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## **Abstract**

This specification prescribes the requirements for classification of low-alloy steel electrodes for flux cored arc welding. The requirements include chemical composition and mechanical properties of the weld metal and certain usability characteristics. Optional supplemental designators are also included for improved toughness, diffusible hydrogen, and shielding gas range. Additional requirements are included for standard sizes, marking, manufacturing, and packaging. A guide is appended to the specification as a source of information concerning the classification system employed and the intended use of low-alloy steel flux cored electrodes.

This specification makes use of both U.S. Customary Units and the International System of Units (SI). Since these are not equivalent, each system must be used independently of the other.



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The current document is the sixth revision of the initial ANSI/AWS document issued in 1980. Substantive changes in this document are shown in *Italic font* and include updates to the Normative References, a revision to subclause 3.2, revisions to Table 3, revised notes to Figure 4, and replacement of the legacy “J” designator for a new “J#” designator indicating lower temperature impact properties.

The document evolution took place as follows:

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AWS A5.29/A5.29M:2010	<i>Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes for Flux Cored Arc Welding</i>
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# Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes for Flux Cored Arc Welding

## 1. Scope

**1.1** This specification prescribes requirements for the classification of low-alloy steel electrodes for flux cored arc welding (FCAW), either with or without shielding gas. With two exceptions, the 20% manganese types “Mn1” and “Mn2,” iron is the only element whose content exceeds 10.5% in undiluted weld metal deposited by these electrodes.

**1.2** This specification makes use of both U.S. Customary Units and the International System of Units (SI). The measurements are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other without combining in any way when referring to weld metal properties. The specification with the designation A5.29 uses U.S. Customary Units. The specification A5.29M uses SI Units. The latter are shown within [brackets] or in appropriate columns in tables and figures. Standard dimensions based on either system may be used for the sizing of electrodes or packaging or both under the A5.29 and A5.29M specifications.

**1.3** Safety and health issues and concerns are beyond the scope of this standard; some safety and health information is provided, but such issues are not fully addressed herein. Some safety and health information can be found in Clauses A5 and A11 in Annex A.

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- (1) ANSI Z49.1, *Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*
- (2) AWS Safety and Health Fact Sheets
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