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BS 1121. Methods for the analysis of iron and steel.

Part 1. Sulphur in iron and steel; Gravimetric.
Part 11. Carbon (total, graphitic and combined) in iron, steel and ferro-chromium; Gravimetric.

Part 45. Phosphorus in iron and steel; Photometric.
BS 1837. Methods for the sampling of iron, steel, permanent magnet alloys and ferro-alloys.

CP 114. Structural use of reinforced concrete in buildings.

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British Constructional Steelwork Association
British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association
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Cement and Concrete Association
Federation of Associations of Specialists and Sub-Contractors
Institute of Iron and Steel Wire Manufacturers
Institution of Municipal Engineers
Greater London Council
Ministry of Transport
Ministry of Public Building and Works—Building Research Station
Ministry of Public Building and Works
National Federation of Building Trades Employers
Concrete Reinforcement Steel Association
Concrete Society Limited
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FOREWORD

This British Standard, published under the authority of the Iron and Steel Industry Standards Committee, has been prepared in metric units in line with the national policy to adopt the metric system. It was considered preferable to prepare a separate standard with a new BS number rather than to revise BS 785: Part 1 : 1967* in metric terms.

It is recommended that the preferred metric sizes of bars to this standard are utilized; BS 785 Part 1 will remain in existence until the 1st January, 1970, when it is intended that it will be withdrawn. The yield strength of steel is now specified in terms of a quality control procedure embodied in the concept of characteristic strength.

SPECIFICATION

1. SCOPE

This British Standard specifies requirements for steel bars in the hot rolled condition only. It covers three types of rolled steel bars for the reinforcement of concrete, namely, plain and deformed mild steel bars and high yield deformed bars.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this British Standard the following definitions apply:

- (1) *Bar*. A steel product of any form of cross-section, as-rolled, including a rod of steel.
- (2) *Hot rolled deformed bar*. A bar, the surface of which has been shaped during hot rolling such that its bond with concrete is increased by at least the percentage required by CP 114†, for bars having a high bond strength.
- (3) *Nominal size*. The diameter of a nominally round bar or, for deformed bars, the diameter of a circle derived from the effective cross-sectional area in accordance with Clauses 9 and 10 of this standard.

* BS 785, 'Hot rolled bars and hard drawn wire for the reinforcement of concrete', Part 1, 'Hot rolled steel bars'.
† CP 114, 'Structural use of reinforced concrete in buildings'.

- (4) *Nominal density*. The value 0.007 85 kg/mm³ cross section per metre run, taken for the purposes of converting a length and cross-sectional area of a bar to its mass, as described in Clauses 9 and 11.
- (5) *Coil*. One continuous as-rolled bar in the form of a coil.
- (6) *Length*. A piece of straight bar, without joint or weld, cut to a specified length.
- (7) *Bundle*. Two or more coils or a number of lengths properly bound together.
- (8) *Batch*. Any quantity of bars of one size and material type whether in coils or bundles presented for examination and test at any one time.
- (9) *Longitudinal rib*. A uniform continuous rib parallel to the axis of the bar.
- (10) *Transverse rib*. Any rib on the surface of a bar other than a longitudinal rib.

3. PREFERRED SIZES

3.1 The nominal sizes of bars given in Table 1 are the preferred sizes.

TABLE 1. PREFERRED SIZES

Nominal size	mm	6	8	10	12	16	20	25	32	40

3.2 Where a bar larger than 40 mm must be used the recommended size is 50 mm.

4. CROSS-SECTIONAL AREA, MASS AND NOMINAL DENSITY

- 4.1 The exact values for the cross-sectional area and mass of individual bars, in mm² and kg units respectively shall be as given in Table 2.
- 4.2 The total cross-sectional area and total mass of two or more bars shall be calculated *pro rata* on the basis of the values for an individual bar. All cross-sectional areas derived from the values in Table 2 shall be expressed to 3 significant figures.