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## Standard Specification for High-Strength Quenched and Tempered Low-Alloy Steel Forged Parts for Pressure Vessels<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope\*Scope

1.1 This specification<sup>2</sup> covers high-strength quenched and tempered low-alloy steel forged parts for pressure vessels. The maximum thickness of forgings under this specification shall be 1½ in. [38 mm] for Grade A, and 4 in. [100 mm] for Grades E and F.

NOTE 1—These grades are similar to corresponding grades in Specification [A517/A517M](#).

1.2 Although no provision is made for supplementary requirements in this standard, the supplementary requirements in Specification [A788/A788M](#) may be considered by the purchaser.

1.3 Welding technique is of fundamental importance and it is presupposed that welding procedures will be in accordance with approved methods for the class of material used.

1.4 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.

1.5 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*:<sup>3</sup>

[A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products](#)

[A517/A517M Specification for Pressure Vessel Plates, Alloy Steel, High-Strength, Quenched and Tempered](#)

[A788/A788M Specification for Steel Forgings, General Requirements](#) (2015)

[E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size](#)

### 3. Ordering Information and General Requirements

3.1 In addition to the ordering information required by Specification [A788/A788M](#), the purchaser shall include with the inquiry and order the following information:

3.1.1 A detailed drawing, a sketch, or written description of the forging.

3.1.2 The Charpy impact test temperature if a test temperature lower than 32°F [0°C] is required.

3.1.3 Additional heat treatment cycles to be applied to the mechanical test specimens following removal from the ~~heat-treated~~ heat-treated forging or special forged test block.

3.1.4 Required supplementary requirement(s) from Specification [A788/A788M](#).

3.2 Material supplied to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Specification [A788/A788M](#), which outlines additional ordering information, manufacturing requirements, testing and retesting methods and procedures, marking, certification, product analysis variations, and additional supplementary requirements. Failure to comply with the requirements of Specification [A788/A788M](#) constitutes non-conformance with this specification.

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<sup>2</sup> For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-592/SA-592M in Section II of that Code.

<sup>3</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto: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

3.3 If the requirements of this specification are in conflict with the requirements of Specification **A788/A788M**, the requirements of this specification shall prevail.

#### 4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 *Melting Process*—The steel shall be made in accordance with the Melting Process Section of Specification **A788/A788M**.

4.2 *Grain Size*—The steel shall be fully killed, fine grained (ASTM No. 5 or finer), as determined in accordance with Test Methods **E112**, Plate IV.

4.3 *Discard*—Sufficient discard shall be made from each ingot to ensure freedom from piping and excessive segregation.

4.4 The finished product shall be a hot-worked forging as defined by Specification **A788/A788M**, and shall be forged as close as practicable to the finished shape and size.

#### 5. Heat Treatment

5.1 After forging and before reheating, the forgings shall be cooled to provide substantially complete transformation of austenite. Heat treatment for properties shall consist of heating the forgings to not less than 1650°F [900°C], quenching in a liquid medium, and tempering at 1150°F [620°C] minimum, with a holding time of 1 h/in. [1 h/25 mm] minimum, but in no case less than ½ h.

#### 6. Chemical Requirements

6.1 *Heat Analysis*—The heat analysis obtained from sampling in accordance with Specification **A788/A788M** shall comply with **Table 1**.

6.2 *Product Analysis*—The purchaser may use the product analysis provision of Specification **A788/A788M** to obtain a product analysis from a forging representing each heat or multiple heat.

**TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements**

| Element         | Composition, %       |                      |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                 | Grade A <sup>A</sup> | Grade E <sup>A</sup> | Grade F <sup>A</sup> |
| Carbon          | 0.15–0.21            | 0.12–0.20            | 0.10–0.20            |
| Manganese       | 0.80–1.10            | 0.40–0.70            | 0.60–1.00            |
| Phosphorus, max | 0.025                | 0.025                | 0.025                |
| Sulfur, max     | 0.025                | 0.025                | 0.025                |
| Silicon         | 0.40–0.80            | 0.20–0.35            | 0.15–0.35            |
| Nickel          | ...                  | ...                  | 0.70–1.00            |
| Chromium        | 0.50–0.80            | 1.40–2.00            | 0.40–0.65            |
| Molybdenum      | 0.18–0.28            | 0.40–0.60            | 0.40–0.60            |
| Vanadium        | ...                  | <sup>B</sup>         | 0.03–0.08            |
| Titanium        | ...                  | 0.04–0.10            | ...                  |
| Zirconium       | 0.05–0.15            | ...                  | ...                  |
| Copper          | ...                  | 0.20–0.40            | 0.15–0.50            |
| Boron           | 0.0025 max           | 0.0015–0.005         | 0.002–0.006          |

<sup>A</sup> Similar to Specification **A517/A517M** Grades A, E, and F, respectively.

<sup>B</sup> May be substituted for part or all of titanium content on a one for one basis.