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Standard Specification for Precipitation-Hardening Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification² covers precipitation-hardening stainless steel plate, sheet, and strip. The mechanical properties of these steels are developed by suitable low-temperature heat treatments generally referred to as precipitation hardening.

1.2 These steels are used for parts requiring corrosion resistance and high strength at room temperature or at temperatures up to 600°F (315°C). Some of these steels are particularly suitable for moderate to severe drawing and forming in the solution-treated condition. Others are capable of mild forming only. They are suitable for machining in the solution-annealed condition, after which they may be hardened to the mechanical properties specified in this standard without danger of cracking or distortion.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 480/A 480M Specification for General Requirements for Flat-Rolled Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip³

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

2.2 SAE Standard:

SAE J 1086 Recommended Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)⁵

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following requirements for orders for material furnished under this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of the current edition of Specification A 480/A 480M or as specified in the following:

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-693 in Section II of that Code.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.01.

⁵ Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

3.1.1 Definitions,

3.1.2 General requirements for delivery.

3.1.3 Ordering Information:

3.1.3.1 In addition to the requirements of A 480/A 480M, the heat treatment (see Section 6) must be specified on the purchase order.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The steel shall be melted by one of the following processes:

4.1.1 Electric furnace (with separate degassing and refining optional),

4.1.2 Vacuum furnace, and

4.1.3 One of the former followed by:

4.1.3.1 Consumable remelting in vacuum, inert gas, or electroslag, or

4.1.3.2 Electron beam refining.

4.1.4 Other commercial melting methods as agreed upon between purchaser and seller are acceptable.

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The steel shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition specified in Table 1, and shall conform to applicable requirements specified in the current edition of Specification A 480/A 480M.

6. Heat Treatment of Product

6.1 Material shall be furnished in the solution-annealed condition as noted in Table 2 and Table 3 unless otherwise specified by the purchaser on the purchase order.

7. Mechanical Properties

7.1 The material, as represented by mechanical test specimens, shall conform to the mechanical property requirements specified in Table 4 and shall be capable of developing the properties in Table 5 when heat treated as specified in 9.1.

8. Bending Requirements

8.1 Samples cut from the solution-annealed plate, sheet, or strip shall withstand cold bending as specified in Table 6 without cracking on the outside of the bent portion.