



400 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE, WARRENDALE, PA 15096

AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

Submitted for recognition as an American National Standard

AMS 6526C

Issued 5-1-68
Revised 1-1-89

Superseding AMS 6526B

STEEL BARS, FORGINGS, TUBING, AND RINGS
1.0Cr - 7.5Ni - 4.5Co - 1.0Mo - 0.09V (0.29 - 0.34C)
Consumable Electrode Vacuum Melted, Annealed

UNS K91313

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers a premium aircraft-quality, high-strength, low-alloy steel in the form of bars, forgings, mechanical tubing, flash welded rings, and stock for forging or flash welded rings.

1.2 Application: Primarily for parts, such as pressure vessels, requiring through hardening to high strength levels and where such parts may require welding during fabrication. Certain processing procedures and service conditions may cause these products to become subject to stress-corrosion cracking; ARP1110 recommends practices to minimize such conditions.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specifications, Aerospace Standards, and Aerospace Recommended Practices shall apply. The applicable issue of other documents shall be as specified in AMS 2350.

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

SAE Technical Board Rules provide that: "This report is published by SAE to advance the state of technical and engineering sciences. The use of this report is entirely voluntary, and its applicability and suitability for any particular use, including any patent infringement arising therefrom, is the sole responsibility of the user."

AMS documents are protected under United States and international copyright laws. Reproduction of these documents by any means is strictly prohibited without the written consent of the publisher.

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 2350 - Standards and Test Methods
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 2375 - Control of Forgings Requiring First Article Approval
AMS 2750 - Pyrometry
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
AMS 7496 - Rings, Flash Welded, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steel

2.1.2 Aerospace Standards:

AS1182 - Standard Machining Allowance, Aircraft Quality and Premium Quality Steel Products

2.1.3 Aerospace Recommended Practices:

ARP1110 - Minimizing Stress Corrosion Cracking in Heat Treatable Wrought Alloy and Martensitic Corrosion Resistant Steels

2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

ASTM A370 - Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
ASTM A604 - Macroetch Testing of Consumable Electrode Remelted Steel Bars and Billets
ASTM E45 - Determining the Inclusion Content of Steel
ASTM E112 - Determining Average Grain Size
ASTM E353 - Chemical Analysis of Stainless, Heat-Resisting, Maraging, and Other Similar Chromium-Nickel-Iron Alloys
ASTM E384 - Microhardness of Materials
ASTM E399 - Plane-Strain Fracture Toughness of Metallic Materials

2.3 U.S. Government Publications: Available from Commanding Officer, Naval Publications and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120.

2.3.1 Military Specifications:

MIL-H-6875 - Heat Treatment of Steel, Process for

2.3.2 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 E353, by spectrochemical methods, or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser:

	min	max
Carbon	0.29	0.34
Manganese	0.10	0.35
Silicon	--	0.20
Phosphorus	--	0.010
Sulfur	--	0.010
Chromium	0.90	1.10
Nickel	7.00	8.00
Cobalt	4.25	4.75
Molybdenum	0.90	1.10
Vanadium	0.06	0.12
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 A370:

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: Annealed and cold finished having tensile strength not higher than 165,000 psi (1138 MPa).

- 3.2.1.2 Bars Over 0.500 Inch (12.70 mm) in Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides: Hot finished, annealed, and descaled having hardness not higher than 341 HB, or equivalent.

- 3.2.2 Forgings and Flash Welded Rings: Annealed and descaled having hardness not higher than 341 HB or equivalent. Heat treatment of forgings shall be in accordance with MIL-H-6875.

- 3.2.2.1 Flash welded rings shall not be supplied unless specified or permitted on purchaser's part drawing. When supplied, rings shall be manufactured in accordance with AMS 7496.

- 3.2.3 Mechanical Tubing: Annealed and descaled having hardness not higher than 341 HB, or equivalent.
- 3.2.4 Stock for Forging or Flash Welded Rings: As ordered by the forging or flash welded ring manufacturer.
- 3.3 Heat Treatment: Bars, mechanical tubing, and flash welded rings shall be
 Ø duplex annealed by heating to $1250^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 25$ ($677^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 14$), holding at heat for 4 hours ± 0.25 , cooling in air to ambient temperature, reheating to $1150^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 25$ ($621^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 14$), holding at heat for 4 hours ± 0.25 , and cooling in air to ambient temperature. Pyrometry shall be in accordance with AMS 2750.
- 3.4 Properties: The product shall conform to the following requirements; hardness, tensile, and impact testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM A370:
- 3.4.1 Heat of Steel:
- 3.4.1.1 Macrostructure Rating: Visual examination of transverse sections as in 4.3.3 from bars, billets, tube rounds or tubes, and stock for forging or flash welded rings, etched in accordance with ASTM A604, shall show no pipe or cracks. Except as specified in 3.4.1.1.1, porosity, segregation, inclusions, and other imperfections shall be no worse than the following macrographs of ASTM A604:

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

- 3.4.1.1.1 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.

- 3.4.1.2 Micro-Inclusion Rating: No specimen as in 4.3.4 shall exceed the
 Ø following limits, determined in accordance with ASTM E45, Method D:

	A		B		C		D	
	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

3.4.1.2.1 A rateable field is defined as one which has a type A, B, C, or D inclusion rating of at least 1.0 thin or heavy in accordance with the Jernkontoret Chart, Plate III, ASTM E45.

3.4.2 Bars, Forgings, Mechanical Tubing, and Flash Welded Rings:

3.4.2.1 As Annealed:

3.4.2.1.1 Grain Size: Predominantly 5 or finer with occasional grains as large as 3 permissible, determined in accordance with ASTM E112.

3.4.2.1.2 Decarburization:

3.4.2.1.2.1 Bars, tubing, and flash welded rings ordered ground, turned, or polished shall be free from decarburization on the ground, turned, or polished surfaces. Decarburization on tubing ID shall not exceed the maximum depth shown in Table II.

3.4.2.1.2.2 Allowable decarburization of bars, billets, and tube rounds ordered for redrawing, forging, or flash welding or to specified microstructural requirements shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.4.2.1.2.3 Decarburization of bars and flash welded rings to which 3.4.2.1.2.1 or 3.4.2.1.2.2 is not applicable shall be not greater than shown in Table I.

TABLE I

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Inches	Depth of Decarburization Inch
Up to 0.375, incl	0.010
Over 0.375 to 0.500, incl	0.012
Over 0.500 to 0.625, incl	0.014
Over 0.625 to 1.000, incl	0.017
Over 1.000 to 1.500, incl	0.020
Over 1.500 to 2.000, incl	0.025
Over 2.000 to 2.500, incl	0.030
Over 2.500 to 3.000, incl	0.035
Over 3.000 to 5.000, incl	0.045

TABLE I (SI)

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Millimetres	Depth of Decarburization Millimetres
Up to 9.52, incl	0.25
Over 9.52 to 12.70, incl	0.30
Over 12.70 to 15.88, incl	0.36
Over 15.88 to 25.40, incl	0.43
Over 25.40 to 38.10, incl	0.51
Over 38.10 to 50.80, incl	0.64
Over 50.80 to 63.50, incl	0.76
Over 63.50 to 76.20, incl	0.89
Over 76.20 to 127.00, incl	1.14

3.4.2.1.2.3.1 Limits for depth of decarburization of bars and flash welded rings over 5.000 inches (127.00 mm) in nominal diameter or distance between parallel sides shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.4.2.1.2.4 Decarburization of tubing to which 3.4.2.1.2.1 or 3.4.2.1.2.2 is not applicable shall be not greater than shown in Table II.

TABLE II

Nominal Wall Thickness Inches	Depth of Decarburization	
	ID	OD
Up to 0.109, incl	0.008	0.015
Over 0.109 to 0.203, incl	0.010	0.020
Over 0.203 to 0.400, incl	0.012	0.025
Over 0.400 to 0.600, incl	0.015	0.030
Over 0.600 to 1.000, incl	0.017	0.035
Over 1.000	0.020	0.040

TABLE II (SI)

Nominal Wall Thickness Millimetres	Depth of Decarburization Millimetre	
	ID	OD
Up to 2.77, incl	0.20	0.38
Over 2.77 to 5.16, incl	0.25	0.51
Over 5.16 to 10.16, incl	0.30	0.64
Over 10.16 to 15.24, incl	0.38	0.76
Over 15.24 to 25.40, incl	0.43	0.89
Over 25.40	0.51	1.02

3.4.2.1.2.5 Decarburization shall be measured by the microhardness method in accordance with ASTM E384 on hardened but untempered specimens protected during heat treatment to prevent changes in surface carbon content. Depth of decarburization, is defined as the perpendicular distance from the surface to the depth under that surface at which there is not more than a 20 Knoop, or equivalent, decrease in hardness from the core hardness.

3.4.2.1.2.5.1 When determining the depth of decarburization, it is permissible to disregard local areas provided the decarburization of such areas does not exceed the above limits by more than 0.005 inch (0.13 mm) and the width is 0.065 inch (1.65 mm) or less.

3.4.2.2 Properties After Heat Treatment: Bars, forgings, mechanical tubing, and parent metal of flash welded rings, heat treated as in 3.4.2.2.1, shall conform to the requirements of 3.4.2.2.2, 3.4.2.2.3, and, when specified, 3.4.2.2.4. Product need not be annealed as in 3.3 before heat treatment to determine conformance to these requirements.

3.4.2.2.1 Heat Treatment:

3.4.2.2.1.1 Normalizing: Heat to 1650° - 1700°F (899° - 927°C), hold at heat for not less than 1 hour per inch (25 mm) of maximum section thickness, and cool in air to room temperature.

3.4.2.2.1.2 Hardening: Heat to 1550°F $\pm$ 25 (843°C $\pm$ 14), hold at heat for 1 hour per inch (25 mm) of maximum section thickness but not less than 1 hour, quench sections 4.0 inches (102 mm) and under in nominal thickness into room temperature oil or water and sections over 4.0 inches (102 mm) in nominal thickness into room temperature oil. Cool to -100°F $\pm$ 10 (-73°C $\pm$ 6), within 2 hours after quenching, hold at -100°F $\pm$ 10 (-73°C $\pm$ 6) for not less than 2 hours, and warm in air to room temperature.

3.4.2.2.1.3 Tempering: Heat to 1000°F $\pm$ 10 (538°C $\pm$ 6), hold at heat for not less than 2 hours, suitably cool to below 125°F (52°C), reheat to 1000°F $\pm$ 10 (538°C $\pm$ 6), hold at heat for not less than 2 hours, and cool in air to room temperature.

3.4.2.2.2 Longitudinal Tensile Properties:

Tensile Strength, minimum	220,000 psi (1517 MPa)
Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset, minimum	190,000 psi (1310 MPa)
Elongation in 4D, minimum	10%
Reduction of Area, minimum	40%

3.4.2.2.3 Impact Strength: The product shall have a Charpy impact value not less than 20 foot-pounds (27 N·m), determined at room temperature using a V-notched specimen.

- 3.4.2.2.4 Fracture Toughness: When specified, shall be not less than 90,000 $\text{psi}\sqrt{\text{in.}}$ ($99 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ K_{IC} or KQ), determined in accordance with ASTM E399 on specimens having a nominal section thickness of 1.50 inches (38.1 mm) and over. Fracture toughness and method of testing for product under 1.50 inches (38.1 mm) in nominal section thickness shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.
- 3.4.3 Forging Stock: When a sample of stock is forged to a test coupon and heat treated as in 3.4.2.2.1, specimens taken from the heat treated coupon shall conform to the requirements of 3.4.2.2.2, 3.4.2.2.3, and, when specified, 3.4.2.2.4. If specimens taken from the stock after heat treatment as in 3.4.2.2.1 conform to the requirements of 3.4.2.2.1, 3.4.2.2.3, and, when specified, 3.4.2.2.4, the tests shall be accepted as equivalent to tests of a forged coupon.
- 3.4.4 Stock for Flash Welded Rings: Specimens taken from stock after heat treatment as in 3.4.2.2.1 shall conform to the requirements of 3.4.2.2.2, 3.4.2.2.3, and, when specified, 3.4.2.2.4.
- 3.5 Quality:
- 3.5.1 Steel shall be premium aircraft-quality conforming to AMS 2300 or MAM 2300. It shall be multiple melted using consumable electrode vacuum practice in the remelt cycle.
- 3.5.2 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.
- 3.5.2.1 Bars, tubing, and flash welded rings ordered ground, turned, or polished shall be free from seams, laps, tears, and cracks open to the ground, turned, or polished surfaces.
- 3.5.2.2 Product ordered to surface conditions other than ground, turned, or polished shall, after removal of the standard machining allowance, be free from seams, laps, tears, cracks, and other defects exposed to the machined surface. Standard machining allowance shall be in accordance with AS 1182.
- 3.5.2.3 Forgings shall have substantially uniform macrostructure. Standards for acceptance shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.
- 3.5.2.4 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.
- 3.6 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).

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

3.7.1 Bars: AMS 2251 or MAM 2251.

3.7.2 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. Results of such tests shall be reported to the purchaser as required by 4.5. 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:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Tests to determine conformance to the following requirements are classified as acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable:

4.2.1.1 Composition (3.1), macrostructure rating (3.4.1.1), micro-inclusion rating (3.4.1.2), and frequency-severity cleanliness rating (3.5.1) of each heat.

4.2.1.2 Condition (3.2), grain size (3.4.2.1.1), and decarburization (3.4.2.1.2) of each lot of bars, forgings, mechanical tubing, and flash welded rings.

4.2.1.3 Tensile properties (3.4.2.2.2) and, when specified, fracture toughness (3.4.2.2.4) of each lot of bars, forgings, mechanical tubing, and flash welded rings after heat treatment.

4.2.1.4 Tolerances (3.7) of bars and mechanical tubing:

4.2.2 Periodic Tests: Tests to determine conformance to the following requirements are classified as periodic tests and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the vendor unless frequency of testing is specified by purchaser:

4.2.2.1 Impact strength (3.4.2.2.3) of bars, forgings, mechanical tubing, and flash welded rings after heat treatment.

4.2.2.2 Ability of forging stock (3.4.3) and of stock for flash welded rings (3.4.4) to develop required properties.

4.2.3 Preproduction Tests: Tests of forgings to determine conformance to all applicable technical requirements of this specification when AMS 2375 is specified are classified as preproduction tests and shall be performed prior to or on the first-article shipment of a forging to a purchaser, when a change in material and/or processing requires reapproval as in 4.4, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.