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Standard Specification for Clamps, Utility, Laboratory, and Holders, Buret and Clamp¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers clamps and clamp holders for use in securing laboratory apparatus to support stands.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

A48/A48M Specification for Gray Iron Castings
A276 Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes
B30 Specification for Copper Alloys in Ingot and Other Remelt Forms
B85 Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Die Castings
B86 Specification for Zinc and Zinc-Aluminum (ZA) Alloy Foundry and Die Castings
B139/B139M Specification for Phosphor Bronze Rod, Bar, and Shapes
B247 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Die Forgings, Hand Forgings, and Rolled Ring Forgings

2.2 Federal Specifications:³

UU-P-553 Paper, Wrapping, Tissue
PPP-B-566 Boxes, Folding, Paper
PPP-B-601 Box, Wood, Cleated-Plywood
PPP-B-621 Box, Wood, Nailed and Lock Corner
PPP-B-636 Box, Shipping, Fiberboard

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from Naval Publications and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19120.

PPP-B-676 Boxes, Setup

PPP-F-320 Fiberboard, Corrugated and Solid, Sheet Stock (Container Grade) and Cut Shapes

2.3 Federal Standard:³

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)

2.4 Military Specifications:³

MIL-P-116 Methods of Preservation-Packaging

MIL-STD-1188 Commercial Packaging of Supplies and Equipment

2.5 Military Standard:³

MIL-STD-105 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes

3. Classification

3.1 *Types, Sizes, and Classes*—The clamp and clamp holders covered by this specification shall be of the types, classes, and sizes as specified in 3.2 – 3.6 (see S3.1).

3.2 Type I—Clamp holders:

3.2.1 *Class 1*—Fixed jaw.

3.2.2 *Class 2*—Swivel jaw.

3.2.3 *Class 3*—All position jaw.

3.3 Type II—Two-pronged clamps:

3.3.1 *Class 1*—Fixed, with holder.

3.3.1.1 *Size 1*—Small clamp expands to 38 mm (1½ in.).

3.3.1.2 *Size 2*—Large clamp expands to 64 mm (2½ in.).

3.3.2 *Class 2*—Swivel with holder.

3.3.2.1 *Size 1*—Small clamp expands to 38 mm (1½ in.).

3.3.2.2 *Size 2*—Large clamp expands to 64 mm (2½ in.).

3.3.3 *Class 3*—Swivel, duplex.

3.4 Type III—Extension clamps:

3.4.1 *Class 1*—Two-pronged.

3.4.1.1 *Size 1*—Small clamp expands to 38 mm (1½ in.).

3.4.1.2 *Size 2*—Large clamp expands to 64 mm (2½ in.).

3.4.2 *Class 2*—Three-pronged.

3.4.2.1 *Size 1*—Small clamp expands to 25 mm (1 in.).

3.4.2.2 *Size 2*—Large clamp expands to 98 mm (3⅞ in.).

3.4.3 *Class 3*—Universal.

3.4.3.1 *Size 1*—Small clamp expands to 51 mm (2 in.).

3.4.3.2 *Size 2*—Large clamp expands to 76 mm (3 in.).

3.5 Type IV—Thermometer clamp, swivel with holder.

3.6 Type V—Clamp, double buret holder.



TABLE 1 Dimensions and Tolerances for Clamps and Clamp Holders

Classification			Maximum diameter of opening, mm (in.)		Overall length, mm (in.)	Tolerance, ±mm (± in.)	Type of Jaw	
Type	Class	Size	Clamp	Holder			Clamp	Holder
I	1	...	...	$1\frac{1}{16}$ (17)	127 (5)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	...	V
I	2	...	...	$1\frac{1}{16}$	152 (6)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	...	V
I	3	...	...	$1\frac{1}{16}$	127 (5)	3 ($\frac{1}{8}$)	...	V
II	1	1	38.1 ($1\frac{1}{2}$)	$1\frac{1}{16}$	178 (7)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	round	V
II	1	2	63.5 ($2\frac{1}{2}$)	$1\frac{1}{16}$	178 (7)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	round	V
II	2	1	38.1 ($1\frac{1}{2}$)	$1\frac{1}{16}$	178 (7)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	round	V
II	2	2	63.5 ($2\frac{1}{2}$)	$1\frac{1}{16}$	191 ($7\frac{1}{2}$)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	round	V
II	3	...	38.1 and 63.5 ($1\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$) ^A	...	216 ($8\frac{1}{2}$)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	round	...
III	1	1	38.1 ($1\frac{1}{2}$)	...	203 (8)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	round	...
III	1	2	63.5 ($2\frac{1}{2}$)	...	228 (9)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	round	...
III	2	1	25.4 (1)	...	152 (6)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	prong	...
III	2	2	($3\frac{7}{8}$)	...	267 ($10\frac{1}{2}$)	13 ($\frac{1}{2}$)	prong	...
III	3	1	50.8 (2)	...	203 (8)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	prong	...
III	3	2	76.2 (3)	...	242 ($9\frac{1}{2}$)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	prong	...
IV	...	...	3 ($\frac{1}{8}$) to 13 ($\frac{1}{2}$)	$1\frac{1}{16}$	152 (6)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	clip	V
V	...	...	B	$1\frac{1}{16}$	254 (10)	6 ($\frac{1}{4}$)	finger	V

^A Clamp on each end, one small and one large sized.

^B Clamp shall be capable of holding micro to 100-mL size burets, 5 to 20 mm in diameter.

4. Materials

4.1 *Base Metal*—Clamps and clamp holders shall be manufactured from aluminum-base alloy, zinc-base alloy, or cast iron. Aluminum base alloy metal shall conform to alloy number A380 of Specification B85. Zinc-base alloy shall conform to AG 40A of Specification B86. Cast iron shall conform to Specification A48/A48M, Class 20.

4.2 *Metal Fittings*—Fittings such as screws, nuts, and rivets for clamps and clamp holders shall be forged aluminum or chemical-resistant alloy for either aluminum-base alloy or zinc-base alloy clamps and clamp holders. In addition zinc-base alloy clamps and clamp holders may have copper alloy fittings. Forged aluminum fittings shall conform in composition to 2014 of Specification B247. Copper alloy fittings shall conform to composition to Specification B30.

4.3 *Springs*—Component springs of clamps shall be phosphor bronze or corrosion-resistant steel. Phosphor bronze shall conform to Composition C51000 of Specification B139/B139M. Corrosion-resistant steel shall conform to Class 202 or 302 of Specification A276.

4.4 *Sleeves*—Component sleeves of clamps may be rubber, plastic, fiber glass, non-hazardous minerals, or replaceable plastic. Unless otherwise specified by the procuring agency, rubber sleeves shall be supplied with clamps (see S2.1).

4.4.1 *Rubber*—Rubber for sleeves shall conform to Type R, class optional of MIL-STD-147.

4.4.2 *Plastic*—When plastic sleeves are specified, they shall be bonded firmly to the clamp jaw. The plastic sleeve shall be formed by hot dipping the clamp jaw in a vinyl plastisol conforming to Type II of MIL-P-20689.

4.4.3 *Mineral*—When mineral sleeves are specified, they shall be nonraveling and woven from high-quality mineral yarn.

4.4.4 *Fiber Glass*—When fiber glass sleeves are specified, they shall be nonraveling and woven.

4.4.5 *Replaceable Plastic*—When replaceable plastic sleeves are specified, they shall be durable enough not to break down in sand blasting, shot blasting, painting or coating operations. Application should be quick and the resulting fit be snug and conforming.

5. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

5.1 *Fitting Threads*—Thumbscrews, wingnuts, and holders shall be threaded in accordance with Screw Thread Standards for Federal Services, Unified National Coarse Thread Series.⁴

5.1.1 Metric threads can be used if specified.

5.2 *Dimensions*—The dimensions and tolerances shall be as shown in Table 1.

5.3 *Construction*—The illustrations shown in Figs. 1-5 are for the convenience of identification and shall not preclude clamps and clamp holders otherwise in accordance with this specification.

5.3.1 *Type I*—Class 1 clamp holders shall be of one-piece construction, consisting of two V-grooved areas at right angles to each other. Class 2 clamp holders shall consist of two separate V-grooved sections freely movable through an angle of 360° in parallel planes and position fixed by means of a set screw. Class 3 clamp holders shall consist of two V-grooved areas connected to each other by a double plate joint which keeps the V-grooved areas in planes permanently set at 90° to each other. The plate joints have friction disks which allow each V-grooved area full movement through an angle of 360° within each plane. The V-grooved areas of each class are fitted with thumbscrews for attachment to support rods or anchoring clamp shafts. All clamp holders shall be capable of direct attachment to rods up to 13 mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in.) in diameter without the necessity of passing the clamp holders over the ends of the

⁴ NIST Handbook 100, National Bureau of Standards, is available from the National Technical Information Service, Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 21161.