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Standard Specification for Pressure Vessel Plates, Alloy Steel, Chromium-Molybdenum-Vanadium¹

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1. Scope*

- 1.1 This specification² covers chromium-molybdenum-vanadium alloy steel plates intended primarily for the fabrication of welded pressure vessels.
- 1.2 The plates furnished under this specification are required to be normalized-and-tempered. Specification A435/A435MA542/A542Mincludes coverage of the material in the quenched-and-tempered condition.
- 1.3 The maximum thickness of plates furnished to this specification is limited only by the capacity of the composition to meet the specified property requirements. However, the maximum thickness of plates normally furnished under this specification is 6 in. [150 mm].
- 1.4 The material is intended to be suitable for fusion welding. Welding technique is of fundamental importance and it is presupposed that welding procedures will be in accordance with approved methods.
- 1.5 This specification is expressed in both inch-pound units and in SI units. However, unless the order specifies the applicable "M" specification designation (SI units), the material shall be furnished to inch-pound units.
- 1.6 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SA-832/SA-832M in Section II of that Code.



2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

A20/A20M Specification for General Requirements for Steel Plates for Pressure Vessels

A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

A435/A435M Specification for Straight-Beam Ultrasonic Examination of Steel Plates

A542/A542M Specification for Pressure Vessel Plates, Alloy Steel, Quenched-and-Tempered, Chromium-Molybdenum, and Chromium-Molybdenum-Vanadium

A577/A577M Specification for Ultrasonic Angle-Beam Examination of Steel Plates

A578/A578M Specification for Straight-Beam Ultrasonic Examination of Rolled Steel Plates for Special Applications

3. General Requirements and Ordering Information

- 3.1 Material supplied to this material specification shall conform to Specification A20/A20M. These requirements outline the testing and retesting methods and procedures, permissible variations in dimensions, quality and repair of defects, marking, loading, etc.
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- 3.2 In addition to the basic requirements of this specification, certain supplementary requirements are available when additional control, testing, or examination is required to meet end use requirements. The purchaser is referred to the listed supplementary requirements in this specification and to the detailed requirements in Specification A20/A20Mestablishes the rules for ordering information that should be complied with when purchasing material to this specification.
- 3.3In addition to the basic requirements of this specification, certain supplementary requirements are available when additional control, testing, or examination is required to meet end use requirements. These include the following:
 - 3.3.1 Vacuum treatment,
 - 3.3.2Additional or special tension testing,
 - 3.3.3Impact testing, and
 - 3.3.4Nondestructive examination.
- 3.4The purchaser is referred to the listed supplementary requirements in this specification and to the detailed requirements in Specification.
- 3.3 If the requirements of this specification are in conflict with the requirements of Specification A20/A20M. If the requirements of this specification are in conflict with the requirements of Specification A20/A20M, the requirements of this specification shall prevail.

4. Manufacture

- 4.1 Steelmaking Process—The steel shall be made by one of the processes permitted in Specification A20/A20M.
- 4.2 Steelmaking Practice—The steel shall be killed and shall conform to the fine grain size requirement of Specification A20/A20M.

5. Heat Treatment

- 5.1 All plates shall be normalized and tempered except as allowed by 5.2. The minimum normalizing temperature for Grade 22V shall be 1650°F [900°C]. The minimum normalizing temperature for Grade 23V shall be 1850°F [1010°C]. The minimum tempering temperature shall be 1250°F [675°C].
- 5.2 Plates ordered without the heat treatment required by 5.1 shall be furnished in either the stress-relieved or the annealed condition. Heat treatment of plates so ordered, to conform to 5.1 and to Table 1, shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The steel shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition shown in Table 2.

TABLE 1 Tensile Requirements

Tensile strength, ksi, [MPa]	85-110 [585-760]
Yield strength, min, ksi, [MPa]	60 [415]
Elongation in 2 in. [50 mm], min, % ^A	18
Reduction of area, min, %	45 ^B
	40 ^C

A See Specification A20/A20M for elongation adjustments.

³ 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.

^B Measured on round specimen.

^C Measured on flat specimen.