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Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet, Carbon, Ultra High Strength Cold Rolled¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers a cold rolled ultra high strength carbon steel sheet in coils or cut lengths. The product is available in four strength levels. The steel's strength is obtained by water quenching from an austenitic temperature resulting in a martensitic microstructure. This product is intended for miscellaneous applications where ultra high strength, weight saving, and good weldability are important.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

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

3. Ordering Information

3.1 It is the purchaser's responsibility to specify in the purchase order all ordering information necessary to purchase the needed material. Examples of such information include, but are not limited to:

3.1.1 ASTM specification number and year of issue,

3.1.2 Name of material (cold rolled ultra high strength steel sheet),

3.1.3 Grade (see Table 1),

3.1.4 Specify oiled or not oiled as required,

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

3.1.6 Coil size (must include inside diameter, outside diameter, and maximum mass),

3.1.7 Quantity,

3.1.8 Application (show part identification and description),

3.1.9 Special Requirements (if required), and

3.1.10 Cast or heat analysis report (request if required).

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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.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition - Weight % Heat Analysis			
	Grade			
	130	160	190	220
Carbon, max	0.10	0.15	0.23	0.28
Manganese, max	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Phosphorus, max	0.030	0.030	0.030	0.030
Sulfur, max	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035
Aluminum, min	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 *Melting Practice*—This sheet shall be produced from aluminum killed steel.

4.2 *Annealing*—The material shall be continuous annealed to austenitic temperatures and water quenched.

5. General Requirements

5.1 Materials furnished under this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of the current edition of Specification A568/A568M unless otherwise provided herein.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The cast or heat analysis shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Table 1 and Table 2.

6.1.1 Each of the elements listed in Table 2 shall be included in the report of the cast or heat analysis. Where the amount of copper nickel, chromium or molybdenum is less than 0.02 %, the analysis may be reported as <0.02 %. When the amount of vanadium or columbium is less than 0.008 %, the analysis may be reported as <0.008 %.

7. Mechanical Properties

7.1 *Tension Tests*:

7.1.1 *Requirements*—Materials as represented by the test specimen shall conform to the tensile requirements specified in Table 3.

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