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Standard Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification covers hot-finished or cold-finished bars except bars for reforging (Note 1). It includes rounds, squares, and hexagons, and hot-rolled or extruded shapes, such as angles, tees, and channels in the more commonly used types of stainless steels. The free-machining types (Note 2), for general corrosion resistance and high-temperature service, are covered in a separate specification.

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

NOTE 2—For free-machining stainless bars designed especially for optimum machinability, see Specification A 582/A 582M.

NOTE 3—There are standards covering high nickel, chromium, austenitic corrosion, and heat resisting alloy materials. These standards are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Subcommittee B02.07 and may be found in *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol. 02.04.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 314 Specification for Stainless Steel Billets and Bars for Forging²

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products²

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

A 582/A 582M Specification for Free-Machining Stainless Steel Bars²

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 Other Document:

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 Name of material: stainless steel,

3.1.3 Form (bars, angles, etc.),

3.1.4 Condition (Section 4.1),

3.1.5 Finish (Section 8 of Specification A 484/A 484M),

3.1.6 Surface preparation of shapes (Section 8 of Specification A 484/A 484M),

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

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

3.1.9 Type or UNS designation (Table 1),

3.1.10 ASTM designation and date of issue, and

3.1.11 Whether bars are to be rolled as bars or cut from strip or plate.

3.1.12 Test for magnetic permeability when specified by customer purchase order when ordering Types 201 and 205.

3.1.13 Special requirements.

NOTE 4—A typical ordering description is as follows: 5000 lb (2268 kg) Stainless Steel Bars, Annealed and Centerless Ground, 1½ in. (38.10 mm) Round, 10 to 12 ft (3.05 to 3.66 m) in length, Type 304, ASTM Specification A 276 dated _____. End use: machined valve parts.

4. Manufacture

4.1 Condition:

4.1.1 Bars shall be furnished in one of the following conditions listed in the Mechanical Requirements table:

4.1.1.1 *Condition A*—Annealed

4.1.1.2 *Condition H*—Hardened and tempered at a relatively low temperature

4.1.1.3 *Condition T*—Hardened and tempered at a relatively high temperature

4.1.1.4 *Condition S*—Strain Hardened—Relatively light cold work

4.1.1.5 *Condition B*—Relatively severe cold work

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The steel shall conform to the requirements for chemical

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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.