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**Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and  
free-cutting steels —**

Part 18:  
**Bright steel products**

*Aciers pour traitement thermique, aciers alliés et aciers pour  
décolletage —*

*Partie 18: Produits en aciers transformés à froid*



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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 683-18:1996), which has been technically revised.

ISO 683 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Heat treatable, alloy steels and free-cutting steels*:

- *Part 1: Non-alloy steels for quenching and tempering*
- *Part 2: Alloy steels for quenching and tempering*
- *Part 3: Case-hardening steels*
- *Part 4: Free-cutting steels*
- *Part 5: Nitriding steels*
- *Part 14: Hot-rolled steels for quenched and tempered springs*
- *Part 15: Valve steels for internal combustion engines*
- *Part 17: Ball and roller bearing steels*
- *Part 18: Bright steel products*

# Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels —

## Part 18: Bright steel products

### 1 Scope

1.1 This part of ISO 683 specifies the technical delivery requirements for bright steel bars in the drawn or peeled/turned condition and they are intended for mechanical purposes, for example for machine parts. The bright bars are subdivided into the following steel types:

- a) non-alloy general engineering steels;
- b) non-alloy free-cutting steels;
- c) non-alloy and alloy case-hardening steels;
- d) non-alloy and alloy steels for quenching and tempering;
- e) stainless steels.

1.2 In addition to this part of ISO 683, the general technical delivery requirements of ISO 404 are applicable.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 286-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — ISO code system for tolerances on linear sizes — Part 2: Tables of standard tolerance classes and limit deviations for holes and shafts*

ISO 377, *Steel and steel products — Location and preparation of samples and test pieces for mechanical testing*

ISO 404, *Steel and steel products — General technical delivery requirements*

ISO 643, *Steels — Micrographic determination of the apparent grain size*

ISO 683-1, *Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 1: Non-alloy steels for quenching and tempering*

ISO 683-2, *Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 2: Alloy steels for quenching and tempering*

ISO 683-3:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 3: Case-hardening steels*

ISO 683-4, *Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 4: Free-cutting steels*

ISO 3887, *Steels — Determination of depth of decarburization*

1) To be published. (Revision of ISO 683-11:2012.)