

Guidelines for Ferrous Scrap: FS-2017

General Information

a. Cleanness. All grades shall be free of dirt, nonferrous metals, or foreign material of any kind, and excessive rust and corrosion. However, the terms "free of dirt, nonferrous metals, or foreign material of any kind" are not intended to preclude the accidental inclusion of negligible amounts where it can be shown that this amount is unavoidable in the customary preparation and handling of the particular grade involved.

b. Off-grade material. The inclusion in a shipment of a particular grade of iron and steel scrap of a negligible amount of metallic material which exceeds to a minor extent the applicable size limitations, or which fails to a minor extent to meet the applicable requirements as to quality or kind of material, shall not change the classification of the shipment, provided it can be shown that the inclusion of such off-grade material is unavoidable in the customary preparation and handling of the grade involved.

c. Residual alloys. Wherever the term "free of alloys" is used in the classifications given herein, it shall mean that any alloys contained in the steel are residual and have not been added for the purpose of making an alloy steel. Steel scraps shall be considered free of alloys when the residual alloying elements do not exceed the following percentages:

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| Nickel | .45% | Molybdenum | .10% |
| Chromium | .20% | Manganese | 1.65% |

The combined residuals other than manganese shall not exceed a total of 0.60 percent.

d. Deviations. Any deviations from the general classifications of iron and steel scrap may be consummated by mutual agreement between buyer and seller.

- 200 No. 1 heavy melting steel.**
Wrought iron and/or steel scrap 1/4 inch and over in thickness. Individual pieces not over 60 x 24 inches (charging box size) prepared in a manner to insure compact charging.
- 201 No. 1 heavy melting steel 3 feet x 18 inches.**
Wrought iron and/or steel scrap 1/4 inch and over in thickness. Individual pieces not over 36 x 18 inches (charging box size) prepared in a manner to insure compact charging.
- 202 No. 1 heavy melting steel 5 feet x 18 inches.**
Wrought iron and/or steel scrap 1/4 inch and over in thickness. Individual pieces not over 60 x 18 inches (charging box size) prepared in a manner to insure compact charging.
- 203 No. 2 heavy melting steel.***
Wrought iron and steel scrap, black and galvanized, 1/8 inch and over in thickness, charging box size to include material not suitable as No. 1 heavy melting steel. Prepared in a manner to insure compact charging.
- 204 No. 2 heavy melting steel.***
Wrought iron and steel scrap, black and galvanized, maximum size 36 x 18 inches. May include all automobile scrap properly prepared.
- 205 No. 2 heavy melting steel 3 feet x 18 inches.**
Wrought iron and steel scrap, black and galvanized, maximum size 36 x 18 inches. May include automobile scrap, properly prepared; however, to be free of sheet iron or thin gauged material.
- 206 No. 2 heavy melting steel 5 feet x 18 inches.**
Wrought iron and steel scrap, black and galvanized, maximum size 60 x 18 inches. May include automobile scrap, properly prepared; however, to be free of sheet iron or thin gauged material.
- 207 No. 1 busheling.**
Clean steel scrap, maximum size 2 feet by 5 feet, including new factory busheling (for example, sheet clippings, stampings, etc.). May not include old auto body and fender stock. Free of metal coated, limed, vitreous enameled, and electrical sheet containing over 0.5 percent silicon.
- 207A New black sheet clippings.**
For direct charging, maximum size 8 feet by 18 inches, free of old automobile body and fender stock, metal coated, lined, vitreous enameled and electrical sheet containing over 0.5 percent silicon. Must lay reasonably flat in car.
- 208 No. 1 bundles.**
New black steel sheet scrap, clippings or skeleton scrap, compressed or hand bundled, to charging box size, and weighing not less than 75 pounds per cubic foot. (Hand bundles are tightly secured for handling with a magnet.) May include Stanley balls or mandrel wound bundles or skeleton reels, tightly secured. May include chemically detinned material. May not include old auto body or fender stock. Free of metal coated, limed, vitreous enameled, and electrical sheet containing over 0.5 percent silicon.
- 209 No. 2 bundles.**
Old black and galvanized steel sheet scrap, hydraulically compressed to charging box size and weighing not less than 75 pounds per cubic foot. May not include tin or lead-coated material or vitreous enameled material.
- 210 Shredded scrap.**
Homogeneous iron and steel scrap, magnetically separated, originating from automobiles, unprepared No. 1 and No. 2 steel, miscellaneous baling and sheet scrap. Average density 50 pounds per cubic foot.
- 211 Shredded scrap.**
Homogeneous iron and steel scrap magnetically separated, originating from automobiles, unprepared No. 1 and No. 2 steel, miscellaneous baling and sheet scrap. Average density 70 pounds per cubic foot.

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| 212 | Shredded clippings. Shredded 1000 series carbon steel clippings or sheets. Material should have an average density of 60 pounds per cubic foot. | 222 | Shoveling turnings and iron borings. Same as shoveling turnings, but including iron borings. |
| 213 | Steel can bundles. Steel can scrap compressed to charging box size and weighing not less than 75 pounds per cubic foot. Cans may be baled without removal of paper labels, but free of other non-metallics. May include up to 5 gallon tin coated containers. | 223 | Iron borings. Clean cast iron or malleable iron borings and drillings, free of steel turnings, scale, lumps or excessive oil. |
| 214 | No. 3 bundles. Old sheet steel, compressed to charging box size and weighing not less than 75 pounds per cubic foot. May include all coated ferrous scrap not suitable for inclusion in No. 2 bundles. | 224 | Auto slabs. Clean automobile slabs, cut 3 feet x 18 inches and under. |
| 215 | Incinerator bundles. Tin can scrap, compressed to charging box size and weighing not less than 75 pounds per cubic foot. Processed through a recognized garbage incinerator. | 225 | Auto slabs. Clean automobile slabs, cut 2 feet x 18 inches and under. |
| 216 | Terne plate bundles. New terne plate sheet scrap, clippings or skeleton scrap, compressed or hand bundled, to charging box size, and weighing not less than 75 pounds per cubic foot. (Hand bundles are tightly secured for handling with a magnet.) May include Stanley balls or mandrel wound bundles or skeleton reels, tightly secured. | 226 | Briquetted iron borings. Analysis and density to consumer's specifications. |
| 217 | Bundled No. 1 steel. Wrought iron and/or steel scrap 1/8 inch or over in thickness, compressed to charging box size and weighing not less than 75 pounds per cubic foot. Free of all metal-coated material. | 227 | Briquetted steel turnings. Analysis and density to consumer's specifications. |
| 218 | Bundled No. 2 steel. Wrought iron or steel scrap, black or galvanized, 1/8 inch and over in thickness, compressed to charging box size and weighing not less than 75 pounds per cubic foot. Auto body and fender stock, burnt or hand stripped, may constitute a maximum of 60 percent by weight. (This percent based on makeup of auto body, chassis, driveshafts, and bumpers.) Free of all coated material, except as found on automobiles. | 228 | Mill scale. Dark colored, ranging from blue to black, ferromagnetic iron oxide forming on the surface of steel articles during heating and working. |
| 219 | Machine shop turnings. Clean steel or wrought iron turnings, free of iron borings, nonferrous metals in a free state, scale, or excessive oil. May not include badly rusted or corroded stock. | <i>*The identical designations given for these two classifications are in accordance with established industry practices in specifying the materials desired.</i> | |
| 220 | Machine shop turnings and iron borings. Same as machine shop turnings but including iron borings. | Electric Furnace Casting and Foundry Grades | |
| 221 | Shoveling turnings. Clean short steel or wrought iron turnings, drillings, or screw cuttings. May include any such material whether resulting from crushing, raking, or other processes. Free of springy, bushy, tangled or matted material, lumps, iron borings, nonferrous metals in a free state, grindings, or excessive oil. | 229 | Billet, bloom and forge crops. Billet, bloom, axle, slab, heavy plate and heavy forge crops, containing not over 0.05 percent phosphorus or sulphur and not over 0.5 percent silicon, free from alloys. Dimensions not less than 2 inches in thickness, not over 18 inches in width, and not over 36 inches in length. |
| | | 230 | Bar crops and plate scrap. Bar crops, plate scrap, forgings, bits, jars, and tool joints, containing not over 0.05 percent phosphorus or sulphur, not over 0.5 percent silicon, free from alloys. Dimensions not less than 1/2 inch in thickness, not over 18 inches in width, and not over 36 inches in length. |
| | | 231 | Plate and structural steel, 5 feet and under. Cut structural and plate scrap, 5 feet and under. Clean open hearth steel plates, structural shapes, crop ends, shearings, or broken steel tires. Dimensions not less than 1/4 inch thickness, not over 5 feet in length and 18 inches in width. Phosphorus or sulphur not over 0.05 percent. |
| | | 232 | Plate and structural steel, 5 feet and under. Cut structural and plate scrap, 5 feet and under. Clean open hearth steel plates, structural shapes, crop ends, shearings, or broken steel tires. Dimensions not less than 1/4 inch thickness, not over 5 feet in length and 24 inches in width. Phosphorus or sulphur not over 0.05 percent. |
| | | 233 | Cast steel. Steel castings not over 48 inches long or 18 inches wide, and 1/4 inch and over in thickness, containing |

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| | not over 0.05 percent phosphorus or sulphur, free from alloys and attachments. May include heads, gates, and risers. | | |
| 234 | Punchings and plate scrap. Punchings or stampings, plate scrap, and bar crops containing not over 0.05 percent phosphorous or sulphur and not over 0.5 percent silicon, free from alloys. All materials cut 12 inches and under, and with the exception of punchings or stampings, at least 1/8 inch in thickness. Punchings or stampings under 6 inches in diameter may be any gauge. | 243A | Low residual, black foundry busheling. 1000 series black carbon steel scrap, 1/8 inch and over in thickness, not more than 12 inch x 24 inch, manganese content not more than 0.50 percent. Other parameters subject to agreement between supplier and consumer. |
| 235 | Electric furnace bundles. New black steel sheet scrap hydraulically compressed into bundles of size and weight as specified by consumer. | 243B | Low residual, ductile quality shredded clips. Shredded black 1000 series carbon steel scrap, 1/8 inch and over in thickness, minimum average density of 75 PCF, manganese content not more than 0.50 percent. Other parameters subject to agreement between supplier and consumer. |
| 236 | Cut structural and plate scrap, 3 feet and under. Clean open hearth steel plates, structural shapes, crop ends, shearings, or broken steel tires. Dimensions not less than 1/4 inch in thickness, not over 3 feet in length and 18 inches in width. Phosphorus or sulphur not over 0.05 percent. | 244 | Springs and crankshafts. Clean automotive springs and crankshafts, either new or used. |
| 237 | Cut structural and plate scrap, 2 feet and under. Same as cut structural and plate scrap, 3 feet and under, except for length. | 245 | Alloy free turnings. Clean shoveling steel turnings free from lumps, tangled or matted material, iron borings, or excessive oil containing not more than 0.05 percent phosphorus or sulphur, and free of alloys. |
| 238 | Cut structural and plate scrap, 1 foot and under. Same as cut structural and plate scrap, 3 feet and under, except for length. | 246 | Alloy free short shoveling steel turnings. Clean shoveling steel turnings, free of lumps, tangled or matted material, iron borings, or excessive oil, containing not more than 0.05 percent phosphorus or sulphur, and free of alloys. |
| 239 | Silicon busheling. Clean silicon bearing steel scrap, not exceeding 12 inches in any dimension, including new factory busheling (for example, sheet clippings, stampings, etc.), having a silicon content of 0.05 percent to 5.0 percent. | 247 | Alloy free machine shop turnings. Clean steel turnings, free of iron borings or excessive oil, containing not more than 0.05 percent phosphorus or sulphur, and free of alloys. May not include badly rusted or corroded stock. |
| 240 | Silicon Clippings. Clean steel scrap, including new factory busheling (for example, sheet clippings, stampings, etc.), may not include old auto body and fender stock. Free of metal coated, limed, vitreous enameled, and electrical sheet containing minimum 1 percent silicon. | 248 | Hard steel cut 30 inches and under. Automotive steel consisting of rear ends, crankshafts, driveshafts, front axles, springs, and gears prepared 30 inches and under. May not include miscellaneous small shoveling steel or any pieces too bulky for gray iron foundry use. |
| 241 | Chargeable ingots and ingot butts. Chargeable ingots and ingot butts for material to be suitable and acceptable to the consumer containing not over 0.05 percent phosphorus or sulphur and not over 0.05 percent silicon free of alloys. | 249 | Chargeable slab crops. Chargeable slab crops for material to be suitable and acceptable to the consumer containing not over 0.05 percent phosphorus and 0.05 percent sulphur and not over 0.05 percent silicon and free of alloys. |
| 242 | Foundry steel, 2 feet and under. Steel scrap 1/8 inch and over in thickness, not over 2 feet in length or 18 inches in width. Individual pieces free from attachments. May not include nonferrous metals, cast or malleable iron, cable, vitreous enameled, or metal coated material. | 250 | Silicon bundles. Silicon sheet scrap, clippings or skeleton scrap, compressed or hand bundled, to charging box size, and weighing not less than 75 pounds per cubic foot, having a silicon content of 0.50 percent to 5.0 percent. |
| 243 | Foundry steel, 1 foot and under. Same specifications as 2-foot material, except for length. | 251 | Heavy turnings. Short, heavy steel turnings, containing not over 0.05 percent phosphorus or sulphur and free of alloys. May include rail chips. May not include machine shop or other light turnings and must weigh not less than 75 pounds per cubic foot in the original state of production. |