



Standard Specification for Common Requirements for Iron Castings for General Industrial Use¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers a group of requirements that are mandatory requirements when used in conjunction with the following iron casting specifications issued by ASTM:

ASTM Specification²

A47
A48
A197
A220
A278
A319
A395
A436
A439
A 518
A 532
A536
A571
A 823
A 842
A 874
A 897

1.2 This specification also covers a group of supplementary requirements which may be applied to the above specifications as indicated herein. These are provided for use when additional testing or inspection is desired and apply only when specified individually by the purchaser in the order.

1.3 The requirements of the individual material specification, and this general specification shall prevail in the sequence named.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- A 47 Specification for Ferritic Malleable Iron Castings²
- A 48 Specification for Gray Iron Castings²
- A 197 Specification for Cupola Malleable Iron²
- A 220 Specification for Pearlitic Malleable Iron²

- A 247 Test Method for Evaluating the Microstructure of Graphite in Iron Castings²
- A 278 Specification for Gray Iron Castings for Pressure-Containing Parts for Temperatures Up to 650°F²
- A 319 Specification for Gray Iron Castings for Elevated Temperatures for Non-Pressure Containing Parts²
- A 395 Specification for Ferritic Ductile Iron Pressure-Retaining Castings for Use at Elevated Temperatures²
- A 436 Specification for Austenitic Gray Iron Castings²
- A 439 Specification for Austenitic Ductile Iron Castings²
- A 518 Specification for Corrosion-Resistant High-Silicon Iron Castings²
- A 532 Specification for Abrasion-Resistant Cast Irons²
- A 536 Specification for Ductile Iron Castings²
- A 571 Specification for Austenitic Ductile Iron Castings for Pressure-Containing Parts Suitable for Low-Temperature Service²
- A 644 Terminology Relating to Iron Castings²
- A 802/A802M Practice for Steel Castings, Surface Acceptance Standards, Visual Examination²
- A 823 Specification for Statically Cast Permanent Mold Gray Iron Castings²
- A 842 Specification for Compacted Graphite Iron Castings²
- A 874 Specification for Ferritic Ductile Iron Castings Suitable for Low-Temperature Service²
- A 897 Specification for Austempered Ductile Iron Castings²
- A 919 Terminology Relating to Heat Treatment of Metals³
- E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials⁴
- E 10 Test Method for Brinell Hardness of Metallic Materials⁴
- E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications⁵
- E 30 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Steel, Cast Iron, Open-Hearth Iron, and Wrought Iron⁶
- E 59 Practice for Sampling Steel and Iron for Determination of Chemical Composition⁷
- E 94 Guide for Radiographic Testing⁸

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.02.

³ Discontinued; see 1999 *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.01.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

⁶ Discontinued; see 1994 *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

⁷ Discontinued; see 1995 *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

⁸ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.03.