



Standard Specification for Carburizing Steels for Anti-Friction Bearings¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers the requirements for carburizing bearing-quality steel to be used in the manufacture of anti-friction 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:²

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

A 255 Test Methods for Determining Hardenability of Steel

A 304 Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Bars Subject to End-Quench Hardenability Requirements

A 510 Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel

A 519 Specification for Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Mechanical Tubing

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

A 752 Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Alloy Steel

E 45 Test Methods for Determining the Inclusion Content of Steel

E 112 Test Methods for Determining the Average Grain Size

E 381 Method of Macroetch Testing Steel Bars, Billets, Blooms, and Forgings

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

Nickel, and Cobalt Alloys

E 1077 Test Methods for Estimating the Depth of Decarburization of Steel Specimens

2.2 ISO Standard:

ISO 683 Part 17: Ball and Roller Bearing Steels

3. Ordering Information

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

3.1.1 Quantity,

3.1.2 Alloy grade identification,

3.1.3 Specification designation and year of issue,

3.1.4 Dimensions, shape, and

3.1.5 Supplementary requirements.

4. Materials and Manufacture

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 A 751. Permissible variations in product analysis shall be in accordance with Specification A 29/A 29M, Practices, and Terminology.

6. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

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

6.2 Dimensional tolerances shall conform to the requirements specified in Specifications A 29/A 29M, A 510, A 519, or A 752 as appropriate for the material or as agreed between manufacturer and purchaser.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, 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 website.