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Standard Specification for Chromium Metal[1]

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers several grades of chromium metal.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:* [2]

A 1025 Specification for Ferroalloys, General Requirements

E 11 Specification for Wire Cloth and Sieves for Testing Purposes

E 363 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Chromium and Ferrochromium

3. General Conditions for Delivery

3.1 Materials furnished to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Specification A 1025, including any supplementary requirements that are indicated in the purchase order. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification A 1025 constitutes nonconformance with this specification. In case of conflict between the requirements of this specification and Specification A 1025, this specification shall prevail.

4. Chemical Composition

4.1 The various grades shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition specified in Tables 1 and 2.

4.2 The manufacturer shall furnish an analysis of each shipment showing the elements specified in Table 1.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, %	
	Grade A	Grade B
Chromium, min	99.0	99.4
Carbon, max	0.050	0.050
Silicon, max	0.15	0.10
Sulfur, max	0.030	0.010
Phosphorus, max	0.010	0.010

4.3 The values shown in Table 2 are expected maximums. Upon request of the purchaser, the manufacturer shall furnish an analysis for any of these elements on a cumulative basis over a period mutually agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

5. Size

5.1 The various grades are available in sizes as listed in Table 3.

TABLE 2 Supplementary Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, %	
	Grade A	Grade B
Nitrogen, max	0.050	0.020
Iron, max	0.35	0.35
Manganese, max	0.01	0.01
Hydrogen, max	0.01	0.003
Oxygen, max	0.50	0.10
Vanadium, max	0.050	0.050
Copper, max	0.01	0.01
Molybdenum, max	0.050	0.01
Columbium, max	0.050	0.050
Tantalum, max	0.050	0.003
Cobalt, max	0.003	0.001
Aluminum, max	0.30	0.10
Titanium, max	0.050	0.003
Zirconium, max	0.050	0.003
Arsenic, max	0.005	0.003
Lead, max	0.003	0.001
Tin, max	0.001	0.001
Zinc, max	0.005	0.003
Boron, max	0.005	0.003
Antimony, max	0.005	0.003
Silver, max	0.003	0.001
Bismuth, max	0.003	0.001

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[2] For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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

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TABLE 3 Standard Sizes and Tolerances

Product	Grade	Standard Sizes	Tolerances[A]	Friability Rating
Chromium Metal	A	Plate 2 in. by down	10 %, max retained on 2-in. (50-mm) sieve 10 %, max passing U.S. No. 8 (2.36-mm) sieve	2
	A and B	1 in. by down	15 %, max retained on 1-in. (25.0-mm) sieve 15 %, max passing U.S. No. 8 (2.36-mm) sieve	
		¼ in. by down	5 %, max retained on ¼-in. (6.3-mm) sieve	
		8 mesh by down	5 %, max retained on U.S. No. 8 (2.36-mm) sieve	
		20 mesh by down	5 %, max retained on U.S. No. 20 (850 µm) sieve	
	B	Pellets 1½ in. by 1 in. by 1 in.	Designated by manufacturer	

[A] Specifications of sieve sizes used to define tolerances herein are as listed in Specification E 11.

5.2 The sizes listed in Table 3 are typical as shipped from the manufacturer's plant. These alloys exhibit varying degrees of friability; therefore, some attrition may be expected in transit, storage, and handling. A quantitative test is not available for rating relative friability of ferroalloys. A code system has been developed, therefore, for this purpose, and a number rating each product type is shown in the last column of Table 3. Definitions applicable to these code numbers are given in Specification A 1025.

6. Chemical Analysis

6.1 The chemical analysis of the material shall be made in accordance with the procedure for the ferroalloys as described in Test Methods E 363 or alternative methods, agreed upon by the purchaser and supplier, that will yield equivalent results.

6.2 If alternative methods of analysis are used, in case of discrepancy, Test Methods E 363 shall be used for referee.

6.3 Where no method is given in Test Methods E 363 for the analysis for a particular element, the analysis shall be made in accordance with a procedure agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

7. Keywords

7.1 chromium; chromium metal

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee A01 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue, A 481 - 94(2004), that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved May 1, 2005.)

(1) Sections 1-10 were either modified or deleted.

(2) Appendix X1 was deleted.

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