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## Standard Specification for Common Requirements for Wrought Steel Piping Fittings<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers a group of common requirements that shall apply to wrought steel piping fittings covered in any of the following individual product specifications or any other ASTM specification that invokes this specification or portions thereof: **A 234/A 234M**

<u>Title of Specification</u>	<u>ASTM Designation</u>
<del>Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Moderate and Elevated Temperatures</del>	<del>A 403/A 403M</del>
<u>Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Moderate and Elevated Temperatures</u>	A 234/A 234M
<del>Specification for Wrought Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping Fittings</del>	<del>A 420/A 420M</del>
<u>Specification for Wrought Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping Fittings</u>	<u>A 403/A 403M</u>
<del>Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Low-Temperature Service</del>	<del>A 758/A 758M</del>
<u>Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Low-Temperature Service</u>	<u>A 420/A 420M</u>
<del>Specification for Butt-Welding, Wrought Carbon Steel, Piping Fittings with Improved Notch Toughness</del>	<del>A 774/A 774M</del>
<u>Specification for Butt-Welding, Wrought Carbon Steel, Piping Fittings with Improved Notch Toughness</u>	<u>A 758/A 758M</u>
<del>Specification for As-Welded Wrought Austenitic Stainless Steel Fittings for General Corrosive Service at Low and Moderate Temperatures</del>	<del>A 815/A 815M</del>
<u>Specification for As-Welded Wrought Austenitic Stainless Steel Fittings for General Corrosive Service at Low and Moderate Temperatures</u>	<u>A 774/A 774M</u>
<del>Specification for Wrought Ferritic, Ferritic/Austenitic, and Martensitic Stainless Steel Piping Fittings</del>	<del>A 858/A 858M</del>
<u>Specification for Wrought Ferritic, Ferritic/Austenitic, and Martensitic Stainless Steel Piping Fittings</u>	<u>A 815/A 815M</u>
<del>Specification for Heat-Treated Carbon Steel Fittings for Low-Temperature and Corrosive Service</del>	<del>A 860/A 860M</del>
<u>Specification for Heat-Treated Carbon Steel Fittings for Low-Temperature and Corrosive Service</u>	<u>A 858/A 858M</u>
<u>Specification for Wrought High-Strength Low-Alloy Steel Butt-Welded Fittings</u>	<u>A 860/A 860M</u>

1.2 In case of conflict between a requirement of the individual product specification and a requirement of this general requirement specification, the requirements of the individual product specification shall prevail over those of this specification.

1.3 By mutual agreement between the purchaser and the supplier, additional requirements may be specified (see 4.1.7). The acceptance of any such additional requirements shall be dependent on negotiations with the supplier and must be included in the order as agreed upon by the purchaser and supplier.

1.4 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units [metric] are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text and the tables, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification. The inch-pound units shall apply unless the “M” designation [SI] of the product specification is specified in the order.

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

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

- A 29/A 29M Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon and Alloy, Hot-Wrought and Cold-Finished, General Requirements for
- A 234/A 234M Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Moderate and High Temperature Service
- A 262 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Austenitic Stainless Steels
- A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
- A 388/A 388M Practice for Ultrasonic Examination of Heavy Steel Forgings
- A 403/A 403M Specification for Wrought Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping Fittings
- A 420/A 420M Specification for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Low-Temperature Service
- A 700 Practices for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Domestic Shipment
- A 751 Test Methods, Practices and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products
- A 758/A 758M Specification for Wrought Carbon Steel Butt-Welding Piping Fittings with Improved Notch Toughness
- A 763 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Ferritic Stainless Steels
- A 774/A 774M Specification for As-Welded Wrought Austenitic Stainless Steel Fittings for General Corrosive Service at Low and Moderate Temperatures
- A 815/A 815M Specification for Wrought Ferritic, Ferritic/Austenitic, and Martensitic Stainless Steel Piping Fittings
- A 858/A 858M Specification for Heat-Treated Carbon Steel Fittings for Low-Temperature and Corrosive Service
- A 860/A 860M Specification for Wrought High-Strength Low-Alloy Steel Butt-Welding Fittings
- A 941 Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Related Alloys, and Ferroalloys
- A 967 Specification for Chemical Passivation Treatments for Stainless Steel Parts
- E 165 Test Method for Liquid Penetrant Examination
- E 213 Practice for Ultrasonic Examination of Metal Pipe and Tubing
- E 709 Guide for Magnetic Particle Examination
- E 1916 Guide for the Identification and/or Segregation of Mixed Lots of Metals

### 2.2 *Military Standard:*<sup>3</sup>

MIL-STD-163 Steel Mill Products, Preparation for Shipment and Storage

### 2.3 *Manufacturer's Standardization Society Standards:*<sup>4</sup>

- MSS SP-25 The Standard Marking System of Valves, Fittings, Flanges and Unions
- MSS SP-43 Standard Practice for Light Weight Stainless Steel Butt-Welding Fittings
- MSS SP-75 Specification for High Test Wrought Butt-Welding Fittings
- MSS SP-79 Socket Welding Reducer Inserts
- MSS SP-83 Steel Pipe Unions, Socket-Welding and Threaded
- MSS SP-95 Swage(d) Nipples and Bull Plugs
- MSS SP-97 Integrally Reinforced Forged Steel Branch Outlet Fittings—Socket Welding, Threaded and Butterfly Ends

### 2.4 *American Society of Nondestructive Testing:*<sup>5</sup>

SNT-TC-1A Recommended Practice for Nondestructive Testing Personnel Qualification and Certification

### 2.5 *ASME Standards:*<sup>6</sup>

- B16.9 Steel Butt-Welding Fittings
- B16.11 Forged Steel Fittings, Socket Welding and Threaded
- ~~B16.28 Wrought Steel Butt-Welding Short Radius Elbows and Returns~~
- Section IX Welding Qualifications

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *bar*—a solid section that is long in relationship to its cross sectional dimensions, with a relatively constant cross section throughout its length. (See Specification A 29/A 29M for definitions relating to the production of hot wrought and cold finished bars.)

<sup>2</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*, Vol 01-05, volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

*Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01-01.

<sup>3</sup> Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098.

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<sup>4</sup> Available from Manufacturers Standardization Society of *ASTM Standards*, Vol 01-03; the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS), 127 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180-4602.

*Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03-03.

<sup>5</sup> Available from The American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT), P.O. Box 28518, 1711 Arlingate Ln., Columbus, OH 43228-0518.

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<sup>6</sup> Available from American Society of *ASTM Standards*, Vol 03-06; Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Three Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990.

3.1.2 *certifying organization*—the company or association responsible for the conformance of, the marking of, and the certification of the product to the specification requirements.

3.1.3 *fitting*—a component for non-bolted joints used in piping systems and pressure vessels.

3.1.4 *flange*—a component for bolted joints used in piping systems and pressure vessels.

3.1.5 *forging*—the product of a substantially compressive hot or cold plastic working operation that consolidates the material and produces the required shape.

3.1.6 *Discussion*—The plastic working must be performed by a forging machine, such as a hammer, press, or ring rolling machine and must deform the material to produce an essentially wrought structure throughout the material cross section.

3.2 *Definitions*—For definitions of other terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology A 941.

#### **4. Ordering Information**

4.1 It is the purchaser's responsibility to specify in the purchase order all ordering information necessary to purchase the needed material. Examples of such information include but are not limited to the following:

4.1.1 Quantity,

4.1.2 Description of fitting and nominal dimensions (standard or special),

4.1.3 Steel composition by grade and class designation,

4.1.4 Construction, seamless or welded (unless seamless or welded construction is specified by the purchaser, either may be furnished at the option of the supplier),

4.1.5 Specification number (including the year/date of issue),

4.1.6 Supplementary requirements, and

4.1.7 Additional requirements.

#### **5. Material**

5.1 The material for fittings shall consist of forgings, bars, plates and seamless or welded tubular products.

5.2 The steel shall conform to the chemical requirements of the individual product specification and may be made from any process.

5.3 Ferritic steels shall be fully killed.

5.4 If secondary melting is employed, the heat shall be defined as all ingots remelted from a primary heat.

#### **6. Manufacture**

6.1 Forging or shaping operations may be performed by any of the methods included in the individual product specification.

6.2 Hollow cylindrically shaped parts up to and including NPS 4 may be machined from bar or seamless tubular material provided the axial length of the part is approximately parallel to the axial length of the fitting. Elbows, return bends, tees and header tees shall not be machined directly from bar stock.

6.3 Fittings, after forming at an elevated temperature, shall be cooled to a temperature below the critical range under suitable conditions to prevent injury by cooling too rapidly.

6.4 All classes of fittings shall have the welders, welding operators, and welding procedures qualified under the provision of Section IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code except that welds from the original pipe manufacturer made without the addition of filler metal do not require such qualification.

#### **7. Heat Treatment**

7.1 Fittings requiring heat treatment shall be treated as specified in the individual product specification using the following procedures:

7.1.1 *Full Annealing*—Fittings shall be uniformly reheated to a temperature above the transformation range and, after holding for a sufficient time at this temperature, cooled slowly to a temperature below the transformation range.

7.1.2 *Solution Annealing*—Fittings shall be heated to a temperature that causes the carbides to go into solution and then quenched in water or rapidly cooled by other means to prevent reprecipitation.

7.1.3 *Isothermal Annealing*—Isothermal annealing shall consist of austenitizing a ferrous alloy and then cooling to and holding within the range of temperature at which the austenite transforms to a relatively soft ferrite-carbide aggregate.

7.1.4 *Normalizing*—Fittings shall be uniformly reheated to a temperature above the transformation range and subsequently cooled in air at room temperature.

7.1.5 *Tempering and Post-Weld Heat Treatment*—Fittings shall be reheated to the prescribed temperature below the transformation range, held at temperature for the greater of ½ h or 1 h/in. [25.4 mm] of thickness at the thickest section and cooled in still air.

7.1.6 *Stress Relieving*—Fittings shall be uniformly heated to the selected stress relieving temperature. The temperature shall not vary from the selected temperature by more than  $\pm 25^{\circ}\text{F}$  [ $\pm 14^{\circ}\text{C}$ ].

7.1.7 *Quench and Temper*—Fittings shall be fully austenitized and immediately quenched in a suitable liquid medium. The quenched fittings shall be reheated to a minimum temperature of 1100°F [590°C] and cooled in still air.

## 8. Chemical Requirements

8.1 *Chemical Analysis*—Samples for chemical analysis and methods of analysis shall be in accordance with Test Methods, Practices and Terminology A 751 for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products.

8.2 *Heat Analysis*—An analysis of each heat of steel shall be made by the manufacturer to determine the percentages of those elements specified in the individual product specification. If secondary melting processes are employed, the heat analysis shall be obtained from one remelted ingot of each primary melt. The chemical analysis thus determined shall conform to the requirements of the individual product specification. Note that the product analysis (check analysis) tolerances are not to be applied to the heat analysis requirements.

8.3 *Product Analysis*—If a product analysis is performed it shall be in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A 751. The chemical composition thus determined shall conform to limits of the product specification, within the permissible variations of Table 1 or Table 2 of this specification, as appropriate for the grade being supplied.

## 9. Mechanical Requirements

9.1 *Method of Mechanical Test*—All tests shall be conducted in accordance with Test Methods and Definitions A 370.

9.2 The test specimen shall represent all material from the same heat and heat treatment load whose maximum thicknesses do not exceed the thickness of the test specimen or blank by more than ¼ in. [6 mm].

9.3 One tension test at room temperature shall be made in accordance with 9.2 from each heat in each heat treatment load.

9.3.1 If heat treatment is performed in either a continuous or batch type furnace controlled within  $\pm 25^{\circ}\text{F}$  [ $\pm 14^{\circ}\text{C}$ ] of the required heat treatment temperature and equipped with recording pyrometers so that complete records of heat treatment are available, and if the same heat treating cycles are used on the material represented by the tension test, then one tension test from each heat shall be required, instead of one tension test from each heat in each heat treatment load in accordance with 9.2.

9.4 *Retest*—When a retest is permitted by the product specification, it shall be performed on twice the number of representative specimens that were originally nonconforming. When any retest specimen does not conform to the product specification

**TABLE 1 Product Analysis Tolerances for Low Alloy and Carbon Steels<sup>A</sup>**

Elements	Limit, or Maximum of Specified Range, %	Permissible Variations Over Maximum Limit or Under Minimum Limit, %
Carbon	0.30 and under	0.01
	over 0.30 to 0.75, incl	0.02
	over 0.75	0.03
Manganese	0.90 and under	0.03
	over 0.90 to 2.10, incl	0.04
Phosphorus	over maximum only	0.005
Sulfur	0.060 and under	0.005
Silicon	0.40 and under	0.02
	over 0.40 to 2.20, incl	0.05
	Nickel	1.00 and under
Chromium	over 1.00 to 2.00, incl	0.05
	over 2.00 to 5.30, incl	0.07
	over 5.30 to 10.00, incl	0.10
	0.90 and under	0.03
Molybdenum	over 0.90 to 2.10, incl	0.05
	over 2.10 to 3.99, incl	0.10
	0.20 and under	0.01
Vanadium	over 0.20 to 0.40, incl	0.02
	over 0.40 to 1.15, incl	0.03
	0.10 and under	0.01
	over 0.10 to 0.25, incl	0.02
Columbium (Niobium)	over 0.25 to 0.50, incl	0.03
	minimum value specified, under minimum limit only	0.01
	Up to and incl 0.14	0.02
Titanium	0.15 to 0.50, incl	0.06
	Up to and incl 0.85	0.05
Aluminum	0.10 and under	0.03
	over 0.10 to 0.20, incl	0.04
	over 0.20 to 0.30, incl	0.05
	over 0.30 to 0.80, incl	0.07
	over 0.80 to 1.80, incl	0.10
Lead <sup>B</sup>	0.15 to 0.35, incl	0.03
Copper	to 1.00 incl	0.03
	over 1.00 to 2.00, incl	0.05

<sup>A</sup> Chrome content less than 4.00.

<sup>B</sup> Product analysis tolerance for lead applies both over and under to a specified range of 0.15 to 0.35 %.

TABLE 2 Product Analysis Tolerances for Higher Alloy and Stainless Steels<sup>A</sup>

Element	Upper Limit of Maximum of Specified Range, %	Tolerances Over the Maximum (Upper Limit) or Under the Minimum (Lower Limit)
Carbon	to 0.010, incl	0.002
	over 0.010 to 0.030, incl	0.005
	over 0.030 to 0.20, incl	0.01
	over 0.20 to 0.80, incl	0.02
	over 0.80 to 1.20, incl	0.03
Manganese	to 1.00, incl	0.03
	over 1.00 to 3.00, incl	0.04
	over 3.00 to 6.00, incl	0.05
	over 6.00 to 10.00, incl	0.06
	over 10.00 to 15.00, incl	0.10
Phosphorus	over 15.00 to 20.00, incl	0.15
	to 0.040, incl	0.005
Sulfur	over 0.040 to 0.20, incl	0.010
	to 0.040, incl	0.005
Silicon	over 0.20 to 0.50, incl	0.020
	to 1.00, incl	0.05
	over 1.00 to 3.00, incl	0.10
Chromium	over 3.00 to 6.00, incl	0.15
	over 4.00 to 10.00, incl	0.10
	over 10.00 to 15.00, incl	0.15
	over 15.00 to 20.00, incl	0.20
Nickel	over 20.00 to 30.00, incl	0.25
	to 1.00, incl	0.03
	over 1.00 to 5.00, incl	0.07
	over 5.00 to 10.00, incl	0.10
	over 10.00 to 20.00, incl	0.15
Molybdenum	over 20.00 to 30.00, incl	0.20
	over 30.00 to 40.00, incl	0.25
	over 40.00	0.30
	over 0.20 to 0.60, incl	0.03
	over 0.60 to 2.00, incl	0.05
Titanium	over 2.00 to 7.00, incl	0.10
	over 7.00 to 15.00, incl	0.15
	over 15.00 to 30.00, incl	0.20
	to 1.00, incl	0.05
Columbium	over 1.00 to 3.00, incl	0.07
	over 3.00	0.10
Tantalum	to 1.50, incl	0.05
Copper	to 0.10, incl	0.02
	to 0.50, incl	0.03
	over 0.50 to 1.00, incl	0.05
	over 1.00 to 3.00, incl	0.10
Aluminum	over 3.00 to 5.00, incl	0.15
	over 5.00 to 10.00, incl	0.20
	to 0.15, incl	-0.005
		+0.01
Nitrogen	over 0.15 to 0.50, incl	0.05
	over 0.50 to 2.00, incl	0.10
	over 2.00 to 5.00, incl	0.20
	over 5.00 to 10.00, incl	0.35
	to 0.02, incl	0.005
Vanadium	over 0.02 to 0.19, incl	0.01
	over 0.19 to 0.25, incl	0.02
	over 0.25 to 0.35, incl	0.03
	over 0.35 to 0.45, incl	0.04
	over 0.45	0.05
Cerium	to 0.50, incl	0.03
	over 0.50 to 1.50, incl	0.05
Tungsten	to 0.20, incl	0.01
	to 0.50, incl	0.20
	over 0.50–1.00, incl	0.30
	over 1.00–2.00, incl	0.50
	over 2.00–4.00, incl	0.60

<sup>A</sup> Chrome content 4.00 or greater.

requirements for the characteristic in question, the lot represented by that specimen shall be rejected or reworked in accordance with Section 14.

9.4.1 If the results of the tension test do not conform to the requirements specified in the product specification, retests are permitted as outlined in Test Methods and Definitions A 370. If the results of any tension test specimen are less than specified



because a flaw becomes evident in the test specimen during testing, a retest shall be allowed provided that the defect is not attributable to ruptures, cracks, or flakes in the steel.

9.4.2 If the average impact energy value meets the product specification requirements, but one energy value is below the specified minimum value for individual specimens, a retest is permitted. The retest shall be conducted in accordance with Test Methods and Definitions A 370.

9.5 For the purpose of determining conformance to the product specification requirements, specimens shall be obtained from a finished product, or from production material that is in the same condition of working and heat treatment as the production material.

## **10. Hardness Requirements**

10.1 The part shall conform to the hardness requirements prescribed in the product specification.

10.2 Sampling for hardness testing shall conform to the product specification.

## **11. Tensile Requirements**

11.1 The part shall conform to the tensile property requirements prescribed in the product specification.

11.2 Sampling for tensile testing shall conform to the product specification.

11.3 When the dimensions of the material to be tested will permit, the tension test specimens shall be machined to the form and dimensions of the standard 2-in. (50-mm) gage length tension test specimens described in Test Methods and Definitions A 370.

11.3.1 In the case of small sections, which will not permit taking the standard test specimen described in 11.3, the subsize round or strip specimen shall be machined as described in Test Methods and Definitions A 370. The tension test specimen shall be as large as feasible.

## **12. Impact Requirements**

12.1 The part shall conform to the impact requirements prescribed in the product specification.

12.2 Sampling for impact testing shall conform to the product specification.

## **13. Hydrostatic Test Requirements**

13.1 Parts manufactured under this specification shall be capable of passing a hydrostatic test compatible with the rating of the specified matching pipe of equivalent material. Such a test shall be conducted only when specified in the purchase order or when the hydrostatic test Supplementary Requirement is invoked by the purchaser.

## **14. Rework**

14.1 When one or more representative test specimens or retest specimens do not conform to the requirements specified in the product specification for the tested characteristic, the lot of material represented by the test specimen may be reworked according to the following requirements.

14.1.1 If previously tested in the untreated condition, the product may be reworked by heat treatment, and subsequently retested, in accordance with the product specification.

14.1.2 If previously tested in the heat treated condition, the product may be reworked by reheat treatment, and subsequently retested, in accordance with the product specification.

## **15. Finish and Appearance**

15.1 The parts shall conform to the dimensions, tolerances and finish as specified in the purchaser's order. Parts ordered to the requirements of an ASTM specification shall conform to the requirements of the individual product specification.

15.2 The surface finish shall allow the detection of imperfections that can be disclosed by visual inspection. Where necessary the finished parts shall be cleaned to remove all loose scale and processing compounds prior to the final surface examination. The cleaning process shall not injure the surface finish, material properties, or the metallurgical structure. The cleaned parts shall be protected to prevent recontamination. Protective coatings on parts subsequently subjected to socket welds or butt welds shall be suitable for welding without removal of the coating. When specified in the purchase order, parts may be furnished in the as-formed condition.

15.3 Fittings supplied under this specification shall be examined visually. Selected typical surface discontinuities shall be explored for depth. Unless otherwise specified in the purchase order, the following shall apply.

15.3.1 Fittings conforming to ~~ASME B16.9~~, ~~ASME B16.28~~, B16.9 and MSS-SP-43 shall be free of surface discontinuities that penetrate more than 5 % of the specified nominal wall thickness, except as defined in 15.3.3 and 15.3.4. Fittings conforming to ASME B16.11 and MSS-SP-79 shall be free of surface discontinuities that penetrate more than 5 % of the actual wall thickness at the point of interest, or  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. [1.6 mm], whichever is less, except as defined in 15.3.4.

15.3.2 Surface discontinuities deeper than 5 % of the specified nominal wall thickness, except as defined in 15.3.3 and 15.3.4, shall be removed by the manufacturer by machining or grinding to sound metal, and the repaired areas shall blend smoothly into the contour of the finished fitting. Except for fittings conforming to MSS-SP-75, the wall thickness at all points shall be at least the specified minimum wall thickness, or 87½ % of the specified nominal wall thickness and the diameters shall be within the limits specified in the applicable dimensional standards.

15.3.3 Surface checks (fish scale) deeper than  $\frac{1}{64}$  in. [0.4 mm] shall be removed.

15.3.4 Mechanical marks deeper than  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. [1.6 mm] shall be removed.

15.3.5 When the removal of a surface discontinuity reduces the wall thickness below the specified minimum wall thickness at any point, the fitting shall be subject to rejection or to repair as provided in Section 16.

## **16. Repair by Welding**

16.1 The purchaser may require the supplier to submit proposed weld repairs for approval by invoking the appropriate Supplementary Requirement in the purchase order.

16.2 If the purchaser does not require prior approval of the proposed weld repairs, these repairs shall be permitted at the discretion of the supplier. All weld repairs shall be performed in accordance with the following limitations and requirements.

16.2.1 The welding procedure, welders and operators shall be qualified in accordance with Section IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. The composition of the weld deposit shall be compatible with the composition of the material being welded.

16.2.2 Defects shall be completely removed prior to welding by machining, chipping or grinding to sound metal. Removal of these defects shall be verified by magnetic particle examination in accordance with Guide E 709 or liquid penetrant inspection in accordance with Test Method E 165, as applicable.

16.2.3 After repair welding, the welded area shall be machined or ground smooth to the original contour and shall be completely free of defects as verified by magnetic particle examination in accordance with Guide E 709 or liquid penetrant inspection in accordance with Test Method E 165, as applicable.

16.2.4 Repair welding shall not exceed 10 % of the external surface area of the part, or  $33\frac{1}{3}$  % of the wall thickness of the finished product, or  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. [10 mm] deep maximum at the location of the repair, without prior approval of the purchaser.

16.2.5 Weld repaired material or parts, or both, shall be marked “RW” when required by the product specification.

16.3 The weld repair shall conform to the additional requirements, if any, invoked in the product specification.

## **17. Inspection**

17.1 The supplier shall provide the purchaser’s inspector with all reasonable facilities necessary to satisfy him that the material is being produced and furnished in accordance with this specification and the applicable product specification. Site inspection by the purchaser shall not interfere unnecessarily with the supplier’s operations.

## **18. Rejection and Rehearing**

18.1 Samples representing material rejected by the purchaser shall be preserved until disposition of the claim has been agreed to between the supplier and the purchaser.

## **19. Marking**

19.1 Each piece shall be legibly marked with the ASTM designation, grade and class, certifying organization’s name or symbol, the heat number or heat identification, size, and schedule or thickness, if applicable. It is not required to mark the product with the specification year and date of issue. The Standard Marking System of Valves, Fittings, Flanges and Unions (MSS-SP-25) of the Manufacturer’s Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry may be followed except the word “steel” shall not be substituted for the ASTM designation.

19.2 Product marking shall conform to the additional requirements, if any, invoked in the product specification.

## **20. Certification**

20.1 Application of the ASTM designation and other identification marks as required in Section 19 shall be the certification that the material or parts, or both, have been furnished in accordance with the requirements of the specification.

20.2 When test reports are required, they shall include the year/date of issue, and shall be traceable to the part represented. In addition, the certification shall include the results of all tests required by this specification, the product specification, and the purchase order. The manufacturer, and any subsequent suppliers, shall provide the specific information required by the product specification and the purchase order.

20.3 A certificate printed from or used in electronic data interchange (EDI) transmission shall be regarded as having the same validity as a counterpart printed in the certifier’s facility. The content of the EDI transmitted document shall conform to any existing EDI agreement between the purchaser and the supplier.

20.4 Notwithstanding the absence of a signature, the organization submitting either a printed certificate or an EDI transmitted certificate is responsible for the content of the report.

## **21. Packaging, Marking and Loading for Shipment**

21.1 Packaging, marking, and loading for shipment shall be in accordance with Practices A 700.

21.2 When specified in the contract or order, and or direct procurement by or direct shipment to the government, when Level A is specified, preservation, packaging, and packing shall be in accordance with Level A requirements of MIL-STD-163.

## **22. Keywords**

22.1 austenitic stainless steel; corrosive service applications; ferritic/austenitic stainless steel; ferritic stainless steel; high

strength low alloy steel; martensitic stainless steel; piping applications; pressure containing parts; pressure vessel service; stainless steel fittings; temperature service applications-elevated; temperature service applications-low; temperature service applications-moderate

## SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

These requirements shall not be considered unless specified in the order, in which event, the supplementary requirements specified shall be made at the place of manufacture, unless otherwise agreed upon, at the purchaser's expense. The test specified shall be witnessed by the purchaser's inspector before shipment of material, if so specified in the order. The rationale for beginning the section numbering with S50 is to eliminate the possibility of confusion with supplementary requirements existing in individual product specifications.

### S50. Product Analysis (Note S50.1)

S50.1 A product analysis shall be made from each heat of base metal and, if of welded construction, from each lot number of welding material of the fittings offered for delivery. The analysis shall conform to the requirements specified in Section ~~7-8~~.

### S51. Tension Test (Note S50.1)

S51.1 One tension test shall be made on one fitting or representative test piece (See Note S50.2) per lot (See Note S50.3) of fittings. If the fittings are of welded construction, the tension specimen shall include the weld and shall be prepared so that the weld is at the midlength location of the specimen. However, in no case shall the tensile properties of the finished fitting be less than the requirements listed in the individual product specification.

NOTE S50.1—If the result of any of the tests specified in Supplementary Requirements S50, S51, or S63 do not conform to requirements, retests may be made at the manufacturer's expense on additional fittings or representative test pieces of double the original number ~~from~~ from the same heat or lot as defined in Supplementary Requirements S50, S51, or S63, each of which shall conform to the requirements specified.

NOTE S50.2—Where the test specimen for the tension or intergranular corrosion bend test cannot be taken ~~from~~ from a fitting due to size limitations, a representative test piece shall be obtained. The test piece shall be from the same lot it represents and shall have approximately the same amount of working. In addition, these pieces representing fittings manufactured from bars, plate, or forgings shall have a cross section equal to the greatest cross section of the fitting, and test pieces representing fittings manufactured from pipe shall have an outside diameter ~~and~~ and wall thickness equal to those of the fitting. The test piece for fittings of welded construction shall be prepared to the same weld procedures and from the same heat of materials as the fittings it represents.

NOTE S50.3—A lot shall consist of all fittings of the same type, size, and wall thickness, manufactured from one heat of material (and, if fabrication welding is performed using one lot number of electrode or one heat of weld wire), and heat treated using the same heat-treat cycle in either a continuous or batch-type furnace controlling within a range of 50°F [28°C] and equipped with recording pyrometers so that complete records of heat treatment are available.

### S52. Liquid Penetrant Examination

S52.1 All surfaces shall be liquid penetrant examined in accordance with ~~Practice Test Method E 165~~. Acceptance limits shall be specified by the purchaser. Personnel performing the examination shall be qualified in accordance with SNT-TC-1A-1984 ~~8~~ or later.

### S53. Magnetic-Particle Examination

S53.1 All accessible surfaces shall be magnetic particle examined in accordance with ~~Practice Guide E 709~~. Acceptance limits shall be specified by the purchaser. Personnel performing the examination shall be qualified in accordance with SNT-TC-1A-1984 ~~8~~ or later.

### S54. Hydrostatic Test

S54.1 A hydrostatic test shall be applied as agreed upon between the manufacturer and purchaser.

### S55. Bar Stock Fittings

S55.1 Bar stock fittings shall not be permitted.

### S56. Special Heat Treatment

S56.1 A special heat treatment shall be applied as agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

### S57. Hardness Test

S57.1 If actual hardness testing of fittings is required, the frequency and the method used shall be as agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.



**S58. Special Fittings**

S58.1 Partial compliance fittings of size or shape not conforming to the dimensional requirements of ANSI B16.9, B16.11, B16.28, MSS-SP-79, and MSS-SP-95 shall meet all other requirements of the individual product specification. In addition to the marking required by Section 19, the grade designation symbol of the individual product specification shall be followed by the symbol “S58”.

**S59. Heat Treatment of Concentric Reducers**

S59.1 Concentric reducers formed by local heating of the fitting shall be subsequently annealed, normalized, or normalized and tempered.

**S60. Marking Small Fittings**

S60.1 For small products where the space for marking is less than 1 in. (~~25.4 mm~~) [25 mm] in any direction, test reports are mandatory and marking may be restricted to only such symbols or codes as are necessary to identify the parts with test reports.

S60.2 When the configuration or size does not permit marking directly on the fitting, the marking method shall be a matter of agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

**S61. Phosphorous and Sulphur Content**

S61.1 The phosphorous and sulphur contents of the fittings shall not exceed 0.025 %.

**S62. Ultrasonic Test**

S62.1 Each fitting or the raw material from which the fitting is made shall be ultrasonically tested to determine its soundness. The method, where applicable, shall be in accordance with Practice A 388/A 388M. Acceptance limits shall be specified by the purchaser. Personnel performing NDE examinations shall be qualified in accordance with SNT-TC-1A-19848 or later.

S62.2 Each fitting or the raw material from which each fitting is made shall be ultrasonically tested to determine its soundness. The method, where applicable, shall be in accordance with Practice E 213. Acceptable limits shall be specified by the purchaser. Personnel performing the examination shall be qualified in accordance with SNT-TC-1A-1988 or later.

**S63. Intergranular Corrosion Bend Test (Note S50.1)**

S63.1 An intergranular corrosion bend test shall be made on one fitting or representative test piece (See Note S50.2) per lot (See Note S50.3) of fittings. If the fittings are of welded construction, the bend specimen shall include the weld and be prepared so that the weld is at the midlength location of the specimen. Specimens containing a weld shall be bent so that the location of weld is at the point of maximum bend. The method of testing shall be in accordance with Practices A 262 or Practices A 763, as applicable.

**S64. Photomicrographs**

S64.1 Photomicrographs at 100 diameters shall be made for information only of the actual base metal structure from one fitting as furnished in each lot. The photomicrographs shall be identified as to fitting size, wall thickness, lot identification, and heat. The definition of “lot” shall be as specified by the purchaser.

**S65. Surface Finish**

S65.1 Machined surfaces shall have a maximum roughness of 250 µin. AARH [6.3 µm]. All other surfaces shall be suitable for ultrasonic testing.

**S66. Repair Welding**

S66.1 No weld repair shall be permitted without prior approval of the purchaser.

**S67. Charpy V-Notch Test**

S67.1 Charpy V-notch test shall be made as specified on the order. The test temperature, acceptance criteria, number of tests, and location of tests (whether from base metal, weld metal, or heat affected zone of welds) shall be specified.

**S68. Special Notch Toughness**

S68.1 The impact test temperature or acceptance values, or both, shall be as agreed upon, but only with respect to lower temperatures or higher energy values.

**S69. Magnetic Particle Examination—Weld Metal**

S69.1 All accessible welds shall be examined in accordance with ~~Practice~~ Guide E 709. Accessible is defined as all outside surfaces, all inside fitting surfaces 24 in. [610 mm] in diameter and greater, and inside fitting surfaces less than 24 in. [610 mm] in diameter, for a distance of one diameter from the ends.

S69.2 *Acceptance Criteria*—The following indications are unacceptable:

S69.2.1 Any cracks and linear indications,

S69.2.2 Rounded indications with dimensions greater than  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. [4.8 mm],

S69.2.3 Four or more indications in any line separated by  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. [1.6 mm],

S69.2.4 Ten or more indications located in any 6 in.<sup>2</sup>[4000 mm<sup>2</sup>] of surface, with the major dimensions not to exceed 6 in. [150 mm] when the major dimension is oriented so that the area includes the maximum number of indications being evaluated.

S69.3 Personnel performing NDE examinations shall be qualified in accordance with SNT-TC-1A-19848 or later.

#### **S70. Liquid Penetrant Examination of Weld Metal**

S70.1 All accessible surfaces of fittings shall be examined in accordance with Test Method E 165. Accessible is defined in S69.

S70.2 Acceptance criteria shall be in accordance with S69.2.

S70.3 Personnel performing NDE examinations shall be qualified in accordance with SNT-TC-1A-19848 or later.

#### **S71. Product Marking**

S71.1 Weld repaired parts shall be marked “S71”.

#### **S72. Nondestructive Electromagnetic (Eddy-Current) Test**

S72.1 For eddy-current testing, the calibration tube shall contain, at the option of the manufacturer, any one of the following discontinuities placed in the weld to establish a minimum sensitivity level for rejection.

S72.2 *Drilled Hole*—A hole not larger than 0.031 in. (0.79 mm) in diameter shall be drilled radially and completely through the tube wall, with care being taken to avoid distortion of the tube while drilling.

S72.3 *Transverse Tangential Notch*—Using a round tool or file with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. [6-mm] diameter, a notch shall be filed or milled tangential to the surface and transverse to the longitudinal axis of the tube. The notch shall have a depth not exceeding 12½ % of the specified wall thickness of the tube or 0.004 in. [0.102 mm], whichever is greater.

S72.4 *Longitudinal Notch*—A notch 0.031 in. [0.79 mm] or less in width shall be machined in a radial plane parallel to the tube axis on the outside surface of the tube, to have a depth not exceeding 12½ % of the specified wall thickness of the tube or 0.004 in. [0.102 mm], whichever is greater. The length of the notch shall be compatible with the testing method.

S72.5 Fittings producing a signal equal to or greater than the calibration defect shall be subject to rejection. To be accepted, after rework, the fittings must pass the same test to which it was originally subjected.

S72.6 Personnel performing NDE examinations shall be qualified in accordance with SNT-TC-1A-19848 or later.

#### **S73. Weld Metal Analysis**

S73.1 Analysis of weld metal shall be reported.

#### **S74. Welding Procedure Test Record**

S74.1 A welding procedure test record shall be furnished.

#### **S75. Chemical Analysis of Remelted Steel**

S75.1 Each remelted ingot shall be assigned a unique identification number.

S75.2 A chemical analysis shall be made from each remelted ingot.

#### **S76. Electropolished Austenitic Grades**

S76.1 All electropolished austenitic fittings shall be of a cleanliness according to Specification A 967.

S76.2 Details concerning which test method of Specification A 967 are to be a matter of agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

#### **S77. Positive Material Identification Examination**

S77.1 Fittings shall be examined to assure that the purchaser is receiving fittings of the correct material grade prior to shipment of the fittings. This examination is to assure that no material grade mix-up has happened during manufacturing and marking of the fittings.

S77.2 Fittings shall receive a Positive Material Identification examination using the methods of Guide E 1916.

S77.3 The quantity examined shall be 100 % of the fittings.

S77.4 All fittings that are not of the correct material grade shall be rejected.

S77.5 The method of fitting marking after this examination shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer and purchaser.

#### **S78. Requirements for Carbon Steel Products for Concentrated Hydrofluoric Acid Service**

S78.1 Products shall be provided in the normalized heat-treated condition.

S78.2 The maximum carbon equivalent based on heat analysis shall be as follows:

Maximum section thickness less than or equal to 1 in.

Maximum section thickness greater than 1 in.

CE maximum = 0.43

CE maximum = 0.45

S78.3 Determine the carbon equivalent (CE) as follows:

$$CE = C + Mn/6 + (Cr + Mo + V)/5 + (Ni + Cu)/15$$

S78.4 Vanadium and Niobium maximum content based on heat analysis shall be:

$$\text{Maximum Vanadium} = 0.02 \text{ wt } \%$$

$$\text{Maximum Niobium} = 0.02 \text{ wt } \%$$

$$\text{Maximum Vanadium plus Niobium} = 0.03 \text{ wt } \%$$

(Note Niobium = Columbium)

S78.5 The maximum composition based on heat analysis of Ni + Cu shall be 0.15 wt %.

S78.6 The minimum C content based on heat analysis shall be 0.18 wt %. The maximum C content shall be as specified in the appropriate material specification.

S78.7 Repair welds shall not be made with E60XX electrodes. Use of E70XX electrodes is recommended and the resulting weld chemistry should meet the same chemistry criteria as the base metal as listed above.

S78.8 In addition to the requirements of product marking of the specification, an "HF-N" stamp or marking shall be provided on each component to identify that component complies with this supplementary requirement.

### **S79 Pressure Equipment Directive—Mechanical Testing**

S79.1 Charpy impact testing shall be done at the lowest scheduled operating temperature, but not higher than 68°F [20°C].

S79.2 The frequency of impact testing shall be the same as that specified in the product specification for the tension test, with three individual Charpy test specimens for each required tension test.

S79.3 The minimum impact absorption energy for the Charpy test specimen shall be at least 20 ft-lb [27 J].

S79.4 The minimum elongation in the tension test shall be measured on a gage length of five times the diameter of the test specimen, and shall not be less than 14 %.

S79.5 Impact and tension test results shall be included in the product certification.

## **ANNEX**

### **(Mandatory Information)**

#### **A1. Requirements for the Introduction of New Materials**

A1.1 New materials may be proposed for inclusion in specifications referencing this specification of general requirements subject to the following conditions:

A1.1.1 Application for the addition of a new grade to a specification shall be made to the chairman of the subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over that specification.

A1.1.2 The application shall be accompanied by a statement from at least one user indicating that there is a need for the new grade to be included in the applicable specification.

A1.1.3 The application shall be accompanied by test data as required by the applicable specification. Test data from a minimum of three test lots, as defined by the specification, each from a different heat, shall be furnished.

A1.1.4 The application shall provide recommendations for all requirements appearing in the applicable specification.

A1.1.5 The application shall state whether the new grade is covered by patent.

## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

~~This section identifies~~

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~~(I) Added Notes S50.1, S50.2,~~

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(1) Made specification into dual value version.

(2) Revised the effective date for SNT-TC-1A in S52, S53, S62, S69, S70, and S72.

(3) Added Supplementary Requirement S78 for hydrofluoric acid service.

(4) Added Supplementary Requirement S79 for the Pressure Equipment Directive requirements for mechanical testing.

Committee A01 has identified the location of selected changes to this specification since the last issue, A 960 – 02:a, that may impact the use of this specification. (Approved May 10, 2003)

(1) Added Notes S50.1, S50.2, and S50.3 after section S51.

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(1) Added new paragraph 6.4.



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