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Standard Specification for Hot Isostatically-Pressed Alloy Steel Flanges, Fittings, Valves, and Parts for High Temperature Service¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers hot isostatically-pressed, powder metallurgy, alloy steel piping components for use in pressure systems. Included are flanges, fittings, valves, and similar parts made to specified dimensions or to dimensional standards, such as in ASME Specification B16.5.

1.2 Several grades of alloy steels are included in this specification.

1.3 Supplementary requirements are provided for use when additional testing or inspection is desired. These shall apply only when specified individually by the purchaser in the order.

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

1.5 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as the 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 the specification.

1.6 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to test methods portions, 8.1, 8.2, and 9.5 – 9.7 of this specification: *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 to 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 Recom-*

mendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

A275/A275M Practice for Magnetic Particle Examination of Steel Forgings

A751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products

A961/A961M Specification for Common Requirements for Steel Flanges, Forged Fittings, Valves, and Parts for Piping Applications

B311 Test Method for Density of Powder Metallurgy (PM) Materials Containing Less Than Two Percent Porosity

E165/E165M Practice for Liquid Penetrant Examination for General Industry

E340 Practice for Macroetching Metals and Alloys

E606/E606M Test Method for Strain-Controlled Fatigue Testing

2.2 MSS Standard:

SP 25 Standard Marking System for Valves, Fittings, Flanges, and Unions³

2.3 ASME Specifications and Boiler and Pressure Vessel Codes:

B16.5 Dimensional Standards for Steel Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings⁴

2.4 ASME Section IX Welding Qualifications:

SFA-5.5 Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Covered Arc-Welding Electrodes⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

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.

³ Available from Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS), 127 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180-4602, <http://www.mss-hq.com>.

⁴ Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

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3.1.1 *can, n*—the container used to encapsulate the powder during the pressure consolidation process that is removed partially or fully from the final part.

3.1.2 *compact, n*—the consolidated powder from one can that may be used to make one or more parts.

3.1.3 *consolidation, n*—the bonding of adjacent powder particles in a compact under pressure by heating to a temperature below the melting point of the powder.

3.1.4 *fill stem, n*—the part of the compact used to fill the can that is not usually integral to the part produced.

3.1.5 *hot isostatic-pressing, n*—a process for simultaneously heating and forming a compact in which the powder is contained in a sealed formable enclosure, usually made from metal, and the so-contained powder is subjected to equal pressure from all directions at a temperature high enough to permit plastic deformation and consolidation of the powder particles to take place.

3.1.6 *lot, n*—a number of parts produced from a single powder blend following the same manufacturing conditions.

3.1.7 *part, n*—a single item coming from a compact, either prior to or after machining.

3.1.8 *powder blend, n*—a homogeneous mixture of powder from one or more heats of the same grade.

3.1.9 *rough part, n*—the part prior to final machining.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 It is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify in the purchase order all requirements that are necessary for material ordered under this specification. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 4.1.1 Quantity (weight or number of parts).
- 4.1.2 Name of material or UNS number.
- 4.1.3 ASTM designation and year of issue.
- 4.1.4 Dimensions (tolerances and surface finishes).
- 4.1.5 Microstructure examination, if required (5.1.5).
- 4.1.6 Inspection (14.1).
- 4.1.7 Whether rough part or finished machined part (8.2.2).
- 4.1.8 Supplementary requirements, if any.
- 4.1.9 Additional requirements (see 7.2.1 and 16.1).
- 4.1.10 Requirement, if any, that the manufacturer shall submit drawings for approval showing the shape of the rough part before machining and the exact location of test specimen material (see 9.3.1).

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Manufacturing Practice:

5.1.1 Powder should be protected during storage to prevent the detrimental pick-up of oxygen and other contaminants.

5.1.2 Compacts shall be manufactured by placing a single powder blend into a can, evacuating the can, and sealing it. The can material shall be selected to ensure that it has no deleterious effect on the final product. The entire assembly shall be heated and placed under sufficient pressure for a sufficient period of time to ensure that the final consolidated part meets the density requirements of 8.1.2.1. One or more parts shall be machined from a single compact.

5.1.3 The powder shall be prealloyed and made by a melting method capable of producing the specified chemical composition, such as but not limited to air or vacuum induction melting, followed by gas atomization.

5.1.4 When powder from more than one heat is used to make a blend, the heats shall be mixed thoroughly to ensure homogeneity.

5.1.5 The compact shall be sectioned and the microstructure examined to check for porosity and other internal imperfections and shall meet the requirements of 8.1.3. The sample shall be taken from the fill stem or from a location in a part as agreed upon by the manufacturer and purchaser.

5.1.6 Unless otherwise specified in the purchase order, the manufacturer shall remove the can material from the surfaces of the consolidated compacts by chemical or mechanical methods, such as by pickling or machining. This removal shall be done before or after heat treatment at the option of the manufacturer (see Note 1).

NOTE 1—Often, it is advantageous to leave the can material in place until after heat treatment or further thermal processing of the consolidated compact.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The steel both as a blend and as a part shall conform to the requirements for chemical composition prescribed in Table 1. Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A751 shall apply.

6.1.1 A representative sample of each blend of powder shall be analyzed by the manufacturer to determine the percentage of elements prescribed in Table 1. The blend shall conform to the chemical composition requirements prescribed in Table 1.

6.1.2 When required by the purchaser, the chemical composition of a sample from one part from each lot of parts shall be determined by the manufacturer. The composition of the sample shall conform to the chemical composition requirements prescribed in Table 1.

6.2 Addition of lead, selenium, or other unspecified elements for the purpose of improving the machinability of the compact shall not be permitted.

6.3 The steel shall not contain an unspecified element, for the ordered grade, to the extent that the steel conforms to the requirements of another grade for which that element is a specified element having a required minimum content.

7. Heat Treatment

7.1 After hot isostatic-pressing, the compacts shall be annealed prior to heat treating in accordance with the requirements of Table 2. At the option of the producer, this anneal shall be a separate operation following powder consolidation or shall be a part of the consolidation process.

7.2 The alloy steels shall be heat treated in accordance with the requirements of 7.1 and Table 2.

7.2.1 *Liquid Quenching*—When agreed to by the purchaser, liquid quenching followed by tempering shall be permitted provided the temperatures in Table 2 for each grade are utilized.

7.2.1.1 *Marking*—Parts that are liquid quenched and tempered shall be marked “QT”.