



Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, Solution Hardened, and Bake Hardenable¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers cold-rolled, carbon, structural, high-strength low-alloy, high-strength low-alloy with improved formability, solution hardened, and bake hardenable steel sheet, in coils and cut lengths.

1.2 Cold rolled steel sheet is available in the designations as listed in 4.1.

1.3 This specification does not apply to steel strip as described in Specification A109/A109M.

1.4 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 non-conformance with the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

A109/A109M Specification for Steel, Strip, Carbon (0.25 Maximum Percent), Cold-Rolled

A366/A366M Specification for Commercial Steel (CS) Sheet, Carbon (0.15 Maximum Percent) Cold-Rolled³

A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

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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³ Withdrawn. The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

A568/A568M Specification for Steel, Sheet, Carbon, Structural, and High-Strength, Low-Alloy, Hot-Rolled and Cold-Rolled, General Requirements for

A620/A620M Specification for Drawing Steel (DS), Sheet, Carbon, Cold-Rolled³

A941 Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Related Alloys, and Ferroalloys

E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials

E517 Test Method for Plastic Strain Ratio r for Sheet Metal

E646 Test Method for Tensile Strain-Hardening Exponents (n -Values) of Metallic Sheet Materials

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 For definitions of other terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology A941.

3.1.2 *aging*—loss of ductility with an increase in hardness, yield strength, and tensile strength that occurs when steel that has been slightly cold worked (such as by temper rolling) is stored for some time.

3.1.2.1 *Discussion*—Aging increases the tendency of a steel to exhibit stretcher strains and fluting.

3.1.3 *bake hardenable steel*—steel in which significant aging is realized when moderate heat treatment, such as that used for paint baking, follows straining or cold working.

3.1.4 *inclusion control, n*—the process of reducing the volume fraction of inclusions or modifying the shape of inclusions to improve formability, weldability, and machinability.

3.1.4.1 *Discussion*—Inclusions, especially those elongated during the rolling process, create the conditions for initiating and/or propagating cracks when the material is stretched or bent during the manufacture of a part. The adverse effects of inclusions are minimized by reducing the content of inclusions in the steel and/or by altering the shape of inclusions through

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

the use of additions during the steelmaking process that change the elongated shape of the inclusions to less harmful small, well dispersed globular inclusions.

3.1.5 *solid-solution hardened steel or solution hardened steel*—steel strengthened through additions of elements, such as Mn, P, or Si, that can be dissolved within the crystalline structure of steels.

3.1.5.1 *Discussion*—Alloying elements that form a solid-solution with iron provide strengthening as a result of local distortions in atomic arrangements, which arise as a result of the mismatch between the atomic sizes of such elements and that of iron.

3.1.6 *stabilization*—addition of one or more nitride- or carbide-forming elements, or both, such as titanium and columbium, to control the level of the interstitial elements of carbon and nitrogen in the steel.

3.1.6.1 *Discussion*—Stabilizing improves formability and increases resistance to aging.

3.1.7 *vacuum degassing*—process of refining liquid steel in which the liquid is exposed to a vacuum as part of a special technique for removing impurities or for decarburizing the steel.

4. Classification

4.1 Cold-rolled steel sheet is available in the following designations:

- 4.1.1 Commercial Steel (CS Types A, B, and C),
- 4.1.2 Drawing Steel (DS Types A and B),

NOTE 1—CS Type B and DS Type B describe the most common product previously included, respectively, in Specifications [A366/A366M](#) and [A620/A620M](#).

- 4.1.3 Deep Drawing Steel (DDS),
- 4.1.4 Extra Deep Drawing Steel (EDDS),
- 4.1.5 Structural Steel (SS grades 25[170], 30[205], 33[230] Types 1 and 2, 40[275] Types 1 and 2, 50[340], 60[410], 70[480], and 80[550]).

4.1.6 High-Strength Low-Alloy Steel (HSLAS, in classes 1 and 2, in grades 45[310], 50[340], 55[380], 60[410], 65[450], and 70[480] in Classes 1 and 2), and

4.1.7 High-Strength Low-Alloy Steel with Improved Formability (HSLAS-F grades 50[340], 60[410], 70[480], and 80[550]).

4.1.7.1 HSLAS-F steel has improved formability when compared to HSLAS. The steel is fully deoxidized, made to fine grain practice and includes microalloying elements such as columbium, vanadium, zirconium, etc. The steel shall be treated to achieve inclusion control.

- 4.1.8 Solution hardened steel (SHS), and
- 4.1.9 Bake hardenable steel (BHS).

4.2 When required for HSLAS and HSLAS-F steels, limitations on the use of one or more of the microalloy elements shall be specified on the order.

4.3 Cold-rolled steel sheet is supplied for either exposed or unexposed applications. Within the latter category, cold-rolled sheet is specified either “temper rolled” or “annealed last.” For details on processing, attributes and limitations, and inspection standards, refer to Specification [A568/A568M](#).

5. Ordering Information

5.1 It is the purchaser’s responsibility to specify in the purchase order all ordering information necessary to describe the required material. Examples of such information include, but are not limited to, the following:

5.1.1 ASTM specification number and year of issue;

5.1.2 Name of material and designation (cold-rolled steel sheet) (include grade, type, and class, as appropriate, for CS, DS, DDS, EDDS, SS, HSLAS, HSLAS-F, SHS, or BHS) (see [4.1](#));

5.1.2.1 When a type is not specified for CS or DS, Type B will be furnished (see [4.1](#));

5.1.2.2 When a class is not specified for HSLAS, Class 1 will be furnished (see [4.1](#));

5.1.2.3 When a type is not specified for SS 33 [230] and SS 40 [275], Type 1 will be furnished (see [4.1](#));

5.1.3 Classification (either exposed, unexposed, temper rolled, or annealed last) (see [4.3](#));

5.1.4 Finish (see [9.1](#));

5.1.5 Oiled or not oiled, as required (see [9.2](#));

5.1.6 Dimensions (thickness, width, and whether cut lengths or coils);

NOTE 2—Not all producers are capable of meeting all the limitations of the thickness tolerance tables in Specification [A568/A568M](#). The purchaser should contact the producer regarding possible limitations prior to placing an order.

5.1.7 Coil size (must include inside diameter, outside diameter, and maximum weight);

5.1.8 Copper bearing steel (if required);

5.1.9 Quantity;

5.1.10 Application (part identification and description);

5.1.11 A report of heat analysis will be supplied, if requested, for CS, DS, DDS, and EDDS. For materials with required mechanical properties, SS, HSLAS, HSLAS-F, SHS, and BHS, a report is required of heat analysis and mechanical properties as determined by the tension test, and

5.1.12 Special requirements (if any).

5.1.12.1 When the purchaser requires thickness tolerances for $\frac{3}{8}$ in. [10 mm] minimum edge distance (see Supplementary Requirement in Specification [A568/A568M](#)), this requirement shall be specified in the purchase order or contract.

NOTE 3—A typical ordering description is as follows: ASTM A 1008-XX, cold rolled steel sheet, CS Type A, exposed, matte finish, oiled, 0.035 by 30 in. by coil, ID 24 in., OD 48 in., max weight 15 000 lbs, 100 000 lb, for part No. 4560, Door Panel.

or:

ASTM A 1008M-XX, cold-rolled steel sheet, SS grade 275, unexposed, matte finish, oiled, 0.88 mm by 760 mm by 2440 mm, 10 000 kg, for shelf bracket.

6. General Requirements for Delivery

6.1 Material furnished under this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of the current edition of Specification [A568/A568M](#) unless otherwise provided herein.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The heat analysis of the steel shall conform to the chemical composition requirements of the appropriate designation shown in **Table 1** for CS, DS, DDS, and EDDS and in **Table 2** for SS, HSLAS, HSLAS-F, SHS, and BHS.

7.2 Each of the elements listed in **Table 1** and **Table 2** shall be included in the report of the heat analysis. When the amount of copper, nickel, chromium, or molybdenum is less than 0.02 %, report the analysis as <0.02 % or the actual determined value. When the amount of vanadium, columbium, or titanium is less than 0.008 %, report the analysis as <0.008 % or the actual determined value. When the amount of boron is less than 0.0005 %, report the analysis as <0.0005 % or the actual determined value.

7.3 Sheet steel grades defined by this specification are suitable for welding if appropriate welding conditions are selected. For certain welding processes, if more restrictive composition limits are desirable, they shall be specified at the time of inquiry and confirmed at the time of ordering.

8. Mechanical Properties

8.1 CS, DS, DDS, and EDDS:

8.1.1 Typical nonmandatory mechanical properties for CS, DS, DDS and EDDS are shown in **Table 3**.

8.1.2 The material shall be capable of being bent, at room temperature, in any direction through 180° flat on itself without cracking on the outside of the bent portion (see Section 14 of Test Methods and Definitions **A370**). The bend test is not a requirement of delivery. However, if testing is performed by the purchaser, material not conforming to the requirement shall be subject to rejection.

8.1.3 Sheet of these designations except for EDDS are subject to aging dependent upon processing factors such as the method of annealing (continuous annealing or box annealing), and chemical composition. For additional information on aging, see Appendix X1 of Specification **A568/A568M**.

8.1.4 EDDS steel is stabilized to be nonaging and so is not subject to stretcher strains and fluting. Other steels are processed to be nonaging; please consult your supplier.

8.2 SS, HSLAS, HSLAS-F, SHS, and BHS:

8.2.1 The available strength grades for SS, HSLAS and HSLAS-F are shown in **Table 4**.

8.2.2 The available strength grades for SHS and BHS are shown in **Table 5**.

8.2.3 Tension Tests:

8.2.3.1 *Requirements*—Material as represented by the test specimen shall conform to the mechanical property requirements specified in **Table 4**. These requirements do not apply to the uncropped ends of unprocessed coils.

8.2.3.2 *Number of Tests*—Two tension tests shall be made from each heat or from each 50 tons [45 000 kg]. When the amount of finished material from a heat is less than 50 tons [45 000 kg], one test shall be made. When material rolled from heat differs 0.050 in. [1.27 mm] or more in thickness, one tension test shall be made from the thickest and thinnest material regardless of the weight represented.

8.2.3.3 Tension test specimens shall be taken at a point immediately adjacent to the material to be qualified.

8.2.3.4 Tension test specimens shall be taken from the full thickness of the sheet.

8.2.3.5 Tension test specimens shall be taken from a location approximately halfway between the center of the sheet and the edge of the material as rolled.

8.2.3.6 Tension test samples shall be taken with the lengthwise axis of the test specimen parallel to the rolling direction (longitudinal test).

8.2.3.7 *Test Method*—Yield strength shall be determined by either the 0.2 % offset method or the 0.5 % extension under load method unless otherwise specified.

8.2.3.8 Bake hardenable steel shall conform to bake hardening index requirements included in **Table 5** for the grade specified. The method for measuring the bake hardening index is described in **Annex A1**. Bake hardenable steel shall exhibit a minimum increase in yield strength of 4 ksi [25 MPa] as based on the upper yield point or 3 ksi [20 MPa] as based on the lower yield stress, after a prestrained specimen has been exposed to a standard bake cycle (340°F [170°C]) for 20 min.

**TABLE 1 Chemical Composition^A
For Cold Rolled Steel Sheet Designations CS, DS, DDS, and EDDS**

Designation	% Heat Analysis, Element Maximum Unless Otherwise Shown															
	C	Mn	P	S	Al	Si	Cu	Ni	Cr ^B	Mo	V	Cb	Ti ^C	N	B	
CS Type A ^{D,E,F,G}	0.10	0.60	0.030	0.035	...	...	0.20 ^H	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	...	...
CS Type B ^D	0.02 to 0.15	0.60	0.030	0.035	...	...	0.20 ^H	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	...	...
CS Type C ^{D,E,F,G}	0.08	0.60	0.10	0.035	...	...	0.20 ^H	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	...	...
DS Type A ^{E,I}	0.08	0.50	0.020	0.030	0.01 min	...	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	...	...
DS Type B	0.02 to 0.08	0.50	0.020	0.030	0.02 min	...	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	...	...
DDS ^{F,G}	0.06	0.50	0.020	0.025	0.01 min	...	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.025	...	...
EDDS ^J	0.02	0.40	0.020	0.020	0.01 min	...	0.10	0.10	0.15	0.03	0.10	0.10	0.15	...	...

^A Where an ellipsis (. . .) appears in the table, there is no requirement, but the analysis result shall be reported.

^B Chromium is permitted, at the producer's option, to 0.25 % maximum when the carbon content is less than or equal to 0.05 %.

^C For steels containing 0.02 % or more carbon, titanium is permitted at the producer's option, to the lesser of 3.4N + 1.5S or 0.025 %.

^D When an aluminum deoxidized steel is required for the application, it is permissible to order Commercial Steel (CS) to a minimum of 0.01 % total aluminum.

^E Specify Type B to avoid carbon levels below 0.02 %.

^F It is permissible to furnish as a vacuum degassed or chemically stabilized steel, or both, at the producer's option.

^G For carbon levels less than or equal to 0.02 %, it is permissible to use vanadium, columbium or titanium, or a combination thereof, as stabilizing elements at the producer's option. In such cases, the applicable limit for vanadium or columbium shall be 0.10 % max. and the limit on titanium shall be 0.15 % max.

^H When copper steel is specified, the copper limit is a minimum requirement. When copper steel is not specified, the copper limit is a maximum requirement.

^I If produced utilizing a continuous anneal process, stabilized steel is permissible at the producer's option, and Footnotes F and G apply.

^J Shall be furnished as a vacuum degassed and stabilized steel.