



AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

AMS6340™

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Superseding AMS6340B

Steel Bars, Forgings, and Tubing
0.88Cr - 1.8Ni - 0.42Mo - 0.08V (0.28 - 0.33C) (4330 Mod)
Consumable Electrode Vacuum Remelted
(Composition similar to UNS K23080)

RATIONALE

AMS6340C results from a Five-Year Review and update of this specification that revises composition analytical methods (3.1), decarburization determination (3.4.5), adds tensile testing strain rates (3.4.6.2.1) and no unauthorized exceptions (3.7) and revises reporting (4.4).

1. SCOPE

1.1 Form

This specification covers a premium aircraft-quality, low-alloy steel in the form of bars, forgings, mechanical tubing, and forging stock.

1.2 Application

These products have been used typically for parts requiring high tensile strength and good ductility with relatively high impact strength, superior transverse properties, and hardness, but usage is not limited to these applications. Certain design and processing procedures may cause these products to become susceptible to stress-corrosion cracking after heat treatment; ARP1110 recommends practices to minimize such conditions.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

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AMS2251 Tolerances, Low-Alloy Steel Bars

AMS2253 Tolerances, Carbon and Alloy Steel Tubing

AMS2259 Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels

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AMS2300	Steel Cleanliness, Premium Aircraft-Quality, Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure
AMS2310	Qualification Sampling and Testing of Steels for Transverse Tensile Properties
AMS2370	Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steel Wrought Products and Forging Stock
AMS2372	Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steel Forgings
AMS2806	Identification, Bars, Wire, Mechanical Tubing, and Extrusions, Carbon and Alloy Steels and Corrosion and Heat -Resistant Steels and Alloys
AMS2808	Identification, Forgings
ARP1110	Minimizing Stress Corrosion Cracking in Wrought Forms of Steels and Corrosion Resistant Steels and Alloys
ARP1917	Clarification of Terms Used in Aerospace Metals Specifications
AS1182	Standard Stock Removal Allowance, Aircraft-Quality and Premium Aircraft-Quality Steel Bars and Mechanical Tubing

2.2 ASTM Publications

Available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Tel: 610-832-9585, www.astm.org.

ASTM A255	Hardenability of Steel
ASTM A370	Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
ASTM A604	Macroetch Testing of Consumable Electrode Remelted Steel Bars and Billets
ASTM A751	Standard Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products
ASTM E45	Determining the Inclusion Content of Steel
ASTM E112	Determining Average Grain Size
ASTM E140	Hardness Conversion Tables for Metals Relationship Among Brinell Hardness, Vickers Hardness, Rockwell Hardness, Superficial Hardness, Knoop Hardness, Scleroscope Hardness, and Leeb Hardness
ASTM E384	Microindentation Hardness of Materials
ASTM E1077	Standard Test Methods for Estimating the Depth of Decarburization of Steel Specimens

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Composition

Shall conform to the percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined in accordance with ASTM A751 or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser.

Table 1 - Composition

Element	Min	Max
Carbon	0.28	0.33
Manganese	0.65	1.00
Silicon	0.15	0.35
Phosphorus	--	0.015
Sulfur	--	0.015
Chromium	0.75	1.00
Nickel	1.65	2.00
Molybdenum	0.35	0.50
Vanadium	0.05	0.10
Copper	--	0.35

3.1.1 Check Analysis

Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS2259.

3.2 Melting Practice

Steel shall be multiple melted using consumable electrode vacuum process in the remelt cycle.

3.3 Condition

The product shall be supplied in the following condition; hardness and tensile strength shall be determined in accordance with ASTM A370.

3.3.1 Bars

3.3.1.1 Bars 0.500 Inch (12.70 mm) and Under in Nominal Diameter or Least Distance Between Parallel Sides

Cold finished having tensile strength not higher than 130 ksi (896 MPa), or equivalent hardness (see 8.2).

3.3.1.2 Bars Over 0.500 Inch (12.70 mm) in Nominal Diameter or Least Distance Between Parallel Sides

Hot finished, and annealed if necessary, unless otherwise ordered, having hardness not higher than 241 HB, or equivalent (see 8.3). Bars ordered cold finished may have hardness as high as 248 HB, or equivalent (see 8.3).

3.3.1.3 Bar shall not be cut from plate (also see 4.4.2).

3.3.2 Forgings

Normalized and tempered having hardness not higher than 269 HB, or equivalent (see 8.3).

3.3.3 Mechanical Tubing

Cold finished, unless otherwise ordered, having hardness not higher than 25 HRC, or equivalent (see 8.3). Tubing ordered hot finished and annealed shall have hardness not higher than 99 HRB, or equivalent (see 8.3).

3.3.4 Forging Stock

As ordered by the forging manufacturer.

3.4 Properties

The product shall conform to the following requirements; hardness and tensile testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM A370.