



Standard Specification for Carbon Steel Bolts, Studs, and Threaded Rod 60 000 PSI Tensile Strength¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers the chemical and mechanical requirements of two grades of carbon steel bolts and studs in sizes 1/4 in. through 4 in. The fasteners are designated by “Grade” denoting tensile strength and intended use, as follows:

Grade	Description
Grade A	Bolts, studs, and threaded rod having a minimum tensile strength of 60 ksi and intended for general applications,
Grade B	Bolts, studs, and threaded rod ⁴ having a tensile strength of 60 to 100 ksi and intended for flanged joints in piping systems with cast iron flanges, and
Grade C	Replaced by Specification F1554 Gr.36

⁴ Threaded rod is not usually produced to Grade B, but can be when specified by the purchaser.

1.2 This specification does not cover requirements for machine screws, thread cutting/forming screws, mechanical expansion anchors or similar externally threaded fasteners.

1.3 Suitable nuts are covered in Specification **A563**. Unless otherwise specified, the grade and style of nut for each grade of fastener, of all surface finishes, shall be as follows:

Fastener Grade and Size	Nut Grade and Style ⁴
A 1/4 to 1 1/2 in.	A, hex
A over 1 1/2 to 4 in.	A, heavy hex
B, 1/4 to 4 in.	A, heavy hex

⁴ Nuts of other grades and styles having specified proof load stresses (Specification **A563**, Table 3) greater than the specified grade and style of nut are also suitable.

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² For *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* applications see related Specification SA-307 in Section II of that Code.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 Supplementary Requirement S1 of an optional nature is provided, which describes additional restrictions to be applied when bolts are to be welded. It shall apply only when specified in the inquiry, order, and contract.

1.6 Terms used in this specification are defined in Terminology **F1789** unless otherwise defined herein.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

- A563** Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts
- A706/A706M** Specification for Deformed and Plain Low-Alloy Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
- A751** Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products
- B695** Specification for Coatings of Zinc Mechanically Deposited on Iron and Steel
- F606** Test Methods for Determining the Mechanical Properties of Externally and Internally Threaded Fasteners, Washers, Direct Tension Indicators, and Rivets
- F788/F788M** Specification for Surface Discontinuities of Bolts, Screws, and Studs, Inch and Metric Series
- F1470** Practice for Fastener Sampling for Specified Mechanical Properties and Performance Inspection
- F1554** Specification for Anchor Bolts, Steel, 36, 55, and 105-ksi Yield Strength
- F1789** Terminology for F16 Mechanical Fasteners
- F2329** Specification for Zinc Coating, Hot-Dip, Requirements for Application to Carbon and Alloy Steel Bolts, Screws, Washers, Nuts, and Special Threaded Fasteners

2.2 ASME Standards:

- B 1.1** Unified Screw Threads⁴
- B 18.2.1** Square and Hex Bolts and Screws⁴

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 American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, http://www.ansi.org.

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

B 18.24 Part Identifying Number (PIN) Code System⁵
B18.31.3 Threaded Rods (Inch Series)⁴

3. Ordering Information

3.1 Orders for externally threaded fasteners (including nuts and accessories) under this specification shall include the following:

- 3.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue,
- 3.1.2 Name of product, bolts or studs; and bolt head style, that is, hex or heavy hex, or threaded rod,
- 3.1.3 Grade, that is, A, or B. If no grade is specified, Grade A is furnished.
- 3.1.4 Quantities (number of pieces by size including nuts),
- 3.1.5 Fastener size and length,
- 3.1.6 *Washers*—Quantity and size (separate from bolts),
- 3.1.7 *Zinc Coating*—Specify the zinc-coating process required, for example, hot-dip, mechanically deposited, or no preference (see 4.5).
- 3.1.8 *Other Finishes*—Specify other protective finish, if required.
- 3.1.9 Specify if inspection at point of manufacture is required,
- 3.1.10 Specify if certified test report is required (see 9.2), and
- 3.1.11 Specify additional testing (9.3) or special requirements.
- 3.1.12 For establishment of a part identifying system, see ASME B18.24.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 Steel for bolts, studs, and threaded rod shall be made by the open-hearth, basic-oxygen, or electric-furnace process.

4.2 Bolts shall be produced by hot or cold forging of the heads or machining from bar stock.

4.3 Heat Treatment:

4.3.1 Cold headed fasteners with head configurations other than hex having a minimum head height less than or equal to .5 D (D is nominal diameter) shall be stress relief annealed at a minimum temperature of 875°F.

4.3.2 Stress relieving of hex head fasteners and those with minimum head heights greater than .5 D shall be at the manufacturer's option.

4.4 Bolt and stud threads shall be rolled or cut.

4.5 Zinc Coatings, Hot-Dip and Mechanically Deposited:

4.5.1 When zinc-coated fasteners are required, the purchaser shall specify the zinc-coating process, for example hot dip, mechanically deposited, or no preference.

4.5.2 When hot-dip is specified, the fasteners shall be zinc-coated by the hot-dip process in accordance with the requirements of Specification F2329.

4.5.3 When mechanically deposited is specified, the fasteners shall be zinc-coated by the mechanical-deposition process in accordance with the requirements of Class 55 of Specification B695.

4.5.4 When no preference is specified, the supplier may furnish either a hot-dip zinc coating in accordance with Specification F2329, or a mechanically deposited zinc coating in accordance with Specification B695, Class 55. Threaded components (bolts and nuts) shall be coated by the same zinc-coating process and the supplier's option is limited to one process per item with no mixed processes in a lot.

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 Grade A and B bolts, studs, and threaded rod shall have a heat analysis conforming to the requirements specified in Table 1 based on the steel producer's heat analysis.

5.2 The purchaser shall have the option of conducting product analyses on finished bolts in each lot, which shall conform to the product analysis specified in Table 1.

5.3 In case of conflict or for referee purposes, the product analysis shall take precedence.

5.4 Bolts and studs are customarily furnished from stock, in which case individual heats of steel cannot be identified.

5.5 Application of heats of steel to which bismuth, selenium, tellurium, or lead has been intentionally added shall not be permitted for Grade B bolts and studs.

5.6 Chemical analyses shall be performed in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A751.

6. Mechanical Properties

6.1 Grades A and B bolts, studs, and threaded rod shall conform to the hardness specified in Table 2.

6.2 Grade A and B bolts, studs, and threaded rod 1½ in. in diameter or less, other than those excepted in 6.4, shall be tested full size and shall conform to the requirements for tensile strength specified in Table 3. Threaded rod is permitted to be cut to a length suitable for tensile testing and shall be treated using the same method specified for studs.

6.3 Grade A and B bolts, studs, and threaded rod larger than 1½ in. in diameter, other than those excepted in 6.4, shall preferably be tested full size and when equipment of sufficient capacity is available and shall conform to the requirements for tensile strength specified in Table 3. When equipment of sufficient capacity for full-size testing is not available, or when the length of the bolt or stud makes full-size testing impractical, machined specimens shall be tested and shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 4.

6.4 Grades A and B bolts and studs less than three diameters in nominal length or bolts with drilled or undersize heads are not subject to tensile tests.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements for Grades A and B Bolts, Studs, and Threaded Rod

	Heat Analysis	Product Analysis
Carbon, max	0.29	0.33
Manganese, max	1.20	1.25
Phosphorus, max	0.04	0.041
Sulfur, max		
Grade A	0.15	^A
Grade B	0.05	0.051

^A Resulfurized steel is not subject to rejection based on product analysis for sulfur.

⁵ Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Three Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5900, <http://www.asme.org>.