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# Standard Specification for Carbon-Steel Wire and Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain and Deformed, for Concrete<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers carbon-steel wire and welded wire reinforcement produced from hot-rolled rod to be used for the reinforcement of concrete. The steel wire is cold-worked, drawn or rolled, plain (non-deformed, as-drawn or galvanized), or deformed. Welded wire reinforcement is made from plain or deformed wire, or a combination of plain and deformed wire. Common wire sizes and dimensions are given in [Table 1](#), [Table 2](#), [Table 3](#), and [Table 4](#). Actual wire sizes are not restricted to those shown in the tables.

NOTE 1—Welded wire for concrete reinforcement has historically been described by various terms: welded wire fabric, WWF, fabric, and mesh. The wire reinforcement industry has adopted the term *welded wire reinforcement* (WWR) as being more representative of the applications of the products being manufactured. Therefore, the term *welded wire fabric* has been replaced with the term *welded wire reinforcement* in this specification and in related specifications.

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text the SI units are shown in brackets (except in [Table 2](#) and [Table 4](#)). The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with this specification.

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.*

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## 2. Referenced Documents

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

[A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products](#)

[A641/A641M Specification for Zinc-Coated \(Galvanized\) Carbon Steel Wire](#)

2.2 *U.S. Military Standard*:<sup>3</sup>

[MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage](#)

2.3 *U.S. Military Standard*:<sup>3</sup>

[Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipments \(Civil Agencies\)](#)

2.4 *American Concrete Institute (ACI) Standard*:<sup>4</sup>

[ACI 318 Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete](#)

2.5 *Adjuncts*:

[Weld Tester Drawing](#)<sup>5</sup>

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Specification*:

3.1.1 *convoluted wire*—plain wire for welded wire reinforcement that is formed into a sinusoidal wave shape; deformed wire is not subject to convolution unless agreed upon by the purchaser and manufacturer.

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—The wire is used in the manufacture of cages for certain applications of concrete pipe reinforcement.

3.1.2 *deformed wire and deformed welded wire reinforcement*—a material composed of cold-worked deformed steel wire as cold-drawn or cold-rolled from hot-rolled steel rod.

3.1.2.1 *Discussion*—Deformations can be either indented or raised transverse ribs (protrusions). The deformations and the welded intersections provide bond strength and anchorage.

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

<sup>3</sup> Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://www.dodssp.daps.mil>.

<sup>4</sup> Available from American Concrete Institute (ACI), P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094, <http://www.concrete.org>.

<sup>5</sup> Available from ASTM International Headquarters. Order Adjunct No. ADJA0185. Original adjunct produced in 1967.

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

**TABLE 1 Dimensional Requirements for Plain Wire—Inch-Pound Units<sup>A</sup>**

Size Number <sup>B, C, D</sup>	Nominal Diameter in. [mm] <sup>E</sup>	Nominal Area in. <sup>2</sup> [mm <sup>2</sup> ]
W 0.5	0.080 [2.03]	0.005 [3.23]
W 1.2	0.124 [3.14]	0.012 [7.74]
W 1.4	0.134 [3.39]	0.014 [9.03]
W 2	0.160 [4.05]	0.020 [12.9]
W 2.5	0.178 [4.53]	0.025 [16.1]
W 2.9	0.192 [4.88]	0.029 [18.7]
W 3.5	0.211 [5.36]	0.035 [22.6]
W 4	0.226 [5.73]	0.040 [25.8]
W 4.5	0.239 [6.08]	0.045 [29.0]
W 5	0.252 [6.41]	0.050 [32.3]
W 5.5	0.265 [6.72]	0.055 [35.5]
W 6	0.276 [7.02]	0.060 [38.7]
W 8	0.319 [8.11]	0.080 [51.6]
W 10	0.357 [9.06]	0.100 [64.5]
W 11	0.374 [9.50]	0.110 [71.0]
W 12	0.391 [9.93]	0.120 [77.4]
W 14	0.422 [10.7]	0.140 [90.3]
W 16	0.451 [11.5]	0.160 [103]
W 18	0.479 [12.2]	0.180 [116]
W 20	0.505 [12.8]	0.200 [129]
W 22	0.529 [13.4]	0.220 [142]
W 24	0.553 [14.0]	0.240 [155]
W 26	0.575 [14.6]	0.260 [168]
W 28	0.597 [15.2]	0.280 [181]
W 30	0.618 [15.7]	0.300 [194]
W 31	0.628 [16.0]	0.310 [200]
W 45	0.757 [19.2]	0.450 [290]

<sup>A</sup> Table 1 should be used on projects that are designed using inch-pound units; Table 2 should be used on projects that are designed using SI units.

<sup>B</sup> The number following the prefix indicates the nominal cross-sectional area of the wire in square inches multiplied by 100.

<sup>C</sup> For sizes other than those shown above, the Size Number shall be the number of one hundredth of a square inch in the nominal area of the wire cross section, prefixed by the W.

<sup>D</sup> These sizes represent the most readily available sizes in the welded wire reinforcement industry. Other wire sizes are available and many manufactures can produce them in 0.0015 in.<sup>2</sup> increments.

<sup>E</sup> The nominal diameter is based on the nominal area of the wire.

**TABLE 2 Dimensional Requirements for Plain Wire—SI Units<sup>A</sup>**

Size Number <sup>B, C, D</sup>	Nominal Diameter mm [in.] <sup>E</sup>	Nominal Area mm <sup>2</sup> [in. <sup>2</sup> ]
MW 5	2.52 [0.099]	5 [0.008]
MW 10	3.57 [0.140]	10 [0.016]
MW 15	4.37 [0.172]	15 [0.023]
MW 20	5.05 [0.199]	20 [0.031]
MW 25	5.64 [0.222]	25 [0.039]
MW 30	6.18 [0.243]	30 [0.047]
MW 35	6.68 [0.263]	35 [0.054]
MW 40	7.14 [0.281]	40 [0.062]
MW 45	7.57 [0.298]	45 [0.070]
MW 50	7.98 [0.314]	50 [0.078]
MW 55	8.37 [0.329]	55 [0.085]
MW 60	8.74 [0.344]	60 [0.093]
MW 65	9.10 [0.358]	65 [0.101]
MW 70	9.44 [0.372]	70 [0.109]
MW 80	10.1 [0.397]	80 [0.124]
MW 90	10.7 [0.421]	90 [0.140]
MW 100	11.3 [0.444]	100 [0.155]
MW 120	12.4 [0.487]	120 [0.186]
MW 130	12.9 [0.507]	130 [0.202]
MW 200	16.0 [0.628]	200 [0.310]
MW 290	19.2 [0.757]	290 [0.450]

<sup>A</sup> The wire sizes in Table 1 should be used on projects that are designed using inch-pound units; the wire sizes in Table 2 should be used on projects that are designed using SI units.

<sup>B</sup> The number following the prefix indicates the nominal cross-sectional area of the wire in square millimetres.

<sup>C</sup> For sizes other than those shown above, the Size Number shall be the number of square millimetres in the nominal area of the wire cross section, prefixed by the MW.

<sup>D</sup> These sizes represent the most readily available sizes in the welded wire reinforcement industry. Other wire sizes are available and many manufactures can produce them in 1 mm<sup>2</sup> increments.

<sup>E</sup> The nominal diameter is based on the nominal area of the wire.

**TABLE 3 Dimensional Requirements for Deformed Wire—Inch-Pound Units**

Deformed Wire Size <sup>A, B, C, D</sup>	Nominal Dimensions			Deformation Requirements
	Unit Weight, lb/ft	Diameter, in. <sup>E</sup>	Cross-Sectional Area, in. <sup>2</sup> <sup>F</sup>	Minimum Average Height of Deformations, in. <sup>G, H</sup>
D 1	0.034	0.113	0.010	0.0045
D 2	0.068	0.160	0.020	0.0063
D 3	0.102	0.195	0.030	0.0078
D 4	0.136	0.226	0.040	0.0101
D 5	0.170	0.252	0.050	0.0113
D 6	0.204	0.276	0.060	0.0124
D 7	0.238	0.299	0.070	0.0134
D 8	0.272	0.319	0.080	0.0143
D 9	0.306	0.339	0.090	0.0152
D 10	0.340	0.357	0.100	0.0160
D 11	0.374	0.374	0.110	0.0187
D 12	0.408	0.391	0.120	0.0195
D 13	0.442	0.407	0.130	0.0203
D 14	0.476	0.422	0.140	0.0211
D 15	0.510	0.437	0.150	0.0218
D 16	0.544	0.451	0.160	0.0225
D 17	0.578	0.465	0.170	0.0232
D 18	0.612	0.479	0.180	0.0239
D 19	0.646	0.492	0.190	0.0245
D 20	0.680	0.505	0.200	0.0252
D 21	0.714	0.517	0.210	0.0259
D 22	0.748	0.529	0.220	0.0265
D 23	0.782	0.541	0.230	0.0271
D 24	0.816	0.553	0.240	0.0277
D 25	0.850	0.564	0.250	0.0282
D 26	0.884	0.575	0.260	0.0288
D 27	0.918	0.586	0.270	0.0293
D 28	0.952	0.597	0.280	0.0299
D 29	0.986	0.608	0.290	0.0304
D 30	1.02	0.618	0.300	0.0309
D 31	1.05	0.628	0.310	0.0314
D 45	1.53	0.757	0.450	0.0379

<sup>A</sup> The wire sizes in Table 3 should be used on projects that are designed using inch-pound units; the wire sizes in Table 4 should be used on projects that are designed using SI units.

<sup>B</sup> The number following the prefix indicates the nominal cross-sectional area of the deformed wire in square inches multiplied by 100.

<sup>C</sup> For sizes other than those shown above, the Size Number shall be the number of one hundredths of a square inch in the nominal area of the deformed wire cross section, prefixed by the D.

<sup>D</sup> These sizes represent the most readily available sizes in the welded wire reinforcement industry. Other wire sizes are available and many manufacturers can produce them in 0.0015 in.<sup>2</sup> increments.

<sup>E</sup> The nominal diameter of a deformed wire is equivalent to the nominal diameter of a plain wire having the same weight per foot as the deformed wire.

<sup>F</sup> The cross-sectional area is based on the weight of the wire. The area in square inches may be calculated by dividing the weight in pounds by 0.2833 (weight of 1 in.<sup>3</sup> of steel) or by dividing the weight per lineal foot of specimen in pounds by 3.4 (weight of steel 1 in. square and 1 foot long).

<sup>G</sup> Measurements shall be made as described in 7.2.4.7.

<sup>H</sup> See 7.2.4.3 for average number of deformations per unit length.

3.1.3 *plain wire and plain welded wire reinforcement*—a material composed of cold-worked plain steel wire, as cold-drawn or cold-rolled from hot-rolled steel rod.

3.1.3.1 *Discussion*—The welded intersections provide anchorage.

#### 4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for wire or welded wire reinforcement under this specification shall contain the following information:

4.1.1 Quantity (weight [mass]) or square area for welded wire reinforcement,

4.1.2 Name of material (cold-drawn or rolled steel wire, or welded wire reinforcement, plain or deformed, for concrete),

4.1.3 Wire size number, wire spacing, and sheet or roll width and length for welded wire reinforcement,

4.1.4 Minimum yield strength or Grade,

4.1.5 Packaging (see Section 15), and

4.1.6 ASTM designation and year of issue.

4.2 The purchaser shall have the option to specify additional requirements, including but not limited to, the following:

4.2.1 Exclusion of over-steeling (see 10.4.2 and 10.5.1),

4.2.2 Report on tests performed on the steel wire or welded wire reinforcement being furnished (see 14.1), and

4.2.3 Special requirements (if desired).

#### 5. Materials

5.1 The steel shall be made by any commercially accepted process.

5.2 Unless otherwise specified, the wire shall be supplied uncoated. When plain wire is specified as galvanized, it shall be galvanized at finish size as described in Specification A641/A641M.

5.3 Wire used in the manufacture of welded wire reinforcement shall conform to this specification either solely plain or solely deformed, or a combination of both.

**TABLE 4 Dimensional Requirements for Deformed Wire—SI Units**

Deformed Wire Size <sup>A, B, C, D</sup>	Nominal Dimensions			Deformation Requirements	
	D [in. <sup>2</sup> × 100]	Unit Mass, kg/m	Diameter, mm <sup>E</sup>	Cross-Sectional Area, mm <sup>2</sup> <sup>F</sup>	Minimum Average Height of Deformations, mm <sup>G, H</sup>
MD 25	[D 3.9]	0.196	5.64	25	0.252
MD 30	[D 4.7]	0.235	6.18	30	0.279
MD 35	[D 5.4]	0.275	6.68	35	0.302
MD 40	[D 6.2]	0.314	7.14	40	0.320
MD 45	[D 7.0]	0.353	7.57	45	0.342
MD 50	[D 7.8]	0.392	7.98	50	0.360
MD 55	[D 8.5]	0.432	8.37	55	0.378
MD 60	[D 9.3]	0.471	8.74	60	0.392
MD 65	[D 10.1]	0.510	9.10	65	0.455
MD 70	[D 10.9]	0.549	9.44	70	0.470
MD 80	[D 12.4]	0.628	10.1	80	0.505
MD 90	[D 14.0]	0.706	10.7	90	0.535
MD 100	[D 15.5]	0.785	11.3	100	0.565
MD 120	[D 18.6]	0.942	12.4	120	0.620
MD 130	[D 20.2]	1.02	12.9	130	0.645
MD 200	[D 31.0]	1.57	16.0	200	0.800
MD 290	[D 45.0]	2.28	19.2	290	0.961

<sup>A</sup> The wire sizes in Table 3 should be used on projects that are designed using inch-pound units; the wire sizes in Table 4 should be used on projects that are designed using SI units.

<sup>B</sup> The number following the prefix indicates the nominal cross-sectional area of the deformed wire in square millimetres.

<sup>C</sup> For sizes other than those shown above, the Size Number shall be the number of square millimetres in the nominal area of the deformed wire cross section, prefixed by the MD.

<sup>D</sup> These sizes represent the most readily available sizes in the welded wire reinforcement industry. Other wire sizes are available and many manufacturers can produce them in 1 mm<sup>2</sup> increments.

<sup>E</sup> The nominal diameter of a deformed wire is equivalent to the nominal diameter of a plain wire having the same weight per metre as the deformed wire.

<sup>F</sup> The cross-sectional area is based on the mass of the wire. The area in square millimetres may be calculated by dividing the unit mass in kg/mm by 7.849 × 10<sup>-6</sup> (mass of 1 mm<sup>3</sup> of steel) or by dividing the unit mass in kg/m by 0.007849 (mass of steel 1 mm square and 1 m long).

<sup>G</sup> Measurements shall be made as described in 7.2.4.7.

<sup>H</sup> See 7.2.4.3 for average number of deformations per unit length.

## 6. Manufacture

6.1 The wire shall be cold-worked, drawn or rolled, from rods that have been hot-rolled from billets.

6.2 For welded wire reinforcement, the wires shall be assembled by automatic machines or by other suitable mechanical means which will assure accurate spacing and alignment of all wires of the finished product. The finished welded wire reinforcement shall be furnished in flat or bent sheets or in rolls as specified by the purchaser.

6.3 Longitudinal and transverse wires shall be securely connected at every intersection by a process of electrical resistance welding which employs the principle of fusion combined with pressure.

6.4 Welded wire reinforcement of proper yield strength and quality when manufactured in the manner herein required shall result in a strong, serviceable mat-type product having substantially square or rectangular openings, and shall conform to this specification.

NOTE 2—A variation of manufacturing includes the application of one or more longitudinal convoluted wires at one edge of welded wire reinforcement for concrete pipe reinforcing cages. This shape allows the cage ends to be expanded to a larger diameter to accommodate the bell-shaped ends of concrete pipe.

## 7. Mechanical Property Requirements—Wire, Plain and Deformed

### 7.1 General Requirements for Plain Wire:

7.1.1 The relation between size number, diameter, and area shown in Table 1 or Table 2 shall apply, whichever is applicable.

7.1.2 Specimens for mechanical properties testing shall be full wire sections and shall be obtained from ends of wire coils as drawn or rolled. The specimens shall be of sufficient length to perform testing described in Test Methods and Definitions A370.

7.1.3 If any test specimen exhibits obvious isolated imperfections not representative of the product, it shall be discarded and another specimen substituted.

### 7.1.4 Tension Test:

7.1.4.1 Plain wire to be used in the manufacture of welded wire reinforcement shall meet or exceed minimum tensile strength, yield strength, and reduction of area requirements in Table 5. Plain wire not used in welded wire reinforcement shall meet or exceed minimum tensile strength, yield strength, and reduction of area requirements in Table 6. Testing shall follow Test Methods and Definitions A370 and shall be based on nominal wire area.

7.1.4.2 Yield strength shall be determined and reported according to the certification criteria in 14.3 and Test Methods and Definitions A370 at an extension under load of 0.5 % of gage length or by the offset method (0.2 %). It shall be permissible to remove the extensometer after the yield strength has been determined. The wire shall meet the requirements of Table 6 or Table 5, whichever is applicable.

7.1.5 Bend Test—The bend test specimen shall be bent at room temperature through 180° without cracking on the outside of the bent portion visible to a person with normal or corrected vision, as prescribed in Table 7.

**TABLE 5 Tension Test Requirements—Plain Wire for Welded Wire Reinforcement**

Size W1.2 [MW 7.7] and Larger						
	Grade 65 [450]	Grade 70 [485]	Grade 72.5 [500]	Grade 75 [515]	Grade 77.5 [533]	Grade 80 [550]
Tensile strength, min, psi [MPa]	75 000 [515]	80 000 [550]	82 500 [568]	85 000 [585]	87 500 [603]	90 000 [620]
Yield strength, min, psi [MPa]	65 000 [450]	70 000 [485]	72 500 [500]	75 000 [515]	77 500 [533]	80 000 [550]
Reduction of area, min, %	30 <sup>A</sup>	30 <sup>A</sup>	30 <sup>A</sup>	30 <sup>A</sup>	30 <sup>A</sup>	30 <sup>A</sup>

  

Smaller than Size W1.2 [MW 7.7]	
	Grade 56 [385]
Tensile strength, min, psi [MPa]	70 000 [485]
Yield strength, min, psi [MPa]	56 000 [385]
Reduction of area, min, %	30 <sup>A</sup>

<sup>A</sup> For material testing over 100 000 psi [690 MPa] tensile strength, the reduction of area shall be not less than 25 %.

**TABLE 6 Tension Test Requirements—Plain Wire**

	Grade 70 [485]	Grade 72.5 [500]	Grade 75 [515]	Grade 77.5 [533]	Grade 80 [550]
Tensile strength, min, psi [MPa]	80 000 [550]	82 500 [568]	85 000 [585]	87 500 [603]	90 000 [620]
Yield strength, min, psi [MPa]	70 000 [485]	72 500 [500]	75 000 [515]	77 500 [533]	80 000 [550]
Reduction of area, min, %	30 <sup>A</sup>	30 <sup>A</sup>	30 <sup>A</sup>	30 <sup>A</sup>	30 <sup>A</sup>

<sup>A</sup> For material testing over 100 000 psi [690 MPa] tensile strength, the reduction of area shall be not less than 25 %.

**TABLE 7 Bend Test Requirements—Plain Wire**

Size Number of Wire	Pin Diameter for Bend Tests <sup>A</sup>
W 7 [MW 45] and smaller	1d <sup>B</sup>
Larger than W 7 MW 45]	2d

<sup>A</sup> Bend specimen 180° unless noted otherwise.

<sup>B</sup> d = nominal wire diameter.

**TABLE 8 Permissible Variation in Plain Wire Diameter**

Size Number, in.-lbs [SI]	Nominal Diameter in. [mm]	Permissible Variation Plus and Minus, in. [mm]	Maximum Permissible Out-of-Round, in. [mm] <sup>A</sup>
Smaller than W 5 [MW 32]	under 0.252 [6.40]	0.003 [0.08]	0.003 [0.08]
W 5 [MW 32] to W 12 [MW 77], incl	0.252 [6.40] to 0.391 [9.93] incl	0.004 [0.10]	0.004 [0.10]
Over W 12 [MW 77] to W 20 [MW 129], incl	over 0.391 [9.93] to 0.505 [12.83], incl	0.006 [0.15]	0.006 [0.15]
Over W 20 [MW 129]	over 0.505 [12.83]	0.008 [0.20]	0.008 [0.20]

<sup>A</sup> Out-of-round is the difference between maximum and minimum diameters of the wire, measured at the same transverse cross section.

### 7.1.6 Permissible Variation in Wire Diameter:

7.1.6.1 The permissible variation in wire diameter shall conform to the requirements in **Table 8**.

7.1.6.2 The difference between the maximum and minimum diameters, as measured on any given cross section of the wire, shall not exceed the tolerances listed in **Table 8** for the given wire size.

NOTE 3—Cold-worked wire generally does not exhibit a definite yield point as evidenced by a distinct arrest or halt in the load indication gauge of the testing machine prior to reaching ultimate tensile load.

### 7.2 General Requirements for Deformed Wire:

7.2.1 The relation between size number, diameter, and area shown in **Table 3** or **Table 4** shall apply, whichever is applicable.

7.2.2 Specimens for mechanical properties testing shall be full wire sections and shall be obtained from ends of wire coils as rolled. The specimens shall be of sufficient length to perform testing described in Test Methods and Definitions **A370**.

7.2.3 If any test specimen exhibits obvious isolated imperfections not representative of the product, it shall be discarded and another specimen substituted.

### 7.2.4 Deformation Criteria:

7.2.4.1 Deformations shall be spaced along the wire at a substantially uniform distance and shall be symmetrically dispersed around the perimeter. The deformations on all longitudinal lines of the wire shall be similar in size and shape. A minimum of 25 % of the total surface area shall be deformed by measurable deformations.

7.2.4.2 Deformed wire shall have two or more lines of deformations.

7.2.4.3 The average longitudinal spacing of deformations shall be not less than 3.5 nor more than 5.5 deformations per inch [25 mm] in each line of deformations on the wire.

7.2.4.4 The minimum average height of the center of typical deformations based on the nominal wire diameters shown in **Table 3** or **Table 4** shall be as follows:

**TABLE 9 Tension Test Requirements—Deformed Wire**

	Grade 75 [515]	Grade 77.5 [533]	Grade 80 [550]
Tensile strength, min, psi [MPa]	85 000 [585]	87 500 [603]	90 000 [620]
Yield strength, min, psi [MPa]	75 000 [515]	77 500 [533]	80 000 [550]

**TABLE 10 Tension Test Requirements—Deformed Wire for Welded Wire Reinforcement**

	Grade 70 [485]	Grade 72.5 [500]	Grade 75 [515]	Grade 77.5 [533]	Grade 80 [550]
Tensile strength, min, psi [MPa]	80 000 [550]	82 500 [568]	85 000 [585]	87 500 [603]	90 000 [620]
Yield strength, min, psi [MPa]	70 000 [485]	72 500 [500]	75 000 [515]	77 500 [533]	80 000 [550]

**TABLE 11 Bend Test Requirements—Deformed Wire**

Size Number of Wire	Pin Diameter for Bend Tests <sup>A</sup>
D 6 [MD 39] and smaller	2d <sup>B</sup>
Larger than D 6 [MD 39]	4d

<sup>A</sup> Bend specimen 90° unless noted otherwise.

<sup>B</sup> d = nominal wire diameter.

Wire Sizes	Minimum Average Height of Deformations Percent of Nominal Wire Diameter
D 3 [MD 20] and smaller	4
Larger than D 3 [MD 20] through D 10 [MD 65]	4½
Larger than D 10 [MD 65]	5

7.2.4.5 The deformations shall be placed with respect to the axis of the wire so that the included angle is not less than 45°; or if deformations are curvilinear, the angle formed by the transverse axis of the deformation and the wire axis shall be not less than 45°. Where the line of deformations forms an included angle with the axis of the wire from 45° to 70° inclusive, the deformations shall alternately reverse in direction on each side, or those on one side shall be reversed in direction from those on the opposite side. Where the included angle is over 70°, a reversal in direction is not required.

7.2.4.6 The average spacing of deformations shall be determined by dividing a measured length (10 in. [250 mm] min) of the wire specimen by the number of individual deformations in any one row of deformations on any side of the wire specimens. A measured length of the wire specimen shall be considered the distance from a point on a deformation to a corresponding point on any other deformation in the same line of deformations on the wire.

7.2.4.7 The minimum average height of deformations shall be determined from measurements made on not less than two typical deformations from each line of deformations on the wire. Measurements shall be made at the center of indentations or raised ribs.

**7.2.5 Tension Test:**

7.2.5.1 Deformed wire to be used in the manufacture of welded wire reinforcement shall meet or exceed minimum tensile and yield strength requirements in Table 10. Deformed wire not used in welded wire reinforcement shall meet or exceed minimum tensile and yield strength requirements in Table 9. Testing shall follow Test Methods and Definitions A370 and shall be based on nominal wire area.

7.2.5.2 Yield strength shall be determined and reported according to the certification criteria in 14.3 and Test Methods and Definitions A370 at an extension under load of 0.5 % of

gage length or by the offset method (0.2 %). It shall be permissible to remove the extensometer after the yield strength has been determined. The wire shall meet the requirements of Table 9 or Table 10, whichever is applicable.

7.2.6 *Bend Test*—The bend test specimen shall be bent at room temperature through 90° without cracking on the outside of the bent portion visible to a person with normal or corrected vision, as prescribed in Table 11.

**7.2.7 Permissible Variation in Weight [Mass]:**

7.2.7.1 The permissible variation in weight [mass] of any deformed wire is ±6 % of its nominal weight [mass]. The theoretical weight [mass] shown in Table 3 or Table 4, or similar calculations on unlisted sizes, shall be used to establish the variation.

**7.3 Number of Tests:**

7.3.1 For plain or deformed wire manufactured as finished products, at least one test for conformance to minimum tensile strength and bend test requirements shall be made for each 10 tons [9000 kg] or remaining fraction thereof in a lot, or a total of seven specimens, whichever is less.

7.3.2 For wire to be fabricated into welded wire reinforcement within the same manufacturing facility, it shall be permissible to follow test frequency in 8.4.2.

**7.4 Quality, Finish, and Appearance:**

7.4.1 The wire shall be free of detrimental imperfections and shall meet the requirements of this specification.

7.4.2 Rust, surface seams, or surface irregularities shall not be a cause for rejection provided the requirements of 7.4.3 are met, and the minimum dimensions and mechanical properties of a hand wire-brushed test specimen meet the requirements of this specification.

7.4.3 Wire intended for welded wire reinforcement shall be sufficiently free of rust and drawing lubricant so as not to interfere with electric resistance welding.

**8. Mechanical Property Requirements—Welded Wire Reinforcement**

**8.1 Tension Test:**

8.1.1 Wire for the production of welded wire reinforcement, plain and deformed, is described in Section 7. Tensile tests shall be made on wire cut from the welded wire reinforcement and tested either across or between the welds; no less than 50 % shall be across welds. Tensile tests across a weld shall have the welded intersection located approximately at the center of the wire being tested and the transverse wire forming the welded intersection shall extend approximately 1 in. [25 mm] beyond each side of the intersection.

8.1.2 Yield strength shall be determined and reported according to the certification criteria in 14.3 and Test Methods and Definitions A370 at an extension under load of 0.5 % of gage length or by the offset method (0.2 %). It shall be permissible to remove the extensometer from the specimen after yield strength has been determined.

8.2 *Bend Test*—The wire shall withstand the bend test as described in 7.1.5 or 7.2.6, whichever is applicable, and shall be performed on a specimen taken from between the welds.

### 8.3 *Weld Shear Strength:*

8.3.1 The weld shear strength between longitudinal and transverse wires shall be tested as described in Section 9. The minimum average shear value in pounds-force shall not be less than 35 000 multiplied by the nominal area of the larger wire in square inches [in Newtons shall not be less than 241 multiplied by the nominal area of the larger wire in square millimetres], where the smaller wire has an area of 40 % or more of the area of the larger wire. For deformed welded wire reinforcement, the smaller wire shall not be less than D 4 [MD 26].

8.3.2 Deformed welded wire reinforcement having a relationship of larger and smaller wires other than that covered in 8.3.1 shall meet an average weld shear strength requirement of not less than 800 lbf [3.6 kN], provided that the smaller wire is not smaller than D 4 [MD 26]. Plain welded wire reinforcement having a relationship of larger and smaller wires other than those covered in 8.3.1 shall not be subject to the weld shear requirement.

8.3.3 Weld-shear tests for determination of conformance to the requirements of 8.3 shall be conducted using a weld tester as described in Section 9.

8.3.4 Four welds selected at random from the specimen described in 11.2 shall be tested for weld shear strength. The smaller diameter wire of each test specimen shall extend approximately 1 in. [25 mm] on each side of the larger diameter wire. The larger wire of each test specimen shall be of such length below the smaller wire so as to be adequately engaged by the grips of the testing machine. The larger wire shall be of such length above the smaller wire that its end shall be above the center line of the upper bearing of the weld tester. These four weld shear test results constitute a set.

8.3.5 The material shall be deemed to conform to the requirements for weld shear strength if the average of the test results of the four specimens complies with the value stipulated in 8.3. If the average fails to meet the prescribed value, all the welds across the specimen shall then be tested. The welded wire reinforcement shall be deemed acceptable if the average of all weld shear test values across the specimen meets the prescribed minimum value.

### 8.4 *Number of Tests:*

8.4.1 At least one test for conformance to minimum tensile strength and bend test requirements shall be made for each 75 000 ft<sup>2</sup> [7 000 m<sup>2</sup>] of welded wire reinforcement or remaining fraction thereof.

8.4.2 At least one test for conformance to minimum tensile strength and bend test requirements shall be made for each 20 tons [18 metric tonnes] of wire or fraction thereof prior to fabrication of the welded wire reinforcement.

8.4.3 At least one set of weld shear tests (see 8.3.4) for conformance to weld shear strength requirements shall be made for each 300 000 ft<sup>2</sup> [28 000 m<sup>2</sup>] or remaining fraction thereof.

## 9. Weld Shear Test Apparatus and Methods

9.1 As the welds in welded wire reinforcement contribute to the bond and anchorage value of the wires in concrete, the weld acceptance tests shall be made in a weld tester that stresses the weld in a manner similar to which it is stressed in concrete. In order to accomplish this, the vertical wire in the weld tester shall be stressed in an axis close to its center line. Also the horizontal wire shall be held closely to the vertical wire, and in the same relative position, so as to prevent rotation of the horizontal wire. When the welded wire reinforcement is manufactured with different wire sizes, the larger diameter wire shall be the “vertical wire” when tested (see Fig. 1).

9.2 The weld tester shown in Fig. 1 shall be hung in a ball and socket, or similar self aligning arrangement, at the center of the machine and used with an anvil sized such that it fully supports the horizontal wire and allows the vertical wire of the test specimen to move freely in the vertical direction. This, or a similarly effective fixture designed on the same principle, shall be acceptable.

9.3 Test specimens shall be inserted through the notch in the anvil using the smallest notch available in which the vertical wire fits loosely. The vertical wire shall be in contact with the surface of the free rotating rollers while the horizontal wire shall be supported by the anvil on each side of the slot. The bottom jaws of the testing machine shall grip the lower end of the vertical wire and the load shall be applied at a rate of stressing according to loading rates in the Tension Test section of Test Methods and Definitions A370.

## 10. Dimensions and Permissible Variations for Welded Wire Reinforcement

10.1 *Width*—The width of welded wire reinforcement shall be considered to be the center-to-center distance between outside longitudinal wires. The permissible variation shall not exceed 0.5 in. [13 mm] greater or less than the specified width. In case the width of flat sheets or rolls is specified as the overall width (tip-to-tip length of transverse wires), the width shall not vary more than  $\pm 1$  in. [ $\pm 25$  mm] from the specified width. When measurements involve a convoluted wire, the measurement shall be made to the approximate center of the sinusoidal wave shape.

10.2 *Length*—The overall length of flat sheets, measured on any wire, shall not vary more than  $\pm 1$  in. [ $\pm 25$  mm], or 1 %, whichever is greater.

10.3 Overhang of the transverse wires shall not project beyond the centerline of each longitudinal edge wire more than a distance of 1 in. [25 mm], unless otherwise specified. When transverse wires are specified to project a specific length beyond the center line of a longitudinal edge wire, the permissible variation shall not exceed 0.5 in. [13 mm] greater or less than the specified length.