



Standard Specification for Castings, Iron-Chromium-Nickel-Molybdenum Corrosion-Resistant, Duplex (Austenitic/Ferritic) for General Application¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers a group of cast duplex stainless steels (austenitic/ferritic).

1.2 The duplex stainless steel alloys offer a combination of enhanced mechanical properties and corrosion resistance when properly balanced in composition and properly heat treated. Ferrite levels are not specified, but these alloys will develop a range of approximately 30 to 60 % ferrite with the balance austenite.

1.3 The values stated in either inch-pound units or metric (SI) units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text the metric (SI) units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products²

A 732/A732M Specification for Castings, Investment, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steel for General Application, and Cobalt Alloy for High Strength at Elevated Temperatures³

A 781/A781M Specification for Castings, Steel and Alloy, Common Requirements, for General Industrial Use³

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance With Specifications⁴

E 562 Practice for Determining Volume Fraction by Systematic Manual Point Count⁵

E 1245 Practice for Determining the Inclusion or Second-Phase Constituent Content of Metals by Automatic Image Analysis⁵

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.02.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01.

3. Ordering Information

3.1 Orders for material to this specification shall include the following, as required, to describe the material adequately:

3.1.1 Description of casting by pattern or drawing number (dimensional tolerance shall be included on the casting drawing),

3.1.2 Specification designation and grade including year of issue,

3.1.3 Options in the specification (See 9.1), and

3.1.4 Supplementary requirements desired, including the standards of acceptance.

4. Process

4.1 The steel shall be made by the electric furnace process with or without separate refining such as argon-oxygen-decarburization (AOD).

5. Heat Treatment

5.1 Castings shall be heat treated in accordance with the requirements in Table 1.

NOTE 1—Proper heat treatment of these alloys is usually necessary to enhance corrosion resistance and in some cases to meet mechanical

TABLE 1 Heat Treatment Requirements

Grade	Heat Treatment
1A, 1B, 1C	Heat to 1900°F [1040°C] minimum, hold for sufficient time to heat casting uniformly to temperature, quench in water or rapid cool by other means.
2A	Heat to 2050°F [1120°C] minimum, hold for sufficient time to heat casting uniformly to temperature, quench in water or rapid cool by other means.
3A	Heat to 1950°F [1070°C] minimum, hold for sufficient time to heat casting uniformly to temperature, quench in water or rapid cool by other means.
4A	Heat to 2050°F [1120°C] minimum for sufficient time to heat casting uniformly to temperature and water quench, or the casting may be furnace cooled to 1850°F [1010°C] minimum, hold for 15 min minimum and then water quench. A rapid cool by other means may be employed in lieu of water quench.
5A	Heat to 2050°F [1120°C] minimum, hold for sufficient time to heat casting to temperature, furnace cool to 1910°F [1045°C] minimum, quench in water or rapid cool by other means.
6A	Heat to 2010°F [1100°C] minimum, hold for sufficient time to heat casting uniformly to temperature, quench in water or cool rapidly by other means.