



Standard Specification for High-Strength Steel Bolts, Classes 10.9 and 10.9.3, for Structural Steel Joints (Metric)¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers two types of quenched and tempered alloy steel, metric heavy hex structural bolts having a tensile strength of 1040 to 1210 MPa.

1.2 These bolts are intended for use in structural connections comparable to those covered under the requirements of the Specification for Structural Joints Using ASTM A 325 and A 490 bolts, approved by the Research Council on Structural Connections; endorsed by the American Institute of Steel Construction and by the Industrial Fastener Institute.²

1.3 The bolts are furnished in nominal bolt diameters M12 to M36, inclusive. They are designated by type denoting chemical composition as follows:

Type	Description
Type 1	Medium carbon alloy steel
Type 2	Withdrawn in 2002
Type 3	Weathering steel

1.4 This specification is applicable to metric heavy hex structural bolts and alternate designs as established by the Research Council in its publication, Specification for Structural Joints Using ASTM A 325 and A 490 bolts.

1.5 For inch-pound bolts, see Specification A 490.

1.6 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.7 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the Test Methods portion, Section 13, of this specification: *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 establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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² Available from American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), One E. Wacker Dr., Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60601-2001, <http://www.aisc.org>.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

- A 325 Specification for Structural Bolts, Steel, Heat Treated, 120/105 ksi Minimum Tensile Strength
- A 490 Specification for Structural Bolts, Alloy Steel, Heat Treated, 150 ksi Minimum Tensile Strength
- A 490M Specification for High-Strength Steel Bolts, Classes 10.9 and 10.9.3, for Structural Steel Joints (Metric)
- A 563M Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts (Metric)
- A 751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products
- D 3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging
- E 384 Test Method for Microindentation Hardness of Materials
- E 709 Guide for Magnetic Particle Testing
- E 1444 Practice for Magnetic Particle Testing
- F 436M Specification for Hardened Steel Washers (Metric)
- F 568M Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Externally Threaded Metric Fasteners (Metric)
- F 606M Test Methods for Determining the Mechanical Properties of Externally and Internally Threaded Fasteners, Washers, and Rivets (Metric)
- F 788/F 788M Specification for Surface Discontinuities of Bolts, Screws, and Studs, Inch and Metric Series
- F 959M Specification for Compressible-Washer-Type Direct Tension Indicators for Use With Structural Fasteners (Metric)
- F 1136M Specification for Zinc/Aluminum Corrosion Protective Coatings for Fasteners (Metric)
- F 1470 Practice for Fastener Sampling for Specified Mechanical Properties and Performance Inspection
- F 1789 Terminology for F16 Mechanical Fasteners
- G 101 Guide for Estimating the Atmospheric Corrosion

³ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM webbiest, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM webbiest.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.