



Mars® 550: Very-High-Hardness Armor

Mars® 550 is a very-high-hardness (typical 550 HBW) protection steel for lightweight armor applications such as:

- Very light to medium-weight vehicles structures
- Add-on armour
- Boxes, containers, shelters, reservoirs, door frames, etc.

It is specially suitable for applications where the weight of a high-hardness armor is not acceptable but the workshop implementation doesn't allow the use of an ultra-high-hardness armor.

PROPERTIES

STANDARDS

Mars® 550 can be ordered according to one of the following standards:

- > **NF A36-800 THD3**
- > **MIL-DTL-46186A**

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION - LADLE ANALYSIS - MAX WEIGHT%

C	S	P	Si	Mn	Ni	Cr	Mo	B	CE 1)
0.38	0.002	0.010	1.0	1.2	1.5	0.6	0.5	0.003	0.77

1) Carbon equivalence per ASTM A6/A6M, i.e. : $CE = C + [Mn/6] + [(Cr + Mo + V)/5] + [(Ni + Cu)/15]$

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES (IN BOTH DIRECTIONS)

	Hardness	Yield Strength	UTS	Elongation	Charpy KV 2) @ -40°C standard 10 x 10 specimen 3)	
	HBW	MPa	MPa	5d(%)	J	ft.lbs
Guarantees	530 - 570	≥1300	≥ 1700	≥ 8	≥18	≥ 13
Typical values	550	1450	1800	11	24	18

2) Average of 3 tests. Single value min 70% of specified average.

3) For nominal thicknesses under 11 mm, sub-size specimens are used. The specified minimum value is then proportional to the specimen cross section.

Brinell hardness test according to relevant standard (EN ISO 6506-1 / ASTM E10/E110), on each plate and in two places, one at each end of a diagonal, on a milled surface 0,5 to 1 mm below plate surface.

Charpy Impact test according to relevant standard (EN ISO 148-1 / ASTM E23) on each heat and thickness from 6mm.

Tensile test according to EN ISO 6892-1, method B on each heat and thickness when specified in the standard or order.

Ultrasonic test is performed according to standard requirements or upon special agreement up to EN 10160 Class S3/E4.

IN SERVICE CONDITIONS

BALLISTIC PROPERTIES

Mars® 550 exceeds the ballistic performance requirements of MIL-DTL-46186A.
See our table of recommended minimum thicknesses for common protection levels.
Ballistic test to be performed upon request.

PLATE PROCESSING

For all information concerning machining, cutting, forming or welding, see our userguide for Mars® protection steels.

DELIVERY CONDITIONS

HEAT TREATMENT

Mars® 550 is quenched and tempered at low temperature ($\leq 180^{\circ}\text{C}$).

SURFACE PROPERTIES

According to MIL-DTL-46186A or EN 10163 class B - subclass 3
Shot blasting and weldable primer application can be performed upon request

SIZES AND TOLERANCES

Mars® 550 can be supplied as quarto plates or cut-to-length sheets (from hot strip mill) **in standard sizes or tailor made dimensions.**

	Quarto plates			Cut-to-length sheets
Thicknesses	5.0 – 16 mm (.197" - .630")			2.5 – 10.0 mm (.098" - .393")
Thickness Tolerances	Th	For width ≤2000 mm	For width ≤2400 mm	
	≥5 to ≤ 12 >12 to 16	0/+0.8 0/+1.0	0/+0.8 0/+1.2	≥2.8 to ≤ 8.5 : -0/+0.4 >8.5 to ≤ 10.0 : -0/+0.5
Width*	1000 – 2500 mm (39" – 98")			1000 – 2000 mm (39" – 78")
Length	1600 – 8100 mm (63" – 319")			1800 – 8100 mm (71" – 319")
Shape, length, and width tolerances as per MIL-DTL-46186A or EN 10029				

* Depending on plate thickness

FLATNESS

Maximum flatness deviation is 3mm/m (when measured according to EN 10029).

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