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Standard Specification for Cast Tool Steel¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers tool steel castings having chemical compositions similar to those of the standard wrought grades.

1.2 Several grades are covered and are designated by chemical composition shown in [Table 1](#).

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound 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 necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined. Inch-pound units are applicable to material ordered to Specification A597 and SI units for material ordered to A597M.

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[A781/A781M](#) Specification for Castings, Steel and Alloy, Common Requirements, for General Industrial Use

[A957/A957M](#) Specification for Investment Castings, Steel and Alloy, Common Requirements, for General Industrial Use

3. General Conditions for Delivery

3.1 Except for investment castings, material furnished to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Spec-

ification [A781/A781M](#), including any supplementary requirements that are indicated in the purchase order. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification [A781/A781M](#) constitutes nonconformance with this specification. In case of conflict between the requirements of this specification and Specification [A781/A781M](#), this specification shall prevail.

3.2 Investment castings furnished to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Specification [A957/A957M](#), including any supplementary requirements that are indicated in the purchase order. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification [A957/A957M](#) constitutes nonconformance with this specification. In the case of conflict between the requirements of this specification and Specification [A957/A957M](#), Specification [A957/A957M](#) shall prevail.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material under this specification should include the following information:

4.1.1 Quantity,

4.1.2 Specification, including year date,

4.1.3 Grade of steel,

4.1.4 Description of the casting by pattern number or drawing. Dimensional tolerances should be included on the drawing.

4.1.5 Options in the specification, and,

4.1.6 Supplementary requirements desired, including standards of acceptance.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Heat treatment, if any, shall be as agreed between the producer and the purchaser.

5.2 Welding shall not be performed on these grades except by approval of the purchaser.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 Alloys shall conform to the requirements prescribed in [Table 1](#).

7. Keywords

7.1 cast tool steel

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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

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

NOTE 1—Where ellipses (...) appear in this table, there is no requirement, and the element need not be analyzed for or reported.

		Composition, %				
Element	Grade	CA-2	CD-2	CD-5	CS-5	CM-2
	UNS	T90102	T90402	T90405	T91905	T11302
Carbon		0.95–1.05	1.40–1.60	1.35–1.60	0.50–0.65	0.78–0.88
Manganese		0.75 max	1.00 max	0.75 max	0.60–1.00	0.75 max
Silicon		1.50 max	1.50 max	1.50 max	1.75–2.25	1.00 max
Sulfur		0.03 max	0.03 max	0.03 max	0.03 max	0.03 max
Phosphorus		0.03 max	0.03 max	0.03 max	0.03 max	0.03 max
Chromium		4.75–5.50	11.00–13.00	11.00–13.00	0.35 max	3.75–4.50
Molybdenum		0.90–1.40	0.70–1.20	0.70–1.20	0.20–0.80	4.50–5.50
Vanadium		0.20–0.50 ^A	0.40–1.00 ^A	0.35–0.55	0.35 max	1.25–2.20
Cobalt		...	0.70–1.00 ^A	2.50–3.50	...	0.25 max
Tungsten		5.50–6.75
Nickel		0.40–0.60 ^A	...	0.25 max

		Composition, %			
Element	Grade	CS-7	CH-12	CH-13	CD-51
	UNS	T91907			
Carbon		0.45–0.55	0.30–0.40	0.30–0.42	0.85–1.00
Manganese		0.40–0.80	0.75 max	0.75 max	1.00–1.30
Silicon		0.60–1.00	1.50 max	1.50 max	1.50 max
Sulfur		0.03 max	0.03 max	0.03 max	0.03 max
Phosphorus		0.03 max	0.03 max	0.03 max	0.03 max
Chromium		3.00–3.50	4.75–5.75	4.75–5.75	0.40–1.00
Molybdenum		1.20–1.60	1.25–1.75	1.25–1.75	...
Vanadium		...	0.20–0.50	0.75–1.20	0.30 max
Cobalt	
Tungsten		...	1.00–1.70	...	0.40–0.60
Nickel	

^A Optional element. Tool steels have found satisfactory application either with or without element present. If desired, it should be specified on the order.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee A01 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (A597–87(2010)) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved Oct. 1, 2014.)

(1) Section 6, 7, and 8 deleted. Sections 1, 4, 5, 6, and Table 1 revised.

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