



# Standard Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>ε1</sup> NOTE—Tables 1 and 2 were editorially corrected in March 2004.

## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification<sup>2</sup> covers chromium, chromium-nickel, and chromium-manganese-nickel stainless steel plate, sheet, and strip for pressure vessels and for general applications.

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. 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.

1.3 This specification is expressed in both inch-pound and SI units. However, unless the order specifies the applicable “M” specification designation (SI units), the material shall be furnished in inch-pound units.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

A 480/A 480M Specification for General Requirements for Flat-Rolled Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip

A 923 Test Methods for Detecting Detrimental Intermetallic Phase in Wrought Duplex Austenitic/Ferritic Stainless Steels

E 112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)

### 2.2 SAE Standard:

J 1086 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)<sup>4</sup>

## 3. General Requirements

3.1 The following requirements for orders for material furnished under this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of the current edition of Specification A 480/A 480M.

- 3.1.1 Definitions;
- 3.1.2 General requirements for delivery;
- 3.1.3 Ordering information;
- 3.1.4 Process;
- 3.1.5 Special tests;
- 3.1.6 Heat treatment;
- 3.1.7 Dimensions and permissible variations;
- 3.1.8 Workmanship, finish and appearance;
- 3.1.9 Number of tests/test methods;
- 3.1.10 Specimen preparation;
- 3.1.11 Retreatment;
- 3.1.12 Inspection;
- 3.1.13 Rejection and reheating;
- 3.1.14 Material test report;
- 3.1.15 Certification; and
- 3.1.16 Packaging, marking, and loading.

## 4. Chemical Composition

4.1 The steel shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition specified in Table 1 and shall conform to applicable requirements specified in Specification A 480/A 480M.

## 5. Mechanical Properties

5.1 The material shall conform to the mechanical properties specified in Table 2.

5.2 When specified by the purchaser, Charpy impact tests shall be performed in accordance with Supplementary Requirement S1.

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<sup>2</sup> For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-240 in Section II of that Code.

<sup>3</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* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>4</sup> Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096.

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

**6. Materials for High-Temperature Service**

6.1 The austenitic *H* Types shall conform to an average grain size of ASTM No. 7 or coarser as measured by Test Methods E 112.

6.2 Supplementary Requirement S2 shall be invoked when non-H grade austenitic stainless steels are ordered for ASME Code applications for service above 1000°F [540°C].

6.3 Grade S31060, unless otherwise specified in the purchase order, shall conform to an average grain size of ASTM No. 7 or coarser, as measured by Test Methods E 112.