

# Stainless steels for highly corrosive environments

## Outokumpu Supra range datasheet

### General characteristics

The Supra range contains stainless steel products designed for highly corrosive environments.

#### Key product

| Outokumpu name  | Typical applications  | Product forms       |
|---|---|---------------------|
| <p><b>Supra 316/4401</b><br/>Supra 316/4401 is a widely used Molybdenum alloyed austenitic stainless steel. It's an all-purpose product with very good corrosion resistance and is suitable for a wide variety of applications that require good formability and weldability. Supra 316/4401 can be delivered with a variety of surface finishes.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heat exchangers</li> <li>• Flanges and valves</li> </ul>   | C, H, P, B, R, S, T |
| <p><b>Supra 316L/4404</b><br/>Supra 316L/4404 is a low-carbon alternative to Supra 316/4401. The lower carbon content minimizes carbide precipitation as a result of heat input, for example during welding, giving improved resistance against intergranular corrosion. Supra 316L/4404 is suitable for a wide variety of applications that require good formability and weldability, and can be delivered with a variety of surface finishes.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemical industry</li> <li>• Petrochemical industry</li> <li>• Pulp and paper industry</li> <li>• Textile industry</li> <li>• Food and beverage industry</li> <li>• Pharmaceutical industry</li> <li>• Medical applications</li> <li>• Flanges and valves</li> </ul> | C, H, P, B, R, S, T |

#### Alternatives

| Outokumpu name   | Typical applications  | Product forms |
|--|---|---------------|
| <p><b>Supra 316plus</b><br/>The highest strength stainless steel in the Supra range. Supra 316plus is a cost-efficient, 21Cr lower-nickel/molybdenum alternative to traditional molybdenum austenitics like Supra 316L. This product has good formability, excellent weldability, and is usable in cryogenic applications.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process and transport tanks</li> <li>• Water treatment and pipes</li> <li>• Heat exchangers</li> <li>• Architectural applications</li> </ul> | C, H, P       |
| <p><b>Supra 316L/SANS4402</b><br/>A high-strength, high-formability product often used in container transports and where there is an elevated temperature requirement.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Container tanks</li> </ul>   | C, H, P       |

| Outokumpu name   | Typical applications  | Product forms       |
|--|---|---------------------|
| <p><b>Supra 316/4436</b><br/>A product with high resistance to non-oxidizing acids and chloride-containing media due to higher molybdenum content. Supra 316/4436 has good formability and weldability.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pulp and paper industry equipment</li> <li>• Pharmaceutical industry equipment</li> <li>• Flanges and valves</li> </ul>  | C, H, P, B, R, S, T |
| <p><b>Supra 316L/4432</b><br/>Supra 316L/4432 is a low-carbon alternative to Supra 316/4436. The lower carbon content minimizes carbide precipitation as a result of heat input, for example during welding, giving improved resistance against intergranular corrosion.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drinking water systems</li> <li>• Cooling systems</li> <li>• Wastewater systems</li> <li>• Flanges and valves</li> </ul> | C, H, P, B, R, S, T |
| <p><b>Supra 316L/4435</b><br/>A Supra 316L/4432 alternative with higher chromium and nickel content for enhanced corrosion resistance and formability.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urea plants</li> <li>• Pulp and synthetic fiber plants</li> <li>• Flanges and valves</li> </ul>                          | C, H, P, B, R, S, T |
| <p><b>Supra 316Ti/4571</b><br/>A titanium-stabilized alternative to Supra 316L/4404 – mainly used in Germany for elevated temperature applications. Due to its titanium-stabilization this product is weldable in all thickness ranges.</p>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flue gas applications</li> <li>• Flanges and valves</li> </ul>   | C, H, P, B, R, S, T |

## Nickel-free stainless steels

| Outokumpu name   | Typical applications  | Product forms |
|--|---|---------------|
| <p><b>Supra 444/4521</b><br/>A nickel-free molybdenum-alloyed ferritic stainless steel with very good corrosion resistance, good cold formability and high strength. Supra 444/4521 allows for thinner walls in tanks and is not prone to stress corrosion cracking.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot water tanks</li> <li>• Drinking water pipes</li> </ul> | C, H, P, S    |

Product forms:

C = Cold rolled coil and sheet H = Hot rolled coil and sheet P = Quarto plate

B = Bar

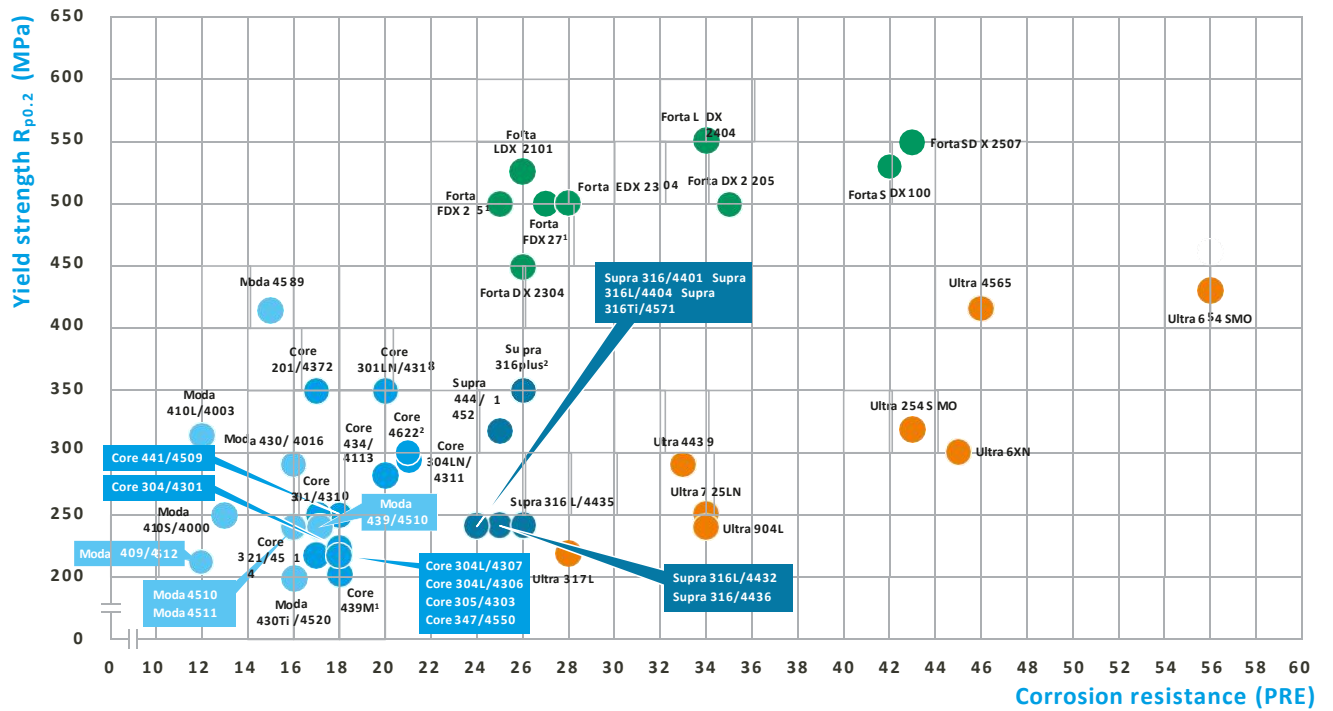
R = Wire rod

S = Semi-finished (bloom, billet, ingot & slab)

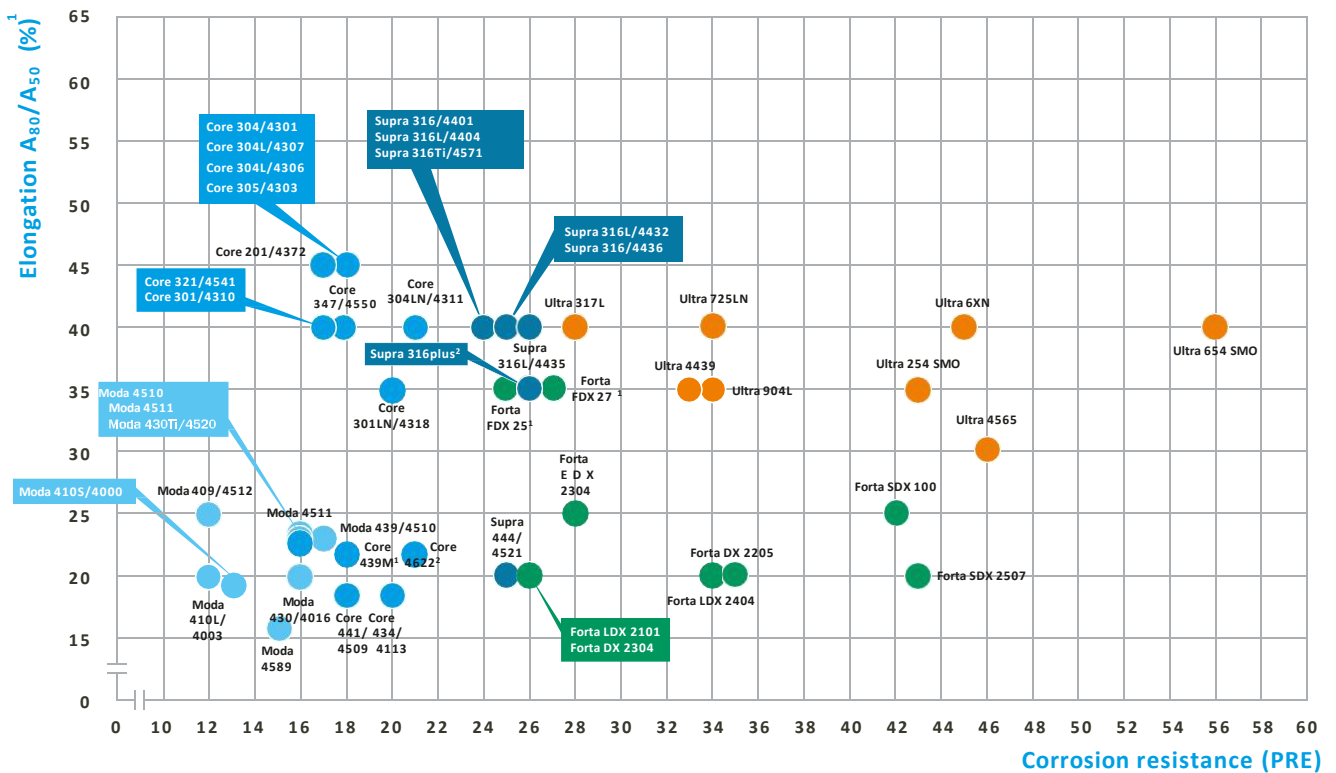
T = Pipe

# Product performance comparison

## Yield strength vs. corrosion resistance



## Fracture elongation vs. corrosion resistance



- Moda - Mildly corrosive environments (PRE < 16)
- Core - Corrosive environments (PRE 16 to 27)
- Supra - Highly corrosive environments (PRE > 27)
- Forta - Duplex and other high strength (PRE 16 to 27)
- Ultra - Extremely corrosive environments (PRE > 27)

PRE calculation =  $\%Cr + 3.3 \times \%Mo + 16 \times \%N$

Note: PRE values shown are based on Outokumpu typical composition. Yield strength ( $R_{p0.2}$ ) and Elongation ( $A_{80}$ ) % according to EN 10088-2 minimum values for cold rolled strip.

<sup>1)</sup> According to ASTM A240.

<sup>2)</sup> According to EN 10028-7.

For more values by product, please see [steelfinder.yttzhj.com](http://steelfinder.yttzhj.com)

# Products and dimensions

To find the minimum and maximum thickness and width by surface finish for a specific product in the Supra range, please visit [steelfinder.yttzhj.com](http://steelfinder.yttzhj.com)

## Chemical composition

Supra 316/4401 and Supra 316L/4404 are used in the majority of application areas, and are widely available around the world. Some applications require more specific properties, and for this reason a number of other closely related austenitic steels, generally with modified alloying compositions, are also available. These include:

- Stainless steels containing nitrogen for higher strength
- Stainless steels with lower nickel content to promote higher workhardening
- Stainless steels with higher nickel content for specialist cryogenic applications or to increase deep drawability
- Stainless steels with titanium stabilization to improve corrosion resistance at elevated temperatures

A nickel-free ferritic alternative, Supra 444/4521, is also available. Supra 444/4521 has good corrosion resistance and excellent deep drawability.

The typical chemical composition is given as % by mass.

| Outokumpu name                     | EN       | ASTM  |        | C    | Cr   | Ni   | Mo  | N    | Others | Family |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------|--------|------|------|------|-----|------|--------|--------|
|                                    |          | Type  | UNS    |      |      |      |     |      |        |        |
| <b>Key products</b>                |          |       |        |      |      |      |     |      |        |        |
| Supra 316/4401                     | 1.4401   | 316   | S31600 | 0.04 | 17.2 | 10.1 | 2.1 | –    | –      | A      |
| Supra 316L/4404                    | 1.4404   | 316L  | S31603 | 0.02 | 17.2 | 10.1 | 2.1 | –    | –      | A      |
| <b>Alternatives</b>                |          |       |        |      |      |      |     |      |        |        |
| Supra 316plus                      | 1.4420   | –     | S31655 | 0.02 | 20.3 | 8.6  | 0.7 | 0.19 | –      | A      |
| Supra 316L/SANS4402                | SANS4402 | –     | –      | 0.02 | 17.2 | 10.1 | 2.1 | –    | –      | A      |
| Supra 316/4436                     | 1.4436   | 316   | S31600 | 0.04 | 16.9 | 10.7 | 2.6 | –    | –      | A      |
| Supra 316L/4432                    | 1.4432   | 316L  | S31603 | 0.02 | 16.9 | 10.7 | 2.6 | –    | –      | A      |
| Supra 316L/4435                    | 1.4435   | 316L  | S31603 | 0.02 | 17.3 | 12.6 | 2.6 | –    | –      | A      |
| Supra 316Ti/4571                   | 1.4571   | 316Ti | S31635 | 0.04 | 16.8 | 10.9 | 2.1 | –    | Ti     | A      |
| <b>Nickel free stainless steel</b> |          |       |        |      |      |      |     |      |        |        |
| Supra 444/4521                     | 1.4521   | 444   | S44400 | 0.02 | 18.0 | –    | 2.0 | –    | Nb Ti  | F      |

Table shows Outokumpu typical values.

For the full chemical composition list for different standards by stainless steel product, see [steelfinder.yttzhj.com](http://steelfinder.yttzhj.com)

## Corrosion resistance

| Outokumpu name                     | EN       | ASTM  |        | PRE |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------|--------|-----|
|                                    |          | Type  | UNS    |     |
| <b>Key products</b>                |          |       |        |     |
| Supra 316/4401                     | 1.4401   | 316   | S31600 | 24  |
| Supra 316L/4404                    | 1.4404   | 316L  | S31603 | 24  |
| <b>Alternatives</b>                |          |       |        |     |
| Supra 316plus                      | 1.4420   | –     | S31655 | 26  |
| Supra 316L/SANS4402                | SANS4402 | –     | –      | 24  |
| Supra 316/4436                     | 1.4436   | 316   | S31600 | 25  |
| Supra 316L/4432                    | 1.4432   | 316L  | S31603 | 25  |
| Supra 316L/4435                    | 1.4435   | 316L  | S31603 | 26  |
| Supra 316Ti/4571                   | 1.4571   | 316Ti | S31635 | 24  |
| <b>Nickel free stainless steel</b> |          |       |        |     |
| Supra 444/4521                     | 1.4521   | 444   | S44400 | 25  |

Pitting Resistance Equivalent is calculated using the following formula:  $PRE = \%Cr + 3.3 \times \%Mo + 16 \times \%N$ . All products in the Supra range are suitable for highly corrosive environments.

Surface finish and other factors determine the actual corrosion resistance of a particular product. Contact us at [yttzhj.com/contacts](http://yttzhj.com/contacts) to discuss what product is right for your next project.

## Corrosion resistance of Supra range austenitics

Supra range products have excellent corrosion resistance and are suitable for a wide range of applications.

### Uniform corrosion

Uniform corrosion is characterized by a uniform attack on the steel surface in contact with a corrosive medium. The corrosion resistance is generally considered good if the corrosion rate is less than 0.1 mm/year (0.004 in/year).

Supra range stainless steels have good resistance to uniform corrosion in many organic and inorganic chemicals. The addition of molybdenum enhances the alloy's corrosion resistance in many acidic environments. Austenitic stainless steels that contain molybdenum are therefore sometimes denoted as 'acid-proof grades'. This does not, however, mean that these materials will not corrode under all circumstances. Strong mineral acids at elevated temperatures are environments where even higher alloyed stainless steels may need to be used. Hydrochloric acid, for example, may cause uniform corrosion, pitting, and crevice corrosion even at quite low concentrations and at moderate temperatures. For more details about highly alloyed products, see the Ultra range.

### Pitting and crevice corrosion

Pitting and crevice corrosion typically occur in acidic or neutral chloride solutions. Supra range products provide excellent resistance to pitting and crevice corrosion. Resistance to these types of corrosion is enhanced by increasing the steel's chromium, molybdenum and nitrogen content. Nickel reduces the pitting propagation rate and facilitates repassivation after pitting corrosion has started.

### Atmospheric corrosion

Supra range austenitic stainless steels offer good resistance to atmospheric corrosion in applications where superficial surface staining from incipient pitting or crevice corrosion is usually undesirable. These products can normally be used in moderately aggressive industrial and coastal areas.

When high amounts of chlorides or pollutants are present, as is the case in certain industrial areas or in aggressive marine atmospheres or marine splashing zones, higher-alloyed stainless steels from the Ultra range may need to be considered, especially if the atmosphere is also hot or humid.

In coastal, industrial, or heavily polluted areas, regular washing can prevent the build up of deposits that can lead to corrosion. A smooth surface finish supports natural rinsing by rain water and can prolong the service interval.

Supra range stainless steels are not suitable for load-bearing structures in swimming pool halls, such as hangers for roof constructions. To address the risk of stress corrosion cracking (SCC) in pool environments, only the steel grades given in Eurocode 3, EN 1993-1-4 should be used for load bearing parts exposed to environments above indoor swimming pools.

### Stress corrosion cracking

Supra range austenitics are susceptible to chloride-induced stress corrosion cracking (SCC). Critical service conditions – i.e. applic-

ations subjected to combinations of tensile stresses, temperatures above about 50 °C/120 °F, and solutions containing chlorides – should be avoided. Stress corrosion cracking may also occur in hot, strong alkaline solutions (above 110 °C/230 °F). Depending on the specific application, ferritic or duplex stainless steels are usually more suitable for applications demanding high resistance to SCC.

### Intergranular corrosion

A low carbon content extends the time required for significant sensitization. Modern steel making methods enable much lower carbon contents to be achieved.

Still, operations that increase the risk of intergranular corrosion are welding of thick sections, heat treatment operations within the critical temperature interval 550–850 °C/1020–1560 °F, and slow cooling after heat treatment or hot forming. Steels with low carbon content (< 0.03%) or with a titanium addition have better resistance to intergranular corrosion after such operations.

## Corrosion resistance of Supra range ferritic stainless steels

Outokumpu produces Supra 444/4521 with a typical chromium content of 18% and molybdenum content of 2% by mass. The resistance to localized corrosion is close to the Supra 316/4401 "acid-proof" austenitic. Supra 444/4521 is not susceptible to chloride-induced SCC. In solutions containing chlorides, pitting and crevice corrosion is possible depending on various parameters such as chloride concentration, temperature, pH value, redox potential, and crevice geometry. The best material performance is usually reached with the help of adequate design, correct postweld treatment, and regular cleaning during service (if applicable).

For further information on corrosion resistance, please refer to the corrosion tables in the Outokumpu Corrosion Handbook, available from our sales offices.

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# Mechanical properties

| Metric                             |              |   |   |  |                  |                                |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---|---|--|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Outokumpu name                     | Product form | Yield strength<br>R <sub>p0.2</sub> (MPa) | Yield strength<br>R <sub>p1.0</sub> (MPa) | Tensile strength<br>R <sub>m</sub> (MPa) | Elongation A (%) | Elongation A <sub>80</sub> (%) |
| <b>Key product</b>                 |              |   |   |  |                  |                                |
| Supra 316/4401                     | C            | 240                                       | 270                                       | 530 – 680                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | H            | 220                                       | 260                                       | 530 – 680                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | P            | 220                                       | 260                                       | 520 – 670                                | 45               | 45                             |
|                                    | R*           | 190                                       | 220                                       | 500                                      | 55               | –                              |
|                                    | B*           | 400                                       | –   | 600                                      | 25               | –                              |
| Supra 316L/4404                    | C            | 240                                       | 270                                       | 530 – 680                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | H            | 220                                       | 260                                       | 530 – 680                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | P            | 220                                       | 260                                       | 520 – 670                                | 45               | 45                             |
|                                    | R*           | 220                                       | 260                                       | 530                                      | 55               | –                              |
|                                    | B*           | 400                                       | –   | 600                                      | 25               | –                              |
| <b>Alternatives</b>                |              |   |   |  |                  |                                |
| Supra 316plus                      | C**          | 350                                       | 380                                       | 650 – 850                                | 35               | 35                             |
|                                    | H**          | 350                                       | 380                                       | 650 – 850                                | 35               | 35                             |
| Supra 316L/SANS4402                | C***         | 290                                       | 330                                       | 600 – 680                                | 50               | 50                             |
|                                    | H***         | 290                                       | 320                                       | 590 – 680                                | 48               | 48                             |
|                                    | P***         | 220                                       | 260                                       | 520 – 670                                | 45               | 45                             |
| Supra 316/4436                     | C            | 240                                       | 270                                       | 550 – 700                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | H            | 240                                       | 270                                       | 550 – 700                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | P            | 220                                       | 260                                       | 530 – 730                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | R*           | 220                                       | 260                                       | 530                                      | 55               | –                              |
|                                    | B*           | 400                                       | –   | 600                                      | 25               | –                              |
| Supra 316L/4432                    | C            | 240                                       | 270                                       | 550 – 700                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | H            | 220                                       | 260                                       | 550 – 700                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | P            | 220                                       | 260                                       | 520 – 670                                | 45               | 45                             |
|                                    | R*           | 220                                       | 260                                       | 530                                      | 55               | –                              |
| Supra 316L/4435                    | C            | 240                                       | 270                                       | 550 – 700                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | P            | 220                                       | 260                                       | 520 – 670                                | 45               | 45                             |
|                                    | R*           | 270                                       | 310                                       | 570                                      | 55               | –                              |
|                                    | B*           | 400                                       | –   | 600                                      | 25               | –                              |
| Supra 316Ti/4571                   | C            | 240                                       | 270                                       | 540 – 690                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | H            | 220                                       | 260                                       | 540 – 690                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | P            | 220                                       | 260                                       | 520 – 670                                | 40               | 40                             |
|                                    | B*           | 400                                       | –   | 600                                      | 25               | –                              |
| <b>Nickel-free stainless steel</b> |              |   |   |  |                  |                                |
| Supra 444/4521                     | C            | 320                                       | –   | 420 – 640                                | 20               | 20                             |
|                                    | H            | 300                                       | –   | 400 – 600                                | 20               | 20                             |
|                                    | P            | 300                                       | –   | 420 – 620                                | 20               | 20                             |

Note: Values according to EN 10088-2 minimum values unless marked otherwise.

\*Outokumpu typical values.

\*\*Min. values acc. to EN 10028-7.

\*\*\*SANS 50028-7 South African National Standard.

A<sub>80</sub> initial length = 80 mm, A initial length =  $5.65\sqrt{S_0}$  (A<sub>0</sub>)  
Product forms: cold rolled coil and sheet (C), hot rolled coil and sheet (H), quarto plate (P), wire rod (R), cold drawn bar,  $10 < d \leq 16$  mm (B). More product forms may be available than shown in the table.

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The strength of the Supra range austenitic steels increases with increasing levels of carbon, nitrogen and, to a certain extent, molybdenum and manganese. Austenitic steels exhibit very high ductility; they have a high elongation to fracture. The steels are very tough, a property that extends to cryogenic temperatures.

Ferritic stainless steels typically have higher yield strengths than austenitic stainless steels. Elongation and forming properties are equivalent to those of standard carbon steels.

Outokumpu uses the European Standard EN 10088 where applicable. The permitted design values may vary between product forms; see the relevant specification for the correct value.

**Mechanical properties at elevated temperatures** An elevated temperature is usually defined as being up to 500–600 °C/930–1100 °F, with high temperature being in excess of this. Outokumpu Supra range austenitic stainless steels possess useful elevated and high temperature strength and oxidation resistance. The highest elevated temperature strength among these steels is exhibited by the nitrogen-alloyed steels and those containing titanium or niobium. Most of these products are approved for pressure vessel applications, with pressure vessel codes giving design values for temperatures up to 400 °C/750 °F. For applications such as heaters, catalytic converters, and furnaces – where pressure is not a factor – austenitic corrosion-resistant stainless steels can be used up

| Imperial                           |        |       |        |              |   |   |  |                                   |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Outokumpu name                     | EN     | ASTM  |        | Product form | Yield strength<br>R <sub>p0.2</sub> (ksi) | Yield strength<br>R <sub>p1.0</sub> (ksi) | Tensile strength<br>R <sub>m</sub> (ksi) | Elongation A <sub>50</sub><br>(%) |
|                                    |        | Type  | UNS    |              |   |   |  |                                   |
| <b>Key product</b>                 |        |       |        |              |   |   |  |                                   |
| Supra 316/4401                     | 1.4401 | 316   | S31600 | C            | 30  | –   | 75                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | H            | 30  | –   | 75                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | P            | 30  | –   | 75                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | R*           | 28  | 32  | 73                                       | 55                                |
| Supra 316L/4404                    | 1.4404 | 316L  | S31603 | C            | 25  | –   | 70                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | H            | 25  | –   | 70                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | P            | 25  | –   | 70                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | R*           | 32  | 38  | 77                                       | 55                                |
| <b>Alternatives</b>                |        |       |        |              |   |   |  |                                   |
| Supra 316plus                      | 1.4420 | –     | S31655 | C            | 45  | –   | 92                                       | 35                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | H            | 45  | –   | 92                                       | 35                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | P            | 45  | –   | 92                                       | 35                                |
| Supra 316/4436                     | 1.4436 | 316   | S31600 | C            | 30  | –   | 75                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | H            | 30  | –   | 75                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | P            | 30  | –   | 75                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | R*           | 32  | 38  | 77                                       | 55                                |
| Supra 316L/4432                    | 1.4432 | 316L  | S31603 | C            | 25  | –   | 70                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | H            | 25  | –   | 70                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | P            | 25  | –   | 70                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | R*           | 32  | 38  | 77                                       | 55                                |
| Supra 316L/4435                    | 1.4435 | 316L  | S31603 | C*           | 42  | 46  | 88                                       | –                                 |
|                                    |        |       |        | P*           | 38  | 44  | 83                                       | –                                 |
|                                    |        |       |        | R*           | 39  | 45  | 83                                       | 55                                |
| Supra 316Ti/4571                   | 1.4571 | 316Ti | S31635 | C            | 30  | –   | 75                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | H            | 30  | –   | 75                                       | 40                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | P            | 30  | –   | 75                                       | 40                                |
| <b>Nickel-free stainless steel</b> |        |       |        |              |   |   |  |                                   |
| Supra 444/4521                     | 1.4521 | 444   | S44400 | C            | 40  | –   | 60                                       | 20                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | H            | 40  | –   | 60                                       | 20                                |
|                                    |        |       |        | P            | 40  | –   | 60                                       | 20                                |

Note: Figures according to ASTM A240 unless marked otherwise.

\*Outokumpu typical values.

A<sub>50</sub> initial length = 50 mm

Product forms: cold rolled coil and sheet (C), hot rolled coil and sheet (H), quarto plate (P), wire rod (R). More product forms may be available than shown in the table.

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to approximately 800 °C/1470 °F, depending on specific circumstances.

### Structural fire resistance

The performance requirements of a stainless steel structure that may be subjected to accidental fire loading are similar to those of carbon steel. Supra range austenitic stainless steels generally retain a higher proportion of their room temperature strength than carbon steels above temperatures of about 550 °C/1000 °F, and a higher proportion of their stiffness at all temperatures.

The behavior of stainless steel differs from that of most other metals at fire temperatures in that its mechanical properties (mainly modulus of elasticity and yield strength) are maintained comparatively well up to temperatures corresponding to a 30-minute standard fire. The temperature of unprotected stainless steel after a 30-minute standard fire is 800–830 °C/1470–1520 °F depending on the thickness of the material. There are significant differences in the values of the effective yield strengths used in structural design between stainless steel grades. For example, the

titanium-stabilized Supra 316Ti/4571 has higher strength values at elevated temperatures than other stainless steel products. Therefore, the selection of steel involves balancing the need for elevated temperature strength.

Where mechanical resistance in the case of fire is required, the structure should be designed and constructed in such a way that it maintains its load-bearing function during the relevant fire exposure. EN 1993-1-2 “Eurocode 3 – Design of steel structures – Part 1-2: General rules – Structural fire design”, 2010 AISC Specification for Structural Steel Buildings (AISC, 2010c) and Euro Inox “Design Manual for Structural Stainless Steel” (2006) give further guidance on fire design for stainless steels.

### Mechanical properties at cryogenic temperatures

Supra range austenitic stainless steels are not susceptible to brittle fracture in the solution-annealed condition. Due to their high impact toughness at very low temperatures, they are suitable for cryogenic applications.

# Physical properties

| Metric                             |                               |                                      |  |   |  |  |              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--------------|
| Outokumpu name                     | Density [kg/dm <sup>3</sup> ] | Modulus of elasticity at 20 °C [GPa] | Coefficient of thermal expansion 20–100 °C [10 <sup>-6</sup> /K] | Thermal conductivity at 20 °C [W/(m x K)] | Thermal capacity at 20 °C [J/(kg x K)] | Electrical resistivity at 20 °C [Ω x mm <sup>2</sup> /m] | Magnetizable |
| <b>Key product</b>                 |                               |                                      |  |   |  |  |              |
| Supra 316/4401                     | 8.0                           | 200                                  | 16.0   | 15  | 500                                    | 0.75   | No           |
| Supra 316L/4404                    | 8.0                           | 200                                  | 16.0   | 15  | 500                                    | 0.75   | No           |
| <b>Alternatives</b>                |                               |                                      |  |   |  |  |              |
| Supra 316plus*                     | 7.9                           | 200                                  | 16.0   | 15  | 500                                    | 0.73   | No           |
| Supra 316L/SANS4402                | 8.0                           | 200                                  | 16.0   | 15  | 500                                    | 0.75   | No           |
| Supra 316/4436                     | 8.0                           | 200                                  | 16.0   | 15  | 500                                    | 0.75   | No           |
| Supra 316L/4432                    | 8.0                           | 200                                  | 16.0   | 15  | 500                                    | 0.75   | No           |
| Supra 316L/4435                    | 8.0                           | 200                                  | 16.0   | 15  | 500                                    | 0.75   | No           |
| Supra 316Ti/4571                   | 8.0                           | 200                                  | 16.5   | 15  | 500                                    | 0.75   | No           |
| <b>Nickel-free stainless steel</b> |                               |                                      |  |   |  |  |              |
| Supra 444/4521                     | 7.7                           | 220                                  | 10.4   | 23  | 430                                    | 0.80   | Yes          |

Values according to EN 10088-1.  
\*Outokumpu tested values.

| Imperial                           |                                |                             |  |   |                                   |                                  |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Outokumpu name                     | Density [lbm/in <sup>3</sup> ] | Modulus of elasticity [psi] | Coefficient of thermal expansion 68–212 °F [μin / (in x °F)] | Thermal conductivity [Btu/(hr x ft x °F)] | Thermal capacity [Btu/(lbm x °F)] | Electrical resistivity [μΩ x in] | Magnetizable |
| <b>Key product</b>                 |                                |                             |  |   |                                   |                                  |              |
| Supra 316/4401                     | 0.289                          | 29 x 10 <sup>6</sup>        | 8.9  | 8.7                                       | 0.120                             | 29.53                            | No           |
| Supra 316L/4404                    | 0.289                          | 29 x 10 <sup>6</sup>        | 8.9  | 8.7                                       | 0.120                             | 29.53                            | No           |
| <b>Alternatives</b>                |                                |                             |  |   |                                   |                                  |              |
| Supra 316plus*                     | 0.285                          | 29 x 10 <sup>6</sup>        | 8.9  | 8.7                                       | 0.120                             | 28.74                            | No           |
| Supra 316L/SANS4402                | 0.289                          | 29 x 10 <sup>6</sup>        | 8.9  | 8.7                                       | 0.120                             | 29.53                            | No           |
| Supra 316/4436                     | 0.289                          | 29 x 10 <sup>6</sup>        | 8.9  | 8.7                                       | 0.120                             | 29.53                            | No           |
| Supra 316L/4432                    | 0.289                          | 29 x 10 <sup>6</sup>        | 8.9  | 8.7                                       | 0.120                             | 29.53                            | No           |
| Supra 316L/4435                    | 0.289                          | 29 x 10 <sup>6</sup>        | 8.9  | 8.7                                       | 0.120                             | 29.53                            | No           |
| Supra 316Ti/4571                   | 0.289                          | 29 x 10 <sup>6</sup>        | 9.2  | 8.7                                       | 0.120                             | 29.53                            | No           |
| <b>Nickel-free stainless steel</b> |                                |                             |  |   |                                   |                                  |              |
| Supra 444/4521                     | 0.278                          | 32 x 10 <sup>6</sup>        | 5.8  | 13.3                                      | 0.103                             | 31.50                            | Yes          |

Values according to EN 10088-1.  
\*Outokumpu tested values.

## Fabrication

### Supra range austenitics

#### Formability

Supra range austenitics can be readily formed by all cold forming methods. All grades share common forming properties:

- Excellent stretch formability
- High work-hardening rate
- Average strain ratio  $r$  of approximately 1

The stability of the austenite decreases with lower alloying element content; more martensite is formed during cold working. In addition to the chemical composition, the martensite transformation depends on the forming temperature. At about 150 °C/300 °F no martensite is formed even for the most unstable grades. It follows that the formability of metastable austenitic stainless steels can be

modified by selective heating of the piece being worked.

For very demanding deep drawing applications and for multiple-step forming operations, stable grades with higher nickel content are preferable. These stable grades are designed to minimize martensite formation, but do retain their work-hardening capacity in the subsequent forming steps. Stable grades can also result in slightly reduced tool wear, lower elastic springback, and better dimensional tolerances.

#### Hot forming

Hot forming can be carried out in the 850–1150 °C/1550–2100 °F range. For maximum corrosion resistance, forgings should be annealed at 1070 °C/1950 °F and rapidly cooled in air or water after hot forming operations. Slow cooling may have adverse effects on the ductility and corrosion properties of the product.



## Heat treatment

Solution annealing should be performed at 1000–1100 °C/1830–2010 °F and followed by rapid cooling in water or air. For titanium-stabilized grades, annealing temperatures above 1070 °C/1950 °F may impair the resistance to intergranular corrosion. Titanium-stabilized grades may also be given a stabilizing treatment at lower temperatures. However, temperatures below 980 °C/1790 °F should only be used after due consideration of the intended service environment. In applications where high residual stresses cannot be accepted, stress relief treatment may be necessary. This can be performed by annealing as outlined above.

Supra range austenitic stainless steels cannot be hardened by heat treatment, but they can be readily hardened by cold working.

## Machinability

Due to their high toughness and work hardening behavior, austenitic steels are more difficult to machine than carbon steels but are still comparatively easy to machine compared to more highly alloyed stainless steel grades. They require higher cutting forces than carbon steels, show resistance to chip breaking, and have a high tendency to built-up edge formation. The best machining results are obtained by using high-power equipment, sharp tooling, and a rigid set-up. See also the Outokumpu Machining Guidelines.

Better machinability performance is given by Prodec range variants, which have been modified for improved machinability. For more information please see the Prodec range datasheet.

## Welding

Supra range austenitic stainless steels have excellent weldability and are suitable for the full range of conventional welding methods except oxyacetylene.

In thin sections, autogenous welding may be used. In thicker sections, products with lower carbon content are preferred. To ensure that the weld metal properties (e.g. strength and corrosion resistance) are equivalent to those of the parent metal, matching or slightly over-alloyed fillers are preferable. In some cases, however, a differing composition may improve weldability or structural stability.

Austenitic steels have about 50% higher thermal expansion and lower heat conductivity compared to ferritic and duplex steels. This means that larger deformation and higher shrinkage stresses may result from welding.

Generally, post-weld heat treatment is not required. In special cases where there is a high risk of stress corrosion cracking or fatigue, stress relief treatment may be considered. In order to fully restore the corrosion resistance of the weld, the weld oxides should be removed by pickling.

More detailed information about welding procedures can be obtained from the Outokumpu Welding Handbook, available from our sales offices.

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## Supra range ferritics

### Formability

Supra 444/4521 can be formed using typical forming processes such as folding, bending, and drawing. It has higher minimum yield strength than a standard austenitic stainless steel like Core 304/4301 in combination with lower work-hardening behavior. Due to the stabilization, the r value is higher compared to nonstabilized ferritic stainless steels such as Moda 430/4016. These characteristics mean excellent deep drawability.

### Welding

Conventional welding methods and filler materials 316L/309LMO can be used for Supra 4521. Heat input in welding should be kept to a minimum. Shielding gases should be based on argon or helium, and should not contain hydrogen, nitrogen, or carbon dioxide. Generally, welded structures show lower ductility compared to that of the base material.

More detailed information about welding procedures can be obtained from the Outokumpu Welding Handbook, available from our sales offices.

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### Surface finishes

A wide variety of surface finishes are available for Supra range products. Many are produced at the mill, and other surface finishes can be applied later during processing either at a service center or after fabrication.

Supra range finishes include 1D, 2B, 2E, and rolled finishes. Deco range offers polished (#3 and #4), brushed, and patterned finishes. Temper rolled 2H finishes are available in the Forta range. The surface finish also plays an important role in influencing the corrosion resistance of the stainless steel, especially in the case of atmospheric corrosion or where splashing is common. A smooth surface finish increases the resistance to corrosion initiation.

In general, the roughness of the hot rolled 1D surface is higher than cold rolled surfaces. The bright annealed surface (2R/BA) is highly reflective and very smooth compared to the cold rolled, annealed, pickled, and skin-passed (2B) surface.

More information about surface finishes can be found in the Deco range brochure.

## Standards and approvals

The most commonly used international product standards are

| Standards                     |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Flat products</b>          |   |
| EN ISO 18286                  | Hot-rolled stainless steel plates – Tolerances on dimensions and shape.   |
| EN 10051                      | Hot-rolled steel strip.   |
| EN 10088-1                    | Stainless steels – list of stainless steels   |
| ISO 15510                     | Stainless steels – chemical composition   |
| EN ISO 9445                   | Cold-rolled stainless narrow strip, wide strip, plate/sheet and cut lengths.  |
| ASTM A 480                    | General requirements for flat-rolled stainless and heat resisting steel   |
| ASTM A 959                    | Harmonized standard grade compositions for wrought stainless steels   |
| ASME IID                      | Materials – Physical properties tables  |
| <b>Flat and long products</b> |   |
| EN 10028-7                    | Flat products for pressure purposes – Stainless steels  |
| EN 10088-2                    | Stainless steels – sheet/plate and strip for general purposes   |
| EN 10088-3                    | Stainless steels – semi-finished products, bars, rods sections for general purposes   |
| EN 10088-4                    | Technical delivery conditions for sheet/plate and strip   |
| EN 10088-5                    | Technical delivery conditions for bars, rods wire, sections and bright products of corrosion resisting steels for construction purposes |
| EN 10095                      | Heat resisting steels and nickel alloys   |
| EN 10151                      | Stainless steel strip for springs   |
| EN 10302                      | Creep resisting steels, nickel and cobalt alloys  |
| ASTM A 167                    | Stainless and heat-resisting Cr-Ni steel plate, sheet, and strip  |
| ASTM A 176                    | Stainless and heat-resisting Cr steel plate, sheet, and strip   |
| ASTM A 240                    | Cr and Cr-Ni stainless steel plate, sheet and strip for pressure vessels  |
| ASTM A276                     | Stainless steel and heat resisting steel bars and shapes  |
| ASTM A479/479M                | Stainless steel bars for boilers/pressure vessels   |
| ASTM A493                     | Stainless steel and heat-resisting steel rod and wire for cold heading and forging  |
| ASTM A555                     | General requirements for stainless and heat resistant steel wire and wire rod   |
| ASTM A 666                    | Austenitic stainless steel sheet, strip, plate, bar for structural and architectural applications                                       |
| ASME IIA                      | Materials. Part A – Ferrous Material Specifications   |

given in the table below. For a full list of standards by product, see [steelfinder.yttzhj.com](http://steelfinder.yttzhj.com)

## Standards

Supra range stainless steels meet the following standards:

## Certificates and approvals

Outokumpu meets the most common certifications and approvals around the world, including:

- AD 2000 Merkblatt
- Approval of Material Manufacturers
- Factory Production Control Certificate
- ISO 9001
- ISO 14001
- ISO 50001
- ISO/TS 16949
- NORSOK
- OHSAS 18001

For the full list of certificates and approvals by mill, see

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Moda</b>                   | <b>Core</b>            | <b>Supra</b>                  | <b>Forta</b>                 | <b>Ultra</b>                     | <b>Dura</b>   | <b>Therma</b>             | <b>Prodec</b>          | <b>Deco</b>      |
| Mildly corrosive environments | Corrosive environments | Highly corrosive environments | Duplex & other high strength | Extremely corrosive environments | High hardness | High service temperatures | Improved machinability | Special surfaces |

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