



309 Sterling®

AWS ER309-17

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DESCRIPTION:

309 Sterling is primarily designed for welding of 309 type metal but can also be used for 18-8 clad steels or dissimilar materials if the alloy content is sufficiently high for a sound, ductile deposit. It yields a concave weld bead that is smooth and refined.

Note: Actual certs are included in every master carton of stainless stick electrodes at no charge.

Features	Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spray arc transfer • Easy strike and re-strike • Limited all-position • Self-detaching slag • Extremely high moisture resistance • Directional arc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low spatter and less clean-up • Easy to use, less chance of starting defects • Welds extremely well in flat, horizontal, and limited capability in vertical (up) and overhead positions • Less chance of slag inclusions • Extends shelf life of product in open environments • Metal goes where directed

TYPICAL WELD METAL PROPERTIES* (CHEM PAD):

Weld Metal Analysis		AWS Spec
Carbon (C)	0.05	0.08 max
Manganese (Mn)	1.30	0.5 to 2.5
Phosphorus (P)	0.020	0.04 max
Sulphur (S)	0.016	0.03 max
Silicon (Si)	0.56	0.90 max
Copper (Cu)	0.10	0.75 max
Chromium (Cr)	23.10	22.0 to 25.0
Nickel (Ni)	12.70	12.0 to 14.0
Molybdenum (Mo)	0.10	0.75 max

TYPICAL MECHANICAL PROPERTIES* (AS WELDED):

		AWS Spec
Tensile Strength	88,000 psi (607 MPa)	80,000 psi
Yield Strength	67,000 psi (462 MPa)	not required
Elongation % in 2"	37%	30%
DeLong Ferrite Number Range	6-15	not required
Schaeffler Number Range	6-15	not required
WRC Number Range (1992)	6-15	not required

Note: Nitrogen (N) assumed to be 0.06% for calculation purposes.

CONFORMANCES AND APPROVALS:

- AWS Spec A5.4, Class E309-17 • ASME SFA5.4

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RECOMMENDED WELDING PROCEDURES:

- GENERAL:** DCEP (electrode positive, work negative) or AC
- ARC LENGTH:** Short (less than half the diameter of the electrode)
- FLAT & HORIZONTAL:** Angle electrode 10-15° from 90°
- VERTICAL-UP:** Use weaving techniques. Reduced amperage compared to flat position setting
- OVERHEAD:** Use slight weaving motion within the puddle
- STORAGE:** Sterling electrodes have a high degree of moisture resistance; however, for critical applications, the electrodes should be held at 225°F after opening.
- RECONDITIONING:** If exposed to atmosphere for extended periods, recondition at 500°F for 1 hour

RECOMMENDED OPERATING PARAMETERS:

FLAT & HORIZONTAL

Diameter		Type of Power	Minimum Amps	Optimum Amps	Maximum Amps
Inches	mm				
3/32	2.4	DCEP or AC	45	65	80
1/8	3.2	DCEP or AC	55	105	120
5/32	4.0	DCEP or AC	65	140	170
3/16	4.8	DCEP or AC	160	170	205

AVAILABLE DIAMETERS AND PACKAGES:

Diameter		Length		6-lb. Can	10-lb. Can
Inches	mm	Inches	mm		
3/32	2.4	10	254	S493530-032	—
1/8	3.2	14	355	—	S493544-033
5/32	4.0	14	355	—	S493551-033
3/16	4.8	14	355	—	S493558-033

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