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Steel plates for boilers and pressure vessels

(ISO 9328-2: 2004, Steel flat products for pressure purposes - Technical delivery conditions - Part 2: Non-alloy and alloy steels with specified elevated temperature properties, NEQ)

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Foreword

Except the agreement provisions all other technical contents in this standard are mandatory.

This standard has been produced by non-equivalently adopting ISO 9328-2: 2004 Steel flat products for pressure purposes – Technical delivery conditions - Part 2: Non-alloy and alloy steels with specified elevated temperature properties and in reference with EN10028-2: 2003 Specification for flat products made of steel for pressure purposes, combining and revising GB 713-1997 Steel plates for boilers and GB 6654-1996 Steel plates for pressure vessels.

GB 713-1997 Steel plates for boilers and GB 6654-1996 Steel plates for pressure vessels will be superseded by this standard as from its issue date.

In comparison with GB 713-1997 and GB 6654-1996 the main changes are as follows:

- Extending the range of steel plate thicknesses and widths;
- Changing the designation of standard names and codes;
- Abolishing 15MnVR and 15MnVNR, and bringing in 14Cr1MoR and 12Cr2Mo1R;
- Combining 20R and 20g as Q245R, combining 16MnR, 16Mng and 19Mng as Q345R and combining 13MnNiMoNbR and 13MnNiCrMoNbg as 13MnNiMoR;
- Reducing the S and P composition in all codes;
- Raising the V type impact work criterion;
- Abolishing the 20g and 16Mng aging impact test.

This standard was proposed by the China Iron and Steel Industry Association.

This standard is under the jurisdiction of the National Steel Standardisation Technical Committee.

The main drafting organisations of this standard included Chongqin Iron and Steel Co. Ltd, the Standard Research Institute of Metallurgy Industry Information, Angang Steel Co. Ltd, General Mechanical Engineering Company of China, Wuhan Steel (Group) Co. Ltd, Jinan Steel Co. Ltd and the China Special Equipment Institute and Research College.

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The standard supersedes the following previously issued versions:

- GB 713-1963, GB 713-1972, GB 713-1986 and GB 713-1997;
- GB 6654-1996.

Steel plates for boilers and pressure vessels

1 Scope

This standard specifies the dimensions, shape, technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, packaging, marking and quality certification, etc. of steel plates for boilers and pressure vessels.

The standard applies to steel plates with a thickness ranging from 3 mm to 200 mm for boilers and their accessories and pressurised components in pressure vessels at normal temperature.

2 Normative References

The provisions of the following documents become provisions of this standard after being referenced. For dated reference documents, all later amendments (excluding corrigenda) and versions do not apply to this standard; however, any parties that come to an agreement under this standard are encouraged to consider adopting the latest versions of these documents. For undated reference documents, the latest versions apply to this standard.

GB/T 222 Permissible tolerances for the chemical composition of steel products GB/T 223.3 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy – The diantipyryl methane phosphomolybdate gravimetric method for the determination of phosphorus content GB/T 223.10 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy - The cupferron separation-chrome azurol S photometric method for the determination of aluminium content GB/T 223.11 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy - The ammonium persulphate oxidation volumetric method for the determination of chromium content GB/T 223.14 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy - The N-benzoy-N-phenylhydroxylamine extraction photometric method for the determination of vanadium content GB/T 223.17 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy – The diantipyrylmethane photometric method for the determination of titanium content GB/T 223.18 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy - The sodium thiosulphate separation iodimetric method for the determination of copper content GB/T 223.23 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy – The dimethylglyoxime spectrophotometric method for the determination of nickel content GB/T 223.26 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy - The thiocyanate direct photometric method for the determination of molybdenum content GB/T 223.27 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy – The thiocyanate-butyl acetate extraction spectrophotometric method for the determination of molybdenum content GB/T 223.40 Iron, steel and alloy – Determination of niobium content by the sulphochlorophenol S spectrophotometric method GB/T 223.60 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy - The perchloric acid dehydration gravimetric method for the determination of silicon content GB/T 223.63 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy - The sodium (potassium) periodate photometric method for the determination of manganese content GB/T 223.68 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy – The potassium iodate titration method after combustion in the pipe furnace for the determination of sulphur content GB/T 223.69 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy – The gas-volumetric method after combustion in the pipe furnace for the determination of carbon content GB/T 223.76 Methods for chemical analysis of iron, steel and alloy - The flame atomic absorption spectrometric method for the determination of vanadium content (GB/T 223.76-1994, eqv ISO 9647:1989) GB/T 228 Metallic materials – Tensile testing at ambient temperature (GB/T 228-2002, eqv ISO 6892: 1998) GB/T 229 Metallic materials - Charpy notch impact test GB/T 232 Metallic materials - Bend test (GB/T 232-1999, eqv ISO 7438: 1985) GB/T 247 General rules of acceptance, packaging, marking and certification for steel plates (sheets) and strips GB/T 709 Dimensions, shape, weight and tolerances for hot-rolled steel plates and sheets GB/T 2970 Thicker steel plates – Method for ultrasonic inspection GB/T 2975 Steel and steel products – Location and preparation of test pieces for mechanical testing (GB/T 2975-1998, eav ISO 377: 1997) GB/T 4336 Standard test method for spark discharge atomic emission spectrometric analysis of carbon and low-alloy steel (routine method) GB/T 4338 Metallic materials – Tensile testing at elevated temperatures (GB/T 4338-2007, ISO) GB/T 5313 Steel plate with through-thickness characteristics (GB/T 5313-1985, eqv ISO 7778: 1983)

GB/T 6803 Standard method for conducting drop-weight tests to determine the inductility transition temperature of ferrite steels

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GB/T 17505 Steel and steel products – general technical delivery requirements (GB/T 17505-1998, eqv ISO 404: 1992)

GB/T 20066 Steel and iron – Sampling and preparation of samples for the determination of chemical composition YB/T 081 Rule for rounding off of numerical values and judgement of testing values for technical standards in metallurgy

JB/T 4730.3 Non-damaging test for equipment under pressure

3 Order Content

Order contracts or order forms produced in line with this standard must include the following contents:

a) Standard serial number;

- b) Name of the product;
- c) Code;
- d) Dimensions;

e) Delivery condition;

f) Weight;

g) Special technical requirements (such as ultrasonic testing, improving impact properties).

4 Formation of Code

Carbon steel and low alloy and high strength steel are coded with their yielding strength and the initials Q for yielding and R for vessel in the Chinese spelling, for example Q245R.

Molybdenum steel and chromium-molybdenum steel are coded with the average carbon content and the initials of the alloy element and R for vessel in the Chinese spelling, for example 15CrMoR.

5 Dimensions, shape, weight and tolerance

- 5.1 The dimensions, shape, weight and tolerance of the steel plates should meet the requirements of GB/T 709.
- 5.2 The thickness tolerance should conform to the B category tolerance of GB/T 709. According to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and the seller, steel plates with a reduced lower tolerance on the same tolerance can be supplied.
- 5.3 The steel plates are delivered in their theoretical weight. The thickness used for the theoretical weight calculation is the average thickness of the maximum allowed thickness and the minimum allowed thickness of the steel plates. The density of steel plates is taken as 7.85 g/cm^3 .

6 Technical requirements

- 6.1 Code and chemical composition
- 6.1.1 The code and chemical composition (melting analysis) of the steel plates should conform to the requirements in Table 1.
- 6.1.1.1 The carbon upper limit can be raised to 0.22% for Q345R steel plates with a thickness greater than 60 mm.
- 6.1.1.2 The residue of chrome, nickel and copper is less than 0.30% each, the residue of molybdenum is less than 0.080% and the total content of these elements is less than 0.70% with the seller's guarantee without the need for further analysis.
- 6.1.1.3 Small traces of niobium, vanadium and titanium are permissible in Q245R, Q345R and Q370R steel, the content of them should be listed in the quality certificate and the total amount of the above mentioned 3 elements should not exceed 0.05%, 0.10% and 0.12% respectively.
- 6.1.1.4 The P content can be $\leq 0.015\%$ and the S content can be $\leq 0.005\%$ for Q345R and Q370R steel, and the P content can be $\leq 0.012\%$ for 14Cr1MoR and 12Cr2Mo1R steel according to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and the seller.
- 6.1.1.5 According to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and the seller the carbon equivalent can be specified for Q245R, Q345R and Q370R steel with a value agreed by both sides. The carbon equivalent is calculated by the formula (1):

CE(%) = C + Mn/6 + (Cr + Mo + V)/5 + (Ni + Cu)/15(1)

- 6.1.1.6 The Alt content can be determined by measuring the acid dissolved aluminium and the Als content for the test should not be lower than 0.015%.
- 6.1.2 The permitted variations in the chemical content of the finished steel plates should conform to the requirements of GB/T 222.

- 6.2 Manufacturing methods
- 6.2.1 The steel is smelted using an oxygen converter or electric furnace.
- 6.2.2 The compression ratio of the continuous casting pre-form is no less than 3.
- 6.3 Delivery conditions
- 6.3.1 The delivery conditions of steel plates should conform to the requirements in Table 2.
- 6.3.2 The tempering temperature for 18MnMoNbR, 13MnNiMoR, 15CrMoR and 14Cr1MoR steel should be no lower than 620°C; the tempering temperature for 12Cr2Mo1R and 12Cr1MoVR steel should be no lower than 680°C.
- 6.3.3 Subject to agreement by both sides, 18MnMoNbR, 13MnNiMoR, 15CrMoR, 14Cr1MoR, 12Cr2Mo1R and 12Cr1MoVR steel plates with a thickness greater than 60 mm can be delivered either annealed or tempered. The test samples of these coded steel plates should be heat-treated under delivery conditions according to Table 2 and their performance should meet the requirements of Table 2. The size of the samples should be no less than 3a X a X 3a (a is the thickness of the plate).
- 6.3.4 Subject to agreement by both sides, chrome molybdenum steel plates can be delivered having undergone speeded-up tempering after normalisation.
- 6.3.5 The steel plates should be delivered with shear-cut or flame-cut edges. Where the available equipment imposes limitations, steel plates may be delivered with raw edges if this has been agreed by both sides and noted in the contract.

6.4 Mechanics and process performance

- 6.4.1 The results of the tensile test, Charpy (V-type notch) impact test and bending test should conform to the requirements of Table 2. Steel plates with a thickness greater than 60 mm can be exempted from the bending test requirement, if this has been agreed by both sides and noted in the contract.
- 6.4.1.1 According to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and seller, an impact test at -20°C can replace the impact test at 0°C in Table 2 and its impact value should meet the requirements of Table 2.
- 6.4.1.2 The value of the Charpy (V-type notch) impact test is taken from the average of three samples and one value from the three samples may be lower than the value specified in Table 2 but no lower than 70% of said value.
- 6.4.1.3 The auxiliary test sample should be used for steel plates with a thickness of less than 12 mm during the Charpy (V-type notch) impact test. The size of the auxiliary sample is 10 mm X 7.5 mm X 55 mm for steel plates with a thickness of >8 mm to <12 mm and the test result may not be 75% lower than the value specified in Table 2; the size of the auxiliary sample is 10 mm X 5 mm X 55 mm for steel plates with a thickness of 6 mm to 8 mm and the test result may not be 50% lower than the value specified in Table 2; the impact test reguirement can be exempted for steel plates with a thickness of less than 6 mm.
- 6.4.2 According to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and the seller the high temperature tensile test can be carried out for the steel plates thicker than 20 mm. The test temperature should be listed in the contract. The non-proportional proof strength ($R_{p0.2}$) or the lower yielding strength (R_{eL}) should conform to the requirements in Table 3.
- 6.4.3 According to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and the seller the tensile test can be carried out in the direction of the thickness and the test result should be stated in the quality certificate.
- 6.4.4 According to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and the seller the drop-weight test can be carried out and the test result should be stated in the quality certificate.

6.5 Ultrasonic test

According to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and the seller an ultrasonic test can be carried out on each steel sheet. The test method should be in accordance with GB/T 2970 or JB/T 4730.3. The test standard and the qualification grade should be stated in the contract.

6.6 Surface quality

- 6.6.1 The surface of steel plates should have no cracks, bubbles, scars, puckers or impurities. The steel plates should not be layered. Steel plates with the abovementioned flaws may be rectified. The rectification depth should be no greater than half of the steel plate's thickness tolerance and the minimum thickness of the steel plate at the rectification area should be guaranteed. The steel plates should be smooth and have no sharp corners after the rectification of any flaw.
- 6.6.2 Other flaws are permitted, provided that they are no greater than half of the steel plate's thickness tolerance and the minimum thickness of the steel plate at the flaw area should be guaranteed.

6.7 Other additional requirements

According to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and the seller other requirements can be added for chrome molybdenum steel plates in a hydrogen environment, anti-HIC carbon steel and low-alloy steel.

Code	Composition (mass fraction) %										
	C ^b	Si	Mn	Cr	Ni	Мо	Nb	V	Р	S	Alt
Q245R ^a	≤ 0.20	≤ 0.35	0.50 to 1.00 ^c						≤ 0.025	≤ 0.015	≥ 0.020
Q345R ^a	≤ 0.20	≤ 0.55	1.20 to 1.60						≤ 0.025	≤ 0.015	≥ 0.020
Q370R	≤ 0.18	≤ 0.55	1.20 to 1.60				0.015 to 0.050		≤ 0.025	≤ 0.015	
18MnMoNbR	≤ 0.22	0.15 to 0.50	1.20 to 1.60			0.45 to 0.65	0.025 to 0.050		≤ 0.020	≤ 0.010	
13MnNiMoR	≤ 0.15	0.15 to 0.50	1.20 to 1.60	0.20 to 0.40	0.60 to 1.00	0.20 to 0.40	0.005 to 0.020		≤ 0.020	≤ 0.010	
15CrMoR	0.12 to 0.18	0.15 to 0.40	0.40 to 0.70	0.80 to 1.20		0.45 to 0.60			≤ 0.025	≤ 0.010	
14Cr1MoR	0.05 to 0.17	0.50 to 0.80	0.40 to 0.65	1.15 to 1.50		0.45 to 0.65			≤ 0.020	≤ 0.010	
12Cr2Mo1R	0.08 to 0.15	≤ 0.50	0.30 to 0.60	2.00 to 2.50		0.90 to 1.10			≤ 0.020	≤ 0.010	
12Cr1MoVR	0.08 to 0.15	0.15 to 0.40	0.40 to 0.70	0.90 to 1.20		0.25 to 0.35		0.15 to 0.30	≤ 0.025	≤ 0.010	
^a – Where Nb, Ti and V are added to the steel the lower limit of Alt is not applicable.											

Table 1 – Chemical Composition

^a – Where Nb, Ti and V are added to the steel the lower limit of Alt is not applicable.
^b – According to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and the seller the lower limit of the C content can be ignored.
^c – The higher limit of M content for steel plates with a thickness greater than 60 mm can be extended to 1.20%.

				Tensile Test	I	Impact Test		Bending Test
Code	Delivery Condition	Thickness of Steel Plate (mm)	Tensile Strength R _{m, N/mm²}	Yielding Strength ^a R _{eL,} N/mm ²	Elongation Rate A, %	Temperature ° C	V-Type Impact Work A _{KV} , J	180° d=2a
			- cm, iv/mm	no le	no less than		no less than	
		3-16	400-520	245		0	31	
		>16-36		235	25			d=1.5a
Q245R		>36-60		225				
		>60-100	390-510	205	24			
	Heat Rolling, Controlled	>100-150	380-500	185	24			d=2a
	Rolling or Normalisation	3-16	510-640	345		0	34	d=2a
		>16-36	500-630	325	21			d=3a
02450		>36-60	490-620	315	-			
Q345R		>60-100	490-620	305	20			
		>100-150	480-610	285				
		>150-200	470-600	265				
Q370R	Normalisation	10-16	- 530-630	370		-20	34	d=2a
		>16-36		360	20			d=3a
		>36-60	520-620	340				a=sa
10M-M-NI-D	Normalisation plus Tempering	30-60	570-720	400	17	0	41	d=3a
18MnMoNbR		>60-100		390				
13MnNiMoR		30-100	570-720	390	- 18	0	41	d=3a
ISMINIMUK		>100-150		380				
		6-60	450,500	295		20	31	d=3a
15CrMoR		>60-100	450-590	275	19			
		>100-150	440-580	255				
14Cr1MoR		6-100	520-680	310	10	20	34	
		>100-150	510-670	300	19			d=3a
12Cr2Mo1R		6-150	520-680	310	19	20	34	d=3a
		6-60	440-590	245	19	20	34	d=3a
12Cr1MoVR		>60-100	430-580	235				
^a – The yielding	strength can be R	p _{0.2} , if the yiel	lding is not no	oticeable.	•	•		

Table 2 – Mechanics and process performance

	Thickness mm	Test Temperature °C							
Code		200	250	300	350	400	450	500	
		Yielding Strength ^a R _{eL} or Rp _{0.2} , N/mm ² , not less than							
Q245R	>20-36	186	167	153	139	129	121		
	>36-60	178	161	147	133	123	116		
	>60-100	164	147	135	123	113	106		
	>100-150	150	135	120	110	105	95		
	>20-36	255	235	215	200	190	180		
	>36-60	240	220	200	185	175	165		
Q345R	>60-100	225	205	185	175	165	155		
	>100-150	220	200	180	170	160	150		
	>150-200	215	195	175	165	155	145		
0270B	>20-36	290	275	260	245	230			
Q370R	>36-60	280	270	255	240	225			
18MnMoNbR	30-60	360	355	350	340	310	275		
	>60-100	355	350	345	335	305	270		
13MnNiMoR	30-100	355	350	345	335	305			
	>100-150	345	340	335	325	300			
	>20-60	240	225	210	200	189	179	174	
15CrMoR	>60-100	220	210	196	186	176	167	162	
	>100-150	210	199	185	175	165	156	150	
14Cr1MoR	>20-150	255	245	230	220	210	195	176	
12Cr2Mo1R	>20-150	260	255	250	245	240	230	215	
12Cr1MoVR	>20-100	200	190	176	167	157	150	142	

Table 3 – High Temperature	Mechanical Performance
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7 Test Method

7.1 The test items, sample numbers, sampling methods and test methods for each batch of steel plate should conform to the requirements of Table 4.

Serial Number	Test Item	Sample Number	Sampling Method	Sampling Direction	Test Method
1	Chemical Content	1 per furnace	GB/T 20066		GB/T 223 or GB/T 4336
2	Tensile Test	1	GB/T 2975	Transverse	GB/T 228
3	Z Direction Tensile	3	GB/T 5313		GB/T 5313
4	Bending Test	1	GB/T 2975	Transverse	GB/T 232
5	Impact Test	3	GB/T 2975	Transverse	GB/T 229
6	High Temperature Tensile	1 per furnace	GB/T 2975	Transverse	GB/T 4338
7	Drop-weight Test		GB/T 6803		GB/T 6803
8	Ultrasonic Test	Each Sheet			GB/T 2970 or JB/T 4730.3
9	Dimension, Shape	Each Sheet			Measuring instrument with required accuracy
10	Furnace	Each Sheet			Visual Check

Table 4 – Test Item, Sample Number and Test Method

8. Inspection Rules

- 8.1 The quality of steel plates should be inspected and accepted by the quality control department of the supplier.
- 8.2 The steel plates should be inspected in batches. Each batch is made up of steel plates with the same code, from the same furnace, with the same thickness, produced using the same rolling or heat treatment method and the weight of each batch is less than 30 tons. Steel plate factories with a long, stable production quality history after submitting the application with the final product inspection data, and having been approved by the national special equipment safety inspection and supervision authority, can deliver goods according to the approved batch extension.
- 8.3 According to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and the seller the mechanical performance test on the pre-forming rolling can be carried out on steel plates with a thickness greater than 16 mm.
- 8.4 The sampling position for the mechanical performance test is taken according to GB/T 2975. The axis of the impact test sample should be at a quarter of the plate's thickness. According to the buyer's requirements and the agreement between the buyer and the seller the axis of the impact test sample may be at half of the plate's thickness.
- 8.5 If the Charpy (V-type notch) test result does not meet the requirements of 6.4.1.2, another three samples from the same steel plate (or the same pre-formed product) could be taken for a repeat test. The average value of these six samples from the first and second groups should be no lower than the specified value but two of them may be lower than the specified value on condition that only one of these two is 70% lower than the specified value.
- 8.6 Other repeat tests and their method of determination are carried out according to the relevant provisions of GB/T 17505.

9 Packaging, Marking and Quality Certification

The packaging, marking and quality certification of steel plates should conform to the requirements of GB/T 247.

Appendix A (Information appendix)

Code Correlation Table of New and Old Standards

The code correlation between GB 713-200X with GB 713-1997 and GB 6654-1996 (including corrigenda Nos 1 and 2) is as follows:

GB 713-200X	GB 713-1997	GB 6654-1996
Q245R	20g	20R
Q345R	16Mng, 19Mng	16MnR
Q370R		15MnNbR
18MnMoNbR		18MnMoNbR
13MnNiMoR	13MnNiCrMoNbg	13MnNiMoNbR
15CrMoR	15CrMog	15CrMoR
12Cr1MoVR	12Cr1MoVg	
14Cr1MoR		
12Cr2Mo1R		