Standard Specification for
Common Requirements for Bolting Intended for Use at Any
Temperature from Cryogenic to the Creep Range

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers a group of common requirements that shall apply to carbon, alloy, stainless steel, and nickel alloy bolting under any of the following ASTM Specifications (or under any other ASTM Specifications that invoke this specification or portions thereof):

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1.2 In case of conflict the requirements of the individual product specification shall prevail over those of this specification.

1.3 Additional requirements may be specified by mutual agreement between the purchaser and supplier.

1.4 Supplementary requirements are provided for use at the option of the purchaser. The supplementary requirements only apply when specified individually by the purchaser in the purchase order or contract.

1.5 This specification is expressed in both inch-pound units and in SI units; however, unless the purchase order or contract specifies the applicable “M” specification designation (SI units) the inch-pound units shall apply. The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the 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 nonconformance with the specification.

2. Referenced Documents

The following documents shall form a part of this specification to the extent specified. The latest issue shall apply unless otherwise specified.

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A29/A29M Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon and Alloy, Hot-Wrought, General Requirements for
A193/A193M Specification for Alloy-Steel and Stainless Steel Bolting for High Temperature or High Pressure Service and Other Special Purpose Applications
A194/A194M Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts for Bolts for High Pressure or High Temperature Service, or Both
A320/A320M Specification for Alloy-Steel Bolting for Special Applications
A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
A437/A437M Specification for Stainless and Alloy-Steel Turbine-Type Bolting Specially Heat Treated for High-Temperature Service
A453/A453M Specification for High-Temperature Bolting, with Expansion Coefficients Comparable to Austenitic Stainless Steels
A484/A484M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Bars, Billets, and Forgings
A540/A540M Specification for Alloy-Steel Bolting for Special Applications
A700 Practices for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Shipment
A751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products
A788/A788M Specification for Steel Forgings, General Requirements

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3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 bar—a solid rolled or forged section that is long in relationship to its cross-sectional dimensions with a relatively constant cross section throughout its length. See Specification A29/A29M for definitions relating to the production of hot wrought and cold finished bars.

3.1.2 bolting—bolting material (rolled or forged bars or blanks, wire, rod, threaded bar, rotary pierced or extruded seamless tubes, bored bars, or forged hollows from forged or rolled bar segments, to be manufactured into fasteners and bolting components including but not limited to connectors, pins, restraining device components, and shafts and fasteners themselves (bolts, nuts, screws, studs, and washers).

3.1.3 certifying organization—the company or association responsible for the conformance and marking of the product to the specification requirements.

3.1.4 class—a term used to differentiate between different heat treatment conditions or strength levels, or both, often within the same grade but sometimes within the same family of materials. May also apply to work hardened condition or strength level, or both.

3.1.5 grade—an alloy described individually and identified by its own designation in a table of chemical requirements within any specification.

3.1.6 length, fasteners subject to full size testing—that portion of the fastener whose body diameter is approximately the same as the nominal thread size.

3.1.7 lot—unless otherwise specified, a lot shall consist of:

3.1.7.1 bolting, heat treated in batch type furnaces—all material of the same heat or cast of material, condition, finish, and size subjected to the same heat treatment in one tempering charge and submitted for inspection at the same time.

3.1.7.2 bolting, heat treated in continuous type furnaces—all material of the same heat or cast of material, condition, finish, and size heat treated without interruption in a continuous type furnace during an eight hour period.

3.1.7.3 bolting, non heat treated (strain hardened)—all material of the same heat or cast of material, condition, reduction (cold work), finish and size.

3.1.7.4 fasteners, machined from bolting material—all fasteners machined from the same lot of material defined as outlined in either 3.1.7.1 or 3.1.7.2, above without any subsequent heat treatment or hot or cold forming.

3.1.7.5 fasteners, heat treated in batch type furnaces—all items produced by any technique (forming, machining, etc.) from the same heat or cast of material, of the same prior condition, the same size, and subjected to the same heat treatment in one tempering charge.

3.1.7.6 fasteners, heat treated in continuous type furnaces—all items produced by any technique (forming, machining, etc.) from the same heat or cast of material, of the same prior condition, of the same size, subjected to the same heat treatment in a four hour period and in one tempering charge.

3.1.7.7 fasteners, non heat treated (strain hardened)—all fasteners of the same heat or cast of material, condition, reduction (cold work), finish and size.

3.1.7.8 strain hardened material—austenitic stainless steel material which has been subjected to cold working sufficient to cause a significant increase in strength.

3.2 Definitions—For definitions of other terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology A941.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 It is the purchaser’s responsibility to specify in the purchase order all information necessary to purchase the needed material. Examples of such information include, but are not limited to, the following:

4.1.1 Quantity and size,
4.1.2 Product specification number with grade, class, type, as applicable, and including the product specification year date, 4.1.3 Any additional information required by the individual product specification,
4.1.4 Supplementary requirements,
4.1.5 Additional requirements (see 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 6.1, 7.4, 13.1, 13.3.1, 13.3.3, 13.5.2, 13.6, 15.8, and 19.1).
4.1.6 Additional ordering options provided in the individual product specification, and
4.1.7 Dimensions (diameter, length of point, overall length, finish, shape, threads, etc.).

5. Melting Process

5.1 Unless otherwise specified in the individual product specification, the steel shall be fully killed. Use of the basic oxygen process shall be limited to grades containing less than 6 % chromium.

5.2 If a specific type of melting is required by the purchaser, it shall be stated on the purchase order.

5.3 The primary melting may incorporate separate degassing or refining and may be followed by secondary melting such as electroslag remelting or vacuum remelting. If secondary melting is employed, the heat shall be defined as all of the ingot remelted from a single primary heat.

5.4 Steel may be cast in ingots or may be continuously cast. When steel of different grades is continuously cast identification of the resultant transition material is required. The steel producer shall remove the transition material by an established procedure that positively separates the grades. Should the purchaser deem it necessary to have the transition zone of two heats of the same grade which are continuously cast discarded, the purchaser shall invoke Supplementary Requirement S53.

5.5 Quality—The steel producer quality control procedures shall provide sufficient testing of carbon and alloy steels in accordance with Method E381 or other suitable method as agreed upon between the purchaser and the producer to assure the internal quality of the product.

5.5.1 Ingot Cast Product—Visual examination of transverse sections shall show no imperfections worse than the macrographs of Method E381 S2-R2-C3 or equivalent as agreed upon.

5.5.2 Strand Cast Product—Visual examination of traverse sections in accordance with Method E381 shall reveal none of the conditions shown in macrographs 1-5, 7,12-18 of Plate III. Conditions 6, 8-11 shall not be present to a degree greater than the macrographs of Plates I and II, S2-R2-C3.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 Bars shall be produced in accordance with Specifications A29/A29M or A484/A484M as applicable. Finish (hot or cold, ground, rough turned, drawn, etc.) shall be at the option of the manufacturer unless otherwise specified.

6.2 Fasteners shall be produced in accordance with the product specification.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 Chemical Analysis—Heat or product chemical analysis shall be in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A751.

7.2 Heat Analysis—An analysis of each heat of steel shall be made by the steel manufacturer to determine the percentages of those elements specified in the individual product specification. If secondary melting processes are employed, the heat analysis shall be obtained from one remelted ingot or the product of one remelted ingot of each primary melt. The chemical analysis thus determined shall conform to the requirements of the individual product specification. Product analysis (check analysis) tolerances shall not be applied to heat analysis requirements.

7.3 Product Analysis—When performed, by manufacturer, purchaser, end user, and so forth, samples for analysis shall be taken from midway between center and surface of solid parts, midway between inner and outer surfaces of hollow parts, midway between center and surface of full-size prolongations or from broken mechanical test specimens. The chemical composition thus determined shall conform to the limits of the product specification, within the permissible tolerances found in Tables 5 and 6 of Specification A29/A29M and Table 1 of Specification A484/A484M as appropriate for the grade being supplied. When multiple samples are taken from the same lot for product analysis individual elements shall not vary both above and below the specified range.

7.4 For continuous cast materials the requirements of 8.2 or 8.3, as appropriate, of Specification A788/A788M shall be met.

7.5 Steels with intentional additions of lead, bismuth, or tellurium shall not be supplied or used. Steels with intentional additions of selenium may only be supplied or used when specifically called out in the product specification.

7.6 The starting material shall not contain any unspecified elements, other than nitrogen in austenitic stainless steels, for the ordered grade(s) to the extent that it then conforms to the requirements of another grade for which that element is a specified element having a required minimum content.

8. Mechanical Properties

8.1 Method of Mechanical Tests—All tests shall be conducted in accordance with Test Methods and Definitions A370 unless otherwise specified.

8.2 For the purpose of determining conformance to the product specification requirements, specimens shall be obtained from the production material, or, in the case of forgings, from separately forged test blanks prepared from the stock used to make the finished product. Heat treatment shall be completed prior to removal of material for mechanical testing.

8.3 If separately forged test blanks are used, they shall be of the same heat of steel, be subjected to substantially the same reduction and working as the production forging they represent, be heat treated in the same furnace charge and under the same conditions as the production forging, and be of the same nominal thickness as the maximum heat treated thickness of the production forging.
8.4 Bars—Tension and impact tests representing bar stock shall be taken in accordance with the requirements of Annex A1 of Test Methods and Definitions A370. Impact tests are not required on bars ½ in. and under in diameter.

8.5 Fasteners, Machined from Heat Treated Bar—Mechanical properties of fasteners machined from heat treated bar shall be represented by the tests run on the bar in accordance with 8.4.

8.6 Fasteners, All Classes—Produced by other methods—When fasteners have been produced by forming, when they have been subjected to heat treatment, or when the nominal thread size falls into a different diameter range than that of the starting bar as shown in the applicable specifications, then tests shall be run on material taken from those fasteners.

8.6.1 Tension test specimens taken from finished fasteners shall be machined to the form and dimensions and from the positions shown in Annex A3 of Test Methods and Definitions A370. Impact tests are not required on material from externally threaded fasteners when the thread diameter is ½ in. and under.

9. Hardness Requirements

9.1 The material shall conform to the hardness requirements prescribed in the product specification. Hardness testing shall be performed in accordance with Test Methods and Definitions A370.

9.2 Tensile tests prevail over hardness tests in the event a conflict exists relative to minimum strength unless otherwise specified in the product specification.

10. Tensile Requirements

10.1 Bars and Specimens Machined From Fasteners—The material shall conform to the tensile property requirements prescribed in the product specification.

10.1.1 When the dimensions of the material to be tested will permit, the tension test specimens shall be machined to the form and dimensions of the standard 2-in. [50-mm] gage length tension test specimen described in Test Methods and Definitions A370.

10.1.2 When the dimensions of the material to be tested do not permit full size samples, small size specimens meeting the requirements of Test Methods and Definitions A370 shall be used.

11. Proof Load and Cone Proof Requirements

11.1 Proof Load Test—Nuts shall be assembled on a threaded mandrel or a test bolt as illustrated in Fig. 1(a) Tension Method or (b) Compression Method. The minimum proof load required by the product specification shall be applied using a free running cross head speed of 1.0 in [25 mm] per minute maximum and shall be held for at least 10 s. The nut shall resist this load without stripping or rupture, and shall be removable by hand, without use of tooling, after the load is released. A wrench may be used to loosen the nut one-half turn maximum to start it in motion. The test shall be discarded if the threads of the mandrel or test bolt are damaged during the test.

11.1.1 Mandrels shall have a hardness of 45 HRC minimum with threads of the appropriate series and conforming to the requirements of ASME B1.1 Class 3A or ASME B1.13M tolerance 4H except that the maximum major diameter shall be the minimum major diameter plus 0.25 times the major diameter tolerance.

11.1.2 The test bolt shall have threads appropriate to the standard specified for the nut being tested and shall have a yield strength in excess of the specified proof load of the nut being tested.

11.1.3 The mandrel/tension method shall be used when arbitration is required.

11.2 Cone Proof Load Test—This test is performed when visible surface discontinuities become a matter of issue. The test uses a conical washer and threaded mandrel to determine the load-carrying ability of hardened steel nuts through 1½ in. [36 mm] in diameter assembled as shown in Fig. 2. The
minimum cone proof load required by the product specification shall be applied using a free running cross head speed of 0.12 in. [3 mm] per minute maximum and shall be held for at least 10 s. The nut shall support its specified cone proof load without stripping or rupture.

11.2.1 Mandrels shall conform to the requirements of 11.1.1.

11.2.2 Conical washers shall have a hardness of 57 HRC minimum and a hole diameter equivalent to the nominal diameter of the mandrel +0.002, -0.000 in. [+0.05 and -0.00 mm].

11.2.3 The contact point of the cone shall be sharp for nut sizes ½ in. [12 mm] or less. For sizes over ½ in. [12 mm], the point shall be flat and 0.015 ± 0.001 in. [0.38 + 0.03 mm] in width.

11.2.4 Cone proof loads may be determined as shown in Tables 1 and 2 when they are not specified in the product specification.

12. Impact Requirements

12.1 The material shall conform to the impact requirements prescribed in the product specification.

12.2 Sampling for impact testing shall conform to the product specification.

12.3 The impact test specimen shall have the form and dimensions shown in Fig. 10 of Test Methods and Definitions A370 for the Charpy V-notch specimen, Type A. The longitudinal axis of the specimen shall be parallel to the direction of rolling or, in the case of forgings, to the longest axis of the component the test bar represents. The notch shall be located on the test specimen surface which most closely approaches a radial direction. The base of the notch shall be as nearly as practicable perpendicular to the longest axis of the component.

13. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

13.1 The parts shall conform to the dimensions, tolerances and finish as specified on the purchaser’s order or in the individual product specification.

13.2 Bars—Bars shall meet the dimensional requirements of Specifications A29/A29M or A484/A484M as applicable.

13.3 Bolts, Screws, Studs, and Stud Bolts—Fastener points shall be flat and chamfered or rounded at the option of the manufacturer. The length of the point on studs and stud bolts shall be not less than one nor more than two complete threads as measured from the extreme end parallel to the axis. Length of studs and stud bolts shall be measured from first thread to first thread. Bolts, studs, and bolting material shall be capable of passing inspection in accordance with Specification F788/F788M.

13.3.1 Hex Bolts—Unless otherwise specified in the purchase order heads shall be in accordance with the dimensions of ASME B18.2.1 or B18.2.3.6M and the Heavy Hex screw series, should be used, except the maximum body diameter and radius of fillets may be the same as for the heavy hex bolt series. The body diameter and head fillet radius for sizes of heavy hex cap screws and bolts that are not shown in their respective tables in the ASME specifications may be that shown in the corresponding hex cap screw and bolt tables respectively.

13.3.2 Socket Heads—Unless otherwise specified socket head fasteners shall be in accordance with ASME B18.3 or the applicable metric series.

13.3.3 Studs and Stud Bolts—The dimensions and tolerances of studs and stud bolts shall be as specified by the purchaser or the product specification.

13.4 External Threads—Threads shall either be formed after heat treatment or heat treatment shall be performed in atmosphere control furnaces.

13.4.1 Thread Form—Unless otherwise specified external threads shall be in accordance with ASME B1.1, Class 2A fit, or ASME B1.13M, Class 6G fit.

13.4.2 Inch Series—Sizes 1 in. and smaller in diameter shall be coarse thread series, and those 1½ in. and larger in diameter shall be eight pitch thread series, unless otherwise specified.

13.5 Nuts—Unless otherwise specified nuts shall be hexagonal in shape and the American National Standard Heavy Hex
Series shall be used. In addition nuts shall either be double chamfered or have a machined or forged washer face, at the option of the manufacturer, and shall conform to the angularity requirements of the applicable ASME specification.

13.5.1 Thread—Unless otherwise specified threads in nuts shall be in accordance with ASME B1.1 Class 2B fit or B1.13M Class 6H fit, and shall be gaged in accordance with ASME B1.2 or B1.3M.

13.5.2 Inch Series—Unless otherwise specified, nuts up to and including 1 in. in diameter shall be UNC Series Class 2B fit and nuts over 1 in. nominal size shall be 8 UN Series Class 2B fit.

13.6 If a scale-free bright finish is required, this shall be specified on the purchase order.

14. Decarburization

14.1 Depth—The depth of decarburization (total + partial) shall be determined after completion of all heat treatment and shall not exceed the limits shown in Test Method F2328 Class 3, regardless of grade being tested.

14.2 Test Method—Decarburization test shall be performed in accordance with Test Method F2328 or F2328M as applicable.

14.3 Decarburization test only applies to carbon and alloy steel fasteners.

15. Number of Tests

15.1 Chemical Analysis—One test per heat.

15.2 Tension Tests, Bar, Rod, or Wire or Fasteners, or Both, Machined from Heat Treated Bar, Rod or Wire—One test per lot (see 3.1.7).

15.3 Tension Tests, Fasteners Produced as Defined in 8.6—The number of machined specimens or full size fasteners tested shall be as follows:

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*Based upon the following equation (this equation should not be used for extrapolating values beyond the size ranges listed in this table) and rounded to nearest 3.5 MPa equivalent:

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CPL = (1 - 0.012D) \times f \times As \times 0.001
\]

where:
- \( CPL \) = Cone stripping proof load, kN,
- \( D \) = Nominal diameter of nut, mm,
- \( f \) = Minimum proof stress of nut, MPa,
- \( As \) = Tensile stress area of nut, mm² = 0.7854 \( [D - 0.9382P] \), and
- \( P \) = Thread pitch, mm.

15.4 Decarburization Test, Carbon and Alloy Steel, Fasteners Produced as Defined in 8.6 and Studs Machined from Cold or Hot Rolled and Heat Treated Bar Whose Diameter Prior to Machining Threads is Within 0.06 in. [1.5 mm] in Diameter of the Maximum Thread Diameter—One test per lot (see 3.1.7).

15.5 Hardness Tests:
15.5.1 Hardness Tests, Bar, Rod, or Wire—One test per lot.
15.5.2 Hardness Tests, Fasteners—The number of fasteners hardness tested per lot, regardless of production technique, shall be as shown in 15.3.

15.6 Macroetch, Carbon and Alloy Steels Only—One test per lot. A lot in this case is defined as a single diameter of a single heat or the largest diameter of a single heat.

15.7 Impact Tests—Three impact test specimens shall be made for each lot when impact testing is required by the product specification.

15.8 Other Tests—The number of tests shall be as specified by the purchaser or the individual product specification.

16. Retests and Rework

16.1 If the results of any tension test do not conform to the requirements specified in the product specification, retests are permitted as outlined in Test Methods and Definitions A370. If the results of a tension test are less than specified because a flaw becomes evident in the test specimen during testing, a retest shall be allowed provided that the flaw is not attributable to ruptures, cracks, or flakes in the steel. Retesting shall be performed on twice the number of samples originally specified.

16.2 When the impact test acceptance requirements of the specification are not met, one retest of three additional specimens from the same test location may be performed. Each individual test value of the retested specimens shall be equal to or greater than the specified minimum average value.

16.3 Repair by welding is prohibited.

17. Inspection

17.1 The supplier shall afford the purchaser’s inspector all reasonable facilities necessary to satisfy him that the material is being produced and furnished in accordance with this specification and the applicable product specification. Site inspection by the purchaser shall not interfere unnecessarily with the supplier’s operations.

17.2 Personnel performing the nondestructive examination shall be qualified and certified in accordance with a written procedure conforming to ASNT Recommended Practice No. SNT-TC-1A (1988 or later) or another national standard that is acceptable to both the purchaser and the supplier.

18. Rejection and Rehearing

18.1 Samples representing material rejected by the purchaser shall be preserved until disposition of the claim has been agreed to between the supplier and the purchaser.

19. Certification

19.1 Certification shall include a statement that the material or parts, or both, were manufactured, sampled, tested, and
inspected in accordance with the requirements of the individual product specification, including the specification number, year date of issue, grade symbol, and manufacturer’s identification symbol. In addition, the certification shall include the results of all tests required by this specification, the product specification, and the purchase order. The supplier shall provide additional specific information as required by the product specification or purchase order.

19.2 A certificate printed from or used in electronic form from an electronic data interchange (EDI) transmission shall be regarded as having the same validity as a counterpart printed in the certifier’s facility. The content of the EDI transmitted document shall also conform to any existing EDI agreement between the purchaser and the supplier.

19.3 Notwithstanding the absence of a signature, the organization submitting either the EDI transmission or paper copies of certificates of test is responsible for the content of the report.

20. Product Marking

20.1 Bars shall be marked in accordance with Specifications A29/A29M or A484/A484M as applicable. Bolting materials, including threaded bar, furnished bundled and tagged, shall carry the grade symbol for the material and the manufacturer’s identification symbol or name. Marking of individual bars is not required as long as the bars are bundled and tagged or boxed.

20.2 Bar coding is acceptable as a supplementary identification method. Coding should be consistent with AIAG B-5 02.00. If used on small items, the bar coding may be applied to the box or a substantially applied tag.

20.3 Grade and manufacturer’s identification symbols shall be applied to one end of studs 3/8 in. [10 mm] in diameter and larger and to the heads of bolts and screws 1/4 in [6 mm] in diameter and larger. If the available area is inadequate, the grade symbol may be marked on one end and the manufacturer’s identification symbol marked on the other end of studs. Bolts and screws shall preferably be marked on top of the head. When necessary, bolts and screws may be marked on the side of the head provided the marking does not interfere with wrenchability or become damaged during tightening to the extent that legibility is lost. Products shall not be marked on the bearing surface or be marked in a way that alters the dimensions or geometric characteristics of the bearing surface.

20.4 Grade and manufacturer’s identification symbols shall be applied to all nuts regardless of size.

20.5 Hollow forgings shall be marked with the heat number or heat symbol and grade.

20.6 When product is altered in a manner which changes specified requirements, it is the responsibility of the current certifying organization to ensure that the product marking is appropriately revised. This includes the removal of the name or symbol of the previous certifying organization.

20.7 For purposes of product marking and test reports, the manufacturer is considered the organization that certifies the fastener was manufactured, sampled, tested, and inspected in accordance with the specification and the results have been determined to meet the requirements of the specification.

20.8 Dual Marking—Product that meets all requirements of more than one grade within or between product specifications may be marked with both grade markings. The dual marking shall consist of the complete marking requirement for each grade, as required by the product specification, separated by a slash. For example, for Grade A193 B7 and A320 L7, the dual marking would be B7/L7.

21. Packaging, Package Marking and Loading for Shipment

21.1 Packaging, marking, and loading for shipment shall be in accordance with Practices A700.

22. Keywords

22.1 austenitic stainless steel; bolts, steel; fasteners, steel; nickel alloy bolting; nuts, steel; pressure vessel service; screws; stainless steel bolting; steel bars, alloy; steel bars, carbon; steel bars, stainless; steel bolting; studs; temperature service applications, high; temperature service applications, low; turbine materials; washers

SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

One or more of the following supplementary requirements shall be applied only when specified by the purchaser in the inquiry, contract, or order, in which event the specified tests shall be made before shipment of the product.

S50. Product Marking

S50.1 Grade and manufacturer’s identification symbols shall be applied to one end of studs and to the heads of bolts of all sizes. If the available area is inadequate, the grade symbol may be marked on one end and the manufacturer’s identification symbol marked on the other end.

S51. Stress Relieving

S51.1 A stress relieving operation shall follow straightening after heat treatment. The minimum stress relieving temperature shall be 100 °F [55 °C] below the tempering temperature. Tests for mechanical properties shall be performed after stress relieving.
S52. Heat Analysis

S52.1 An analysis of each remelt ingot shall be made by the steel manufacturer to determine the percentages of those elements specified in the individual product specification. The chemical analysis thus determined shall conform to the requirements of the individual product specification.

S53. Sequential or Continuous Strand Casting

S53.1 When multiple heats of the same chemical composition range are sequentially strand cast, the heats shall be separated by an established procedure such that intermix material shall not be supplied.

S54. Bolting for Dynamic Service

S54.1 Bolting for dynamic service shall be examined for surface discontinuities and decarburization.

S54.2 Surface Discontinuities

S54.2.1 The surface discontinuities shall conform to Specification F788/F788M and the additional limitations in S54.2.2.

S54.2.2 Thread lap inspection shall be performed in accordance with Specification F788/F788M Supplementary Requirement S50. The threads shall have no laps at the root, or on the flanks initiating or extending below the pitch line.

S54.2.3 Quench cracks of any depth, any length, or in any location are not permitted.

S54.2.4 Folds at the junction of the head and the shank are not permitted.

S54.3 Decarburization

S54.3.1 Decarburization tests shall be conducted as follows, with the same number of tests as the tension test:

S54.3.2 Section the thread area longitudinally through the axis, and mount and polish the cut face in accordance with Practice E3. Use either optical or microhardness measurements for decarburization. In case of dispute, the microhardness method shall be used.

S54.3.3 For optical measurement, etch the metallographic section in 4% Nital. Examine the surface of the etched sample under a microscope at 100X using a measuring eyepiece graduated in 0.001 in. (0.03 mm) increments, or on a ground glass screen or photomicrograph. There shall be no gross decarburization (clearly defined ferrite grains), and the depth of partial decarburization (light etching zone) anywhere below the pitch line shall be less than 5% of the nominal thread height.

S54.3.4 For microhardness measurement, make hardness tests in accordance with Test Method E384 on unetched metallographic sections using either a DPH 136° indenter and a 200-gf load, or a Knoop indenter and a 200-gf load. Take measurements at the minor diameter on the thread crest bisector to determine the base metal hardness. On the same or an adjacent thread, take measurements within 0.003 in. (0.08 mm) of the flank surface at the pitch line, and 0.003 in. (0.08 mm) below the thread root. These two hardness readings shall be equal to or greater than the base metal hardness minus 30 DPH or KHN.

S55. Magnetic Particle Examination

S55.1 The wet fluorescent magnetic particle examination method shall be applied to 100% of the lot in accordance with Practice E1444. Acceptance criteria shall be in accordance with S57.

S56. Liquid Penetrant Examination

S56.1 The fluorescent liquid penetrant examination method shall be applied to 100% of the lot in accordance with Practice E1417. Acceptance criteria shall be in accordance with S57.

S57. Acceptance Criteria

S57.1 Only indications, which have a dimension greater than 3/16 in., shall be considered relevant. A linear indication is one having a length greater than three times the width. A rounded indication is one of circular or elliptical shape with a length equal to or less than three times the width. All surfaces examined shall be free of the following:

S57.1.1 Relevant linear indications;

S57.1.2 Relevant rounded indications greater than 3/16 in.; and,

S57.1.3 Four or more relevant rounded indications in a line separated by 3/16 in. or less, edge to edge.

S58. Positive Material Identification Examination

S58.1 Bolting shall receive Positive Material Identification to ensure that the purchaser is receiving bolting of the correct material grade prior to shipment of the bolting. This examination is a method to assure that no material grade mix-up has happened during manufacturing and marking of bolting.


S58.3 The quantity examined shall be 100% of the bolting.

S58.4 All bolting that are not of the correct material grade shall be rejected.

S58.5 The method of bolting marking after examination shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer and purchaser.

S59. Pressure Equipment Directive—Mechanical Testing

S59.1 Charpy impact testing shall be done at the lowest scheduled operating temperature, but not higher than 20 °C (68 °F).

S59.2 The frequency of impact testing shall be the same as that specified in the product specification for the tension test, with three individual Charpy test specimens for each required tension test.

S59.3 The minimum individual energy for the Charpy impact test shall be 20 ft-lb [27 J].

S59.4 The minimum elongation in the tension test shall be measured on a gage length of five times the diameter of the test specimen, and shall not be less than 14%.

S59.5 Impact and tension test results shall be included in the product certification.

S60. Heat Treat Charts

S60.1 The supplier shall provide heat treat charts as a part of the order documentation.
ANNEXES

(Mandatory Information)

A1. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MATERIALS

A1.1 New materials may be proposed for inclusion in specifications referencing this Specification of General Requirements subject to the following conditions:

A1.1.1 Application for the addition of a new grade to a specification shall be made to the chairman of the subcommittee which has jurisdiction over that specification.

A1.1.2 The application shall be accompanied by a statement from at least one user indicating that there is a need for the new grade to be included in the applicable specification.

A1.1.3 The application shall be accompanied by test data as required by the applicable specification. Test data from a minimum of three test lots, as defined by the specification, each from a different heat, shall be furnished.

A1.1.4 The application shall provide recommendations for all requirements appearing in the applicable specification.

A1.1.5 The application shall state whether the new grade is covered by patent.

A2. CHANGES TO EXISTING GRADES

A2.1 When changes such as chemistry, heat treatment, or processing, or combinations thereof are proposed for grades in specifications under the purview of A01.22, it is the purview of the subcommittee to request additional data/tests. Testing required may include, but is not limited to, stress rupture, tensile, impact, and stress relaxation in order to validate that the changes have not adversely impacted those properties, even though the testing may not normally be required by the standard.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee A01 has identified the location of selected changes to this specification since the last issue, A962/A962M–11a, that may impact the use of this specification. (Approved May 15, 2012).

(I) Added new Supplemental Requirement S60.

Committee A01 has identified the location of selected changes to this specification since the last issue, A962/A962M–11, that may impact the use of this specification. (Approved November 1, 2011).

(I) Updated certification and marking to distinguish between grade symbol and manufacturer’s identification symbol.

Committee A01 has identified the location of selected changes to this specification since the last issue, A962/A962M–10, that may impact the use of this specification. (Approved May 1, 2011).

(I) Revised Section 14 for clarity and to add reference to Test Method F2328.