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Standard Specification for Steel Bars, Microalloy, Hot-Wrought, Special Quality, Mechanical Properties¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers hot-wrought, special quality microalloyed carbon steel bars intended for use in applications where as-rolled mechanical properties are desired. A typical end use is hydraulic cylinder shafts.

1.2 The bars shall be furnished to chemical composition and mechanical properties as provided herein. Chemical composition is based on standard carbon steel grades modified to include microalloying elements such as columbium (niobium), vanadium, or molybdenum. Three strength classes are available, designated 75 [520], 80 [550], and 100 [690], corresponding to the minimum yield strength in ksi.

1.3 Sections and sizes of bar steels available are covered in Specification [A29/A29M](#).

1.4 Supplementary Requirements S1 to S5 are provided for use when additional controls or requirements are desired. These shall apply only when specified on the purchase order.

1.5 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text and tables, SI units are shown in brackets. 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.

1.6 Unless the order specifies the applicable “M” specification designation, the material shall be furnished to the inch-pound units.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

[A29/A29M Specification for General Requirements for Steel](#)

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee A01 on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee A01.15 on Bars.

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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.

[Bars, Carbon and Alloy, Hot-Wrought
A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing
of Steel Products](#)
[A576 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought,
Special Quality](#)
[E45 Test Methods for Determining the Inclusion Content of
Steel](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *microalloyed steels, n*—carbon steels to which small quantities of certain elements are added in order to enhance mechanical properties.

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—This enhancement of mechanical properties results from control of the temperature and cooling rate during the hot-rolling process.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material supplied to this specification should include the following, as required, to describe adequately the desired material:

- 4.1.1 Quantity (weight or number of bars),
- 4.1.2 Name of material (hot-rolled microalloyed steel bars),
- 4.1.3 Dimensions,
- 4.1.4 ASTM specification number and date of issue,
- 4.1.5 Grade designation or chemical composition limits (see Section 7),
- 4.1.6 Class,
- 4.1.7 Additions to the specification and Supplementary Requirements, if required, and,
- 4.1.8 End use.

5. General Requirements

5.1 Material furnished under this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of the current edition of Specification [A29/A29M](#), unless otherwise provided herein.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Melting Practice*—The steel shall be produced in accordance with the applicable methods for primary and secondary melting outlined in Specification [A576](#).

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