

# Stainless Steel Alloys

Gas Metal Arc Welding  
(GMAW) MIG Wires

Gas Tungsten Arc Welding  
(GTAW) TIG Alloys

Shielded Metal Arc Welding  
(SMAW) Stick Electrode



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## Cut length - (TIG) or (GTAW) Spooled Wire - (MIG) or (GMAW)

**AWS A5.9/A5.9M**

### ER 308

TIG Diameter	Part Numbers	
	1# Package	10# Package
.030 x 36"	ST308/TE-BP	ST308/TE
.035 x 36"	ST308/TF-BP	ST308/TF
.045 x 36"	ST308/TG-BP	ST308/TG
1/16 x 36"	ST308/TL-BP	ST308/TL
3/32 x 36"	ST308/TN-BP	ST308/TN
1/8 x 36"	ST308/TO-BP	ST308/TO

MIG Diameter	Part Numbers		
	2 lb Spools	8" Spools	33 lb Spools
.030	SS308/1E	SS308/2E	SS308/3E
.035	SS308/1F	SS308/2F	SS308/3F
.045	SS308/1G	SS308/2G	SS308/3G

## Coated Electrodes (SMAW)

**AWS A5.4/A5.4M**

### E 308-16

Electrode Diameter	Part Numbers	
	1# Package	5# Package* or 10# Package
3/32	SE308/EN-BP	SE308/EN*
1/8	SE308/EO-BP	SE308/EO
5/32	SE308/EP-BP	SE308/EP
3/16	SE308/EQ-BP	SE308/EQ

See next page for **Stick Electrode (SMAW)** welding procedures.

## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

Used for welding 301, 302, 304, 305, 308 wrought alloys and CF-20 and CF-8 cast alloys.

Tensile strength:  
80,000 psi (min.)

### ER 308L

TIG Diameter	Part Numbers	
	1# Package	10# Package
.030 x 36"	ST308/TXE-BP	ST308/TXE
.035 x 36"	ST308/TXF-BP	ST308/TXF
.045 x 36"	ST308/TXG-BP	ST308/TXG
1/16 x 36"	ST308/TXL-BP	ST308/TXL
3/32 x 36"	ST308/TXN-BP	ST308/TXN
1/8 x 36"	ST308/TXO-BP	ST308/TXO
5/32 x 36"	ST308/TXP-BP	ST308/TXP
3/16 x 36"	ST308/TXQ-BP	ST308/TXQ

MIG Diameter	Part Numbers		
	2 lb Spools	8" Spools	33 lb Spools
.030	SS308/1XE	SS308/2XE	SS308/3XE
.035	SS308/1XF	SS308/2XF	SS308/3XF
.045	SS308/1XG	SS308/2XG	SS308/3XG

### E 308L-16

Electrode Diameter	Part Numbers	
	1# Package	5# Package* or 10# Package
3/32	SE308/EXN-BP	SE308/EXN*
1/8	SE308/EXO-BP	SE308/EXO
5/32	SE308/EXP-BP	SE308/EXP
3/16	SE308/EXQ-BP	SE308/EXQ

See next page for **Stick Electrode (SMAW)** welding procedures.

Similar usage as above, ↑ except the lower carbon content (0.03 max.) increases resistance to intergranular corrosion and helps to inhibit weld cracking.

Tensile strength:  
79,000 psi (min.)

### ER 308LSi

TIG Diameter	Part Numbers	
	1# Package	10# Package
.030 x 36"	ST308/TZE-BP	ST308/TZE
.035 x 36"	ST308/TZF-BP	ST308/TZF
.045 x 36"	ST308/TZG-BP	ST308/TZG
1/16 x 36"	ST308/TZL-BP	ST308/TZL
3/32 x 36"	ST308/TZN-BP	ST308/TZN
1/8 x 36"	ST308/TZO-BP	ST308/TZO

MIG Diameter	Part Numbers		
	2 lb Spools	8" Spools	33 lb Spools
.023	SS308/1ZD	SS308/2ZD	SS308/3ZD
.030	SS308/1ZE	SS308/2ZE	SS308/3ZE
.035	SS308/1ZF	SS308/2ZF	SS308/3ZF
.045	SS308/1ZG	SS308/2ZG	SS308/3ZG

Similar usage as above, ↑ except the higher silicon content (0.65 – 1.00%) improves wash and wetting behavior.

Tensile strength:  
79,000 psi (min.)

# Stainless Steel Electrode (SMAW) Welding Procedure



## Welding Parameters for 300 and 400 series Stainless Steel Covered Electrodes

### Specifications

- **SMAW (Shielded Metal Arc Welding) – Crown Alloys stainless steel covered stick electrodes** are exactly manufactured to conform to the requirements of **American Welding Society (AWS) Filler Metal Specification A5.4/A5.4M**.

Most of the **Crown Alloys stainless electrodes** have a titania coating (-16 suffix). Titania-covered electrodes are very popular because they are designed to work with AC or DC machines *and* they operate in all positions. The **Crown stainless covered electrodes** exhibit smooth arc action, low amount of fine spatter and easy slag removal.

### Precautions

- **Crown Alloys stainless steel coated electrodes** should be treated and stored as low hydrogen electrodes. They should not be exposed to damp air, and once a sealed bag is opened, the electrodes should be used entirely or stored in a warm, dry and sealed container.

### Procedure

- For high quality welds, joints must be clean and dry. Welding current can be either DC reverse polarity (DCEP) or AC. However, DCEP always ensures the best weldability and penetration. Use a short arc, but keep the coating (flux) from touching the puddle. Try to run these **stainless steel electrodes** as cool as possible. Start welding at the low end of the amp range and increase amps until a smooth and stable arc is established. Fill each crater before breaking the arc to avoid crater cracks. On deep groove butt joints, the root pass should penetrate only enough to fuse to both plates and seal the opening. More penetration may cause cracks.

### Recommended Welding Parameters for Stainless Steel Stick Electrodes Direct Current Electrode Positive\* (DCEP)

Wire Diameter (inches)	Welding Current (amperage)						Arc Voltage (volts)
	300 Series			400 Series			
	Flat	Vertical	Overhead	Flat	Vertical	Overhead	
1/16	20 – 45	15 – 35	20 - 40	N/A	N/A	N/A	21 - 26
5/64	30 – 50	25 – 40	30 – 45	N/A	N/A	N/A	22 – 26
3/32	45 – 80	35 – 60	40 – 65	50 - 75	40 – 55	45 – 65	22 - 26
1/8	70 – 110	60 - 75	65 – 90	80 – 115	65 – 80	75 – 100	22 - 26
5/32	100 – 145	85 – 100	95 – 120	115 – 160	95 – 110	105 – 130	23 – 26
3/16	130 – 190	100 – 115	125 – 150	150 – 210	115 – 130	145 – 170	22 - 25
1/4	175 – 270	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	235 – 310	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	22 - 25

\*When the welder is in the AC position, use an amp range that is 10% to 20% greater than that of the DCEP position.

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## Filler Metal Selector Guide for Stainless Steels (page 1)

Stainless Steel or Steel Base Alloy	442	430F	430	501	416	403	321	317	316L	316	314	310	309	304L	303	201	MILD STEEL				
	446	430FSE	431	502	416SE	405	348					310S	309S		303SE	202		301	302	302B	304
201-202	310	310	310	310	309	309	347	308	308	308	308,	308	308	308	308	308	312				
301-302	312	312	312	312	310	310	308	316	316	316	309					310					
302B-304	309	309	309	309	312	312		317			310					309					
305-308																					
303	310	310	310	310	309	309	347	308	308	308	308,	308	308	308	308-15	308	312				
303SE	309	309	309	309	310	310	308	316	316	316	309					310					
	312	312	312	312	312	312	317	317			310					309					
304L	310	310	310	310	309	309	347	308	308L	308	308,	308	309	308L	308	308	312				
	309	309	309	309	310	310	308L	316		316	309		308			310					
	312	312	312	312	312	312	317	317		310	310		309			309					
309	310	310	310	310	309	309	347	317	316	316	309	309	309	309	308	308	309				
309S	309	309	309	309	310	310	308	316	309	309	310	310	310	308		310					
	312	312	312	312	312	312	309	309		310						312					
310	310	310	310	310	310	310	347	317	310	316	310	310	309	308	308	308	310				
310S	309	309	309	309	309	309	308	316	316	310			310			309					
	312	312	312	312	312	312	309	309	309	309						312					
314	310	310	310	310	310	310	309	309	309	309	310-15	310	309	308,	308,	308,	310				
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	309	309	309	309	309	312	347	317	316	316				310	310	310	312				
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	312	312	312	312	312	312					316	309	310	316	316	316	312				
316L	310	310	310	310	309	309	347	316	316L	316	309	310	316	308L	308	308	309				
	309	309	309	309	310	310	308	317			310	316	309	316	316	316	310				
	312	312	312	312	312	312	308	308			316	309				316	312				

Bold numbers indicate first choice, light numbers indicate second and third choice. This choice can vary with specific applications and individual job requirements.

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	446	430FSE	431	502	416SE	405	348									410	
317	310	310	310	310	309	309	308	317	316	316	309	317	317	308	308	308	309
	309	309	309	309	310	310	347		317	308	310	316	316	316	316	316	310
	312	312	312	312	312	312			308	308	317	309	309	317	317	317	312
321	310	310	310	310	309	309	347	308	347	347	309	347	347	347	347	347	309
348	309	309	309	309	310	310		347	308	308	310	308	308	308L	308	308	310
347	312	312	312	312	312	312					347					312	312
403-405	310	310	310	310	410-15*	410*	309	309	309	309	310	310	309	309	309	309	309
410-420	309	309	309	309	309**	309**	310	310	310	310	309	309	310	310	310	310	310
414	312	312	312	312	310**	310**	312	312	312	312	312	312	312	312	312	312	312
416	310	310	310	310	410-15*	410-15*	309	309	309	309	310	310	309	309	309	309	309
416SE	309	309	309			309**	310	310	310	310	312	309	310	310	310	310	310
						310**	312	312	312	312	309	312	312	312	312	312	312
501	310	310	310	502*	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310
502				310**		309	309	309	309	309	312	309	309	309	309	312	312
						312	312	312	312	312	309	312	312	312	312	309	309
430	310	310	430-15*	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310
431	309	309	310**		309	309	309	309	309	309	312	309	309	309	309	312	309
			309**		312	312	312	312	312	312	309	312	312	312	312	309	312
430F	310	410-15*	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310
430FSE	309		309		309	309	309	309	309	309	312	309	309	309	309	312	309
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442	309	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	310
446	310	309	309		309	309	309	309	309	309	312	309	309	309	309	312	309
						312	312	312	312	312	309	312	312	312	312	309	312

\*Preheat    \*\*No Preheat Necessary    Bold numbers indicate first choice, light numbers indicate second and third choice. This choice can vary with specific applications and individual job requirements.



**!!!! WARNING !!!!**



**WELDING FUMES AND GASES CAN BE DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH.**

**BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT THE WELDER (END-USER) MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND THE COMPLETE PRODUCT WARNING LABEL AND THE NEW 16 SECTION SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS).**

**THE SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS) WHICH OUTLINES THE POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARDS AND SAFETY INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS PRODUCT CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SDS PORTION OF THIS WEBSITE. IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM YOUR EMPLOYER AND WELDING SUPPLY DISTRIBUTOR.**

**DO NOT PROCEED WITH USE OF THIS PRODUCT UNTIL YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THE SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS) AND PRODUCT WARNING STATEMENT.**

**BE SURE TO CONSULT THE LATEST VERSION OF THE SDS.**

**SEE THE PRODUCT WARNING LABEL AND SDS FOR COMPLETE WARNING INFORMATION.**

