

## Mars® 380

Rolled Homogeneous Armor heat treated for maximum resistance to shock.

**Mars® 380** is a protection steel (typical 380 HBW) designed for all vehicle structures (main battle tanks, armoured personal carriers ...) and for ammunition testing targets. **Mars® 380** steel is highly versatile, combining ease of use even in important thicknesses, with good ballistic properties against all ammunitions

### Properties

### Standards

**Mars® 380** can be ordered according to the following standards: **NF A36-800 CLA MIL-DTL-12560 class 1 & 3, TL2350-0000 grade H** or **DEF-STAN 95-13 type 1 & type 2**  
Thickness range available may vary depending on the order's standard.

### Chemical composition - Ladle analysis - Max weight %

C	S	P	Si	Mn	Ni
0.30	0.002	0.012	0.4	1.2	1.8
Cr	Mo	V	B	CE <sup>1)</sup>	
1.5	0.6	0.10	0.003	0.85	

<sup>1)</sup> Carbon equivalence per ASTM A6/A6M, i.e. :  
CE = C + [Mn/6] + [(Cr + Mo + V)/5] + [(Ni + Cu)/15]

### Mechanical Properties (in both directions)

As **Mars® 380** is compliant with **NF A36-800, MIL-DTL-12560 class 1 & 3, TL2350-0000** or **DEF-STAN 95-13**, we guarantee that its mechanical properties are always above the minimum required by the standard ordered.

Brinell hardness test according to relevant standard (EN ISO 65061 / ASTM E10/ E110). Charpy Impact test according to relevant standard (EN ISO 148-1 / ASTM E23) on each heat and thickness from 6mm.

## In service conditions

### Ballistic properties

**Mars® 380** meets the ballistic performance requirements of MIL-DTL-12560 for class 1 & 3 materials and NF A36-800 for CLA.

See our table of recommended minimum thicknesses for common protection levels. Ballistic test to be performed upon request.

### Plate processing

#### Cutting

**Mars® 380** can be cut either by abrasive waterjet, laser or plasma.

#### Bending

**Mars® 380** offers ability to cold forming but as other protection steels must be used with caution. The elastic energy stored during forming may lead to rupture or shifting. It is essential to maintain a safety distance and not situate oneself in front of the plate while it is being formed. It is crucial to wear appropriate individual safety equipment and to equip machines with collective protection. The capacity of the machine and tools must be suitable information on bending loads in relation to tools, plate thickness and steel strength.

The most important parameter when bending are the use of a correct punch radius. Please contact us if you need assistance.

#### General recommendations :

- Minimal recommended temperature: 15°C
- Ensure that there are no obvious defects, especially on edges. Ideally, plate edges in the bending area should be ground smooth and rounded prior to operation.
- Die edges must remain clean, smooth, and ideally lubricated.
- Perform preliminary trials on prototypes and form the first pieces with low speed recommendation.
- Make sure that there is enough room in the die for the chosen punch together with the workpiece :

Die width > punch diameter + 3 x thickness

Grade	Mandrel Radius		Width of the die
Mars® 380	5t	5t	Die width > 2 x radius + 3 x thickness

#### Welding

**Mars® 380** can be welded using common welding processes. Like the other protection steels, it can be sensitive to cold cracking in the heat affected zone of a weld. The best results can be obtained by :

- Make sure that the steel is at least at room temperature ( $\approx 20$  °C). For thicknesses higher than 40mm, the steel must be preheated at a temperature maximum of 100°C (maximal temperature acceptable by plate to preserve mechanical proprieties).
- Clean the weld joint area, removing potential sources of hydrogen: rust, scale, moisture, grease, ...
- Using low hydrogen welding methods and consumables (filler material hydrogen content  $HD \leq 5$  ml/100 g).
- Preferably use MAG welding and a welding sequence that is designed to minimize residual stresses.
- Austenitic consumables must be used. The recommended stainless austenitic consumables are of type AWS 307.

## Delivery conditions

### Heat treatment

Mars® 380 is quenched and tempered at high temperature ( $\geq 550^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).

### Surface properties

According to MIL-DTL-12560 or EN 10163 class B - subclass 3.

Shot blasting and weldable primer application can be performed upon request.

### Sizes and tolerances

Mars® 380 can be supplied as quarto plates or cut-to-length sheets (from hot strip mill) in standard sizes or tailor made dimensions.

	Quarto plates			Cut-to-length sheets
Thicknesses	4.0 – 304.8 mm (.197" – 12")			3.0 – 10.0 mm (.197" – .393")
Thickness Tolerances	Th	For width $\leq 2000$ mm	For width $\leq 2400$ mm	$\geq 5.0$ to $\leq 8.5$ :-0/+0.4 $> 8.5$ to $\leq 10.0$ :-0/+0.5
	$\geq 5$ to $\leq 12$	0/+0.8	0/+0.8	
	$> 12$ to $20$	0/+1.0	0/+1.2	
	$> 20$ to $35$	0/+1.2	0/+1.4	
	$> 35$ to $50.8$	0/+1.6	0/+1.8	
	$> 50.8$ to $80$	0/+2.0	0/+2.2	
	$> 80$ to $152.4$	0/+2.2	0/+2.4	
Width*	1500 – 3500 mm ( 39" – 137")			1500 – 2000 mm ( 39" – 78")
Lenght	1200 – 8100 mm ( 47" – 319")			1800 – 8100 mm ( 71" – 319")

4) Upon special agreement, thickness  $> 304.8\text{mm}$  and up to  $406.4\text{mm}$  can be produced

\* Depending on plate thickness

## Flatness

For plates thickness  $> 3,2\text{mm}$ , maximum flatness deviation is 3 mm/m (when measured according to EN 10029)

For plates thickness  $\leq 3,2\text{mm}$ , maximum flatness deviation is 6 mm/m (when measured according to EN 10029).

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