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# Standard Specification for Nickel-Chromium-Iron Sealing Alloys<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers two iron-nickel-chromium alloys (UNS K94760 and UNS K95150) used primarily for glass-sealing applications in electronic devices.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses after SI units are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

- E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials
- E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications
- E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size
- E228 Test Method for Linear Thermal Expansion of Solid Materials With a Push-Rod Dilatometer
- E354 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of High-Temperature, Electrical, Magnetic, and Other Similar Iron, Nickel, and Cobalt Alloys
- F14 Practice for Making and Testing Reference Glass-Metal Bead-Seal

F140 Practice for Making Reference Glass-Metal Butt Seals and Testing for Expansion Characteristics by Polarimetric Methods

F144 Practice for Making Reference Glass-Metal Sandwich Seal and Testing for Expansion Characteristics by Polarimetric Methods

## 3. Ordering Information

3.1 Orders for material under this specification shall include the following information:

- 3.1.1 Size,
- 3.1.2 Temper (Section 6),
- 3.1.3 Surface finish (Section 8),
- 3.1.4 Marking and packaging (Section 13), and
- 3.1.5 Certification if required.

## 4. Chemical Composition

4.1 The material shall conform to the requirements of Table 1 as to chemical composition.

NOTE 1—The major constituents of this alloy may be adjusted by the manufacturer so that the alloy meets the requirement for thermal expansion.

## 5. Chemical Analysis

5.1 Chemical analysis shall be made, when desired, in accordance with Test Methods E354.

## 6. Surface Lubricants

6.1 All lubricants used during cold-working operations such as drawing, rolling, or spinning, shall be capable of being removed readily by any of the common organic degreasing solvents.

## 7. Temper

7.1 The desired temper of the material shall be specified on the purchase order. Unless otherwise specified, wire, rod, and tubing shall be given a final bright anneal by the manufacturer. Strip and sheet shall be annealed properly to develop drawing properties. For deep drawing, the hardness shall not exceed HRB 90 when determined in accordance with Test Methods E18.

## 8. Grain Size

8.1 Strip and sheet for deep drawing applications shall have an average grain size not larger than ASTM No. 5 (Note 2),

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

**TABLE 1 Chemical Composition**

Element	42Ni-6Cr(UNS K94760) Composition, %	47Ni-6Cr(UNS K95150) Composition, %
Nickel, nominal	42.0	47.0
Chromium, nominal	5.6	6.0
Carbon, max	0.07	0.02
Manganese, max	0.25	0.30
Phosphorus, max	0.025	0.025
Sulfur, max	0.025	0.025
Silicon, max	0.30	0.30
Aluminum, max	0.20	-
Iron	remainder	remainder

with no more than 10 % of the grains larger than No. 5 when measured in accordance with Test Methods E112. For materials less than 0.13 mm (0.005 in.) in thickness, the grain size shall be such that there are no less than 4 grains across the thickness.

NOTE 2—This corresponds to a grain size finer than 0.065 mm.

## 9. Dimensional Tolerances

9.1 *Cold-Rolled Strip*—Cold-rolled strip shall conform to the permissible variations in dimensions prescribed in Table 2, Table 3, and Table 4.

9.2 *Round Wire and Rod*—Wire and rod shall conform to the permissible variations in dimension prescribed in Table 5.

9.3 *Cold-Drawn Tubing*—Cold-drawn tubing, available either as seamless or welded, shall conform to the permissible variations prescribed in Table 6.

## 10. Surface Finish

10.1 The standard surface finishes available shall be those resulting from the following operations:

10.1.1 Hot rolling,

10.1.2 Forging,

10.1.3 Centerless grinding (rod),

10.1.4 Belt polishing,

10.1.5 Cold rolling, and drawing, and

10.1.6 Wire drawing.

10.2 Care shall be taken to prevent the depletion of surface chromium during processing.

## 11. Thermal Expansion Characteristics

11.1 The average linear coefficient of thermal expansion shall be within limits specified in Table 7.

## 12. Test Method for Thermal Expansion

12.1 Heat the specimen for 15 min at 1100°C in a hydrogen or cracked-ammonia atmosphere with a dew point of –40°C and cool to room temperature at a rate not exceeding 5°C/min.

12.2 Determine the thermal expansion characteristics in accordance with Test Method E228.

12.3 The thermal expansion match between the alloy and a glass may be evaluated by preparing and testing an assembly in accordance with Practice F14, Practice F140, or Practice F144.

## 13. Test Results

13.1 Observed or calculated values obtained from analysis, measurements, or tests shall be rounded off in accordance with the rounding-off method of Practice E29, to the nearest unit in the last right-hand place of figures used in expressing the specified limit.

**TABLE 2 Permissible Variations in Thickness of Cold-Rolled Strip**

NOTE 1—Measurement shall be made at least 9.5 mm (3/8 in.) from the edge of strip over 25.4 mm (1-in.) in width.

Specified Thickness mm (in.)	Permissible Variations in Thickness for Width Given, ±			
	Under 76 mm (3 in.)	Over 76 to 150 mm (3 to 6 in.)	Over 150 to 300 mm (6 to 12 in.)	Over 300 to 400 mm (12 to 16 in.)
4.06 to 2.54, incl (0.160 to 0.100)	0.05 (0.002)	0.076 (0.003)	0.10 (0.004)	0.10 (0.004)
2.53 to 1.75, incl (0.100 to 0.069)	0.05 (0.002)	0.076 (0.003)	0.076 (0.003)	0.10 (0.004)
1.74 to 1.27, incl (0.068 to 0.050)	0.05 (0.002)	0.076 (0.003)	0.076 (0.003)	0.076 (0.003)
1.26 to 0.89, incl (0.050 to 0.035)	0.05 (0.002)	0.064 (0.0025)	0.076 (0.003)	0.076 (0.003)
0.88 to 0.74, incl (0.035 to 0.029)	0.038 (0.0015)	0.05 (0.002)	0.064 (0.0025)	0.064 (0.0025)
0.73 to 0.66, incl (0.029 to 0.026)	0.038 (0.0015)	0.038 (0.0015)	0.05 (0.002)	0.05 (0.002)
0.65 to 0.51, incl (0.026 to 0.020)	0.025 (0.001)	0.038 (0.0015)	0.05 (0.002)	0.05 (0.002)
0.50 to 0.43, incl (0.020 to 0.017)	0.025 (0.001)	0.025 (0.001)	0.038 (0.0015)	0.05 (0.002)
0.42 to 0.30, incl (0.017 to 0.012)	0.025 (0.001)	0.025 (0.001)	0.038 (0.0015)	0.038 (0.0015)
0.29 to 0.256, incl (0.011 to 0.010)	0.025 (0.001)	0.025 (0.001)	0.025 (0.001)	0.038 (0.0015)
0.255 to 0.231, incl (0.010 to 0.0091)	0.025 (0.001)	0.025 (0.001)	0.025 (0.001)	0.025 (0.001)
0.230 to 0.152, incl (0.0091 to 0.006)	0.019 (0.00075)	0.019 (0.00075)	...	...
Under 0.152 (0.006)	0.013 (0.0005)	0.013 (0.0005)	...	...

**TABLE 3 Permissible Variation in Thickness Across Width of Strip**

Specified Thickness mm (in.)	Maximum Variation in Thickness Across Width of Strip in mm (in.), Within Those Provided for in Table 1 for Edge Measurements for Widths and Thicknesses Given		
	127 mm (5 in.) and Under	Over 127 to 300 mm (5 to 12 in.)	Over 300 to 600 mm (12 to 24 in.), incl
0.13 to 0.25, incl (0.005 to 0.010)	0.019 (0.00075)	0.025 (0.001)	0.038 (0.0015)
Over 0.25 to 0.64, incl (0.010 to 0.025)	0.025 (0.001)	0.038 (0.0015)	0.051 (0.002)
Over 0.64 to 1.65, incl (0.025 to 0.065)	0.038 (0.0015)	0.051 (0.002)	0.064 (0.0025)
Over 1.65 to 4.74, excl (0.065 to 3/16)	0.051 (0.002)	0.064 (0.0025)	0.076 (0.003)

**TABLE 4 Permissible Variations in Width of Cold-Rolled Strip Supplied in Coils**

Specified Thickness mm (in.)	Permissible Variations in Width in mm (in.) for Widths Given, ±					
	Under 12.7 to 4.75 Under (1/2 to 3/16)	12.7 to 150 (1/2 to 6)	Over 150 to 225 Over (6 to 9)	Over 225 to 300 Over (9 to 12)	Over 300 to 500 Over (12 to 20)	Over 500 to 600 Over (20 to 24)
4.75 to 4.09 (0.187 to 0.161)	...	0.41 (0.016)	0.51 (0.020)	0.51 (0.020)	0.79 (0.031)	0.79 (0.031)
4.08 to 2.54 (0.160 to 0.100)	0.25 (0.010)	0.25 (0.010)	0.41 (0.016)	0.41 (0.016)	0.51 (0.020)	0.51 (0.020)
2.53 to 1.75 (0.0996 to 0.0689)	0.20 (0.008)	0.20 (0.008)	0.25 (0.010)	0.25 (0.010)	0.41 (0.016)	0.51 (0.020)
1.74 (0.0685) and under	0.13 (0.005)	0.13 (0.005)	0.13 (0.005)	0.25 (0.010)	0.41 (0.016)	0.51 (0.020)

**TABLE 5 Permissible Variations in Diameter of Wire and Rod**

Specified Diameter mm (in.)	Permissible Variations in Diameter, ± mm (in.)	
	Wire (Coiled, Spooled or Straight Lengths)	
0.0508 to 0.109 (0.002 to 0.00429)	0.0051 (0.0002)	
0.110 to 0.200 (0.0043 to 0.0079)	0.0064 (0.00025)	
0.201 to 0.378 (0.00791 to 0.0149)	0.0076 (0.0003)	
0.379 to 0.505 (0.0149 to 0.0199)	0.0102 (0.0004)	
0.506 to 0.785 (0.0199 to 0.0309)	0.0127 (0.0005)	
0.786 to 1.039 (0.0309 to 0.0409)	0.0152 (0.0006)	
1.040 to 1.547 (0.0409 to 0.0609)	0.0178 (0.0007)	
1.548 to 2.055 (0.0609 to 0.0809)	0.0203 (0.0008)	
2.056 to 3.198 (0.0809 to 0.126)	0.0254 (0.001)	
3.199 to 3.985 (0.126 to 0.157)	0.038 (0.0015)	
3.986 to 6.35 (0.157 to 0.250)	0.051 (0.002)	
Rod, Centerless Ground Finish (Straight Lengths)		
0.762 to 1.394 (0.030 to 0.0549)	0.0127 (0.0005)	
1.395 to 3.172 (0.0549 to 0.125)	0.0254 (0.001)	
3.173 to 12.67 (0.125 to 0.499)	0.038 (0.0015)	
12.68 to 25.37 (0.499 to 0.999)	0.051 (0.002)	
25.38 to 41.27 (0.999 to 1.625)	0.064 (0.0025)	
41.28 to 44.42 (1.626 to 1.749)	0.076 (0.003)	
44.43 to 50.79 (1.749 to 2.000)	0.10 (0.004)	
50.80 to 101.6 (2.000 to 4.000)	0.13 (0.005)	

**TABLE 6 Permissible Variations in Dimensions of Standard Tubing**

Specified Outside Diameter, mm (in.)	Permissible Variations <sup>4</sup>		
	Outside Diameter, mm (in.)	Inside Diameter, mm (in.)	Wall Thickness, plus or minus, %
Under 2.36 (0.093)	+ 0.051 (0.002) – 0.000	+ 0.000 – 0.051 (– 0.002)	10
2.36 to 4.75 (0.093 to 0.187), excl	+ 0.076 (0.003) – 0.000	+ 0.000 – 0.076 (– 0.003)	10
4.75 to 12.7 (0.187 to 0.550), excl	+ 0.102 (0.004) – 0.000	+ 0.000 – 0.102 (– 0.004)	10
12.7 to 38.1 (0.500 to 1.500), excl	+ 0.13 (0.005) – 0.000	+ 0.000 – 0.13 (– 0.005)	10

<sup>4</sup> Any two of the three dimensional tolerances listed may be specified.

## 14. General Requirements

14.1 The material shall be commercially smooth, uniform in cross section, in composition, and in temper; it shall be free of

scale, corrosion, cracks, seams, scratches, slivers, and other defects as best commercial practice will permit.