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STEEL BARS, FORGINGS, AND TUBING
1.1Si - 1.45Cr - 1.0Mo - 0.08Al (0.16 - 0.22C)
Double Vacuum Melted

UNS K21940

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: Primarily for critical carburized parts, such as bearings, gears, and shafts, requiring high minimum core hardness within a narrow range, good resistance to elevated temperature up to 600°F (316°C), and subject to very rigid magnetic particle inspection standards.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of SAE publications shall apply. The applicable issue of other publications shall be the issue in effect on the date of the purchase order.

2.1 SAE Publications: Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

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2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

- AMS-2251 - Tolerances, Low-Alloy Steel Bars
- MAM-2251 - Tolerances, Metric, Low-Alloy Steel Bars
- AMS-2253 - Tolerances, Carbon and Alloy Steel Tubing
- MAM-2253 - Tolerances, Metric, Carbon and Alloy Steel Tubing
- AMS-2259 - Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels
- AMS-2300 - Premium Aircraft-Quality Steel Cleanliness, Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure
- MAM-2300 - Premium Aircraft-Quality Steel Cleanliness, Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure, Metric (SI) Measurement
- AMS-2370 - Quality Assurance Sampling of Carbon and Low-Alloy Steels, Wrought Products Except Forgings and Forging Stock
- AMS-2372 - Quality Assurance Sampling of Carbon and Low-Alloy Steels, Forgings and Forging Stock
- AMS-2806 - Identification, Bars, Wire, Mechanical Tubing, and Extrusions, Carbon and Alloy Steels and Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steels and Alloys
- AMS-2808 - Identification, Forgings

2.1.2 Aerospace Standards:

- AS1182 - Standard Machining Allowance, Aircraft-Quality and Premium Aircraft-Quality Steel Bars and Mechanical Tubing

2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1187.

- ASTM A 255 - End-Quench Test for Hardenability of Steel
- ASTM A 370 - Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
- ASTM A 604 - Macroetch Testing of Consumable Electrode Remelted Steel Bars and Billets
- ASTM E 45 - Determining the Inclusion Content of Steel
- ASTM E 112 - Determining Average Grain Size
- ASTM E 350 - Chemical Analysis of Carbon Steel, Low-Alloy Steel, Silicon Electrical Steel, Ingot Iron, and Wrought Iron

2.3 U.S. Government Publications: Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Building 4D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.

2.3.1 Military Standards:

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

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 3.1 Composition: Shall conform to the following percentages by weight, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E 350, by spectrochemical methods, or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser:

	min	max
Carbon	0.16	0.22
Manganese	0.45	0.75
Silicon	0.90	1.25
Phosphorus	--	0.010
Sulfur	--	0.010
Chromium	1.25	1.65
Molybdenum	0.90	1.10
Aluminum	0.03	0.12
Nickel	--	0.25
Copper	--	0.35

- 3.1.1 Check Analysis: Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS-2259.

- 3.2 Condition: The product shall be supplied in the following condition; hardness and tensile strength shall be determined in accordance with ASTM A 370:

3.2.1 Bars:

- 3.2.1.1 Bars 0.500 Inch (12.70 mm) and Under in Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides: Cold finished having tensile strength not higher than 125,000 psi (862 MPa).

- 3.2.1.2 Bars Over 0.500 Inch (12.70 mm) in Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides: Hot finished and annealed having hardness not higher than 229 HB, or equivalent, except that bars ordered cold finished may have hardness as high as 248 HB, or equivalent.

- 3.2.2 Forgings: As ordered.

- 3.2.3 Mechanical Tubing: Cold finished having hardness not higher than 25 HRC, or equivalent, except that tubing ordered hot finished and annealed shall have hardness not higher than 229 HB, or equivalent.

- 3.2.4 Forging Stock: As ordered by the forging manufacturer.

- 3.3 Properties: The product shall conform to the following requirements; hardness testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM A 370:

- 3.3.1 Macrostructure Rating: Visual examination of transverse sections as in 4.3.3 from bars, billets, tube rounds or tubes, and forging stock, etched in accordance with ASTM A 604 in hot hydrochloric acid, shall show no pipe or cracks. Except as specified in 3.3.1.1, porosity, segregation, inclusions, and other imperfections in product 36 square inches (232 cm²) and under in cross-sectional area shall be no worse than the following macrographs of ASTM A 604; macrostructure standards for product over 36 square inches (232 cm²) in cross-sectional area shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor:

Class	Condition	Severity
1	Freckles	A
2	White Spots	A
3	Radial Segregation	B
4	Ring Pattern	B

- 3.3.1.1 If tubes are produced directly from ingots or large blooms, transverse sections may be taken from tubes rather than tube rounds. Macrostructure standards for such tubes shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

- 3.3.2 Micro-Inclusion Rating: No specimen as in 4.3.4 shall exceed the following limits, determined in accordance with ASTM E 45, Method D:

	A		B		C		C	
	Thin	Heavy	Thin	Heavy	Thin	Heavy	Thin	Heavy
Worst Field Severity	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.0
Worst Field Frequency, maximum	*	1	*	1	*	1	3	1
Total Rateable Fields, Frequency, maximum	**	1	**	1	**	1	8	1
* Combined A+B+C; not more than 3 fields								
** Combined A+B+C; not more than 8 fields								

- 3.3.3 A rateable field is defined as one which has a type A, B, C, or D inclusion rating of at least No. 1.0 thin or heavy in accordance with the Jernkontoret chart, Plate III, ASTM E 45.

- 3.3.4 Grain Size: Predominantly 4 or finer with occasional grains as large as 2 permissible, determined in accordance with ASTM E 112.

- 3.3.5 Hardenability: Shall be J47=1 maximum and J30=6 minimum, determined on the standard end-quench specimen in accordance with ASTM A 255 except that the steel shall be normalized at 1700°F ± 10 (927°C ± 6) and the specimen austenitized at 1550°F ± 10 (843°C ± 6). The hardenability test is not required on a product which will not yield a suitable specimen but the steel from which the product is made shall conform to the hardenability specified.

3.4 Quality:

3.4.1 Steel shall be premium aircraft-quality conforming to AMS-2300 or MAM-2300; it shall be double vacuum melted using vacuum induction melting followed by vacuum consumable electrode remelting.

3.4.2 The product, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from imperfections detrimental to usage of the product.

3.4.2.1 Bars and mechanical tubing ordered hot rolled or cold drawn, or ground turned, or polished shall, after removal of the standard machining allowance in accordance with AS1182, be free from seams, laps, tears, and cracks open to the ground, turned, or polished surfaces.

3.4.3 Grain flow of die forgings, except in areas which contain flash-line end grain, shall follow the general contour of the forgings showing no evidence of re-entrant grain flow.

3.5 Sizes: Except when exact lengths or multiples of exact lengths are ordered, straight bars and tubing will be acceptable in mill lengths of 6 - 20 feet (1.8 - 6.1 m) but not more than 10% of any shipment shall be supplied in lengths shorter than 10 feet (3 m).

3.6 Tolerances: Shall conform to all applicable requirements of the following:

3.6.1 Bars: AMS-2251 or MAM-2251.

3.6.2 Mechanical Tubing: AMS-2253 or MAM-2253.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of the product shall supply all samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the product conforms to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests: Tests for all technical requirements are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable.

4.3 Sampling and Testing: Shall be in accordance with the following; a heat shall be the ingots produced from a single vacuum induction melt:

4.3.1 Bars and Mechanical Tubing: AMS-2370.

4.3.2 Forgings and Forging Stock: AMS-2372.

4.3.3 Samples for macrostructure rating (3.3.1) shall be full cross-sectional specimens obtained from the finished billet or suitable rerolled product representing the top and bottom of at least the first, middle, and last usable ingot of each heat. When ingot location is not available, the lot shall be sampled on at least one end of 10% of the billets or bars.