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# Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, Required Hardness, Solution Hardened, and Bake Hardenable<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers cold-rolled, carbon, structural, high-strength low-alloy, high-strength low-alloy with improved formability, required hardness, full hard, solution hardened, and bake hardenable steel sheet, in coils and cut lengths.

1.2 Cold rolled steel sheet is available in the designations as listed in 4.1.

1.3 This specification does not apply to steel strip as described in Specification A109/A109M.

1.4 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

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:*<sup>2</sup>

A109/A109M Specification for Steel, Strip, Carbon (0.25 Maximum Percent), Cold-Rolled

<sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee A01 on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee A01.19 on Steel Sheet and Strip.

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

A568/A568M Specification for Steel, Sheet, Carbon, Structural, and High-Strength, Low-Alloy, Hot-Rolled and Cold-Rolled, General Requirements for

A941 Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Related Alloys, and Ferroalloys

A1092 Specification for Steel Sheet, as Cold-Reduced, for Conversion to Annealed Cold-Rolled Steel Sheet, and Hot Dip Metallic-Coated Steel Sheet

E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials

E517 Test Method for Plastic Strain Ratio  $r$  for Sheet Metal

E646 Test Method for Tensile Strain-Hardening Exponents ( $n$  -Values) of Metallic Sheet Materials

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For definitions of other terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology A941.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *aging, n*—loss of ductility with an increase in hardness, yield strength, and tensile strength that occurs when steel that has been slightly cold worked (such as by temper rolling) is stored for some time.

3.2.1.1 *Discussion*—Aging increases the tendency of a steel to exhibit stretcher strains and fluting.

3.2.2 *Bake Hardenable Steel (BHS), n*—steel in which significant aging is realized when moderate heat treatment, such as that used for paint baking, follows straining or cold working.

3.2.3 *Full Hard Steel (FHS), n*—steel that is cold reduced and exhibits a microstructure consisting of non-recrystallized grains.

3.2.3.1 *Discussion*—Chemical composition shall be determined by the producer unless there is prior agreement between producer and user, or seller and buyer.

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

3.2.4 *inclusion control, n*—the process of reducing the volume fraction of inclusions or modifying the shape of inclusions to improve formability, weldability, and machinability.

3.2.4.1 *Discussion*—Inclusions, especially those elongated during the rolling process, create the conditions for initiating or propagating cracks, or both, when the material is stretched or bent during the manufacture of a part. The adverse effects of inclusions are minimized by reducing the content of inclusions in the steel or by altering the shape of inclusions, or both, through the use of additions during the steelmaking process that change the elongated shape of the inclusions to less harmful small, well dispersed globular inclusions.

3.2.5 *Required Hardness Steel (RHS), n*—steel that adheres to a specified hardness range, at the time of shipment; may also be referenced as Specified Hardness Steel.

3.2.5.1 *Discussion*—Chemical composition shall be determined by the producer unless there is prior agreement between producer and user, or seller and buyer.

3.2.6 *Solid-solution Hardened Steel or Solution Hardened Steel (SHS), n*—steel strengthened through additions of elements, such as Mn, P, or Si, that can be dissolved within the crystalline structure of steels.

3.2.6.1 *Discussion*—Alloying elements that form a solid-solution with iron provide strengthening as a result of local distortions in atomic arrangements, which arise as a result of the mismatch between the atomic sizes of such elements and that of iron.

3.2.7 *Special Forming Steel (SFS), n*—steel ordered to 1010 chemistry or greater levels of carbon, manganese or both, which exhibits enhanced formability or mechanical properties.

3.2.7.1 *Discussion*—Steel grades such as CS – 1010 or CS – 1020 for example, adhere to chemistry requirements only, whereas SFS – 1010 or SFS – 1020, also provide enhanced formability. Due to greater carbon content, SFS – 1020 is not as formable as SFS – 1010.

3.2.8 *stabilization, n*—addition of one or more nitride- or carbide-forming elements, or both, such as titanium and columbium, to control the level of the interstitial elements of carbon and nitrogen in the steel.

3.2.8.1 *Discussion*—Stabilizing improves formability and increases resistance to aging.

3.2.9 *vacuum degassing, n*—process of refining liquid steel in which the liquid is exposed to a vacuum as part of a special technique for removing impurities or for decarburizing the steel.

## 4. Classification

4.1 Cold-rolled steel sheet is available in the following designations:

4.1.1 Commercial Steel (CS Types A, B, and C).

4.1.2 Commercial Steel (CS Types A and B combined with chemistry grade in accordance with Specification **A568/A568M** Table X2.3.

4.1.3 Drawing Steel (DS Types A and B, as specified in **Table 1**).

4.1.4 Drawing Steel (DS Type A and B combined with chemistry grade in accordance with Specification **A568/A568M** Table X2.3.

4.1.5 Commercial Steel Chemistry grade in accordance with Specification **A568/A568M** Table X2.1, with no type specified (CS – 1005, CS – 1008, CS – 1020, and so forth).

4.1.6 Special Forming Steel (SFS), chemistry as specified in **Table 1** with carbon and manganese limits in accordance with Specification **A568/A568M** Tables X2.1 or X2.2 (examples: SFS – 1010, SFS – 1020, SFS – C 0.12–0.18 % and Mn 0.50–0.80 %).

4.1.7 Deep Drawing Steel (DDS).

4.1.8 Extra Deep Drawing Steel (EDDS).

4.1.9 Structural Steel (SS Grades 25 [170], 30 [205], 33 [230] Types 1 and 2, 40 [275] Types 1 and 2, 45 [310], 50 [340], 60 [410], 70 [480], and 80 [550]).

**TABLE 1 Chemical Composition for Cold Rolled Steel Sheet Designations CS, DS, DDS, EDDS, and SFS**

Designation	% Heat Analysis, Element Maximum Unless Otherwise Shown														
	C	Mn	P	S	Al	Si	Cu	Ni	Cr <sup>A</sup>	Mo	V	Cb/Nb <sup>B</sup>	Ti <sup>C</sup>	N	B
CS Type A <sup>D,E,F,G</sup>	0.10	0.60	0.025	0.035	<sup>H</sup>	<sup>H</sup>	0.20 <sup>I</sup>	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	<sup>H</sup>	<sup>H</sup>
CS Type B <sup>D</sup>	0.02–0.15	0.60	0.025	0.035	<sup>H</sup>	<sup>H</sup>	0.20 <sup>I</sup>	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	<sup>H</sup>	<sup>H</sup>
CS Type C <sup>D,E,F,G</sup>	0.08	0.60	0.10	0.035	<sup>H</sup>	<sup>H</sup>	0.20 <sup>I</sup>	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	<sup>H</sup>	<sup>H</sup>
DS Type A <sup>E,J</sup>	0.08	0.50	0.020	0.020	0.01 min	<sup>H</sup>	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	<sup>H</sup>	<sup>H</sup>
DS Type B	0.02–0.08	0.50	0.020	0.020	0.02 min	<sup>H</sup>	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	<sup>H</sup>	<sup>H</sup>
DDS <sup>F,G</sup>	0.06	0.50	0.020	0.020	0.01 min	<sup>H</sup>	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	<sup>H</sup>	<sup>H</sup>
EDDS <sup>K</sup>	0.02	0.40	0.020	0.020	0.01 min	<sup>H</sup>	0.10	0.10	0.15	0.03	0.10	0.10	0.15	<sup>H</sup>	<sup>H</sup>
SFS	<sup>L</sup>	<sup>L</sup>	0.020	0.020	0.01 min	<sup>H</sup>	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	<sup>H</sup>	<sup>H</sup>

<sup>A</sup> Chromium is permitted, at the producer's option, to 0.25 % maximum when the carbon content is less than or equal to 0.05 %.

<sup>B</sup> Columbium (Cb) and niobium (Nb) are considered interchangeable names for Element 41 in the periodic table and both names are acceptable for use.

<sup>C</sup> For steels containing 0.02 % or more carbon, titanium is permitted at the producer's option, to the lesser of 3.4N + 1.5S or 0.025 %.

<sup>D</sup> When an aluminum deoxidized steel is required for the application, it is permissible to order Commercial Steel (CS) to a minimum of 0.01 % total aluminum.

<sup>E</sup> Specify Type B to avoid carbon levels below 0.02 %.

<sup>F</sup> It is permissible to furnish as a vacuum degassed or chemically stabilized steel, or both, at the producer's option.

<sup>G</sup> For carbon levels less than or equal to 0.02 %, it is permissible to use vanadium, columbium or titanium, or a combination thereof, as stabilizing elements at the producer's option. In such cases, the applicable limit for vanadium or columbium shall be 0.10 % max. and the limit on titanium shall be 0.15 % max.

<sup>H</sup> There is no specified limit, but the analysis shall be reported.

<sup>I</sup> When copper steel is specified, the copper limit is a minimum requirement. When copper steel is not specified, the copper limit is a maximum requirement.

<sup>J</sup> If produced utilizing a continuous anneal process, stabilized steel is permissible at the producer's option, and Footnotes F and G apply.

<sup>K</sup> Shall be furnished as a vacuum degassed and stabilized steel.

<sup>L</sup> Carbon and manganese chemistry limits shall be specified in accordance with Specification **A568/A568M** Tables X2.1 or X2.2.

4.1.10 High-strength Low-alloy Steel (HSLAS, in Classes 1 and 2, in Grades 45 [310], 50 [340], 55 [380], 60 [410], 65 [450], and 70 [480] in Classes 1 and 2), and

4.1.11 High-strength Low-alloy Steel with Improved Formability (HSLAS-F Grades 50 [340], 60 [410], 70 [480], and 80 [550]).

4.1.11.1 HSLAS-F steel has improved formability when compared to HSLAS. The steel is fully deoxidized, made to fine grain practice and includes microalloying elements such as columbium, vanadium, zirconium, and so forth. The steel shall be treated to achieve inclusion control.

4.1.12 Solution Hardened Steel (SHS).

4.1.13 Bake Hardenable Steel (BHS).

4.1.14 Required Hardness Steel (RHS).

4.1.15 Full Hard Steel (FHS).

4.2 When required for HSLAS and HSLAS-F steels, limitations on the use of one or more of the microalloy elements shall be specified on the order.

4.3 Cold-rolled steel sheet is supplied for either exposed or unexposed applications. Within the latter category, cold-rolled sheet is specified either “temper rolled” or “annealed last” or “full hard.” For details on processing, attributes and limitations, and inspection standards, refer to Specification [A568/A568M](#).

## 5. Ordering Information

5.1 It is the purchaser’s responsibility to specify in the purchase order all ordering information necessary to describe the required material. Examples of such information include, but are not limited to, the following:

5.1.1 ASTM specification number and year of issue.

5.1.2 Name of material and designation (cold-rolled steel sheet) (include grade, type, and class, as appropriate, for CS, DS, DDS, EDDS, SFS, SS, HSLAS, HSLAS-F, RHS, FHS, SHS, or BHS) (see [4.1](#)).

5.1.2.1 When a Chemistry grade is specified in accordance with Specification [A568/A568M](#) Table X2.3, the grade shall be furnished as CS Type B – 1008, DS Type A – 1005, and so forth.

5.1.2.2 When a Chemistry grade is specified in accordance with Specification [A568/A568M](#) Table X2.1, with no reference to CS Type A, CS Type B, DS Type A, DS Type B, or SFS, the grade shall be furnished as CS – 1005, CS – 1008, CS – 1020, and so forth, and meet chemistry specified in accordance with Specification [A568/A568M](#) Table X2.1.

5.1.2.3 When a type is not specified for CS or DS and there is no reference to a chemistry grade such as 1005, 1006, and so forth, Type B will be furnished (see [4.1](#)).

5.1.2.4 When SFS is specified, a chemistry grade designation shall also be specified in accordance with Specification [A568/A568M](#) Table X2.1 (that is, 1010, 1020, and so forth), or carbon and manganese in accordance with Specification [A568/A568M](#) Table X2.2 (that is, C 0.12–0.18 %, Mn 0.50–0.80 %, and so forth). The characteristics identifying the enhanced formability or mechanical properties shall be specified by the user or purchaser, on the purchase order. If requested, the producer or seller shall provide verification of special practices or mechanical properties supporting enhanced formability.

5.1.2.5 When a class is not specified for HSLAS, Class 1 will be furnished (see [4.1](#)).

5.1.2.6 When a type is not specified for SS 33 [230] and SS 40 [275], Type 1 will be furnished (see [4.1](#)).

5.1.3 Classification (either exposed, unexposed, temper rolled, or annealed last) (see [4.3](#)).

5.1.4 Finish (see [9.1](#)).

5.1.5 Oiled or not oiled, as required (see [9.2](#)).

5.1.6 Dimensions (thickness, width, and whether cut lengths or coils).

NOTE 1—Not all producers are capable of meeting all the limitations of the thickness tolerance tables in Specification [A568/A568M](#). The purchaser should contact the producer regarding possible limitations prior to placing an order.

5.1.7 Coil size (must include inside diameter, outside diameter, and maximum weight).

5.1.8 Copper bearing steel (if required).

5.1.9 Quantity.

5.1.10 Application (part identification and description).

5.1.11 A report of heat analysis will be supplied, if requested, for CS, DS, DDS, EDDS, SFS, RHS, and FHS. For materials with required mechanical properties, SS, HSLAS, HSLAS-F, SHS, and BHS, a report is required of heat analysis and mechanical properties as determined by the tension test.

5.1.12 Special requirements (if any).

5.1.12.1 When the purchaser requires thickness tolerances for  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. [10 mm] minimum edge distance (see Supplementary Requirement in Specification [A568/A568M](#)), this requirement shall be specified in the purchase order or contract.

5.1.12.2 Tighter requirements can be specified based on agreement between seller and purchaser.

NOTE 2—A typical ordering description is as follows:

ASTM A1008-XX, cold rolled steel sheet, CS Type A, exposed, matte finish, oiled, 0.035 by 30 in. by coil, ID 24 in., OD 48 in., max weight 15 000 lbs, 100 000 lb, for part No. 4560, Door Panel; or

ASTM A 1008M-XX, cold-rolled steel sheet, SS Grade 275, unexposed, matte finish, oiled, 0.88 by 760 by 2440 mm, 10 000 kg, for shelf bracket.

## 6. General Requirements for Delivery

6.1 Material furnished under this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of the current edition of Specification [A568/A568M](#) unless otherwise provided herein.

## 7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The heat analysis of the steel shall conform to the chemical composition requirements of the appropriate designation shown in [Table 1](#) for CS, DS, DDS, EDDS, and SFS, and in [Table 2](#) for SS, HSLAS, HSLAS-F, SHS, and BHS.

7.2 Each of the elements listed in [Tables 1 and 2](#), and Specification [A568/A568M](#) Table X2.3 shall be included in the report of the heat analysis. When the amount of copper, nickel, chromium, or molybdenum is less than 0.02 %, report the analysis as <0.02 % or the actual determined value. When the amount of vanadium, columbium, or titanium is less than 0.008 %, report the analysis as <0.008 % or the actual determined value. When the amount of boron is less than 0.0005 %, report the analysis as <0.0005 % or the actual determined value.