



Standard Specification for Steel Castings, Ferritic and Martensitic, for Pressure-Containing and Other Applications, for Low-Temperature Service¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers carbon and alloy steel castings for pressure-containing and other applications intended primarily for petroleum and gas pipelines in areas subject to low-ambient temperatures. Castings shall be heat treated by normalizing and tempering or liquid quenching and tempering. All classes are weldable under proper conditions. Hardenability of some grades may limit usable section size.

1.2 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. Inch-pound units are applicable for material ordered to Specification A 757 and SI units for material ordered to Specification A 757M.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products²
- A 488/A488M Practice for Steel Castings, Welding, Qualifications of Procedures and Personnel³
- A 703/A703M Specification for Steel Castings, General Requirements, for Pressure-Containing Parts³
- A 919 Terminology Relating to Heat Treatment of Metals³
- E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications⁴
- E 30 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Steel, Cast Iron, Open-Hearth Iron, and Wrought Iron⁵
- E 38 Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel-Chromium and Nickel-Chromium-Iron Alloys⁵

E 94 Guide for Radiographic Testing⁶

E 125 Reference Photographs for Magnetic Particle Indications on Ferrous Castings⁶

E 142 Method for Controlling Quality of Radiographic Testing⁶

E 165 Test Method for Liquid Penetrant Examination⁶

E 186 Reference Radiographs for Heavy-Walled (2 to 4 1/2 -in. (51 to 114-mm)) Steel Castings⁶

E 208 Test Method for Conducting Drop-Weight Test to Determine Nil-Ductility Transition Temperature of Ferritic Steels⁷

E 280 Reference Radiographs for Heavy-Walled (4 1/2 to 12-in. (114 to 305-mm)) Steel Castings⁶

E 350 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Carbon Steel, Low-Alloy Steel, Silicon Electrical Steel, Ingot Iron, and Wrought Iron⁵

E 353 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Stainless, Heat-Resisting, Maraging, and Other Similar Chromium-Nickel-Iron Alloys⁵

E 390 Reference Radiographs for Steel Fusion Welds⁶

E 446 Reference Radiographs for Steel Castings up to 2 in. (51 mm) in Thickness⁶

E 709 Guide for Magnetic Particle Examination⁶

2.2 *American Society of Mechanical Engineers:*
ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code⁸

2.3 *Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry Standards:*

MSS SP-53 Quality Standard for Steel Castings for Valves, Flanges and Fittings, and Other Piping Components (Dry Powder Magnetic Particle Inspection Method)⁹

MSS SP-54 Quality Standard for Steel Casting for Valves, Flanges and Fittings, and Other Piping Components (Radiographic Inspection Method)⁹

MSS SP-55 Quality Standard for Steel Castings for Valves, Flanges and Fittings, and Other Piping Components (Visual Method)⁹

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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 03.05.

⁶ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.03.

⁷ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.

⁸ Available from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 345 E. 47th St., New York, NY 10017.

⁹ Available from the Manufacturers' Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry, 127 Park St., North East Vienna, VA 22180.