



Standard Specification for Steel Castings, Carbon, Low Alloy, and Stainless Steel, Heavy-Walled for Steam Turbines¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers one grade of martensitic stainless steel and several grades of ferritic steel castings for cylinders (shells), valve chests, throttle valves, and other heavy-walled castings for steam turbine applications.

1.2 Optional supplementary requirements (S1 through S5) shall apply as selected by and specified by the purchaser.

1.3 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the 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 488/A 488M Practice for Steel Castings, Welding, Qualifications of Procedures and Personnel³

E 94 Guide for Radiographic Examination⁴

E 125 Reference Photographs for Magnetic Particle Indications on Ferrous Castings⁴

E 142 Method for Controlling Quality of Radiographic Testing⁵

E 165 Test Method for Liquid Penetrant Examination⁴

E 186 Reference Radiographs for Heavy-Walled (2 to 4 1/2-in. [51 to 114-mm]) Steel Castings⁴

E 280 Reference Radiographs for Heavy-Walled (4 1/2 to 12-in. [114 to 305-mm]) Steel Castings⁴

E 446 Reference Radiographs for Steel Castings Up to 2 in. [51 mm] in Thickness⁴

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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 03.03.

⁵ Discontinued. Replaced by E 94. See 1999 *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.03.

E 709 Guide for Magnetic Particle Examination⁴

2.2 *Manufacturers' Standardization Society of the Valve and Fitting Industry Standard:*

SP-55 Quality Standard for Steel Castings for Valves, Flanges, and Fittings and Other Piping Components (Visual Method)⁶

3. Classification

3.1 The castings are furnished in the grades shown in Table 1.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material to this specification should include the following information:

4.1.1 A description of the casting by pattern number or drawing (dimensional tolerances shall be included on the casting drawing),

4.1.2 Grade of steel,

4.1.3 Options in the specification, and

4.1.4 The supplementary requirements desired, including the standards of acceptance.

5. Melting Process

5.1 The steel shall be made by the open-hearth or electric-furnace process.

5.2 *Deoxidation Practice:*

5.2.1 Deoxidation of the carbon and low-alloy steel grades shall be by manganese and silicon. Furnace or ladle deoxidation with other agents is permissible with the approval of the purchaser.

5.2.2 The purchaser may specify that no aluminum be added.

5.2.3 Vacuum deoxidation is acceptable. The specific method shall be subject to approval by the purchaser.

6. Heat Treatment

6.1 *Preliminary Heat Treatment*—The castings may receive such preliminary heat treatment as the founder may elect to employ.

6.2 *Heat Treatment for Final Properties:*

⁶ Available from the Manufacturers' Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry, 127 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180.