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High-Carbon Cast-Steel Shot

1. **Scope**—This SAE Recommended Practice describes chemical composition and physical characteristic requirements for high-carbon cast-steel shot to be used for shot peening or blast cleaning operations.
 - 1.1 **Rationale**—This document has been reaffirmed to comply with the SAE 5-Year Review policy.
2. **References**
 - 2.1 **Applicable Publications**—The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of SAE, ASTM, and ISO publications shall apply.
 - 2.1.1 SAE PUBLICATIONS—Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

SAE J444—Cast Shot and Grit Size Specifications for Peening and Cleaning
SAE J445—Metallic Shot and Grit Mechanical Testing
 - 2.1.2 ASTM PUBLICATIONS—Available from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

ASTM B 215, Method B—Methods of Sampling Finished Lots of Metal Powders
ASTM E 140—Hardness Conversion Tables for Metals (Relationship Between Brinell Hardness, Vickers Hardness, Rockwell Hardness, Rockwell Superficial Hardness, and Knoop Hardness)
ASTM E 384—Test Method for Microhardness of Materials
 - 2.2 **Related Publications**—The following publications are provided for information purposes only and are not a required part of this document.
 - 2.2.1 ISO PUBLICATIONS—Available from ANSI, 25 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036-8002.

ISO 11124 Part 3—High-carbon cast-sheet steel shot and grit
ISO 11125 Part 1—Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products—Test methods for metallic abrasives—Part 1: Sampling
ISO 11125 Part 2—Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products—Test methods for metallic abrasives—Part 2: Determination of particle size distribution
ISO 11125 Part 3—Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products—Test methods for metallic abrasives—Part 3: Determination of hardness

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ISO 11125 Part 4—Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products—Test methods for metallic abrasives—Part 4: Determination of apparent density

ISO 11125 Part 5—Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products—Test methods for metallic abrasives—Part 5: Determination of percentage defective particles and microstructure

ISO 11125 Part 6—Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products—Test methods for metallic abrasives—Part 6: Determination of foreign matter

ISO 11125 Part 7—Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products—Test methods for metallic abrasives—Part 7: Determination of moisture

3. **Description**—High-carbon cast-steel shot is obtained by atomizing molten steel. The shot is heat treated and screened to produce a range of sizes from HCS S70 to HCS S1320 or larger as described in SAE J444. Other sizes are available.

4. **Size Classification**—Cast-steel shot shall be identified by HCS S for shot, followed by three numbers representing the size in ten thousandths of inches, in accordance with SAE J444.

EXAMPLE—HCS330 indicates a cast-steel shot identified by a nominal sieve opening of 050 mm (0.0331 in).

5. **Chemical Composition**—The finished shot shall have the chemical composition shown in Table 1:

TABLE 1—CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

Element	Weight Percent
Carbon	0.80 – 1.2%
Manganese	
HCS S70 to HCS S110	0.35 – 1.2%
HCS S170	0.5 – 1.2%
HCS S230 and up	0.6 – 1.2%
Silicon	0.4% minimum
Sulfur	0.050% maximum
Phosphorous	0.050% maximum

6. **Hardness**

6.1 **Standard Hardness**—The hardness of 90% of all shot particles shall be within the range of 40 to 51 HRC.

6.2 **Special Hardnesses**—Shot for peening and blast cleaning is manufactured from 40 to 65 HRC. The user may specify a range to suit the application. The minimum hardness range that can be specified is 7 points HRC.

7. **Microstructure**—The microstructure of high-carbon cast-steel shot shall be uniform martensite, tempered to a degree consistent with the hardness range, with fine, well distributed carbides, if any.

8. **General Appearance**—High-carbon cast-steel shot is generally spherical and shall have no more than 20% of the particles with objectionable characteristics. Any one particle tested that has more than one different defect, shall only be counted once.

8.1 **Objectionable Characteristics**

8.1.1 **PARTICLE SHAPE**—No more than 5% of the particles in a shot sample shall be elongated. An elongated particle is one whose length is in excess of twice the maximum particle width.