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# Standard Specification for Steel Bars, Alloy, Hot-Wrought, for Elevated Temperature or Pressure-Containing Parts, or Both<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification<sup>2</sup> covers hot-wrought, ferritic alloy steel bars for elevated temperature or pressure-containing parts suitable for fusion welding or both.

1.2 The bars are furnished in the following grades:

Grade B 11: 1.25 % chromium, 0.55 % molybdenum  
Grade B 22: 2.25 % chromium, 1.00 % molybdenum

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:<sup>3</sup>

[A29/A29M Specification for General Requirements for Steel Bars, Carbon and Alloy, Hot-Wrought](#)  
[A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products](#)

## 3. Ordering Information

3.1 Orders for material under this specification should include the following information:

- 3.1.1 Quantity (weight or number of pieces),
- 3.1.2 Name of material (ferritic alloy steel bars),
- 3.1.3 Condition (hot wrought, normalized and tempered, machine straightened and descaled),
- 3.1.4 Dimensions (cross-sectional shape, size, and length),
- 3.1.5 ASTM designation and date of issue,
- 3.1.6 Grade ([Table 1](#)),

<sup>1</sup> 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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<sup>2</sup> For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-739 in Section II of that code.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

- 3.1.7 Additions to the specification, and
- 3.1.8 End use.

NOTE 1—A typical description is as follows: 10 000 lb, Ferritic Alloy Steel Bars, Hot Wrought Normalized and Tempered, and Descaled, 1.000-in. diameter by 10 ft, ASTM A739 dated\_\_\_\_, Grade B11, Special Straightened, Special Machined Fittings.

## 4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 *Melting Practice*—The steel shall be made by one or more of the following primary processes: open-hearth, basic-oxygen, or electric-furnace. The primary melting may incorporate separate degassing or refining and may be followed by secondary melting using electroslag remelting or vacuum arc remelting. Where secondary melting is employed, the heat shall be defined as all of the ingots remelted from a single primary heat.

4.2 *Condition*—Unless otherwise specified, bars shall be hot wrought, heat treated, and descaled.

4.3 *Heat Treatment*:

- 4.3.1 The bars shall be normalized and tempered.
- 4.3.2 Austenitizing temperature shall be within the range from 1700 to 1800°F (927 to 982°C).
- 4.3.3 Cooling from the austenitizing temperature may be accomplished by cooling in still air or moving air, at the producer's option. When permitted by the purchaser, cooling from the austenitizing temperature may be accelerated by spray or liquid quenching.
- 4.3.4 The minimum tempering temperature shall be 1200°F (649°C) for Grade B11 and 1250°F (677°C) for Grade B22.

## 5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The heat analysis shall conform to the limits for chemical composition specified in [Table 1](#) for the grade ordered.

## 6. Mechanical Properties

6.1 *Tensile Requirements*—The bars as represented by the test specimens shall conform to the tensile requirements specified in [Table 2](#).

6.2 *Specimens*—Tension test specimens shall be taken longitudinally and machined from the locations specified in Test Methods and Definitions [A370](#).