



Standard Specification for Pressure Vessel Plates, Alloy Steel, Molybdenum¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification² covers molybdenum-alloy steel plates, intended particularly for welded boilers and other pressure vessels.

1.2 Material under this specification is available in three grades having different strength levels as follows:

Grade	Tensile Strength, ksi [MPa]
A	65–85 [450–585]
B	70–90 [485–620]
C	75–95 [515–655]

1.3 The maximum thickness of plates is limited only by the capacity of the composition to meet the specified mechanical property requirements; however, current practice normally limits the maximum thickness of plates furnished under this specification as follows:

Grade	Maximum Thickness, in. [mm]
A	6 [150]
B	6 [150]
C	4 [100]

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 this specification.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 20/A 20M Specification for General Requirements for Steel Plates for Pressure Vessels³

A 435/A 435M Specification for Straight-Beam Ultrasonic Examination of Steel Plates³

A 577/A 577M Specification for Ultrasonic Angle-Beam

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SA-204/SA 204M in Section II of that Code.

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

Examination of Steel Plates³

A 578/A 578M Specification for Straight-Beam Ultrasonic Examination of Plain and Clad Steel Plates for Special Applications³

3. General Requirements and Ordering Information

3.1 Material supplied to this material specification shall conform to Specification A 20/A 20M. These requirements outline the testing and retesting methods and procedures, permissible variations in dimensions and mass, quality and repair of defects, marking, loading, etc.

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

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

- 3.3.1 Vacuum treatment,
- 3.3.2 Additional or special tension testing,
- 3.3.3 Impact testing, and
- 3.3.4 Nondestructive examination.

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 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. Manufacture

4.1 *Steelmaking Practice*—The steel shall be killed.

5. Heat Treatment

5.1 Plates 1½ in. [40 mm] and under in thickness are normally supplied in the as-rolled condition. The plates may be ordered normalized or stress relieved or both.

5.2 Plates over 1½ in. [40 mm] in thickness shall be normalized.

6. Chemical Requirements

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.

by the tension-test specimens shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 2.

7. Mechanical Requirements

7.1 *Tension Test Requirements*—The material as represented

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, %		
	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C
Carbon, max ^A :			
Up to 1 in. [25 mm] incl. in thickness	0.18	0.20	0.23
Over 1 in. to 2 in. [50 mm] incl. in thickness	0.21	0.23	0.26
Over 2 in. to 4 in. [100 mm] incl. in thickness	0.23	0.25	0.28
Over 4 in. [100 mm] in thickness	0.25	0.27	0.28
Manganese, max:			
Heat analysis	0.90	0.90	0.90
Product analysis	0.98	0.98	0.98
Phosphorous, max ^A	0.035	0.035	0.035
Sulfur, max ^A	0.035	0.035	0.035
Silicon:			
Heat analysis	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
Molybdenum:			
Heat analysis	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

^AApplies to both heat and product analyses.

TABLE 2 Tensile Requirements

	Grade A		Grade B		Grade C	
	ksi	[MPa]	ksi	[MPa]	ksi	[MPa]
Tensile strength	65–85	[450–585]	70–90	[485–620]	75–95	[515–655]
Yield strength, min ^A	37	[255]	40	[275]	43	[295]
Elongation in 8 in. [200 mm], min, % ^B	19		17		16	
Elongation in 2 in. [50 mm], min, % ^B	23		21		20	

^ADetermined by either the 0.2 % offset method or the 0.5 % extension-under-load method.

^BSee Specification A 20/A 20M for elongation adjustment.

SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

Supplementary requirements shall not apply unless specified in the order.

A list of standardized supplementary requirements for use at the option of the purchaser are included in Specification A 20/A 20M. Those which are considered suitable for use with this specification are listed in this section 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,
 S14. Bend Test, and
 S17. Vacuum Carbon-Deoxidized Steel.

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