

## **EUROPEAN STEEL SCRAP SPECIFICATION**

### **General Conditions applicable to all grades**

As is practically achievable in customary preparation and handling of the grade involved.

**The definitions of this list of specifications apply only to non-alloy carbon steel scrap as raw material for the steel industry**

#### **A) SAFTY**

All grades shall exclude:

1. pressurised, closed or insufficiently open containers of all origins which could cause explosions. Containers shall be considered as insufficiently open where the opening is not visible or is less than 10 cm in any one direction;
2. dangerous material, inflammable or explosive, fire arms (whole or in part), munitions, dirt or pollutants which may contain or emit substances dangerous to health or to the environment or to the steel production process;
3. hazardous radioactive material:
  - material presenting radioactivity in excess of the ambient level of radioactivity.
  - radioactive material in sealed containers even if no significant exterior radioactivity is detectable due to shielding or due to the position of the sealed source in the scrap delivery.

## **B) STERILES (cleanness)**

All grades shall be free of all but negligible amounts of other non ferrous metals and non metallic materials, earth, insulation, excessive iron oxide in any form, except for nominal amounts of surface rust arising from outside storage of prepared scrap under normal atmospheric conditions.

All grades shall be free of all but negligible amounts of combustible non metallic materials, including, but not limited to rubber, plastic, fabric, wood, oil, lubricants and other chemical or organic substances.

All scrap shall be free of larger pieces (brick-size) which don't conduct electricity such as tires, pipes filled with cement, wood or concrete.

All grades shall be free of waste or of by-products arising from steel melting, heating, surface conditioning (including scarfing) grinding, sawing, welding and torch cutting operations, such as slag, mill Scale, baghouse dust, grinder dust, and sludge.

## **C) RESIDUAL AND OTHER METALLIC ELEMENTS**

### **Copper**

All grades shall be free of visible metallic copper which means free of copper – wound electric motors, sheets and copper coated materials, bearing shells, winding, and radiator cores.

All grades shall be free of all but negligible amounts of wire, insulated wire and cable tubing and other copper, brass items mixed with, attached to, or coating ferrous scrap.

All grades shall be free of material with high dissolved copper content such as rebars and merchant bars which will be grouped in the high residual grades.

### **Tin**

All grades shall be free of tin in any forms such as tin cans, tin coated materials etc. as well as bronze elements such as rings, bearing shells etc.

## **Lead**

All grades shall be free of lead in any forms such as batteries, solder, wheel weights, terne plate, cable ends, bearings, bearing shell etc

## **Chromium, Nickel, Molybdenum**

All grades shall be free of alloyed steels and stainless steels as well as of mechanical parts (which mainly contain these elements) such as motors, drive gears for trucks, axles, gear boxes, gear wheels, tools and dies as well as non magnetic pieces.

## **Aimed Analytical Contents**

(see page 7 of this specification)

The levels indicated for certain of these metallic elements in the different grades listed here, are typical maximum contents.

Supply of scrap not falling within the analytical limits of this list of grades is, nevertheless, permitted with specific prior agreement between supplier and consumer based on the knowledge of the real nature/content of the material in question.

Specific or contractual maximum contents are subject to agreement between supplier and purchaser and should be specified when ordering.

## **D) MIXTURE OF GRADES**

No delivery shall contain a mixture of grades, unless by joint agreement.

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CATEGORY	Specifi- cation	Discription	Dimension	Density	Steriles <sup>(1)</sup>
OLD SCRAP	E 3	Old thick steel scrap, predominantly more than 6 mm thick in sizes not exceeding 1,5x0,5x0,5 m prepared in a manner to ensure direct charging. May include tubes and hollow sections. Excludes vehicle body scrap an wheels from light vehicles. Must be free of rebars and merchant bars, free of metallic copper, tin, lead (and alloys), mechanical pieces and steriles to meet the aimed analytical contents. Refer to points B) and C) of the general conditions.	Thickness ≥ 6 mm < 1,5x0,5x0,5 m	≥ 0,6	≤ 1 %
	E 1	Old thin steel scrap predominantly less than 6 mm thick in sizes not exceeding 1,5x0,5x0,5 m prepared in a manner to ensure direct charging. If greater density is required it is recommended that maximum 1 metre is specified. May include light vehicle wheels, but must exclude vehicle body scrap and domestic appliances. Must be free of rebars and merchant bars, free of metallic copper, tin, lead (and alloys), mechanical pieces and steriles to meet the aimed analytical contents. Refer to points B) and C) of the general conditions.	Thickness < 6 mm < 1,5x0,5x0,5 m	≥ 0,5	< 1,5 %
NEW SCRAP Low Residuals Uncoated <sup>(2)</sup>	E 2	Thick new production steel scrap predominantly more than 3 mm thick prepared in a manner to ensure direct charging. The steel scrap must be uncoated unless permitted by joint agreement and be free of rebars and merchant bars even from new production. Must be free of metallic copper, tin, lead (and alloys), mechanical pieces and steriles to meet the aimed analytical contents. Refer to points B) and C) of the general conditions.	Thickness ≥ 3 mm < 1,5x 0,5x0,5m	≥ 0,6	< 0,3 %
	E 8	Thin new production steel scrap predominantly less than 3 mm thick prepared in a manner to ensure direct charging. The steel scrap must be uncoated unless permitted by joint agreement and <u>be free of unbound ribbons</u> to avoid trouble when charging. Must be free of metallic copper, tin, lead (and alloys) mechanical pieces and steriles to meet the aimed analytical contents. Refer to points B) and C) of the general conditions.	Thickness < 3 mm < 1,5x0,5x0,5 m (except bond ribbons)	≥ 0,4	< 0,3 %

CATEGORY	Specifi- cation	Discription	Dimension	Density	Steriles <sup>(1)</sup>
	E 6	New production thin steel crap (less than 3 mm thick) compressed or firmly baled in a manner to ensure direct charging. The steel scrap must be uncoated unless permitted by joint agreement. Must be free of metallic copper, tin, lead (and alloys), mechanical pieces and steriles to meet the aimed analytical contents. Refer to points B) and C) of the general conditions.		≥ 1	< 0,3 %
SHREDDED	E 40	Shredded steel scrap. Old steel scrap fragmentized into pieces not exceeding 200 mm in any direction for 95 % of the load. No piece, in the remaining 5 %, shall exceed 1000 mm. Should be prepared in a manner to ensure direct charging. The scrap shall be free of excessive moisture, loose cast iron and incinerator material (especially tin cans). Must be free of metallic copper, tin, lead (and alloys) and steriles to meet the aimed analytical contents. Refer to points B) and C) of the general conditions.		> 0,9	< 0,4 %
STEEL TURNINGS <sup>(3)</sup>	E 5 H	Homogeneous lots of carbon steel turnings of known origin, free from excessive bushy. Should be prepared in a manner to ensure direct charging. Turnings from Free Turning Steel must be clearly identified. The turnings must be free from all contaminants such as non ferrous metals, scale, grinding dust and heavily oxidized turnings or other materials from chemical industries. Prior chemical analysis could be required.			(*)
	E 5 M	Mixed lots of carbon steel turnings, free from excessive bushy and free from turnings from Free Cutting Steel. Should be prepared in a manner to ensure direct charging. The turnings must be free from all contaminants such as non ferrous metals, scale, grinding dust and heavily oxidized turnings or other materials from chemical industries.			(*)
HIGH RESIDUAL SCRAP	EHRB <sup>(4)</sup>	Old an new steel scrap consisting mainly of rebars and merchant bars prepared in a manner to ensure direct charging. May be cut, sheared or baled and must be free of excessive concrete or other construction material. Must be free of metallic copper, tin, lead (and alloys), mechanical pieces and steriles to meet the aimed analytical contents. Refer to points B) and C) of the general conditions.	Max. 1,5x0,5x0,5 m	≥ 0,5	< 1,5 %

CATEGORY	Specification	Description	Dimension	Density	Steriles <sup>(1)</sup>
	EHRM <sup>(5)</sup>	Old and new mechanical pieces and components not accepted in the other grades prepared in a manner to ensure direct charging. May include cast iron pieces (mainly the housing of the mechanical components). Must be free of metallic copper, tin, lead (and alloys) and pieces such as bearing shell, bronze rings and other as well as steriles to meet the aimed analytical contents. Refer to points B) and C) of the general conditions.	Max. 1,5x0,5x0,5 m	≥ 0,6	< 0,7 %
FRAGMENT-TISED SCRAP FROM INCINERATION	E 46	Fragmentised incinerator scrap. Loose steel scrap processed through an incinerating plant for household waste followed by magnetic separation, fragmentised into pieces not exceeding 200 mm in any direction and consisting partly of tin coated steel cans. Should be prepared in a manner to ensure direct charging. The scrap shall be free of excessive moisture and rust. Must be free of <u>excessive metallic copper, tin, lead (and alloys)</u> and steriles to meet the aimed analytical contents. Refer to points B) and C) of the general conditions.		≥ 0,8	Fe-content ≥ 92 %

- (1) Corresponds to the weight of steriles, not adhering to the scrap, remaining at the bottom of the vehicle after unloading by magnet
- (2) Coated Material must be notified
- (3) Free from all contaminants (non ferrous metals, scale, grinding dust, chemical materials, excess oil)
- (4) Rebar and Merchant Bar must be classified apart due essentially to the copper content which could place them out with old scrap and new scrap low residual grades.
- (5) Mechanical and engine components must be classified apart principally due to their Ni, Cr and Mo content which could place them out with the thick old scrap and heavy new scrap low residual grades.
- (\*) Todate, no clear method to determine these values.

## Aimed Analytical Contents

The values retained for the analytical contents are those which have been experienced in real terms in the various countries of the European Union and are achieved by scrap yards working normally with standard methods and standard equipment.

CATEGORY	Specification	Aimed Analytical Contents (residuals) in %				
		Cu	Sn	Cr,Ni,Mo	S	P
OLD SCRAP	E 3	≤ 0,250	≤ 0,010	Σ ≤ 0,250		
	E 1	≤ 0,400	≤ 0,020	Σ ≤ 0,300		
NEW SCRAP Low Residuals Uncoated <sup>(2)</sup>	E 2	Σ ≤ 0,300				
	E 8	Σ ≤ 0,300				
	E 6	Σ ≤ 0,300				
SHREDDED	E 40	≤ 0,250	≤ 0,020			
STEEL TURNINGS <sup>(3)</sup>	E 5 H	Prior Chemical Analysis could be required				
	E 5 M	≤ 0,400	≤ 0,030	Σ ≤ 1,0	≤ 0,100	
HIGH RESIDUAL SCRAP	EHRB	< 0,450	≤ 0,030	Σ ≤ 0,350		
	EHRM	≤ 0,400	≤ 0,030	Σ ≤ 1,0		
FRAGMENTISED SCRAP FROM INCINERATION	E 46	≤ 0,500	≤ 0,070			

(2) Coated Material must be notified

(3) Free from all contaminants (non ferrous metals, scale, grinding dust, chemical materials, excess oil)

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