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Standard Specification for Ultrasonic Examination of Forged Crankshafts¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This is an acceptance specification for the ultrasonic inspection of forged steel crankshafts having main bearing journals or crankpins 4 in. [100 mm] or larger in diameter.

1.2 This specification covers the testing equipment required and the test procedure to be followed, and it defines the critical and noncritical areas and limits of acceptance.

1.3 This specification is intended to cover both continuous grain flow (CGF) crankshafts for medium and high speed diesel engines as well as solid (slab) forged crankshafts for other applications.

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

1.5 Unless the order specifies the applicable “M” specification designation, the inch-pound units shall be used.

1.6 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.7 *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.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

A388/A388M Practice for Ultrasonic Examination of Steel Forgings

A788/A788M Specification for Steel Forgings, General Requirements

E127 Practice for Fabrication and Control of Flat Bottomed Hole Ultrasonic Standard Reference Blocks

E1316 Terminology for Nondestructive Examinations

2.2 American National Standard:³

ANSI B46.1 Surface Texture

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms*—For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to the following standards:

3.1.1 A788/A788M Specification for Steel Forgings, General Requirements

3.1.2 E1316 Terminology for Nondestructive Examinations

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *continuous grain flow crankshafts, n*—produced by a process in which the solidification centerline of the original ingot or starting stock is maintained through the main bearings, webs, crankpins, and flanges of the finished crankshaft, usually by means of closed die forging.

3.2.2 *solid (slab) forged crankshafts, n*—made from open die forgings such that the grain flow in the webs is essentially parallel to the major axis of the forging and the crankpins are offset from the forging centerline by machining. They may be set in the correct orientation by a hot twisting operation.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 It is necessary that the crankshaft be identified as being either continuous grain flow or solid (slab) forged.

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

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 1180 Avenue of the Americas, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

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