *Tension Tests:*

7.1.1 *Requirements*—Material as represented by the test specimen shall conform to the tensile requirements specified in Table 2 (hot-rolled material) or in Table 3 (cold-rolled material).

7.1.2 *Number of Tests*—Two tensile tests shall be made from each heat or from each lot of 50 tons [45 000 kg]. When the amount of finished material from a heat or lot is less than 50 tons [45 000 kg], one test shall be made. When material rolled from one heat differs 0.050 in. [1.27 mm] or more in thickness, one tensile test shall be made from the thickest and thinnest material regardless of the weight represented.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

	Composition, max, %	
	Cast or Heat (Formerly Ladle) Analysis	Product Check, or Verification Analysis
Carbon ^A	0.22	0.26
Manganese	1.25	1.30
Sulfur	0.04	0.06

^A For compositions with a maximum carbon content of 0.15 % on heat or cast analysis, the maximum limit for manganese on heat or cast analysis may be increased to 1.40 % (with product analysis limits of 0.19 % carbon and 1.45 % manganese).