



Standard Specification for Free-Machining Stainless Steel Bars¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers hot-finished or cold-finished bars, except bars for forging (Note 1). It includes rounds, squares, and hexagons in the more commonly used types of stainless free-machining steels designed especially for optimum machinability and for general corrosion and high-temperature service. Stainless steel bars other (Note 2) than the free-machining types are covered in a separate specification.

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI (metric) units are to be regarded separately as standard: within the text and tables, the SI units are shown in [brackets]. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents: therefore, each system must be used independent of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

1.3 Unless the order specifies the applicable “M” specification designation, the material shall be furnished to the inch-pound units.

NOTE 1—For bars for reforging, see Specification A 314.

NOTE 2—For non-free machining stainless bars, see Specification A 276.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 276 Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes²

A 314 Specification for Stainless Steel Billets and Bars for Forging²

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 Products³

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)⁴

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.05.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.01.

2.2 Other Document:

SAE J 1086 Recommended Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys⁵

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 Type or UNS designation (Table 1),

3.1.3 Form (bars, angles, etc.),

3.1.4 Condition (Table 2),

3.1.5 Finish (5.1),

3.1.6 Applicable dimensions, including size, thickness, width, and length,

3.1.7 Cross section (round, square, etc.),

3.1.8 ASTM designation (Specification A 582/A 582M) and date of issue,

3.1.9 Preparation for delivery, and

3.1.10 Marking requirements.

NOTE 3—A typical ordering description is as follows: 5000 lb [2000 kg] Type 416 bars, annealed and centerless ground, 1½ in. [40 mm] round, 10 to 12 ft [3 to 4 m] in length, ASTM Specification A 582/A 582M dated .

4. General Requirements for Delivery

4.1 In addition to the requirements of this specification, all requirements of the current edition of Specification A 484/A 484M shall apply. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification A 484/A 484M constitutes nonconformance with this specification.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Bars may be furnished either hot finished or cold finished in one of the conditions listed in Table 2.

⁵ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.