



# Standard Specification for Steel Castings, Martensitic Stainless and Alloy, for Pressure-Containing Parts, Suitable for High-Temperature Service<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification<sup>2</sup> covers martensitic stainless steel and alloy steel castings for valves, flanges, fittings, and other pressure-containing parts (**Note 1**) intended primarily for high-temperature and corrosive service (**Note 2**).

1.2 One grade of martensitic stainless steel and nine grades of ferritic alloy steel are covered. Selection will depend on design and service conditions, mechanical properties, and the high-temperature and corrosion-resistant characteristics (**Note 3**).

**NOTE 1**—Carbon steel castings for pressure-containing parts are covered by Specification **A216/A216M**. Low alloy quench-and-tempered grades equivalent to Specification A217/A217M grades may be found in both Specifications **A352/A352M** and **A487/A487M**.

**NOTE 2**—The grades covered by this specification represent materials that are generally suitable for assembly with other castings or wrought steel parts by fusion welding. It is not intended to imply that these grades possess equal degrees of weldability; therefore, it is the responsibility of the purchaser to establish for himself a suitable welding technique. Since these grades possess varying degrees of suitability for high-temperature and corrosion-resistant service, it is also the responsibility of the purchaser to determine which grade shall be furnished, due consideration being given to the requirements of the applicable construction codes.

**NOTE 3**—The committee formulating this specification has included nine grades of materials that are considered to represent basic types of ferritic alloy steels suitable for valves, flanges, fittings, and other pressure-containing parts. Additional alloy steels that may better fulfill certain types of service will be considered for inclusion in this specification by the committee as the need becomes apparent.

1.3 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 nonconformance with the standard.

1.4 *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>3</sup>

**A216/A216M** Specification for Steel Castings, Carbon, Suitable for Fusion Welding, for High-Temperature Service

**A352/A352M** Specification for Steel Castings, Ferritic and Martensitic, for Pressure-Containing Parts, Suitable for Low-Temperature Service

**A487/A487M** Specification for Steel Castings Suitable for Pressure Service

**A488/A488M** Practice for Steel Castings, Welding, Qualifications of Procedures and Personnel

**A703/A703M** Specification for Steel Castings, General Requirements, for Pressure-Containing Parts

**A802/A802M** Practice for Steel Castings, Surface Acceptance Standards, Visual Examination

**A985/A985M** Specification for Steel Investment Castings General Requirements, for Pressure-Containing Parts

### 2.2 AWS Specifications:<sup>4</sup>

**A5.5/A5.5M** Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding

<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 **A01.18** on Castings.

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<sup>2</sup> For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SA-217/SA 217M in Section II of that code.

<sup>3</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>4</sup> Available from American Welding Society, 550 NW LeJeune Rd., Miami, FL 33126, <http://www.aws.org>.

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

- [A5.23/A5.23M Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes and Fluxes for Submerged Arc Welding](#)
- [A5.28/A5.28M Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes and Rods for Gas Shielded Arc Welding](#)
- [A5.29/A5.29M Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes for Flux Cored Arc Welding](#)

- 4.1.1 A description of the casting by pattern number or drawing (dimensional tolerances shall be included on the casting drawing),
- 4.1.2 Grade of steel,
- 4.1.3 Options in the specification,
- 4.1.4 Whether the castings are to be produced using the investment casting process, and
- 4.1.5 The supplementary requirements desired, including the standards of acceptance.

**3. General Conditions for Delivery**

3.1 Except for investment castings, castings furnished to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Specification **A703/A703M**, including any supplementary requirements that are indicated in the purchase order. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification **A703/A703M** constitutes nonconformance with this specification. In case of conflict between the requirements of this specification and Specification **A703/A703M**, this specification shall prevail.

3.2 Steel investment castings furnished to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Specification **A985/A985M**, including any supplementary requirements that are indicated in the purchase order. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification **A985/A985M** constitutes nonconformance with this specification. In case of conflict between the requirements of this specification and Specification **A985/A985M**, Specification **A985/A985M** shall prevail.

**5. Heat Treatment**

5.1 All castings shall receive a heat treatment proper to their design and chemical composition.

5.2 Castings shall be furnished in the normalized and tempered conditions; Grades WC1, WC4, WC5, WC6, and CA15 shall be tempered at 1100 °F [595 °C] min; Grades WC9, C5, C12, and WC11 shall be tempered at 1250 °F [675 °C] min; Grade C12A shall be thermally treated, either by normalizing and tempering or by accelerated cooling from the austenitizing temperature by air blasting or liquid quenching, followed by tempering. C12A castings shall be austenitized at 1900 to 1975 °F [1040 to 1080 °C] and tempered at 1350 to 1470 °F [730 to 800 °C].

5.3 Heat treatment shall be performed after castings have been allowed to cool below the transformation range.

**4. Ordering Information**

4.1 The inquiry and order should include or indicate the following:

**6. Chemical Composition**

6.1 The steel shall be in accordance with the requirements as to chemical composition prescribed in **Table 1 (Note 4)**.

**TABLE 1 Composition Requirements<sup>A,B</sup>**

Element, %	Grade UNS Number Type									
	WC1 J12524 C-Mo	WC4 J12082 Ni-Cr-Mo	WC5 J22000 Ni-Cr-Mo	WC6 J12072 Cr-Mo	WC9 J21890 Cr-Mo	WC11 J11872 Cr-Mo	C5 J42045 Cr-Mo	C12 J82090 Cr-Mo	C12A J84090 Cr-Mo-V	CA15 J91150 Cr
Carbon	0.25	0.05–0.20	0.05–0.20	0.05–0.20	0.05–0.18	0.15–0.21	0.20	0.20	0.08–0.12	0.15
Manganese	0.50–0.80	0.50–0.80	0.40–0.70	0.50–0.80	0.40–0.70	0.50–0.80	0.40–0.70	0.35–0.65	0.30–0.60	1.00
Phosphorus	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.035 <sup>C</sup>	0.035	0.020	0.04 <sup>C</sup>	0.035 <sup>C</sup>	0.025	0.040 <sup>C</sup>
Sulfur	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.035 <sup>C</sup>	0.035 <sup>C</sup>	0.015	0.045 <sup>C</sup>	0.035 <sup>C</sup>	0.010	0.025 <sup>C</sup>
Silicon	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.30–0.60	0.75	1.00	0.20–0.50	1.50
Nickel	...	0.70–1.10	0.60–1.00	...	...	...	...	...	0.40	1.00
Chromium	...	0.50–0.80	0.50–0.90	1.00–1.50	2.00–2.75	1.00–1.50	4.00–6.50	8.00–10.00	8.0–9.5	11.5–14.0
Molybdenum	0.45–0.65	0.45–0.65	0.90–1.20	0.45–0.65	0.90–1.20	0.45–0.65	0.45–0.65	0.90–1.20	0.85–1.05	0.50
Niobium <sup>D</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.03	0.060–0.10	...
Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.030–0.070	...
Vanadium	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.06	0.18–0.25	...
<b>Specified Residual Elements</b>										
Aluminum	...	...	...	...	...	0.01	...	...	0.02	...
Copper	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.35	0.50	0.50	...	...
Nickel	0.50	...	...	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	...	...
Chromium	0.35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Titanium	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.01	...
Tungsten	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	...	0.10	0.10	...	...
Vanadium	...	...	...	...	...	0.03	...	...	...	...
Zirconium	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.01	...
Total Content of Residual Elements	1.00	0.60	0.60	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	...	...

<sup>A</sup> Where ellipses (...) appear in this table, there is no requirement, and the element need not be analyzed for or reported.  
<sup>B</sup> All values are maximums unless a range is provided.  
<sup>C</sup> For lower maximum phosphorus or sulfur contents, see Supplementary Requirement S52.  
<sup>D</sup> Columbium (Cb) and niobium (Nb) are interchangeable names for the same element 41.