

## GUIDE TO AWS ELECTRODE CLASSIFICATION(AWS AS.12 AS.5)

MILD STEEL (COVERED)  
ELECTRODE CLASSIFICATION AWS A5.1-91  
SMAW(MMA) PROCESS

**E 60 1 0**

**ELECTRODE  
STRENGTH KSI**

### POSITION

1. Flat, Horizontal, Vertical & Overhead
2. Flat & Horizontal only
3. Flat, Horizontal, Vertical-down  
& Overhead

### Types of Coating & Current

Digit	Type of Coating	Welding Current
0	Cellulose Solution	DCEP
1	cellulose potassium	AC or DCEP/N
2	titania sodium	AC or DCEN
3	titania potassium	AC or DCEP/N
4	Iron powder titania	AC or DCEP/N
5	low hydrogen sodium	DCEP
6	low hydrogen potassium	AC or DCEP
7	iron powder iron oxide	AC or DCEP/N
8	iron pdr low hydrogen	AC or DCEP
E 6020	iron oxide sodium	AC or DCEP

AC - alternating current  
DCEP - Direct Current Electrode Positive  
DCEN - Direct Current Electrode Negative

LOW ALLOY(COVERED)  
ELECTRODE CLASSIFICATION AWS A5.5-96

**E 80 1 8 - B1**

**ELECTRODE  
80,000psi  
min.**

tensile strength  
required(stress relieved)

### POSITION

**AC or DCEP**

### Chemical Composition

suffix	C	Mn	Si	Ni	Cr	Mo	V
<b>Al</b>	0.12	0.6-1.0*	0.40-0.80*	-	-	0.4-0.65	-
<b>B1</b>	0.12	0.9	0.60-0.80*	-	0.40-0.65	0.4-0.65	-
<b>B2L</b>	0.05	0.9	0.6-1.0*	-	1.0-1.5	0.4-0.85	-
<b>B2</b>	0.12	0.9	0.60-0.80*	-	1.0-1.5	0.4-0.65	-
<b>B3L</b>	0.05	0.9	0.8-1.0*	-	20-2.5	0.9-1.2	-
<b>B3</b>	0.12	0.9	0.60-0.80*	-	2.0-2.5	0.9-1.2	-
<b>B4L</b>	0.05	0.9	1.00	-	1.75-2.25	0.4-0.65	-
<b>B5</b>	0.07-0.15	0.40-0.70	0.30-0.60	-	0.40-0.60	1.0-1.25	0.05
<b>B6</b>	0.05-0.10	1.0	0.90	0.40	4.0-6.0	0.45-0.65	-
<b>B6L</b>	0.05	1.0	0.90	0.40	4.0-6.0	0.45-0.65	-
<b>B7</b>	0.05-0.10	1.0	0.90	0.40	6.0-8.0	0.45-0.65	-
<b>B7L</b>	0.05	1.0	0.90	0.40	6.0-8.0	0.45-0.65	-
<b>B8</b>	0.05-0.10	1.0	0.90	0.40	8.0-10.5	0.85-1.20	-
<b>B8L</b>	0.05	1.0	0.90	0.40	8.0-10.5	0.85-1.20	-
<b>B9***</b>	0.08-0.13	1.25	0.30	0.40	8.0-10.5	0.85-1.20	0.15-0.30
<b>C</b>	0.12	1.25	0.60	2.00-2.75	-	-	-
<b>C1L</b>	0.05	1.25	0.50	2.00-2.75	-	-	-
<b>C2</b>	0.12	1.25	0.60	3.00-3.75	-	-	-
<b>C2L</b>	0.05	1.25	0.50	3.00-3.75	-	-	-
<b>C3</b>	0.12	0.40-1.25	0.80	0.80-1.10	0.15	0.35	0.05
<b>C3L</b>	0.08	0.40-1.40	0.50	0.80-1.10	0.15	0.35	0.05
<b>C4</b>	0.1	1.25	0.60	1.10-2.00	-	-	-
<b>C5L</b>	0.05	0.40-1.00	0.50	6.00-7.25	-	-	-
<b>NM1</b>	0.1	0.80-1.25	0.60	0.80-1.10	0.1	0.40-0.65	0.02
<b>D1</b>	0.12	1.25-1.75	0.80	-	-	0.25-0.45	-
<b>D2</b>	0.15	1.65-2.00	0.60	-	-	0.25-0.45	-
<b>D3</b>	0.12	1.00-1.80	0.60	0.9	-	0.40-0.65	-
<b>G</b>	-	1.0min	0.80min	0.50min	0.30min	0.20min	0.1min
<b>P1</b>	0.2	0.40-0.70	0.40-0.70	1	0.3	0.5	0.1
<b>W1</b>	0.12	0.40-0.70	0.40-0.70	0.20-0.40	0.15-0.30	-	0.08
<b>W2</b>	0.12	0.50-1.30	0.35-0.80	0.40-0.60	0.45-0.70	-	-
<b>M&amp;M1**</b>	0.1	0.6-2.25*	0.6-0.8*	1.4-2.5*	0.15-1.5*	0.25-0.55*	0.05

SINGLE VALUES DENOTE MAXIMUM, REFER TO STD FOR FULL ANALYSIS

Note \* AMOUNT DEPENDS ON ELECTRODE CLASSIFICATION  
SINGLE VALUE INDICATE MAXIMUM, CHECK A5.5 FOR  
DIFFERENT CLASSES

Note \*\* THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT "M" & "M1" CLASSES,  
"M" & "M1" CLASSIFICATIONS ARE INTENDED TO CONFORM  
TO MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS. SEE SPECIFICATION

Note\*\*\* Cu-0.25,Al-0.04,Nb-0.02-0.10,N-0.02-0.07