# **RELIABLE STEEL DISTRIBUTORS**

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# Pressure Vessel Plates, Carbon Steel, Low- and Intermediate-Tensile Strength<sup>1</sup>

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#### 1. Scope

- 1.1 This specification<sup>2</sup> covers carbon steel plates of lowand intermediate-tensile strengths which may be made by killed, semi-killed, capped, or rimmed steel practices at the producer's option. These plates are intended for fusion-welded pressure vessels.
- 1.2 Plates under this specification are available in three grades having different strength levels as follows:

|       | Tensile Strength |  |  |
|-------|------------------|--|--|
| Grade | ksi [MPa]        |  |  |
| Α     | 45-65 [310-450]  |  |  |
| В     | 50-70 [345-485]  |  |  |
| С     | 55–75 [380–515]  |  |  |

1.3 The maximum thickness of plates under this specification, for reasons of internal soundness, is limited to a maximum thickness of 2 in. [50 mm] for all grades.

Note 1—For killed carbon steels only refer to the following ASTM specifications:<sup>3</sup>

A 299/A 299M Pressure Vessel Plates, Carbon Steel, Manganese-Silicon.

A 515/A 515M Pressure Vessel Plates, Carbon Steel, for Intermediate-and Higher-Temperature Service.

A  $516/A\,516M$  Pressure Vessel Plates, Carbon Steel, for Moderate- and Lower-Temperature Service.

- 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 the specification. repair of defects, marking, loading, etc.
- <u>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.</u>
- 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. The purchaser is referred to the listed supplementary requirements in this specification and to the detailed requirements in Specification A 20/A 20M.

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#### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 20/A20M Specification for General Requirements for Steel Plates for Pressure Vessels<sup>3</sup>

### 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

3.4 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. Heat Treatment

4.1 Plates are normally supplied in the as-rolled condition. The plates may be ordered normalized or stress relieved, or both

#### 5. Chemical Requirements

5.1 The steel shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition as shown in Table 1.

## 6. Mechanical Requirements

- 6.1 Tension Tests:
- 6.1.1 Requirements—The material as represented by the tension-test specimens shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 2.

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#### **TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements**

| Elements   |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | Grade A        | Grade B        | Grade C        |
| Carbon, max <sup>A</sup><br>Manganese, max               | 0.17           | 0.22           | 0.28           |
| Heat analysis  | 0.90           | 0.90           | 0.90           |
| Product analysis   | 0.98           | 0.98           | 0.98           |
| Phosphorus, max <sup>A</sup><br>Sulfur, max <sup>A</sup> | 0.035<br>0.035 | 0.035<br>0.035 | 0.035<br>0.035 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup>Applies to both heat and product analyses.

## TABLE 2 Tensile Requirements

|  | Grade A     |                    | Grade B     |                    | Grade C     |                    |
|--|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
|  | ksi         | [MPa]              | ksi         | [MPa]              | ksi         | [MPa]              |
| Tensile strength   | 45–65<br>24 | [310–450]<br>[165] | 50–70<br>27 | [345–485]<br>[185] | 55–75<br>30 | [380–515]<br>[205] |
| Yield strength, min <sup>A</sup><br>Elongation in 8 in. or [200 mm], min, % <sup>B</sup> | 27          |                    | 25          |                    | 23          |                    |
| Elongation in 2 in. or [50 mm], min, %   | 30          |                    | 28          |                    | 27          |                    |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{A}}\mathrm{Determined}$  by either the 0.2 % offset method or the 0.5 % extension-under-load method.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup>See Specification A 20/A 20M for elongation adjustment.