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Standard Guide for Specifying Harmonized Standard Grade Compositions for Wrought Carbon, Low-Alloy, and Alloy Steels¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This guide covers ASTM Subcommittees A01.02, A01.03, A01.06, A01.09, A01.11, A01.15, A01.19, A01.22, and A01.28 for specifying chemical composition limits of wrought carbon, low-alloy, and alloy steels. It is intended that these recommended grade composition limits be suitable for adoption by other standardization bodies that prepare standards for carbon, low-alloy, and alloy steel products, including discontinued steels.

1.2 Included in this guide are the recommendations for determining the number of significant figures for specifying chemical composition.

1.3 The carbon and alloy steel grades in all standards overseen by the aforementioned ASTM subcommittees have been included, except those grades applicable to restricted special end uses.

1.4 Not addressed are minor composition modifications that a specific ASTM subcommittee may find necessary to accommodate effects of normal processing or to enhance fabricability by the producer or user, or both.

1.5 Also not generally addressed (except where established by ASTM subcommittees) is a complete rationalization of all limits, especially where such would conflict with long-standing practices and is not justified by special technical effect.

1.6 This guide does not address discontinued or formerly standard steel grades. A listing of such steel grades can be found in SAE J1249. Also excluded from this guide are cast materials and welding filler metals.

1.7 In 1995, the AISI made the decision to transfer the responsibility of maintaining its numbering system to the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) for carbon and alloy steels (SAE J403 and SAE J404) and to ASTM International for stainless steels (Guide A959 and others). To inform users of

this important event, historical information is included in the appendix of this standard.

1.8 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.9 *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:²

[A276/A276M Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes](#)

[A941 Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Related Alloys, and Ferroalloys](#)

[A959 Guide for Specifying Harmonized Standard Grade Compositions for Wrought Stainless Steels](#)

2.2 SAE Standards:³

[SAE J403 Chemical Compositions of SAE Carbon Steels](#)

[SAE J404 Chemical Compositions of SAE Alloy Steels](#)

[SAE J1013 Measurement of Whole Body Vibration of the Seated Operator of Off-Highway Work Machines](#)

[SAE J1249 Former SAE Standard and Former SAE EX-Steels](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *long product, n*—generic term describing wrought bars, rod, wire, rail, tubing (welded and seamless), plate, and pipe.

¹ This guide is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee A01 on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee A01.15 on Bars.

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² 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.

³ 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

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—Product forms such as “C” shapes, “HP” shapes, “L” shapes, “M” shapes, “MC” shapes, “S” shapes, “W” shapes, and sheet piling are considered long products. Such product forms are produced to mechanical properties and are not normally produced to the chemical compositions listed in this guide.

3.1.2 *flat product, n*—generic term describing wrought sheet and strip.

3.2 Refer to Terminology [A941](#) for additional definitions of terms used in this guide.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 It is anticipated that the ASTM Subcommittees A01.02, A01.03, A01.06, A01.09, A01.11, A01.15, A01.19, A01.22, and A01.28 will use the standard composition limits listed in this guide for the grades identified in their product specifications unless there is a specific technical justification for doing otherwise.

4.2 The composition limits given in this guide are to be used as guides in determining limits for each of the elements included in the total composition of each grade. The composition limits have been established with the intent that each ASTM subcommittee will find it necessary to require only a minimum number of changes to reflect specific technical effects. Section 5 lists the general guidelines followed for determining the limits for each element; the limits established in this guide are based upon these guidelines.

5. General Guidelines Used for Determining Composition Limits

5.1 [Table 1](#) gives typical chemical composition limits for respective elements.

TABLE 1 Expression of Chemical Composition Limits

Chemical Element	Chemical Composition Limit
C, Cr, Cu, Mn, Mo, Ni, Pb, Si	Two decimal places (0.xx %) or (1.xx %)
Al, Ca, N, Nb (Cb), ^A P, S, Sn, Ti, V	Three decimal places (0.xxx %)
B	Four decimal places (0.xxxx %)

^A Columbium (Cb) and Niobium (Nb) are alternate names for element 41 in the Periodic Table of the Elements.

6. Harmonized Standard Grade Wrought Carbon, Low-Alloy, and Alloy Steel Compositions

6.1 The harmonized composition limits are given in [Tables 2-17](#), grouped by metallurgical classification. Within all tables, grades are listed in numerical order.

6.2 Unless adopted by the appropriate product subcommittee in an ASTM standard, the compositions described in this guide shall not be used for specifying an ASTM product.

6.3 Criteria for the addition of grades to the grade lists in this guide are as follows: (1) New grades will be considered based upon the grade meeting a standard grade designation and chemistry; (2) New grades shall have an annual production or consumption of 250 tons (225 Mg); (3) New grades shall have the sponsorship of at least two individual users or producers.

7. Keywords

7.1 alloy steels; carbon steels; harmonized carbon, low-alloy, and alloy steel compositions; low-alloy steels

TABLE 2 Chemical Composition for Nonresulfurized Carbon Steels

Grade	Composition, ^{A, B, C} %							
	C	Mn	P max		S max		P max	S max
			Long Product				Flat Product	
1001	0.01 max	0.35 max	...	...	...	0.030	0.035
1002	0.02 max	0.35 max	...	...	...	0.030	0.035
1003	0.04 max	0.35 max	...	...	...	0.030	0.035
1004	0.02/0.06	0.35 max	...	...	...	0.030	0.035
1005	0.06 max	0.35 max	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1006 ^B	0.02/0.08	0.45 max	...	...	...	0.030	0.035
1006 ^D	0.08 max	0.25-0.45	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1006 ^E	0.08 max	0.45 max	...	...	...	0.030	0.035
1007	0.02/0.10	...	...	...	...	0.030	0.035
1008 ^D	0.10 max	0.30-0.50	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1008 ^E	0.10 max	0.50 max	...	...	...	0.030	0.035
1009	0.15 max	0.60 max	...	...	...	0.030	0.035
1010	0.08-0.13	0.30-0.60	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1011	0.08-0.13	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1012	0.10-0.15	0.30-0.60	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1013 ^{D, F}	0.11-0.16	0.50-0.80	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1013 ^E	0.11-0.16	0.30-0.60	...	...	...	0.030	0.035
1015	0.13-0.18	0.30-0.60	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1016	0.13-0.18	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1017	0.15-0.20	0.30-0.60	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1018	0.15-0.20	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1019	0.15-0.20	0.70-1.00	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1020	0.18-0.23	0.30-0.60	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1021	0.18-0.23	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1022	0.18-0.23	0.70-1.00	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1023	0.20-0.25	0.30-0.60	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1024	0.18-0.25	1.30-1.65	0.035	0.035	...	...	...
1025	0.22-0.28	0.30-0.60	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1026	0.22-0.28	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1027	0.22-0.29	1.20-1.55	0.035	0.035	...	...	...
1029	0.25-0.31	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1030	0.28-0.34	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1033	0.30-0.36	0.70-1.00	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1034	0.32-0.38	0.50-0.80	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1035	0.32-0.38	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1037	0.32-0.38	0.70-1.00	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1038	0.35-0.42	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1039	0.37-0.44	0.70-1.00	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1040	0.37-0.44	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1042	0.40-0.47	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1043	0.40-0.47	0.70-1.00	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1044	0.43-0.50	0.30-0.60	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1045	0.43-0.50	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1046	0.43-0.50	0.70-1.00	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1049	0.46-0.53	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1050	0.48-0.55	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1053	0.48-0.55	0.70-1.00	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1055	0.50-0.60	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1059	0.55-0.65	0.50-0.80	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1060	0.55-0.65	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1064	0.60-0.70	0.50-0.80	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1065	0.60-0.70	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1069	0.65-0.75	0.40-0.70	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1070	0.65-0.75	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1070m ^G	0.65-0.75	0.80-1.10	0.025	0.025	...	...	...
1071	0.65-0.70	0.75-1.05	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1074	0.70-0.80	0.50-0.80	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1075	0.70-0.80	0.40-0.70	0.040	0.050	...	...	...
1078	0.72-0.85	0.30-0.60	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1080	0.75-0.88	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1084	0.80-0.93	0.60-0.90	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1085	0.80-0.93	0.70-1.00	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	
1086	0.80-0.93	0.30-0.50	0.040	0.050	...	0.030	0.035	