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Standard Specification for Seamless and Welded Ferritic/Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipe¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification² covers seamless and straight-seam welded ferritic/austenitic steel pipe intended for general corrosive service, with particular emphasis on resistance to stress corrosion cracking. These steels are susceptible to embrittlement if used for prolonged periods at elevated temperatures.

1.2 Optional supplementary requirements are provided for pipe when a greater degree of testing is desired. These supplementary requirements call for additional tests to be made and, when desired, one or more of these may be specified in the order.

1.3 Appendix X1 of this specification lists the dimensions of welded and seamless stainless steel pipe as shown in ANSI B36.19. Pipe having other dimensions may be furnished provided such pipe complies with all other requirements of this specification.

1.4 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. The inch-pound units shall apply unless the *M* designation of this specification is specified in the order.

NOTE 1—The dimensionless designator NPS (nominal pipe size) has been substituted in this standard for such traditional terms as nominal diameter, size, and nominal size.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products³

A 941 Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Re-

lated Alloys and Ferroalloys⁴

A 999/A 999M Specification for General Requirements for Alloy and Stainless Steel Pipe⁴

E 213 Practice for Ultrasonic Examination of Metal Pipe and Tubing⁵

E 309 Practice for Eddy-Current Examination of Steel Tubular Products Using Magnetic Saturation⁵

E 381 Method of Macroetch Testing Steel Bars, Billets, Blooms, and Forgings⁶

E 426 Practice for Electromagnetic (Eddy-Current) Examination of Seamless and Welded Tubular Products, Austenitic Stainless Steel and Similar Alloys⁵

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)⁴

2.2 ANSI Standards:⁷

B1.20.1 Pipe Threads, General Purpose

B36.10 Welded and Seamless Wrought Steel Pipe

B36.19 Stainless Steel Pipe

2.3 SAE Standard:⁸

SAE J 1086

2.4 Other Standard:⁹

SNT-TC-1A Personal Qualification and Certification in Nondestructive Testing

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this specification refer to Terminology A 941.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material under this specification should include the following, as required, to describe the desired material adequately:

4.1.1 Quantity (feet, metres, or number of lengths),

4.1.2 Name of material (ferritic/austenitic steel pipe),

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-790 in Section II of that Code.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.03.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.01.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.03.

⁶ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.

⁷ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

⁸ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

⁹ Available from The American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT), P.O. Box 28518, 1711 Arlington Ln., Columbus, OH 43228-0518.