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Standard Specification for General Requirements for Flat-Rolled Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification² covers a group of general requirements that, unless otherwise specified in the purchase order or in an individual specification, shall apply to rolled steel plate, sheet, and strip, under each of the following specifications issued by ASTM: Specifications A 167, A 176, A 240/A 240M, A 263, A 264, A 265, A 666, A 693, A 793, and A 895.

1.2 In the case of conflict between a requirement of a product specification and a requirement of this specification, the product specification shall prevail. In the case of conflict between a requirement of the product specification or a requirement of this specification and a more stringent requirement of the purchase order, the purchase order shall prevail. The purchase order requirements shall not take precedence if they, in any way, violate the requirements of the product specification or this specification; for example, by waiving a test requirement or by making a test requirement less stringent.

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, except that when A 480M is specified, Annex A3 shall apply for the dimensional tolerances and not the bracketed SI values in Annex A2. 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.

1.4 This specification and the applicable material specifications are expressed in both inch-pound and SI units. However, unless the order specifies the applicable “M” specification designation [SI units], the material shall be furnished in inch-pound units.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- A 167 Specification for Stainless and Heat-Resisting Chromium-Nickel Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip³
- A 176 Specification for Stainless and Heat-Resisting Chromium Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip³
- A 240/A240M Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications³
- A 262 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Austenitic Stainless Steels³
- A 263 Specification for Corrosion-Resisting Chromium Steel-Clad Plate, Sheet, and Strip³
- A 264 Specification for Stainless Chromium-Nickel Steel-Clad Plate, Sheet, and Strip³
- A 265 Specification for Nickel and Nickel-Base Alloy-Clad Steel Plate³
- A 342 Test Methods for Permeability of Feebly Magnetic Materials⁴
- A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products³
- A 666 Specification for Annealed or Cold-Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Sheet, Strip, Plate, and Flat Bar³
- A 693 Specification for Precipitation-Hardening Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip³
- A 700 Practices for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Domestic Shipment⁵
- A 751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products³
- A 763 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Ferritic Stainless Steels³
- A 793 Specification for Rolled Floor Plate, Stainless Steel³
- A 895 Specification for Free-Machining Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip³
- A 923 Test Methods for Detecting Detrimental Intermetallic Phase in Wrought Duplex Austenitic/Ferritic Stainless Steels³
- E 112 Test Methods for Determining the Average Grain Size⁶

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA – 480 in Section II of that Code.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.04.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.05.

⁶ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.

