Standard Specification for Precipitation-Hardening Nickel Alloys Plate, Sheet, and Strip

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers rolled precipitation hardenable nickel-iron-chromium-columbium (Nb)-titanium-aluminum alloy (N09908) plate, sheet, and strip in the annealed condition (temper). This alloy is used as sheathing for super conductor cables, as tooling for fabrication of such cables, and for other applications requiring a material with low coefficient-of-expansion properties.

1.2 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.

1.3 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to become familiar with all hazards including those identified in the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for this product/material as provided by the manufacturer, to establish appropriate safety and health practices, and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

E8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials
E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications
E228 Test Method for Linear Thermal Expansion of Solid Materials With a Push-Rod Dilatometer
E1473 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel, Cobalt, and High-Temperature Alloys

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 The terms given in Table 1 shall apply.

4. Ordering Information

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

4.1.1 Alloy—Name or UNS number (see Table 2).
4.1.2 ASTM designation and year of issue.
4.1.3 Condition—See 6.1 and Appendix X1.
4.1.4 Finish—See Appendix X1.
4.1.5 Dimensions—Thickness, width, and length.
4.1.6 Quantity.
4.1.7 Optional Requirements:

4.1.7.1 Sheet and Strip—Whether to be furnished in coil, in cut straight lengths, or in random straight lengths.
4.1.7.2 Strip—Whether to be furnished with commercial slit edge, square edge, or round edge.
4.1.7.3 Plate—Whether to be furnished specially flattened (see 7.7); also how plate is to be cut (see 7.2.1 and 7.3.2).
4.1.8 Fabrication Details—Not mandatory but helpful to the manufacturer:

4.1.8.1 Welding or Brazing—Process to be employed.
4.1.8.2 Plate—Whether material is to be hot-formed.
4.1.9 Certification—State if certification or a report of test results is required (see Section 15).
4.1.10 Samples for Product (Check) Analysis—Whether samples should be furnished (see 5.2).
4.1.11 Purchaser Inspection—if the purchaser wishes to witness the tests or inspection of material at the place of manufacture, the purchase order must so state indicating which tests or inspections are to be witnessed (see Section 13).

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The material shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition prescribed in Table 2.

5.2 If a product (check) analysis is performed by the purchaser, the material shall conform to the product (check) analysis variations prescribed in Table 2.
6. Mechanical and Other Requirements

6.1 Tensile Properties—The material after precipitation hardening shall conform to the tensile properties prescribed in Table 3.

6.2 Coefficient of Thermal Expansion:

6.2.1 The mean coefficient of thermal expansion from 77°F (25°C) to 1292°F (700°C) shall not exceed $7.8 \times 10^{-6}$ in/in°F (14.0 $\times 10^{-6}$ cm/cm°C).

6.2.2 The inflection temperature shall not exceed 572°F (300°C).

7. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

7.1 Thickness and Weight:

7.1.1 Plate—The permissible variation under the specified thickness and permissible excess in overweight shall not exceed the amounts prescribed in Table 4.

7.1.1.1 For use with Table 4, plate shall be assumed to weigh 0.292 lb/in.3 (8.08 g/cm3).

7.1.2 Sheet and Strip—The permissible variations in thickness of sheet and strip shall be as prescribed in Table 5. The thickness of strip and sheet shall be measured with the micrometer spindle $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) or more from either edge for material 1 in. (25.4 mm) or over in width and at any place on the strip under 1 in. in width.

7.2 Width or Diameter:

7.2.1 Plate—The permissible variations in width of rectangular plates and diameter of circular plates shall be as prescribed in Table 6 and Table 7.

7.2.2 Sheet and Strip—The permissible variations in width for sheet and strip shall be as prescribed in Table 8.

7.3 Length:

7.3.1 Sheet and strip of all sizes may be ordered to cut lengths, in which case a variation of $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3.2 mm) over the specified length shall be permitted.

7.3.2 Permissible variations in length of rectangular plate shall be as prescribed in Table 9.

7.4 Straightness:

7.4.1 The edgewise curvature (depth of chord) of flat sheet, strip, and plate shall not exceed 0.05 in. multiplied by the length of the product in feet (0.04 mm multiplied by the length of the product in centimetres).

7.4.2 Straightness for coiled strip material is subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

7.5 Edges:

7.5.1 When finished edges of strip are specified in the contract or purchase order, the following descriptions shall apply:

7.5.1.1 Square-edge strip shall be supplied with finished edges, with sharp, square corners, and without bevel or rounding.

7.5.1.2 Round-edge strip shall be supplied with finished edges, semicircular in form, and the diameter of the circle forming the edge being equal to the strip thickness.

7.5.1.3 When no description of any required form of strip edge is given, it shall be understood that edges such as those resulting from slitting or shearing will be acceptable.

7.5.1.4 Sheet shall have sheared or slit edges.

7.5.1.5 Plate shall have sheared or cut (machined, abrasive-cut, powder-cut, or inert-arc-cut) edges, as specified.

7.6 Squareness (Sheet)—For sheets of all thicknesses, the angle between adjacent sides shall be 90° $\pm 0.15°$ ($\frac{1}{8}$ in. in 24 in.) (1.6 mm in 610 mm).

7.7 Flatness—Standard flatness tolerances for plate shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Table 10. “Specially flattened” plate, when so specified, shall have permissible variations in flatness as agreed upon between the manufacturer and purchaser.

8. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

8.1 The material shall be uniform in quality and temper, smooth, commercially straight or flat, and free of injurious imperfections.

9. Sampling

9.1 Lot—Definition:

9.1.1 A lot for chemical analysis shall consist of one heat.

9.1.2 A lot for tension testing shall consist of all material from the same heat, nominal thickness, and condition.

9.1.2.1 Where material cannot be identified by heat, a lot shall consist of not more than 500 lb (227 kg) of material in the same thickness and condition, except for plates weighing over 500 lb, in which case only one specimen shall be taken.

9.2 Test Material Selection:

9.2.1 Chemical Analysis—Representative samples shall be taken during pouring or subsequent processing.

9.2.2 Tension and Coefficient of Thermal Expansion Testing—Samples of the material to provide test specimens for tension and coefficient of thermal expansion testing shall be taken from such locations in each lot as to be representative of that lot.

10. Number of Tests

10.1 Chemical Analysis—One test per lot.

10.2 Tension—One test per lot.

10.3 Coefficient of Thermal Expansion—One test per lot.
11. Specimen Preparation

11.1 Tension test specimens shall be taken from material in the annealed condition (temper). The specimen shall be transverse to the direction of rolling when width will permit. The test specimen shall be precipitation heat treated (see Table 3) prior to testing.

11.2 Tension test specimens shall be any of the standard or subsize specimens shown in Test Methods E8.

11.3 In the event of disagreement, referee specimens shall be as follows:

11.3.1 Full thickness of the material machined to the form and dimensions shown for the sheet-type specimen in Test Methods E8 for material under 1⁄2 in. (12.7 mm) in thickness.

11.3.2 The largest possible round specimen shown in Test Methods E8 for material 1⁄2 in. (12.7 mm) and over.

11.4 Coefficient of thermal expansion test specimens may be taken from material in the annealed condition following the final hot rolling, or in the annealed condition following any subsequent cold rolling. The coefficient of thermal expansion test specimens shall be given the age hardening heat treatment prescribed in Table 3 prior to testing.

12. Test Methods

12.1 The chemical composition, mechanical, and other properties of the material as enumerated in this specification shall be determined, in case of disagreement, in accordance with the following methods:

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<th>Test</th>
<th>ASTM Designation</th>
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<tr>
<td>Chemical analysis</td>
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<td>Tension</td>
<td>E8</td>
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<td>Rounding procedure</td>
<td>E29</td>
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<td>Coefficient of Thermal Expansion</td>
<td>E228</td>
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12.2 For purposes of determining compliance with the specified limits for requirements of the properties listed in the following table, an observed value or a calculated value shall
TABLE 4 Permissible Variations in Thickness and Overweight of Rectangular Plates

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Specified Thickness, in. (mm)</th>
<th>Permissible Excess in Average Weight per Square Foot of Plates for Widths Given in Inches (Millimetres) Expressed in Percent of Nominal Weight</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Under 48 (1220), excl 48 to 60 (1220 to 1520), excl 60 to 72 (1520 to 1830), excl 72 to 84 (1830 to 2130), excl 84 to 96 (2130 to 2440), excl 96 to 108 (2440 to 2740), excl 108 to 120 (2740 to 3050), excl 120 to 132 (3050 to 3360), excl 132 to 144 (3360 to 3660), excl 144 to 160 (3660 to 4070), incl</td>
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<tr>
<td>% of ½ to ½% (4.8 to 7.9), excl</td>
<td>9.0 10.5 12.0 13.5 15.0 16.5 18.0 ... ... ...</td>
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<tr>
<td>% of ½% to ½% (7.9 to 9.5), excl</td>
<td>7.5 9.0 10.5 12.0 13.5 15.0 16.5 18.0 ... ... ...</td>
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<td>% of ½% to 1⁄4% (9.5 to 11.1), excl</td>
<td>7.0 7.5 9.0 10.5 12.0 13.5 15.0 18.0 19.5</td>
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<td>% of 1⁄4% to 1⁄2% (11.1 to 12.7), excl</td>
<td>6.0 7.0 7.5 9.0 10.5 12.0 13.5 15.0 16.5 18.0</td>
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<td>% of 1⁄2% to 1⁄2% (12.7 to 15.9), excl</td>
<td>5.0 6.0 7.0 7.5 9.0 10.5 12.0 13.5 15.0 16.5</td>
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<td>% to 1⁄2% (19.1 to 25.4), excl</td>
<td>4.0 4.5 5.5 6.0 7.0 7.5 9.0 10.5 12.0 13.5</td>
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<td>1 to 2% (25.4 to 57.2), incl</td>
<td>5.0 5.5 6.5 7.0 8.0 8.5 10.0 11.5 13.0 13.0</td>
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A The term “lot” applied to this table means all of the plates of each group width and each group thickness.
B The permissible overweight for lots of circular and sketch plates shall be 25% greater than the amounts given in this table.
C The weight of individual plates shall not exceed the nominal weight by more than 1¼ times the amount given in this table and Table Footnote B.

TABLE 5 Permissible Variations in Thickness of Sheet and Strip

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<th>Specified Thickness, in. (mm)</th>
<th>Hot-Rolled</th>
<th>Cold-Rolled</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>48 (1220) and Under A</td>
<td>Over 48 to 60 (1220 to 1520), incl A</td>
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<tr>
<td>0.018 to 0.025 (0.46 to 0.64), incl</td>
<td>0.003 (0.08)</td>
<td>0.004 (0.10)</td>
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<td>Over 0.025 to 0.034 (0.64 to 0.86), incl</td>
<td>0.004 (0.10)</td>
<td>0.005 (0.13)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.034 to 0.043 (0.86 to 1.1), incl</td>
<td>0.005 (0.13)</td>
<td>0.006 (0.15)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.043 to 0.056 (1.1 to 1.4), incl</td>
<td>0.006 (0.15)</td>
<td>0.007 (0.18)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.056 to 0.070 (1.4 to 1.8), incl</td>
<td>0.007 (0.18)</td>
<td>0.008 (0.20)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.070 to 0.078 (1.8 to 2.0), incl</td>
<td>0.008 (0.20)</td>
<td>0.009 (0.23)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.078 to 0.093 (2.0 to 2.4), incl</td>
<td>0.009 (0.23)</td>
<td>0.010 (0.25)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.093 to 0.109 (2.4 to 2.8), incl</td>
<td>0.010 (0.25)</td>
<td>0.012 (0.31)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.109 to 0.125 (2.8 to 3.2), incl</td>
<td>0.012 (0.31)</td>
<td>0.014 (0.36)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.125 to 0.140 (3.2 to 3.6), incl</td>
<td>0.014 (0.36)</td>
<td>0.016 (0.41)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.140 to 0.171 (3.6 to 4.3), incl</td>
<td>0.016 (0.41)</td>
<td>0.017 (0.43)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.171 to 0.187 (4.3 to 4.8), incl</td>
<td>0.017 (0.43)</td>
<td>0.019 (0.48)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.187 to 0.218 (4.8 to 5.5), incl</td>
<td>0.019 (0.48)</td>
<td>0.021 (0.51)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.218 to 0.234 (5.5 to 6.0), incl</td>
<td>0.021 (0.51)</td>
<td>0.022 (0.56)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 0.234 to 0.250 (5.9 to 6.4), incl</td>
<td>0.022 (0.56)</td>
<td>0.023 (0.61)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cold-Rolled Strip</td>
<td>Widths 12 in. (305 mm) and Under A</td>
<td>0.0015 (0.04)</td>
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</table>

A Measured in. (9.5 mm) or more from either edge except for strip under 1 in. (25.4 mm) in width, which is measured at any place.
B Standard sheet tolerances apply for thicknesses over 0.125 in. (3.2 mm) and for all thicknesses of strip over 12 in. (305 mm) wide.

be rounded as indicated in accordance with the rounding method of Practice E29.

13. Inspection

13.1 Inspection of the material shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser as part of the purchase contract.

14. Rejection and Rehearing

14.1 Material that fails to conform to the requirements of this specification may be rejected. Rejection should be reported to the producer or supplier promptly and in writing. In case of dissatisfaction with the results of the test, the producer or supplier may make claim for a rehearing.
15. Certification

15.1 When specified in the purchase order or contract, a manufacturer’s certification shall be furnished to the purchaser stating that the material has been manufactured, tested, and inspected in accordance with this specification, and that the test
results on representative samples meet specification requirements. When specified in the purchase order or contract, a report of the test results shall be furnished.

16. Product Marking

16.1 Each plate, sheet, or strip shall be marked on one face with the specification number, alloy, condition (temper), heat number, manufacturer’s identification, and size. The markings shall not have a deleterious effect on the material or its performance and shall be sufficiently stable to withstand normal handling.
16.2 When applicable, each bundle or shipping container shall be marked with the name of the material, condition (temper), this specification number, alloy, size, consignor and consignee address, contract or order number, and such other information as may be defined in the contract or order.

17. Keywords

17.1 plate; sheet; strip; UNS N07725; UNS N09908; UNS N09925

APPENDIX

X1. CONDITIONS AND FINISHES NORMALLY SUPPLIED

X1.1 This appendix lists the conditions and finishes in which plate, sheet, and strip are normally supplied.

X1.1.1 Plate—Hot-rolled, annealed, and descaled.

X1.1.2 Sheet—Cold-rolled, annealed, descaled, or bright annealed.

X1.1.3 Strip—Cold-rolled, annealed, descaled, or bright annealed.

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