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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 [A240/A240M](#), [A263](#), [A264](#), [A265](#), [A666](#), [A693](#), [A793](#), and [A895](#).

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 A480M 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.

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [A01](#) on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [A01.17](#) on Flat-Rolled and Wrought Stainless Steel.

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

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

- [A240/A240M](#) Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications
- [A262](#) Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Austenitic Stainless Steels
- [A263](#) Specification for Stainless Chromium Steel-Clad Plate
- [A264](#) Specification for Stainless Chromium-Nickel Steel-Clad Plate
- [A265](#) Specification for Nickel and Nickel-Base Alloy-Clad Steel Plate
- [A342/A342M](#) Test Methods for Permeability of Weakly Magnetic Materials
- [A370](#) Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
- [A666](#) Specification for Annealed or Cold-Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Sheet, Strip, Plate, and Flat Bar
- [A693](#) Specification for Precipitation-Hardening Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip
- [A700](#) Guide for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Shipment
- [A751](#) Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products
- [A763](#) Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Ferritic Stainless Steels
- [A793](#) Specification for Rolled Floor Plate, Stainless Steel
- [A895](#) Specification for Free-Machining Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip

³ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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