

Continuous Identification Marking of
Iron and Steel Products

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1. SCOPE:

1.1 Purpose:

This standard establishes uniform physical item identification marking in constantly recurring symbols for selected iron and steel products which are procured and issued for Government agencies. Shipment and inspection acceptance marking are not within the scope of this standard.

1.2 The marking requirements of this standard are applicable when included in the item specification or individual contract. Government decision to include the marking requirements of this standard in a Government specification for iron and steel products shall be subject to coordination between the Government and the iron and steel industry.

2. DEFINITIONS AND MARKING TERMS:

2.1 Definitions:

Definitions of commodity forms and shapes shall be those in common use by the iron and steel industry.

2.2 Marking terms:

Marking terms as used in this standard are defined as follows:

2.2.1 Producer's name or trademark: The producer's name or registered trademark used shall be that of the producer which performs the final processing or finishing operation prior to marketing the product.

2.2.2 Commercial designation: The commercial designation includes a designator of material and a designator or designators of physical conditions and quality.

- (a) The material designator is that designator selected from those approved by a nationally recognized industrial association, such as the American Iron and Steel Institute, or technical society, if such designation has been assigned. If such designation has not been assigned, proprietary designator may be used. ASTM designations, when specified, include the last two digits of the year of issue of the ASTM specification to which the metal was produced (e.g. A53A-59).
- (b) The physical condition designator is that designator of temper or other physical condition including quality selected from those approved by a nationally recognized industrial association, such as the American Iron and Steel Institute, or technical society. Some of the physical condition designators for the various products are as follows:

Cold rolled	CR
Cold drawn	CD
Hot rolled	HR
Annealed	ANL
Normalized	NORM
Extruded	EXTR
Fine grain	FG
Coarse grain	CG
Spheroidize annealed	SA
Normalized and tempered	NT
Quenched and tempered	QT
Aircraft quality	AQ
Drawing quality	DQ
Elect. resist. weld	ERW
Seamless	S
Arc weld	AW

2.2.3 Specification data: The specification data includes the number and revision letter of the specification to which the metal was produced, and the type, grade, and class of the material, as applicable.

3. MARKING REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Marking Information:

Physical item identification marking information for iron and steel products shall be in accordance with table I of this standard when such marking is specified in the material specification, contract, or order.

3.1.1 Producer's name or trademark shall always be included.

3.1.2 Commercial designation and specification data for products shall be marked as specified in the material specification, contract, or order.

3.2 Application:

Application of physical marking requirements shall be in accordance with table I of this standard.

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TABLE I. Continuous marking information

Subject to the limitations of column 2, markings showing producer's name or trademark, commercial designation, specification data and heat number¹ shall be printed, stamped, or otherwise legibly marked on the product (see 3.2). Where tags are specified, all required marking shall be shown thereon.

(1) Item	(2) Application
Bars ² (cut lengths only)	All squares, rectangles, hexagons, and octagons 1/2 inch or more in width of flat and all rounds 1/2 inch or more in diameter shall be marked in constantly recurring symbols at intervals not greater than 3 feet throughout length of bar. Secured lifts, bundles, and containers of sizes not required to be marked shall be tagged in two places with the required markings.
Extruded shapes and shaped tubing	All extruded shapes and shaped tubing shall be marked in constantly recurring symbols at intervals not greater than 3 feet throughout length of extrusion or shaped tubing. Secured lifts, bundles, and containers of sizes not required to be marked shall be tagged in two places with the required identification markings.
Plates, sheets, and strips (cut lengths only)	<p>All plates, sheets, and all strips 1 inch or more in width shall be marked in rows of constantly recurring symbols at intervals not greater than 3 feet throughout the length of product. Printing in adjacent rows shall be alternately staggered. Number of rows shall be determined by width of product as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. For corrosion and heat-resistant and alloy steels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 inches or less--not less than one row. Over 12 to 24 inches--not less than 2 rows Over 24 to 36 inches--not less than 3 rows. Over 36 to 48 inches--not less than 4 rows. Over 48 inches--an additional row for every 12 inches. b. For carbon and high strength low alloy steels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 inches or less--not less than 1 row. Over 24 to 48 inches--not less than 2 rows. Over 48 inches--not less than 3 rows.

¹Heat number is required when consistent with industry practice for product involved. Equivalent numbers, such as slab or lift numbers which are traceable to heat numbers, may be used.

²Billets, forgings, blooms, slabs, and shapes included with bars in certain specifications are to be marked in accordance with the requirements of the material specification and not this standard.