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Standard Specification for Chromium, Chromium-Nickel, and Silicon Alloy Steel Bars and Shapes for Corrosion and Heat-Resisting Service¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers hot- and cold-finished alloy steel bars having a chromium content equal to or less than 11.0 % including rounds, squares, hexagons, and hot-rolled or extruded shapes for use in corrosion and heat-resisting service.

1.2 Some steels covered by this specification, especially the high silicon-containing steels, because of their particular alloy content and specialized properties, may require special care in their fabrication and welding. Specific procedures are of fundamental importance, and it is presupposed that all parameters will be in accordance with approved test methods capable of producing the desired properties in the finished fabrication.

1.3 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with this specification.

1.4 This specification and the applicable material specifications are expressed in both inch-pound and SI units. However, unless the order specifies the applicable “M” specification designation (SI units), the material shall be furnished in inch-pound units.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 484/A 484M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Bars, Billets, and Forgings²

A 751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products²

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)³

2.2 SAE Standard:

SAE J 1086 Recommended Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys⁴

3. Ordering Information

3.1 It is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for material ordered under this specification. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, the following:

3.1.1 Quantity (weight or number of pieces);

3.1.2 Dimensions, including diameter or thickness (and width), shape or form, applicable prints or sketches, length, and so forth;

3.1.3 Type or UNS designation (see [Table 1](#));

3.1.4 ASTM designation and edition year if other than latest edition;

3.1.5 Heat-treated condition (see [Section 5](#));

3.1.6 Finish (see [Manufacture](#) section of [Specification A 484/A 484M](#));

3.1.7 Supplementary requirements invoked for special services;

3.1.8 Whether bars are to be rolled as bars or cut from strip or plate;

3.1.9 Preparation for delivery (see [Preparation for Delivery](#) section of [Specification A 484/A 484M](#));

3.1.10 Marking requirements (see [Marking](#) section of [Specification A 484/A 484M](#));

3.1.11 Surface preparation of shapes (see [Manufacture](#) section of [Specification A 484/A 484M](#)); and

3.1.12 The intended use of the material, if the purchaser considers this useful information.

NOTE 1—A typical ordering description is as follows: 5000 lb [2000 kg]; 1.000-in. [25-mm] round bar by 10 to 12 ft [3 to 4 m]; UNS S70003; to [Specification A XXX \[A XXX\]](#); annealed; centerless ground; plus any optional supplementary requirements; such as, for example, special marking instructions.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.03.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.01.

⁴ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.