

**Aerospace series —  
Steel FE-PL1507  
(40CrMoV12) —  
Consumable electrode  
remelted — Annealed —  
Forging stock —  
a or D  $\leq$  350 mm**

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Refondu à l'électrode consommable - Recuit - Produits  
destinés à la forge - a ou  $D \leq 350$  mm

Luft- und Raumfahrt - Stahl FE-PL1507 (40CrMoV12) - Mit  
selbstverzehrender Elektrode umgeschmolzen - Geglüht -  
Schmiedevormaterial - a oder  $D \leq 350$  mm

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## Introduction

This standard is part of the series of EN metallic material standards for aerospace applications. The general organization of this series is described in EN 4258.

This standard has been prepared in accordance with EN 4500-5.

## 1 Scope

This standard specifies the requirements relating to:

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for aerospace applications.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (*including any amendments*) applies.

EN 2002-8, *Aerospace series — Metallic materials — Test methods — Part 8: Micrographic determination of grain size.* <sup>1)</sup>

EN 2003-7, *Aerospace series — Steel — Test methods — Part 7: Macrographic test.* <sup>1)</sup>

EN 2043, *Aerospace series — Metallic materials — General requirements for semi-finished product qualification (excluding forgings and castings).* <sup>1)</sup>

EN 2157-2, *Aerospace series — Steel — Forging stock and forgings — Technical specification — Part 2: Forging stock.*

EN 2957, *Aerospace series — Method of preparation of forged samples.* <sup>1)</sup>

EN 4258, *Aerospace series — Metallic materials — General organization of standardization — Links between types of EN standards and their use.*

EN 4500-5, *Aerospace series — Metallic materials — Rules for drafting and presentation of material standards — Part 5: Specific rules for steels.* <sup>1)</sup>

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1	Material designation		Steel FE-PL1507 (40CrMoV12)										
2	Chemical composition %	Element	C	Si	Mn	P <sup>a</sup>	S	Cr	Mo	Ni	Sn <sup>a</sup>	V	Fe
		min.	0,35	0,10	0,40	–	–	3,00	0,80	–	–	0,15	Base
		max.	0,43	0,35	0,70	0,015	0,010	3,50	1,10	0,30	0,025	0,25	
3	Method of melting		Consumable electrode remelted										
4.1	Form		Forging stock										
4.2	Method of production		–										
4.3	Limit dimension(s)	mm	a or D ≤ 350										
5	Technical specification		EN 2157-2										

6.1	Delivery condition		Annealed										
	Heat treatment		–										
6.2	Delivery condition code		U										
7	Use condition		Delivery condition										
	Heat treatment		–										

## Characteristics

8.1	Test sample(s)		See EN 2157-2.				Reforged sample in accordance with EN 2957 or cut from forging stock						
8.2	Test piece(s)		See EN 2157-2.				Heat treated before machining with $D_e \leq 50$ mm						
8.3	Heat treatment		Delivery condition				See line 29.						
9	Dimensions concerned	mm	a or D ≤ 350				a or D ≤ 350						
10	Thickness of cladding on each face	%	–				–						
11	Direction of test piece		–				L or LT						
12	Temperature	$\theta$	°C		–				Ambient				
13	Proof stress	R <sub>p0,2</sub>	MPa		–				≥ 1 030				
14	T	Strength	R <sub>m</sub>	MPa		–				1 250 ≤ R <sub>m</sub> ≤ 1 400			
15		Elongation	A	%		–				≥ 10			
16		Reduction of area	Z	%		–				≥ 45			
17	Hardness		≤ 277 HB				375 ≤ HB ≤ 401						
18	Shear strength	R <sub>c</sub>	MPa		–				–				
19	Bending	k	–		–				–				
20	Impact strength		–				KV ≥ 25 J ; Notch direction T <sup>b, c</sup>						
21	Temperature	$\theta$	°C		–				–				
22	Time		h		–				–				
23	Stress	$\sigma_a$	MPa		–				–				
24	C	Elongation	a	%		–				–			
25		Rupture stress	$\sigma_R$	MPa		–				–			
26		Elongation at rupture	A	%		–				–			
27	Notes (see line 98)		a, b, c										

29	Reference heat treatment	–	Hardened and tempered 910 °C ≤ $\theta$ ≤ 950 °C / t ≥ 1 h / OQ + temper $\theta$ ≥ 600 °C / t ≥ 1 h / OQ or AC <sup>d</sup>		
34	Grain size	1	EN 2002-8		
		2	The "capability clause" applies		
		3	A transverse slice selected at a convenient stage of manufacture from a location corresponding to the top of the ingot.		
		4	Reforged sample in accordance with EN 2957		
		5	See line 29.		
		7	G ≥ 7		
44	External defects	–	See EN 2157-2.		
50	Cleanliness/inclusion content (micro-cleanness)	–	See EN 2157-2.		
		7	Category 3		
51	Macrostructure	1	EN 2003-7		
		2	1 per ingot		
		3	A transverse slice selected at a convenient stage of manufacture from a location corresponding to the top of the ingot.		
		5	Non heat treated		
		7	Class 1	Freckles: severity A	
			Class 2	White spots: severity A	
			Class 3	Radial segregation: severity A	
Class 4	Ring pattern: severity B				
61	Internal defects	–	See EN 2157-2.		
		7	<i>a</i> or <i>D</i> (mm)	Class	
			≤ 250	4	
			> 250	3	
95	Marking inspection	–	See EN 2157-2.		
96	Dimensional inspection	–	See EN 2157-2.		
98	Notes	–	<sup>a</sup> P + Sn ≤ 0,025 <sup>b</sup> Value after blank nitriding: 500 °C ± 10 °C / t = 24 h. The "capability clause" applies. <sup>c</sup> IZOD is optional test and shall achieve 20 ft.lbf minimum. <sup>d</sup> Actual heat treatment temperature and time shall be reported on the inspection and test report.		
99	Typical use	–	Low alloy general purpose steel; suitable for nitriding		

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100	-	Product qualification	-	See EN 2043.
				Qualification programme to be agreed between manufacturer and purchaser.





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