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## Standard Specification for Anchor Bolts, Steel, 36, 55, and 105-ksi Yield Strength<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers straight, bent, headed, and headless anchor bolts (also known as anchor rods) made of carbon, medium carbon boron, alloy, or high-strength low-alloy steel. It provides for anchor bolts in three strength grades, two thread classes, and in the diameters specified in Section 4. The specification also covers all-thread rod for use in anchoring to concrete. References to anchor bolts in this standard do not necessarily exclude all-thread rod.

1.2 Anchor bolts are intended for anchoring structural supports to concrete foundations. Such structural supports include building columns, column supports for highway signs, street lighting and traffic signals, steel bearing plates, and similar applications.

1.3 Supplementary requirements are included to provide for Grade 55 weldable steel, permanent manufacturers and grade identification, and impact properties for Grades 55 and 105.

1.4 Zinc coating requirements are in Section 7.

1.5 Suitable nuts and washers are listed in 6.7. Washers are detailed in 6.8.

1.6 This specification does not cover mechanical expansion anchors, powder-activated nails or studs, or anchor bolts fabricated from deformed bar.

1.7 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.8 *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:<sup>2</sup>

A6/A6M Specification for General Requirements for Rolled Structural Steel Bars, Plates, Shapes, and Sheet Piling

A194/A194M Specification for Carbon Steel, Alloy Steel, and Stainless Steel Nuts for Bolts for High Pressure or High Temperature Service, or Both

A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

A563 Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts

A673/A673M Specification for Sampling Procedure for Impact Testing of Structural Steel

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

B695 Specification for Coatings of Zinc Mechanically Deposited on Iron and Steel

F436 Specification for Hardened Steel Washers (Metric) F0436\_F0436M

F606/F606M Test Methods for Determining the Mechanical Properties of Externally and Internally Threaded Fasteners, Washers, Direct Tension Indicators, and Rivets

F1789 Terminology for F16 Mechanical Fasteners

F2329/F2329M Specification for Zinc Coating, Hot-Dip, Requirements for Application to Carbon and Alloy Steel Bolts, Screws, Washers, Nuts, and Special Threaded Fasteners

#### 2.2 American Institute of Steel Construction:<sup>3</sup>

Design Guide 1: Base Plate and Anchor Rod Design

#### 2.3 ASME Standards:<sup>4</sup>

B 1.1 Unified Inch Screw Threads (UN and UNR Thread Form)

B 1.3 Screw Thread Gaging Systems for Acceptability: Inch

<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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

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

and Metric Screw Threads (UN, UNR, UNJ, M MJ)

**B18.2.1** Square, Hex, Heavy Hex, and Askew Head Bolts and Hex, Heavy Hex, Hex Flange, Lobed Head, and Lag Screws (Inch Series)

**B 18.2.2** Square and Hex Nuts

**B 18.18** Quality Assurance for Fasteners

### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *anchor bolt*—steel fastener, typically made from bar stock or wire, and partially or fully threaded, one end of which is intended to be cast in concrete, while the opposite end projects from the concrete, for anchoring other material. The end cast in concrete may be either straight or provided with an uplift-resisting feature such as a bent hook, forged head, or a tapped or welded attachment.

3.1.2 *producer*—manufacturer of the steel bar stock or wire used for anchor bolts.

3.2 All other terms in this standard are used as defined in Terminology **F1789**.

### 4. Classification

4.1 Anchor bolts may be furnished in three grades (denoting minimum yield strength) and two classes (denoting thread class) as follows:

Grade	Tensile Strength, ksi (MPa)	Description Yield Strength, min, ksi (MPa)	Diameter Range, in.
36	58–80 (400–558)	36 (248)	½–4
55	75–95 (517–655)	55 (380)	½–4
105	125–150 (862–1034)	105 (724)	½–3
Class			
1A	anchor bolts with Class 1A threads		
2A	anchor bolts with Class 2A threads		

### 5. Ordering Information

5.1 Orders should include:

5.1.1 Quantity.

5.1.2 Product name.

5.1.3 ASTM designation and year of issue.

5.1.4 Grade and class.

5.1.5 Copper content, if copper bearing steel is required.

5.1.6 *Size and Dimensions*—Nominal diameter and thread pitch, bolt length, thread length, head type (if required) and hook angle and hook length (if required).

5.1.7 *Coatings*—If required, the coating process and the length to be coated as measured from the exposed end. See Section 7.

5.1.8 Number of nuts. See 6.7.

5.1.9 Number of washers, and washer dimensions and material, if applicable. See 6.8.

5.1.10 Source inspection requirements, if any. See Section 15.

5.1.11 Color coding, if different than Section 18.

5.1.12 Test reports, if required. See Section 17.

5.1.13 Supplementary requirements, if required.

5.1.14 Special packaging requirements, if required.

NOTE 1—An example of a typical order follows: 5000 pieces; anchor bolts; ASTM F1554-15 Grade 55; Class 2A; 1.0-8 tpi. diameter by 15-in.

long, 3.0-in. thread length, 4.0-in. hook; zinc-coated by hot dipping 5.0 in. from exposed end; each with one zinc-coated nut and washer; test report required; Supplementary Requirement S1 required.

### 6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Process*—Steel for anchor bolts shall be made by the open-hearth, basic-oxygen, or electric-furnace process.

6.2 *Threading*—Threads shall be rolled, cut, or ground at the option of the manufacturer, unless otherwise specified.

6.3 *Heat Treatment:*

6.3.1 Grade 105 bolts (or their raw material) shall be heat treated. Heat treatment may be performed prior to or after bending or threading.

6.3.2 When heat treatment is performed, anchor bolts (or their raw material) shall be quenched in a liquid medium from above the transformation temperature and then tempered by reheating to a temperature not less than 800°F for Grade 55 and 1100°F for Grade 105.

6.4 *Weldability*—Grade 36 anchor bolts are considered weldable. See Note 2. At the manufacturer's option, a weldable Grade 55 may be supplied when Grade 36 is specified. (Weldable steel for Grade 55 is provided for in Supplementary Requirement S1.) See 17.1.1.

6.5 *Bending:*

6.5.1 When required, bending may be performed by hot- or cold-bending, at the manufacturer's option. The bent portion shall be free from cracks when examined at 10× magnification after bending. Any bending shall not reduce the cross-sectional area below that required in 10.3.

6.5.2 Hot bending temperatures for non-heat-treated anchor bolts shall not exceed 1300°F. Anchor bolts shall be allowed to air cool after bending.

6.5.3 The maximum hot bending temperature for heat-treated anchor bolts shall be less than 700°F for Grade 55 and less than 1000°F for Grade 105. Anchor bolts shall be allowed to air cool after bending.

6.6 *Secondary Processing*—If a party other than the manufacturer or producer performs heat treatment, coating, welding, machining, or another process which affects the anchor bolt properties, that party shall inspect or test the anchor bolts for the affected properties.

6.7 *Nuts:*

6.7.1 Recommended nuts from Specification **A563** for each grade and diameter of the anchor bolt are as follows:

Anchor Bolt Grade and Diameter, in.		Specification <b>A563</b> Nut		Hot-Dip or Mechanical Zinc-coated in accordance with Section 7 <sup>A</sup>	
Grade	Diameter, in.	Grade	Style	Grade	Style
36	½–1½	A	Hex	A	Hex
	over 1½	A	Heavy Hex	A	Heavy Hex
	½–1½	A	Hex	A	Heavy Hex
55	over 1½–4	A	Heavy Hex	A	Heavy Hex
	All	DH	Heavy Hex	DH	Heavy Hex

<sup>A</sup>See Note 3 and Section 7.

6.7.2 A listed nut may be substituted by a nut listed in Specifications **A194/A194M** or **A563** having a proof load

stress equal to or higher than the anchor bolt's specified minimum tensile strength.

6.7.3 Nuts for use with zinc-coated anchor bolts shall be zinc-coated by the same process as the bolts. See Section 7 and Note 3.

### 6.8 Washers:

6.8.1 Unless the washer material and dimensions are otherwise specified in the inquiry and the order, washers conforming to the requirements of Specification F436, Type 1 shall be furnished. (See Note 4.)

6.8.2 Unless otherwise specified, when zinc-coated anchor bolts are specified, the washers shall be zinc coated in accordance with 7.1.4.

NOTE 2—Many factors potentially affect steel weldability; this specification utilizes limits on carbon content for Grades 36 and 55 to help assure it. See Specification A6/A6M, Appendix X3 for more information. When anchor bolts are to be welded, welding procedures and techniques are of fundamental importance. Welding procedures suitable for the bolt's grade, chemistry, condition (that is, hot-rolled, cold-drawn, or heat-treated), and intended use or service should be utilized.

NOTE 3—Zinc-coated nuts of the grade and style recommended in 6.7, when overtapped with the diametral allowance for the thread series listed in Specification A563, will develop the bolt tensile strength required in Table 2 of this specification. However, coated nuts with 8 UN threads in sizes 1-3/4 in. and larger, when overtapped, will not develop the tensile strength in Table 2 when the nut and associated bolt dimensions approach the minimum material limits of ASME B 1.1 and B 18.2.2, respectively.

NOTE 4—Washers used on anchor bolts or installed over base plate holes may require design consideration. (For guidance, refer to AISC Design Guide 1.)

## 7. Protective Coatings

### 7.1 Zinc, Hot Dip or Mechanically Deposited:

7.1.1 When zinc-coated anchor bolts are required, the purchaser shall specify the coating process, for example, hot dip, mechanically deposited, or no preference. When no preference is specified, the supplier may furnish bolts coated with either process. The supplier's option is limited to one process per item, with no mixed processes in a lot.

7.1.2 When hot-dip zinc coated anchor bolts are specified, the anchor bolts and nuts shall be zinc-coated in accordance with the requirements of Specification F2329/F2329M.

7.1.3 When mechanically deposited zinc coated anchor bolts are provided, the anchor bolts and nuts shall be zinc-coated in accordance with the requirements of Specification B695, Class 55.

7.1.4 Unless otherwise specified, when zinc-coated washers are required, the washers shall be hot-dip zinc-coated in accordance with Specification F2329/F2329M, or mechanically deposited zinc coated in accordance with Specification B695, Class 55. The coating process for the washers need not be the same as that for the anchor bolts and nuts.

### 7.2 Other Coatings:

7.2.1 When indicated on the inquiry and purchase order, coatings other than those in 7.1 shall be as agreed upon by the purchaser and supplier.

## 8. Chemical Composition

8.1 Anchor bolts shall conform to the chemical compositions listed in Table 1.

**TABLE 1 Chemical Composition Requirements**

Element	Grade 36		Grades 55 and 105
	Diameters up to 3/4, incl	Over 7/8 to 4, incl	All Diameters
Carbon, max, %			
Heat	0.25	0.25	...
Product	0.28	0.28	...
Manganese, %			
Heat	...	0.60–0.90	...
Product	...	0.54–0.98	...
Phosphorus, max, %			
Heat	0.04	0.04	0.04
Product	0.05	0.05	0.048 <sup>†</sup>
Sulfur, max, %			
Heat	0.05	0.05	0.05
Product	0.06	0.06	0.058 <sup>†</sup>
Copper, min, % (when specified)			
Heat	0.20	0.20	0.20
Product	0.18	0.18	0.18

<sup>†</sup>Editorially corrected in April 2016.

8.2 Grade 55 ordered as weldable shall conform to the requirements specified in Supplementary Requirement S1.

8.3 Anchor bolts made from low-carbon martensitic steel shall not be permitted.

8.4 The application of heats of steel to which bismuth, selenium, tellurium, or lead has been added intentionally shall not be permitted.

## 9. Mechanical Properties

9.1 Finished anchor bolts (or the bar stock from which they are made, when tested as permitted in 14.2.6) shall conform to the tensile properties listed in Table 2 for axial tests performed on full-size specimens and drawn coupons or in Table 3 for tests performed on machined specimens. See 14.2.

## 10. Anchor Bolt Dimensions

10.1 *Nominal Size*—The nominal anchor bolt diameter shall be the same as the nominal thread diameter.

10.2 *Body Diameter*—Finished anchor bolts' body diameters shall measure no less than the dimensions in Table 4.

10.3 *Bend Section*—The bend section of bent anchor bolts shall have a cross-sectional area not less than 90 % of the area of straight portions. The area in the bend shall be calculated by the following formula:

$$A_b = 0.25\pi D \cdot d$$

where:

- $A_b$  = cross-sectional area in the bend,
- $D$  = major diameter, at the same cross section as, and at 90 degrees to, the minor diameter, and
- $d$  = minor (or minimum) diameter at any point, generally in the plane of the bend.

### 10.4 Length:

10.4.1 The overall length of straight anchor bolts, or length to the inside of the hook if present, shall be the specified length  $\pm 1/2$  in. for lengths 24 in. or less, and  $\pm 1$  in. for longer bolts (see Fig. 1).

**TABLE 2 Axial Tensile Properties for Full-Size Tests of Anchor Bolts and Drawn Coupons<sup>A</sup>**

Nominal Diameter, in.	Threads/ in.	Stress Area, <sup>B</sup> in. <sup>2</sup>	Anchor Bolt Grade					
			36		55		105	
			Tensile Strength, lbf	Yield, min, lbf	Tensile Load, lbf	Yield min, lbf	Tensile Load, lbf	Yield min, lbf
Unified Coarse Thread Series (UNC)								
1/2	13 UNC	0.1419	8,200–11,400 <sup>†</sup>	5,100	10,600–13,500	7,800	17,700–21,300	14,900
5/8	11 UNC	0.226	13,100–18,100 <sup>†</sup>	8,100	17,000–21,500	12,400	28,200–33,900	23,700
3/4	10 UNC	0.334	19,400–26,700 <sup>†</sup>	12,000	25,000–31,700	18,400	41,800–50,100	35,100
7/8	9 UNC	0.462	26,800–37,000 <sup>†</sup>	16,600	34,600–43,900	25,400	57,800–69,300	48,500
1	8 UNC	0.606	35,200–48,500 <sup>†</sup>	21,800	45,400–57,600	33,300	75,800–90,900	63,600
1 1/8	7 UNC	0.763	44,300–61,000 <sup>†</sup>	27,500	57,200–72,500	42,000	95,400–114,400	80,100
1 1/4	7 UNC	0.969	56,200–77,500	34,900	72,700–92,100	53,300	121,000–145,000	102,000
1 1/2	6 UNC	1.405	81,500–112,400	50,600	105,000–133,000	77,300	176,000–216,000	148,000
1 3/4	5 UNC	1.90	110,000–152,000	68,400	142,000–180,000	104,500	238,000–285,000	200,000
2	4 1/2 UNC	2.50	145,000–200,000	90,000	188,000–238,000	138,000	312,000–375,000	262,000
2 1/4	4 1/2 UNC	3.25	188,000–260,000	117,000	244,000–309,000	179,000	406,000–488,000	341,000
2 1/2	4 UNC	4.00 <sup>†</sup>	232,000–320,000	144,000	300,000–380,000	220,000	500,000–600,000	420,000
2 3/4	4 UNC	4.93	286,000–394,000	177,000	370,000–468,000	271,000	616,000–740,000	518,000
3	4 UNC	5.97	346,000–478,000	215,000	448,000–567,000	328,000	746,000–896,000	627,000
3 1/4	4 UNC	7.10	412,000–568,000	256,000	532,000–674,000	390,000	...	...
3 1/2	4 UNC	8.33	483,000–666,000	300,000	625,000–791,000	458,000	...	...
3 3/4	4 UNC	9.66	560,000–773,000	348,000	724,000–918,000	531,000	...	...
4	4 UNC	11.08	643,000–886,000	399,000	831,000–1,053,000	609,000	...	...
8 Thread Series (8 UN)								
1 1/8	8 UN	0.790	45,800–63,200	28,400	59,200–75,000	43,400	98,800–118,500	83,000
1 1/4	8 UN	1.000	58,000–80,000	36,000	75,000–95,000	55,000	125,000–150,000	105,000
1 1/2	8 UN	1.492	86,500–119,400	53,700	112,000–142,000	82,100	186,000–224,000	157,000
1 3/4	8 UN	2.08	121,000–166,000	74,900	156,000–198,000	114,000	260,000–312,000	218,000
2	8 UN	2.77	161,000–222,000	99,700	208,000–263,000	152,000	346,000–416,000	291,000
2 1/4	8 UN	3.56	206,000–285,000	128,000	267,000–338,000	196,000	445,000–534,000	374,000
2 1/2	8 UN	4.44	258,000–355,000	160,000	333,000–422,000	244,000	555,000–666,000	466,000
2 3/4	8 UN	5.43	315,000–434,000	195,000	407,000–516,000	299,000	679,000–815,000	570,000
3	8 UN	6.51	378,000–521,000	234,000	488,000–618,000	358,000	814,000–976,000	684,000
3 1/4	8 UN	7.69	446,000–615,000	277,000	577,000–731,000	423,000	...	...
3 1/2	8 UN	8.96	520,000–717,000	323,000	672,000–851,000	493,000	...	...
3 3/4	8 UN	10.34	600,000–827,000	372,000	776,000–982,000	569,000	...	...
4	8 UN	11.81	685,000–945,000	425,000	886,000–1,122,000	650,000	...	...

<sup>A</sup> Tensile properties calculated from the tensile requirements given in Table 3. Yield strength measured at 0.2% offset.

<sup>B</sup> Stress areas extracted from ASME B 1.1.

<sup>†</sup> Editorially corrected in April 2016 and May 2017.

10.4.2 The length of hooks shall be the specified length,  $\pm 10\%$  of the specified hook length, or  $\pm 1/2$  in., whichever is greater.

10.5 *Coated Length*—When only a portion of the anchor bolt is required to be coated, the coated length shall not be less than that specified on the order.

10.6 *Thread Length*—The thread length shall be the specified length, +1.0 in., –0.00 in.

10.7 *Bolt Heads*—At the manufacturer’s option, headed bolts ordered under this specification shall be hex or heavy hex bolts conforming to ASME B18.2.1, unless otherwise specified.

**TABLE 3 Tensile Properties for Bars and Machined Specimens**

	Grade		
	36	55	105
Tensile strength, ksi	58–80	75–95	125–150
Yield strength, min, ksi (0.2 % offset)	36	55	105
Elongation in 8 in. , min, % <sup>A</sup>	20	18	12
Elongation in 2 in. min, % <sup>A</sup>	23	21	15
Reduction of Area, min, %	40	30	45

<sup>A</sup> Elongation in 8 in. applies to bars. Elongation in 2 in. applies to machined specimens.

10.8 *Bend Angle*—The bend angle of hooks shall be the specified angle,  $\pm 5^\circ$ .

10.9 *Other Dimensions*—Unless otherwise specified, tolerances for dimensions other than those given in this section shall be in accordance with the manufacturer’s practice.

## 11. Thread Dimensions

### 11.1 Uncoated Anchor Bolts:

11.1.1 Unless otherwise specified, threads on Class 1A and 2A anchor bolts shall conform to Class 1A and 2A, Unified Coarse Thread Series of ASME B 1.1, respectively. When an anchor bolt class is not specified, Class 2A shall be furnished.

11.1.2 For diameters above 1.0 in, a purchaser may specify threads conforming to Class 2A, 8 UN Thread Series of ASME B1.1.

### 11.2 Zinc Coated Anchor Bolts:

11.2.1 Unless otherwise specified, zinc-coated anchor bolts threads shall conform to Class 1A or 2A, Unified Coarse Thread Series of ASME B 1.1 before coating. For diameters 1.125 through 1.50 in, a purchaser may specify threads conforming to Class 2A, 8 UN Thread Series of ASME B1.1 before coating (see [Note 3](#)). After zinc coating, the pitch diameter and major diameters shall not exceed the dimensions listed in [Table 5](#).

11.3 *Thread Gaging System*—Thread acceptability shall be in accordance with ASME B 1.3 System 21, unless otherwise specified.

## 12. Workmanship

12.1 Anchor bolts shall be commercially smooth and free of manufacturing defects that would make them unsuitable for the intended application.

## 13. Number of Tests and Retests

13.1 *Testing Responsibility*—The anchor bolt manufacturer or supplier shall conduct the tests required to determine compliance with this specification, or shall provide evidence when requested that such tests have been conducted.

13.2 *Test Frequency*: The number of tests shall be in accordance with [Table 6](#), with an acceptance number of zero discrepancies.

13.3 *Retests*—If a nonconforming characteristic is found in final inspection, the lot may be retested for that characteristic with a sample size four times the size of the original final acceptance sample. The acceptance criterion shall then be zero discrepancies.

### 13.4 Purchaser’s Inspection:

13.4.1 Except as noted in [13.4.2](#), if the purchaser discovers a nonconforming part, he/she may sample the lot for the nonconforming characteristic(s) in accordance with [13.2](#).

13.4.2 If the nonconforming characteristic in [13.4.1](#) is a thread dimension (other than thread length), and the anchor bolt grade and nominal diameter are within the ranges of [14.2.4](#), and the anchor bolt manufacturer or supplier contests the findings, the final determination of thread acceptability shall be as follows: a full-size axial tension test shall be made on the threaded anchor bolt and nut assembly, at the manufacturer’s or supplier’s expense, and the bolt shall develop the tensile load specified in [Table 2](#). See [Note 3](#).

## 14. Test Methods

14.1 *Chemical Composition*—Chemical analysis shall be conducted in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology [A751](#).

### 14.2 Tensile Tests:

14.2.1 Tensile tests on bar stock shall be conducted in accordance with Test Methods and Definitions [A370](#).

14.2.2 Tensile tests on finished anchor bolts shall be conducted in accordance with the Axial Tension Test Method in [F606/F606M](#).

14.2.3 Yield strength shall be determined by the 0.2 % offset method.

14.2.4 Except as permitted in [14.2.6](#) and [14.2.7](#), finished anchor bolts in Grades 36 and 55 with nominal diameters of 1½ in. and less, and in Grades 105 with nominal diameters of ¼ in. and less, shall be tested using full-size specimens.

14.2.5 Except as permitted in [14.2.6](#) and [14.2.7](#), finished anchor bolts with diameters larger than those specified in [14.2.4](#) shall preferably be tested full size. When equipment for full-size testing of these larger diameters is not available, standard 0.500-in. diameter machined test specimens shall be tested in accordance with Test Methods [F606/F606M](#).

14.2.6 Steel producers’ tensile test reports from bar stock used for manufacturing anchor bolts may be used to qualify the finished anchor bolts’ properties, provided the finished anchor bolts have undergone no further heat treatment or cold-drawing after the bar stock test. Such bar stock tests may be based on full size or machined specimens. See [9.1](#).

14.2.7 Tensile tests on a manufacturer’s drawn sample coupons are permitted to qualify a finished anchor bolt’s properties, provided (1) all heat-treatment or cold-drawing of the coupon is complete, and (2) the finished anchor bolt represented by the coupon undergoes no further heat treatment or cold-drawing. In such cases, the grade and diameter requirements in [14.2.4](#) and [14.2.5](#) shall still apply.

14.2.8 When the shape of an anchor bolt (that is, a hook or a long overall length) makes tensile testing impractical, it is permissible for manufacturers to test a specimen cut from a suitable straight portion of the anchor bolt. In such cases, the grade and diameter requirements in [14.2.4](#) and [14.2.5](#) shall still apply.

14.2.9 If bar stock or anchor bolts are tested by both full-size and machined specimen methods, and a discrepancy between the two methods exists, the full-size test shall govern.

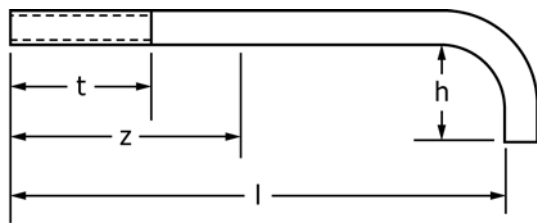
**TABLE 4 Minimum Body Diameters<sup>A</sup>**

Nominal Diameter, in.	Threads/in.	Body Diameter, min, in.		
		Rolled Threads <sup>B</sup>		Cut Threads <sup>C</sup> Classes 1A and 2A
		Class 1A	Class 2A	
<b>Unified Coarse Thread Series (UNC)</b>				
1/2	13 UNC	0.4411	0.4435	0.4822
5/8	11 UNC	0.5561	0.5589	0.6052
3/4	10 UNC	0.6744	0.6773	0.7288
7/8	9 UNC	0.7914	0.7946	0.8523
1	8 UNC	0.9067	0.9100	0.9755
1 1/8	7 UNC	1.0191	1.0228	1.0982
1 1/4	7 UNC	1.1439	1.1476	1.2232
1 1/2	6 UNC	1.3772	1.3812	1.4703
1 3/4	5 UNC	1.6040	1.6085	1.7165
2	4 1/2 UNC	1.8385	1.8433	1.9641
2 1/4	4 1/2 UNC	2.0882	2.0931	2.2141
2 1/2	4 UNC	2.3190	2.3241	2.4612
2 3/4	4 UNC	2.5686	2.5739	2.7111
3	4 UNC	2.8183	2.8237	2.9611
3 1/4	4 UNC	3.0680	3.0734	3.2110
3 1/2	4 UNC	3.3177	3.3233	3.4610
3 3/4	4 UNC	3.5674	3.5730	3.7109
4	4 UNC	3.8172	3.8229	3.9609
<b>8 Thread Series (8UN)</b>				
1 1/8	8 UN	...	1.0348	1.1004
1 1/4	8 UN	...	1.1597	1.2254
1 1/2	8 UN	...	1.4093	1.4753
1 3/4	8 UN	...	1.6590	1.7252
2	8 UN	...	1.9087	1.9752
2 1/4	8 UN	...	2.1584	2.2251
2 1/2	8 UN	...	2.4082	2.4751
2 3/4	8 UN	...	2.6580	2.7250
3	8 UN	...	2.9077	2.9749
3 1/4	8 UN	...	3.1575	3.2249
3 1/2	8 UN	...	3.4074	3.4749
3 3/4	8 UN	...	3.6571	3.7248
4	8 UN	...	3.9070	3.9748

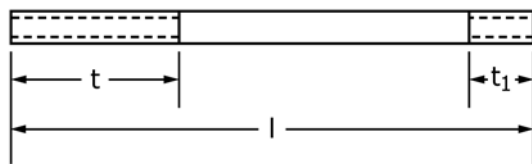
<sup>A</sup>Extracted from ANSI/ASME B 1.1.

<sup>B</sup> Minimum body diameter is the same as minimum pitch diameter.

<sup>C</sup> Minimum body diameter is the same as minimum major diameter.



**Anchor Bolt with Hook**



**Straight Anchor Bolt**

- h = length of hook
- l = length of bolt
- t = length of threads (exposed end)
- t<sub>1</sub> = length of threads (encased end), when required
- z = length of zinc coating, min, when partial zinc coating is required

**FIG. 1 Anchor Bolt Dimensions**

**TABLE 5 Allowable Zinc Buildup on Coated Threads and Corresponding Thread Dimensions**

Nominal Diameter, in.	Threads/in.	Diametral Zinc Buildup, in. <sup>A</sup>	Anchor Bolt Diameter, max, in.	
			Major	Pitch
1/2	13	0.018	0.5165	0.4685
5/8	11	0.020	0.6434	0.5844
3/4	10	0.020	0.7682	0.7032
7/8	9	0.022	0.8951	0.8229
1	8	0.024	1.0220	0.9408
1 1/8	8	0.024	1.1469	1.0657
1 1/8	7	0.024	1.1468	1.0540
1 1/4	8	0.024	1.2719	1.1667
1 1/4	7	0.024	1.2718	1.5740
1 1/2	8	0.027	1.5248	1.4436
1 1/2	6	0.027	1.5246	1.4163
1 3/4	5	0.050	1.7973	1.6674
2	4.5	0.050	2.0471	1.9028
2 1/4	4.5	0.050	2.2971	2.1528
2 1/2	4	0.050	2.5469	2.3845
2 3/4	4	0.050	2.7968	2.6344
3	4	0.050	3.0468	2.8844
3 1/4	4	0.050	3.2967	3.1343
3 1/2	4	0.050	3.5467	3.3843
3 3/4	4	0.050	3.7966	3.6342
4	4	0.050	4.0466	3.8842

<sup>A</sup> These values are the same as the overlap requirements for zinc-coated nuts given in Specification **A563**.

**14.3 Zinc Coating**—Zinc coating thickness shall be determined in accordance with the applicable coating specification.

**TABLE 6 Number of Tests for Final Inspection<sup>A</sup>**

Test	Lot Size		
	999 and Fewer	1000 to 5000	5000 to 250,000
Chemical composition	One per heat, min	One per heat, min	One per heat, min
Tensile properties—bar stock	One per heat, min	One per heat, min	One per heat, min
Tensile properties—anchor bolts	2 per heat	3 per heat	4 per heat
Body Diameter	2	4	8
Head	2	4	8
Hook or bend length	8	16	32
Thread length	8	16	32
Overall length	8	16	32
Bend section	8	16	32
Bend angle	8	16	32
Coating thickness	8	16	32
Coating length	8	16	32
Workmanship	25	50	100

<sup>A</sup>Extracted from ASME B18.18.

## 15. Source Inspection

15.1 If specified in the inquiry and purchase order, an inspector representing the purchaser shall have free entry to all parts of the manufacturer's works or supplier's place of business that concern the manufacture or supply of the material ordered. The manufacturer or supplier shall afford the inspector all reasonable facilities to satisfy him that the material is being furnished in accordance with this specification. All tests and inspections required by the specifications that are requested by the purchaser's representative shall be made before shipment, but shall be conducted so as not to interfere unnecessarily with the operation of the works.

## 16. Rejection and Rehearing

16.1 Material that fails to conform to the requirements of this specification may be rejected. Rejection should be reported to the manufacturer or supplier promptly and in writing. The manufacturer or supplier may then retest per 13.3 for re-approval.

## 17. Test Reports

17.1 When specified in the purchase order, the manufacturer or supplier shall furnish the purchaser a test report that includes the following:

17.1.1 Steel producer's heat analysis and heat number. The carbon equivalent shall be included when anchor bolts are ordered in accordance with Supplementary Requirement S1, and when weldable Grade 55 anchor bolts are substituted for Grade 36 anchor bolts per 6.4.

17.1.2 Results of tensile tests.

17.1.3 Statement of conformance with applicable coating specification.

17.1.4 Statement of conformance with product and thread dimension requirements.

17.1.5 Statement that the anchor bolts were manufactured and tested in accordance with this specification.

17.1.6 Lot number and purchase order number.

17.1.7 ASTM designation (including year), grade, and class.

17.1.8 Size, description, or purchaser's drawing number.

17.1.9 Supplier's complete mailing address.

17.1.10 Country of origin, if required.

## 18. Product Marking

18.1 Unless otherwise specified, the end of each anchor bolt intended to project from the concrete shall be color coded to identify the grade as follows:

Grade	Color
36	Blue
55	Yellow
55—Weldable <sup>A</sup>	Yellow (projecting end) & White (encased end)
105	Red

<sup>A</sup>See S1.

18.2 When other markings (such as Supplementary Requirements S2 or S3) are required, it shall be specified on the inquiry and purchase order.

## 19. Packaging and Package Marking

19.1 *Packaging*—Unless otherwise specified, packaging shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's practices. When special packaging requirements are required, they shall be defined at the time of the inquiry and order.

### 19.2 *Package Marking:*

19.2.1 Each shipping unit shall be marked in accordance with the manufacturer's practices. When requested in the inquiry and the purchase order, each shipping unit shall include or be marked plainly with the following information:

19.2.1.1 ASTM designation and Grade;

19.2.1.2 Size;

19.2.1.3 Name and brand or trademark of the manufacturer or supplier;

19.2.1.4 Number of pieces;

19.2.1.5 Lot number;

19.2.1.6 Purchase order number; and

19.2.1.7 Country of origin, if required.

## 20. Keywords

20.1 anchor bolts; anchor rods

**SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS**

The following supplementary requirements shall apply only when specified in the purchase order or contract:

**S1. Weldable Grade 55 Bars and Anchor Bolts**

S1.1 The material described in this section is intended for welding. This supplemental section, by chemical composition restrictions and by a carbon equivalent formula, helps to provide assurance of weldability.

S1.2 Welding technique is of fundamental importance when bolts produced to this supplementary section are welded. See **Note 2**.

S1.3 These supplementary requirements supersede conflicting provisions of the general specification.

**S1.4 Chemical Composition:**

S1.4.1 Steel shall conform to the following limitations:

	Heat Analysis	Product Analysis
Carbon, max, %	0.30	0.33
Manganese, max, %	1.35	1.41
Phosphorus, max, %	0.040	0.048
Sulfur, max, %	0.050	0.058
Silicon, max, %	0.50	0.55

S1.4.2 *Carbon Equivalent*—In addition to the requirements specified in S1.4.1, the analysis shall provide a carbon equivalent (CE) meeting the following requirements:

S1.4.2.1 For alloy or low-alloy steel, the carbon equivalent shall not exceed 0.45 % when calculated as follows:

$$CE = \% C + \frac{\% Mn}{6} + \frac{\% Cu}{40} + \frac{\% Ni}{20} + \frac{\% Cr}{10} - \frac{\% Mo}{50} - \frac{\% V}{10}$$

S1.4.2.2 For carbon steel, the carbon equivalent shall not exceed 0.40 % when calculated as follows:

$$CE = \% C + \frac{\% Mn}{4}$$

S1.5 Marking—See **18.1**.

**S2. Permanent Manufacturer's Identification**

S2.1 The end of the anchor bolt intended to project from the concrete shall be steel die stamped with the manufacturer's identification. Such a mark shall be separate and distinct from any grade marks and shall be separated by at least two spaces when on the same level.

**NOTE S2.1**—Marking small diameters may not be practical. Consult the anchor bolt manufacturer for the minimum diameter that can be marked.

**S3. Permanent Grade Identification**

S3.1 Instead of color coding as specified in **18.1**, the end of the anchor bolt intended to project from the concrete shall be steel die stamped with the grade identification as follows:

Grade	Identification
36	AB36
55	AB55
105	AB105

Such a mark shall be separate and distinct from any manufacturer's marks and shall be separated by at least two spaces when on the same level. See **Note S2.1**.

**S4. Grades 55 and 105 Charpy Absorbed-Energy Requirements**

S4.1 When specified in the inquiry and the order, Grade 55 anchor bolts, when tested at +40°F, and Grade 105 anchor bolts, when tested at either +40°F or –20°F (as specified by the purchaser), shall meet the absorbed-energy requirements in **Table S1.1**.

S4.2 Tests shall be conducted in accordance with Test Methods and Definitions **A370**.

S4.3 Notch toughness tests shall be performed at the Test Frequency P (Piece Testing) of Specification **A673/A673M** on finished anchor bolts when the results of notch toughness tests are not available on bar stock.

S4.4 Notch toughness tests shall be performed at the Test Frequency H (Heat Lot Testing) of Specification **A673/A673M** on bar stock, except when heat treatment is performed after threading or bending, in which case the tests shall be those required in S4.3.

**TABLE S1.1 Grades 55 and 105 Energy Requirements**

Charpy V-Notch Energy Requirements	
Average for 3 Specimens, min, ft-lbf	Minimum for 1 Specimen, ft-lbf
15	12



## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee F16 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (F1554–07a) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved September 1, 2015.)

- (1) Referenced all-thread rod specifically in scope.
- (2) Additions and deletions to and consolidation of various sections (most notably, Sections 9, 13, and 14) to clarify tensile test requirements.
- (3) Table 3 revised with new ROA requirements.
- (4) Sections 6.4 and Note 2 (weldability), and 10.7 (bolt heads) added. References to welding cold-forged and cold-drawn material in S1.4 removed.
- (5) Grade 36 carbon content lowered by 0.01% to help ensure weldability.
- (6) References to D3951, metric diameter conversions, and diameters under 1/2 in. removed.
- (7) Section 17 revised to remove reference to “certifications.”
- (8) Section 18.1 revised to include marking colors from S1.

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