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Standard Specification for Age-Hardening Stainless Steel Forgings¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers age-hardening stainless steel forgings for general use.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.3 Unless the order specifies an “M” designation, the material shall be furnished to inch-pound units.

NOTE 1—Bar products are covered by Specification [A564/A564M](#).

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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

[A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products](#)

[A484/A484M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Bars, Billets, and Forgings](#)

[A564/A564M Specification for Hot-Rolled and Cold-](#)

[Finished Age-Hardening Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes](#)
[A751 Test Methods and Practices for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products](#)

[A788/A788M Specification for Steel Forgings, General Requirements](#)

[E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System \(UNS\)](#)

2.2 *Other Document:*⁴

[SAE J 1086 Recommended Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys \(UNS\)](#)

3. Ordering Information

3.1 It is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for material ordered under this specification. Such requirements may include but are not limited to the following:

- 3.1.1 Quantity (weight or number of pieces),
- 3.1.2 Name of material (age-hardening stainless steel forgings),
- 3.1.3 Dimensions, including prints or sketches,
- 3.1.4 Type or UNS designation ([Table 1](#)),
- 3.1.5 Heat-treated condition ([Section 5](#)),
- 3.1.6 Transverse properties when required ([7.4](#)),
- 3.1.7 ASTM designation and date of issue, and
- 3.1.8 Special requirements ([5.3](#) and [5.4](#)).

3.2 If possible, the intended end use of the item should be given on the purchase order, especially when the item is ordered for a specific end use or uses.

NOTE 2—A typical ordering description is as follows: five age-hardening stainless steel forgings, Type 630, solution-annealed, Specification A705 dated __. End use: pump blocks for oil well equipment.

4. General Requirements

4.1 In addition to the requirements of this specification, all requirements of the current edition of Specification [A484/A484M](#) shall apply. Forgings shall comply with the Terminology and Forging sections of Specification [A788/A788M](#), which further clarify the forging definitions in the Terminology section of Specification [A484/A484M](#). Failure to comply with

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-705/SA-705M in Section II of that Code.

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.

⁴ Available from SAE International (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096, <http://www.sae.org>.

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

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements^A

Composition, %													
UNS Designation ^B	Type	C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cr	Ni	Al	Mo	Ti	Cu	Other Elements ^{C, J}
S17400	630	0.07	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	15.00–17.50	3.00–5.00	...	...	...	3.00–5.00	<i>D</i>
S17700	631	0.09	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	16.00–18.00	6.50–7.75	0.75–1.50	...	...	...	...
S15700	632	0.09	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	14.00–16.00	6.50–7.75	0.75–1.50	2.00–3.00	...	...	...
S35500	634	0.10–0.15	0.50–1.25	0.040	0.030	0.50	15.00–16.00	4.00–5.00	...	2.50–3.25	...	...	<i>E</i>
S17600	635	0.08	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	16.00–17.50	6.00–7.50	0.40	...	0.40–1.20	...	...
S15500	XM-12	0.07	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	14.00–15.50	3.50–5.50	...	...	...	2.50–4.50	<i>D</i>
S13800	XM-13	0.05	0.20	0.010	0.008	0.10	12.25–13.25	7.50–8.50	0.90–1.35	2.00–2.50	...	...	<i>F</i>
S45500	XM-16	0.03	0.50	0.015	0.015	0.50	11.00–12.50	7.50–9.50	...	0.50	0.90–1.40	1.50–2.50	<i>G</i>
S45503	...	0.010	0.50	0.010	0.010	0.20	11.00–12.50	7.50–9.50	...	0.50	1.00–1.35	1.50–2.50	<i>G</i>
S45000	XM-25	0.05	1.00	0.030	0.030	1.00	14.00–16.00	5.00–7.00	...	0.50–1.00	...	1.25–1.75	<i>H</i>
S10120		0.02	0.25	0.015	0.010	0.25	11.00–12.50	9.00–10.50	0.80–1.10	1.75–2.25	0.20–0.50	...	<i>F</i>
S11100		0.02	0.25	0.015	0.010	0.25	11.00–12.50	10.25–11.25	1.35–1.75	1.75–2.25	0.20–0.50	...	<i>F</i>

^A Limits are in percent maximum unless shown as a range or stated otherwise.

^B Designation established in accordance with Practice E527 and SAEJ1086, Recommended Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS).

^C Columbium (Cb) and niobium (Nb) are considered interchangeable names for element 41 in the periodic table and both names are acceptable for use.

^D Niobium 0.15–0.45.

^E Nitrogen 0.07–0.13.

^F Nitrogen 0.01.

^G Niobium 0.10–0.50.

^H Niobium 8x carbon minimum.

^J Initially it was very time consuming to analyze Nb (Cb) separately from Ta so the two elements were included together in the stainless steel standards. Nb (Cb) was always the key element associated with obtaining properties. With more advanced chemical analysis methods, this distinction was no longer an issue. As Ta falls under a Conflict Mineral element, ASTM has been removing Ta from its standards where it has been included in combination with Nb (Cb). It was removed from this standard in 2022.

the general requirements of Specification A484/A484M, constitutes nonconformance with this specification.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Material for forgings shall consist of billets or bars, either forged, rolled, or cast, or a section cut from an ingot. The cuts shall be made to the required length by a suitable process. This material may be specified to Specification A564/A564M.

5.2 The material shall be forged by hammering, pressing, rolling, extruding, or upsetting to produce a wrought structure throughout and shall be brought as nearly as possible to the finished shape and size by hot working.

5.3 When specified on the order, sample forging may be sectioned and etched to show flow lines and the condition in regard to internal imperfections. When so specified, the question of acceptable and unacceptable metal flow shall be subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser prior to order entry.

5.4 When specified on the order, the manufacturer shall submit for approval of the purchaser a sketch showing the shape of the rough forging before machining, or before heat treating for mechanical properties.

5.5 The grain size shall be as fine as practicable and precautions shall be taken to minimize grain growth.

5.6 Material of types other than XM-9 shall be furnished in the solution-annealed condition, or in the equalized and over-tempered condition, as noted in Table 2, unless otherwise specified by the purchaser.

5.6.1 Types 630, XM-16, and XM-25 may be furnished in the solution-annealed or age-hardened condition.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The steel shall conform to the chemical composition limits specified in Table 1.

6.2 Methods and practices relating to chemical analysis required by this specification shall be in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A751.

7. Mechanical Properties

7.1 The material, as represented by mechanical test specimens, shall conform to the mechanical property requirements specified in Table 2 and shall be capable of developing the properties in Table 3 when heat treated as specified in Table 3.

7.2 The yield strength shall be determined by the offset method as described in the current edition of Test Methods and Definitions A370. The limiting permanent offset shall be 0.2 % of the gage length of the specimen.

7.3 The impact strength shall be determined at 70 to 80 °F [20 to 25 °C], by Charpy V-notch specimen Type A as described in Test Methods and Definitions A370.

7.4 Material tensile tested and, when specified, impact tested in the transverse direction (perpendicular to the forging flow lines) and meeting the requirements shown in Table 3 need not be tested in the longitudinal direction.

7.5 Samples cut from forging shall conform to the mechanical properties of Table 3 when heat treated as specified in Tables 2 and 3 and tested in accordance with Test Methods and Definitions A370.

TABLE 2 Solution Heat Treatment

Type	Condition	Solution Treatment	Mechanical Test Requirements in Solution Treated Condition ^A					
			Tensile Strength, min ksi [MPa]	Yield Strength, min ksi [MPa]	Elongation in 2 in. [50 mm] or 4D, min. %	Reduction of Area, minute %	Hardness ^B	
							Rockwell C, max	Brinell, max
630	A	1900 ± 25 °F [1040 ± 15 °C] (cool as required to below 90 °F [32 °C])	...	...	...	...	38	363
631	A	1900 ± 25 °F [1040 ± 15 °C] (water quench)	...	...	...	...	Rb89	229
632	A	1900 ± 25 °F [1040 ± 15 °C] (water quench)	...	...	...	...	Rb100	269 ^C
634 ^D	A	1900 ± 25 °F [1040 ± 15 °C] quench, hold not less than 3 h at -100 °F or lower	...	...	...	...	...	363 ^D
635	A	1900 ± 25 °F [1040 ± 15 °C] (air cool)	120 [825]	75 [515]	10	45	32	302
XM-12	A	1900 ± 25 °F [1040 ± 15 °C] (cool as required to below 90 °F [32 °C])	...	...	...	...	38	363
XM-13	A	1700 ± 25 °F [925 ± 15 °C] (cool as required to below 60 °F [16 °C])	...	...	...	...	38	363
XM-16	A	1525 ± 25 °F [830 ± 15 °C] (cool rapidly)	...	...	...	...	36	331
S45503	A	1525 ± 25 °F [830 ± 15 °C] (cool rapidly)	...	...	...	...	36	331
XM-25	A	1900 ± 25 °F [1040 ± 15 °C] (cool rapidly)	125 [860] ^E	95 [655]	10	40	33	311
S10120	A	1545 ± 25 °F [840 ± 14 °C] (cool rapidly below 90 °F [32 °C])	...	...	...	...	36	331
S11100	A	1545 ± 25 °F [840 ± 14 °C] (oil or water quench), hold for min. 8 h at minus 100 °F [-73 °C], ^F air warm	...	...	...	...	36	331

^A See 6.1.

^B Either Rockwell C hardness or Brinell is permissible. On sizes of ½ in. [12.70 mm] and smaller, Rockwell C is preferred.

^C 321 BHN for rounds cold drawn after solution treating.

^D Equalization and over-tempering treatment 1425 ± 50 °F [775 ± 30 °C] for not less than 3 h, cool to room temperature, heat to 1075 ± 25 °F [580 ± 15 °C] for not less than 3 h.

^E 125 to 165 ksi [860 to 1140 MPa] for sizes up to ½ in. [13 mm].

^F Required hold time at minus 100 °F [-73 °C] is not mandatory if product is under 2 in. [51 mm] thickness.

8. Prolongations for Tests

8.1 Subject to Section 7, the forgings shall be produced with prolongations for testing, unless otherwise specified. The

producer may elect to submit an extra forging to represent each test lot instead of prolongations, or the test specimens can be taken from the forgings themselves.