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Standard Specification for High Hardenability Antifriction Bearing Steel¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers high hardenability modifications of high-carbon bearing quality steel to be used in the manufacture of antifriction bearings.

1.2 Supplementary requirements of an optional nature are provided and when desired shall be so stated in the order.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 29/A 29M Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon and Alloy, Hot-Wrought and Cold-Finished, General Requirements for²

A 255 Test Method of End-Quench Test for Hardenability of Steel²

A 751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products³

E 45 Test Methods For Determining the Inclusion Content of Steel⁴

E 381 Method of Macroetch Testing, Inspection, and Rating Steel Products, Comprising Bars, Billets, Blooms, and Forgings⁴

E 1019 Test Methods for Determination of Carbon, Sulfur, Nitrogen, and Oxygen in Steel and in Iron, Nickel, and Cobalt Alloys⁵

E 1077 Test Method for Estimating the Depth of Decarburization of Steel Specimens⁴

2.2 Other Standards:

SAE J148a Grain Size Determination of Steel⁶

ISO 683 Part 17: Ball and Roller Bearing Steels⁷

3. Ordering Information

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

3.1.1 Quantity (weight or number of pieces),

3.1.2 Grade identification,

3.1.3 ASTM designation and year of issue,

3.1.4 Dimensions,

3.1.5 Supplementary requirements, if included.

4. Process

4.1 The steel shall be made by a process that is capable of providing a high quality product meeting the requirements of this specification.

5. Chemical Composition and Analysis

5.1 Typical examples of chemical compositions are shown in Table 1. Other compositions may be specified.

5.2 An analysis of each heat of steel shall be made by the steel manufacturer in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A 751. The chemical composition thus determined shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 1 for the ordered grade or to other requirements agreed upon between manufacturer and purchaser.

5.3 Product analysis may be made by the purchaser in accordance with Test Methods, Practice, and Terminology A 751. Permissible variations in product analysis shall be in accordance with Specification A 29/A 29M.

6. Sizes, Shapes, and Dimensional Tolerances

6.1 The physical size and shape of the material shall be agreed upon between manufacturer and purchaser.

6.2 Dimensional tolerances for hot-rolled or hot-rolled and annealed bars, in straight lengths or coils, and cold-finished bars furnished under this specification shall conform to the requirements specified in the latest edition of Specification A 29/A 29M.

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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 03.01.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.06.

⁶ Available from The Engineering Society for Advanced Mobility of Land, Sea, Air and Space, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-001.

⁷ Available from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), 1, rue de Varembe, Case postale 56, CH-1211, Genève 20, Switzerland.