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SIDENOR ACEROS ESPECIALES, S.L.

Azkoitia - SPAIN

for the type of product

ROUND BARS FOR OFFSHORE MOORING CHAIN CABLE

Round bars for offshore mooring chain cables in steel grades QR3, QR3S, QR4 and QR5

Requirements:

Bureau Veritas Rules on Materials and Welding for the Classification of Marine Units

This certificate is issued to attest that Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore did undertake the relevant approval procedures for the product identified above which was found to comply with the relevant requirements mentioned above.

This certificate will expire on: 27 May 2029

For Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore,

At BV BILBAO, on 05 Mar 2026,

Ignacio EGUILUZ BERNAL

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THE SCHEDULE OF APPROVAL

1. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION :

Round bars for offshore chain cables.

Steel grade	Delivery condition
QR3;QR3S (1)	As rolled with diameter up to 155mm
QR3S(3)	As rolled with diameter up to 78mm
QR4 (1)	As rolled with diameter up to 116mm
QR4 (34CrNiMo6) (4)	As rolled with diameter up to 150mm
QR5 (2)	As rolled with diameter up to 86mm

(1) Steelmaking in Electric Arc Furnace, Continuous Casting, blooms sizes 350×470mm and 300×400mm are manufactured by Sidenor Basauri. Minimum Reduction ratio is 5.

(2) Steelmaking in Electric Arc Furnace, LF Refining and Vacuum Degassing, Continuous Casting for blooms size 400×300mm/470×350mm are manufactured by Sidenor Basauri. Minimum Reduction ratio is 20.66.

(3) Steelmaking in Electric Arc Furnace, LF Refining and Vacuum Degassing, Continuous Casting for blooms size 470×350mm are manufactured by Sidenor Basauri. Minimum Reduction ratio is 33.56.

(4) Steelmaking in Electric Arc Furnace, LF Refining and Vacuum Degassing, Continuous Casting. Round Blooms dia.525mm or Blooms size 470 × 350mm. Minimum Reduction ratio is 9.3.

2. DOCUMENTS AND DRAWINGS :

2.1 - Chemical composition (wt%) specification (Ref.MPSR3 Rev.01 & Ref.MPR3 Rev.13) on ladle of steel grade QR3 for chains diameter 155mm max.:

Element	C	Mn	Si	P	S	Ni (1)	Mo (2)	Cr	Al	Cu
min	0.23	1.60	0.20	-	-	-	-	-	0.010	-
max	0.27	1.90	0.35	0.020	0.020	0.40	0.08	0.35	0.040	0.25
Element	Sn	V	Ti	As	Sb	B	N2(ppm)	O2 (ppm)	H2(ppm)	Others
min	n.s.*	0.05	-	n.s.*	n.s.*	-	-	-	-	-
max	n.s.*	0.10	0.015	n.s.*	n.s.*	0.002(3)	150	25(4)	1.1	n.s.*

(1) Ni content up to 0.55% as per Ref.MPR3 Rev.13 for chains made at Vicinay Deusto site only; (2) Mo content up to 0.13% for diameter above 140mm; (3) B content up to 0.002% for diameter above 140mm; (4) O2 content up to 25ppm as per Ref.MPR3 Rev.13 for chains made at Vicinay Deusto site only;* n.s. means not specified.

2.2 - Chemical composition (wt%) specification (Ref.MPSR3S Rev.01&Ref.MPR3S Rev.13) on ladle of steel grade QR3S for chains diameter 155mm max.:

Element	C	Mn	Si	P	S	Ni	Mo	Cr	Al	Cu
min	0.23	1.60	0.20	-	-	0.40	0.08	0.20	0.010	-
max	0.27	1.90	0.35	0.020	0.020	0.55	0.13	0.35	0.040	0.25
Element	Sn	V	Ti	As	Sb	B (1)	N2(ppm)	O2 (ppm)	H2(ppm)	Others
min	n.s.*	0.08	-	n.s.*	n.s.*	-	-	-	-	-
max	n.s.*	0.10	0.015	n.s.*	n.s.*	0.0015	150	25(2)	1.1	n.s.*

(1) B content up to 0.0015% as per Ref.MPR3S Rev.13 for chains made at Vicinay Deusto site only; (2) O2 content up to 25ppm as per Ref.MPR3S Rev.13 for chains made at Vicinay Deusto site only;* n.s. means not specified.

2.3- Chemical composition (wt%) specification (Ref.MPSR3S Rev.02) on ladle of steel grade QR3S for stud link chain diameter 76mm max.:

Element	C	Mn	Si	P	S	Ni	Mo	Cr	Al	Cu
min	0.22	1.00	0.20	-	-	0.40	0.08	0.20	0.010	-
max	0.27	1.90	0.35	0.020	0.020	0.60	0.20	1.20	0.040	0.25
Element	Sn	V	Ti	As	Sb	B	N2(ppm)	O2 (ppm)	H2(ppm)	Others
min	n.s.*	-	-	n.s.*	n.s.*	n.s.*	-	-	-	-
max	n.s.*	0.10	0.015	n.s.*	n.s.*	n.s.*	150	25	1.1	n.s.*

* n.s. means not specified.

2.4 - Chemical composition (wt%) specification (Ref.MPSR4 Rev.01 & Ref.MPR4 Rev.15) on ladle of steel grade QR4 for chains diameter 116mm max.:

Element	C (1), (2)	Mn (3)	Si	P	S	Ni	Mo	Cr	Al	Cu
min	0.18	0.85	0.15	-	-	0.50	0.20	0.90	0.015	-
max	0.24	1.20	0.35	0.020	0.015	0.80	0.40	1.25	0.040	0.25
Element	Sn	V	Ti	As	Sb	B	N2(ppm)	O2 (ppm)	H2(ppm)	Others
min	-	0.04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
max	0.030	0.10	0.015	0.025	0.005	0.0015	150	25	1.1	n.s.*

(1) C content as per Ref.MPSR4 Rev.01 for chains made at Vicinay Sestao site only: 0.18-0.21% for $\varnothing < 80\text{mm}$, 0.21-0.24 for $80\text{mm} < \varnothing < 120\text{mm}$, 0.22-0.24 for $\varnothing > 119\text{mm}$; (2) C content as per Ref.MPR4 Rev.15 for chains made at Vicinay Deusto site only: 0.18-0.21% for $\varnothing < 81\text{mm}$, 0.21-0.24% for $\varnothing > 80\text{mm}$; (3) Mn content: 0.85-0.95% for $\varnothing < 80\text{mm}$, 0.95-1.10 for $80\text{mm} < \varnothing < 120\text{mm}$, 1.10-1.20 for $\varnothing > 119\text{mm}$;* n.s. means not specified.

2.5 - Chemical composition(wt%) specification on ladle of steel grade 34CrNiMo6 (QR4) for mooring chains equipment:

Element	C	Mn	Si	P	S	Ni	Mo	Cr	Cu	Al	N
min	0.30	0.50	0.10	-	-	1.30	0.22	1.30	-	0.020	-
max	0.38	0.80	0.40	0.025	0.035	1.70	0.30	1.70	0.40	0.060	0.015

2.6 - Chemical composition(%) specification (Ref.MPSR5 Rev.01 & Ref.MPR5 Rev.05) on ladle of steel grade QR5 for chains diameter 86mm max.:

Element	C (1)	Mn(2)	Si	P	S	Ni	Mo	Cr	Al	Cu
min	0.18	1.20	0.20	-	-	0.95	0.50	1.00	0.015	-
max	0.24	1.40	0.35	0.020	0.008	1.15	0.65	1.10	0.040	0.25
Element	Sn	V	Ti	As	Sb	B	N2(ppm)	O2 (ppm)	H2(ppm)	Others
min	-	0.09	-	-	-	n.s.*	-	-	-	-
max	0.030	0.12	0.015	0.025	0.005	n.s.*	150	25	1.1	n.s.*

(1) C content: 0.21-0.24% for $\varnothing > 120\text{mm}$; (2) Mn content 1.00-1.40% as per Ref.MPR5 Rev.05 for chains made at Vicinay Deusto site only;* n.s. means not specified.

2.7-Documents issued by GSB Acero, Legazpi Plant:

- "Approval of Grade R3/R3S chain steel bar, diameter 155mm" dated 27/09/ 2000, "Approval of Grade R3/R3S chain steel bar" dated 12/03/1999, "Approval of Grade R4 chain steel bar"dated 12/01/1999,

2.8-Documents issued by Gerdau Sidenor -Azkoitia Plant:

- "Technology & quality special steel" No. R5-RED.86 Rev.0 dated 09/05/2012,

- "Final inspection of steel round bars 86mm in R5 steel grade which destination is Vicinay Cadenas" No. IT/AN VIC-R5-86 Rev.1 dated 09/05/2012,

- "Azkoitia plant facilities involved - No.A-BV 001-Rev.00" dated 14/04/2015,

- "Azkoitia plant facilities involved - No.A-BV 002-Rev.00" dated 14/04/2015.

- Sidenor Azkoitia - GN Rope fittings - BV approval_31-03-2025

2.9-Documents issued by Sidenor Aceros Especiales, S.L. (Azkoitia):

- Ref.IT/AN VIC-001 Rev.02 dated 09/05/2017; Ref.IT/AN VIC-001 Rev.01 dated 07/10/2019.
- Sidenor Azkoitia - GN Rope fittings - BV approval dated 31/03/2025.

3. TEST REPORTS :

3.1- Reports issued by GSB Acero, Legazpi Plant:

- "Approval of Grade R3/R3S chain steel bar, diameter 155mm"dated 27/09/2000.
 - "Approval of Grade R3/R3S chain steel bar" dated 12/03/1999, "Approval of Grade R4 chain steel bar" dated 12/01/1999.
- 3.2-R5 steel approval report No. R5/0112 dated 25/01/2012 issued by Reinosa Plant,
- Inspection certificates Ref.1589908-64114, Ref. PD2012 1517 CO44068 dated 08/05/2012 issued by Azkoitia Plant.

3.3-Reports issued by Sidenor Aceros Especiales, S.L. (Azkoitia):

- Inspection certificates Ref.2067366, Ref.2067365, Ref.2063395 dated 16/04/2019.
- Ref.B0264-55B-2025 dated 15/01/2026.

4. APPLICATION / LIMITATION :

4.1 - As per Bureau Veritas Rules on Materials and Welding for the Classification of Marine Units.

4.2 - Chemical composition and mechanical properties requirements are to be as per Bureau Veritas Rules on Materials and Welding for the Classification of Marine Units, and/or alternative specification mentioned on reviewed drawings, as applicable.

4.3 - Round bars made of steel grades QR3; QR3S; QR4 and QR5 are used for the manufacture of mooring chain cables manufactured by Vicinay Sestao.

4.4 - Round bars made of steel grade QR4(34CrNiMo6) is used for the manufacture of mooring chain cables manufactured by GN Rope Fittings - Grofsmederij Nieuwkoop B.V.

5. PRODUCTION SURVEY REQUIREMENTS :

5.1 - The round bars are to be supplied by Sidenor Aceros Especiales, S.L. (Azkoitia) in compliance with the type and the requirements described in this certificate.

5.2 - This type of product is within the category IBV of Bureau Veritas Rule Note NR320.

5.3 - BV product certificate is required.

5.4 - Sidenor Aceros Especiales, S.L. (Azkoitia) has to make the necessary arrangements to have its works recognized by Bureau Veritas in compliance with the requirements of NR320.

5.5 - For information, Sidenor Aceros Especiales, S.L. (Azkoitia) has declared to Bureau Veritas the following production site:

Sidenor Aceros Especiales, S.L.

Ctra.Zumarraga, s/n
20720 Azkoitia
Guipuzcoa (Spain)

6. MARKING OF PRODUCT :

6.1 - Each round bar for offshore mooring chain cables that has been tested with satisfactory results are to be marked with the following information:

- Manufacturer's name or trademark
- Bureau Veritas' Mark
- Identification marking enabling traceability, such as cast number, heat number, or batch number
- Material grade and classification
- Additional markings where applicable, such as test pressure or specific inspection references

Additional marking requirements specific to round bar for offshore mooring chain cables shall be in accordance with the "Marking" article in the relevant section of Bureau Veritas NR216 Rules on Materials and Welding for the Classification of Marine Units.

7. OTHERS :

7.1 - It is Sidenor Aceros Especiales, S.L. (Azkoitia)'s responsibility to inform shipbuilders or their sub-contractors of the proper methods of fitting, use and general maintenance of the approved equipment and the conditions of this approval.

7.2 - This certificate supersedes the Type Approval Certificate N° 37274/C0 BV issued by the Society.

*** END OF CERTIFICATE ***