

## SPECIFICATIONS

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ISO 15156

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Approximate conversions are available.

Details of the requirements of NACE MR0175 / ISO 15156 can be found on the following page.

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## NACE MR 0175/ISO 15156 for Corrosion Resistant Alloys for Sulphide Service

NACE MR 0175/ISO 15156 is a Materials Standard issued by the National Association of Corrosion Engineers. It is originally a US standard intended to assess the suitability of materials for oilfield equipment where sulphide (sulphide) stress corrosion cracking may be a risk in hydrogen sulphide (sour) environments. However, the world standards body ISO has issued it under its own "brand". The latest edition includes technical corrigenda from 2005. Discussions about the standard can be found on the [NACE website](#).

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**Summary of MR 0175 Requirements:** A wide range of materials is covered by the standard including most types (families) of stainless steels. The table below shows some of these grades. However, this summary is intended to only give a general idea of this complex standard and is not a substitute for the original document.

Steel Type	Grades Included	Comments
Ferritic	405, 430, 409, 434, 436, 442, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448	Hardness up to 22 HRC
Martensitic	410, 420	Hardness up to 22 HRC
Martensitic	F6NM	Hardness up to 23 HRC
Martensitic	S41425	Hardness up to 28 HRC
Austenitic	201, 202, 302, 304, 304L, 305, 309, 310, 316, 316L, 317, 321, 347, S31254(254SMO), N08904(904L), N08926(1925hMo)	Solution annealed, no cold work to enhance properties, hardness up to 22 HRC
Austenitic	S20910	Hardness up to 35 HRC
Duplex	S31803 (1.4462), S32520 (UR 52N+), S32750 (2507), S32760 (Zeron 100), S32550 (Ferralium 255)	PREN $\geq 30$ solution annealed condition, ferrite content 35% to 65%, or 30 to 70% in welds. Note that the general restriction of 28 HRC in previous editions is not found in this latest edition of the standard. There is a specific restriction on HIP'd S31803 to 25HRC. For some applications cold worked material is allowed up to 36HRC
Precipitation Hardening	17-4 PH	33 HRC Age hardening at 620 deg C
Precipitation Hardening	S45000	31 HRC Age hardening at 620 deg C
Precipitation Hardening	S66286	35 HRC

Free machining grades such as the 303 and 416 types are excluded from of NACE MR 0175/ISO 15156

**Help on Materials Selection for Sour Gas Service:** The selection of the correct corrosion resistant alloy for a specific set of conditions is quite a complex subject. There are a number of consultancies which specialise in this work. Typical of these is [Intetech](#) who have developed [Electronic Corrosion Engineer](#) software which guides the user to the correct alloy.