

Product and Application

TruSHIELD 550 armor plate provides excellent ballistic performance and has an outstanding weight-to-ballistic-protection ratio. This quenched and tempered product excels in downstream fabrication processes like bending, laser cutting and plasma cutting. This product is used widely in the commercial vehicle armoring, explosion protection, military equipment and commercial body armor applications.

Available in thicknesses up to 0.500", widths up to 60" and lengths up to 288".

Mechanical Properties

Surface Hardness	525 - 570 HBW (aim 550 HBW)
Yield Strength	220 ksi (1517 MPa)
Tensile Strength	265 ksi (1827 MPa)
Charpy Impacts (typical @ -40° F)	18 ft-lbs (24.4 J)

Typical mechanical testing values other than Brinell hardness listed for information only and are not performed unless specified at time of order. Charpy Impact specimens, when performed, are subsize on thicknesses < 0.375". Charpy Impact values listed are adjusted to full size equivalent. Hardness tested on each plate, but not reported.

Dimensional Tolerances

Flatness	Flatness tolerances meet 1/2 ASTM A6, Table 14, latest revision. TruFLAT guarantee of 1/4 ASTM A6 for 0.300" and thinner.
Thickness	+/- 0.012" to nominal thickness
Length and Width	Length and width tolerances meet ASTM A6, latest revision.

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Chemical Composition

	C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cu	Ni	Cr	Mo
Max	0.35	1.20	0.020	0.015	0.45	0.25	0.80	0.75	0.55
CE* (typical):			0.70		*Carbon Equivalency calculated using the following formula: CEV = C + Mn/6 + (Cr+Mo+V)/5 + (Ni+Cu)/15				

Ballistic Performance

In appropriate thickness, TruSHIELD 550 meets various protection levels for NIJ, EN1063, EN1522, UL752 and VPAM. May also be dual certified.

Fabrication, Bending, Post-Delivery Heating and Welding

Bending	Free bending should be performed utilizing maximum allowable bend radius to prevent cracking. TruSHIELD 550 plates 0.250" (6.35 mm) thick and less can be bent using minimum radius of 4T in the transverse direction. Larger transverse bend radius (6T) is recommended for thicker plates.
Post-Delivery Heating	TruSHIELD 550 armor plate achieves its properties through quenching and tempering processes. Heating in fabrication (such as post-weld stress relieving) or in service must not exceed 400° F without risk of lowering the strength and hardness of the material.
Welding	TruSHIELD 550 armor plates can be welded by conventional processes such as SMAW, SAW and GMAW, provided that the weld procedures used are suitable for this grade and design of the welded structure, using low hydrogen conditions.

*These statements are general guidelines. CMC Impact Metals is not responsible for the results of any welding work performed. Contact your CMC Impact Metals representative to receive more detailed technical information about any fabrication or machining processes.

Standard Delivery Conditions

Surface Finish	Shot blasting and rust preventative applications are available. Please inquire.
Test Reports	Supplied with shipment for each production lot in the shipment. Reports include product description, heat number, chemical analysis and Brinell hardness value.