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Standard Specification for Pressure Vessel Plates, Alloy Steel, Manganese-Molybdenum and Manganese-Molybdenum-Nickel[1]

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification[2] covers manganese-molybdenum and manganese-molybdenum-nickel alloy steel plates intended particularly for welded boilers and other pressure vessels.

1.2 Plates under this specification are available in four grades having different strength levels as follows:

Grade	Tensile Strength, ksi [MPa]	Type
A	75–95 [515–655]	Mn-Mo
B	80–100 [550–690]	Mn-Mo
C	80–100 [550–690]	Mn-Mo-Ni
D	80–100 [550–690]	Mn-Mo-Ni

1.3 The maximum thickness of plates is limited only by the capacity of the chemical composition to meet the specified mechanical property requirements. The minimum thickness is limited to 0.25 in. [6.5 mm].

1.4 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, 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.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

A 20/A20M Specification for General Requirements for Steel Plates for Pressure Vessels[3]

3. General Requirements and Ordering Information

3.1 Plates supplied to this product specification shall conform to Specification A 20/A 20M, which outlines the testing and retesting methods and procedures, permissible variations in dimensions and mass, quality and repair of defects, marking, loading, and so forth.

3.2 Specification A 20/A 20M also establishes the rules for ordering information that should be complied with when purchasing plates to this specification.

3.3 In addition to the basic requirements of this specification, certain supplementary requirements are available where additional control, testing, or examination is required to meet end use requirements.

3.4 The purchaser is referred to the listed supplementary requirements in this specification and to the detailed requirements in Specification A 20/A 20M.

3.5 Coils are excluded from qualification to this specification until they are processed into finished plates. Plates produced from coil means plates that have been cut to individual lengths from coil. The processor directly controls, or is responsible for, the operations involved in the processing of coils into finished plates. Such operations include decoiling, leveling, cutting to length, testing, inspection, conditioning, heat treatment (if applicable), packaging, marking, loading for shipment, and certification.

NOTE 1—For plates produced from coil and furnished without heat treatment or with stress relieving only, three test results are reported for each qualifying coil. Additional requirements regarding plates from coil are described in Specification A 20/A 20M.

3.6 If the requirements of this specification are in conflict with the requirements of Specification A 20/A 20M, the requirements of this specification shall prevail.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 *Steelmaking Practice*—The steel shall be killed and shall conform to the fine grain size requirement of Specification A 20/A 20M.

5. Heat Treatment

5.1 Plates 2 in. [50 mm] and under in thickness are normally supplied in the as-rolled condition. Plates may be ordered normalized or stress relieved, or both.

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[2] For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SA-302/SA-302M in Section II of that Code.

[3] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards,* Vol 01.04.

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

5.2 Plates over 2 in. [50 mm] in thickness shall be normalized.

5.3 When normalizing plates 4 in. [100 mm] or over in thickness, the cooling rate may be accelerated by air blasting or liquid quenching to obtain mechanical properties comparable to those developed by normalizing plates in the lesser thicknesses.

5.4 If approved by the purchaser, for plates less than 4 in. [100 mm] in thickness, cooling rates faster than those obtained by cooling in air are permissible for improvement of toughness, provided the plates are subsequently tempered in the temperature range from 1100 to 1300 °F [595 to 705 °C].

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The steel shall conform to the chemical requirements shown in Table 1 unless otherwise modified in accordance with Supplementary Requirement S17, Vacuum Carbon-Deoxidized Steel, in Specification A 20/A 20M.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Elements	Composition, %			
	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
Carbon, max[A]:				
Up to 1 in. [25 mm], incl, in thickness	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
Over 1 to 2 in. [50 mm], incl	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23
Over 2 in. [50 mm] in thickness	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Manganese:				
Heat analysis	0.95–1.30	1.15–1.50	1.15–1.50	1.15–1.50
Product analysis	0.87–1.41	1.07–1.62	1.07–1.62	1.07–1.62
Phosphorus, max[A]	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035
Sulfur, max[A]	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035
Silicon:				
Heat analysis	0.15–0.40	0.15–0.40	0.15–0.40	0.15–0.40
Product analysis	0.13–0.45	0.13–0.45	0.13–0.45	0.13–0.45
Molybdenum:				
Heat analysis	0.45–0.60	0.45–0.60	0.45–0.60	0.45–0.60
Product analysis	0.41–0.64	0.41–0.64	0.41–0.64	0.41–0.64
Nickel:				
Heat analysis	...	...	0.40–0.70	0.70–1.00
Product analysis	...	...	0.37–0.73	0.67–1.03

[A]Applies to both heat and product analyses.

7. Mechanical Properties

7.1 *Tension Test Requirements*—The plates, as represented by the tension test specimens, shall conform to the requirements given in Table 2.

7.1.1 For accelerated cooled plates with a nominal thickness of ¾ in. [20 mm] or less, the 1½-in. [40-mm] wide rectangular specimen may be used for the tension test, and the elongation may be determined in a 2-in. [50-mm] gage length that includes the fracture and that shows the greatest elongation.

8. Keywords

8.1 alloy steel plate; pressure containing parts; pressure vessel steels; steel plates; steel plates for pressure vessel applications

TABLE 2 Tensile Requirements

	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
Tensile strength, ksi [MPa]	75–95 [515–655]	80–100 [550–690]	80–100 [550–690]	80–100 [550–690]
Yield strength, min, ksi [MPa]	45 [310]	50 [345]	50 [345]	50 [345]
Elongation in 8 in. [200 mm], min, %[A]	15	15	17	17
Elongation in 2 in. [50 mm], min, %[A]	19	18	20	20

[A]See Specification A 20/A 20M for elongation adjustment.

SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

Supplementary requirements shall not apply unless specified in the purchase order. A list of standardized supplementary requirements for use at the option of the purchaser is included in Specification A 20/A 20M. Those that are considered suitable for use with this specification are listed below by title.

S1. Vacuum Treatment,
S2. Product Analysis,
S3. Simulated Post-Weld Heat Treatment of Mechanical Test Coupons,
S4.1 Additional Tension Test,
S5. Charpy V-Notch Impact Test,
S6. Drop Weight Test,
S7. High-Temperature Tension Test,
S8. Ultrasonic Examination in accordance with Specification A 435/A 435M,
S9. Magnetic Particle Examination,
S11. Ultrasonic Examination in accordance with Specification A 577/A 577M,
S12. Ultrasonic Examination in accordance with Specification A 578/A 578M, and
S17. Vacuum Carbon-Deoxidized Steel.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee A01 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (A 302/A 302M – 97$^{\epsilon 1}$) that may impact the use of this standard.

(1) 3.5 and Note 1 were added to be consistent with the terminology and requirements of Specification A 20/A 20M.

(2) 3.3 was revised to be more general.