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# Standard Specification for Metal, Expanded, Steel<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers expanded metal.

1.1.1 Expanded metal covered by this specification is intended for a variety of applications.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only and may be approximate.

1.3 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 11, of this specification. *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>

[A123/A123M Specification for Zinc \(Hot-Dip Galvanized\) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products](#)

[A240/A240M Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications](#)

[A653/A653M Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated \(Galvanized\) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated \(Galvannealed\) by the Hot-Dip Process](#)

[A666 Specification for Annealed or Cold-Worked Austenitic](#)

<sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee A01 on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee A01.19 on Steel Sheet and Strip.

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<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.

[Stainless Steel Sheet, Strip, Plate, and Flat Bar](#)

[A700 Guide for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Shipment](#)

[A1008/A1008M Specification for Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, Required Hardness, Solution Hardened, and Bake Hardenable](#)

[A1011/A1011M Specification for Steel, Sheet and Strip, Hot-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, and Ultra-High Strength](#)

2.2 *SAE Standard:*<sup>3</sup>

[SAE J 1086 Numbering Metals and Alloys \(Stabilized October 2012\)](#)

2.3 *Military Standards:*<sup>4</sup>

[MIL-C-16173 Corrosion Preventive Compound, Solvent Cutback, Cold-Application](#)

[MIL-STD-105 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes](#)

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Expanded Metal Terminology:* [n-f1267-182023](#)

3.1.1 *bond, n*—the solid intersection of two strands.

3.1.2 *camber, n*—the bow of a side or edge from end to end from a straight line.

3.1.3 *diamonds, n*—open area of metal after expanding. Most expanded metal open area or patterns are uniform diamond shaped, but may also be hexagonal, louvered, asymmetric, square, or other shapes, or combinations thereof.

3.1.4 *edge configuration, n*—refers to the edge condition of a sheet may they be closed diamonds (bonded), or open diamonds (random) produced by shearing.

3.1.5 *expanded metal, n*—a rigid sheet of metal that is simultaneously been slit and stretched creating an open diamond pattern.

<sup>3</sup> Available from Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, <http://www.sae.org>.

<sup>4</sup> Available from Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS), 127 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180-4602, <http://www.msshq.com>.

3.1.6 *flattened, v (F)*—expanded metal that has been cold-rolled after expansion.

3.1.7 *flattening, adv*—the process of producing flattened expanded metal.

3.1.8 *grating, n*—expanded metal that is produced from heavier sheet.

3.1.9 *levelness, n*—(flatness of sheet), sheets shall be free from waves or buckets that are in excess of 1½ in. from a plane surface.

3.1.10 *LWD, n*—nominal dimension, Long Way of the Diamond.

3.1.11 *LWO, n*—Long Way of the Opening.

3.1.12 *regular-raised-standard, n*—(R) expanded metal as it comes from the press. The strands and bonds are set at a uniform angle to the plane of the sheet.

3.1.13 *SWD, n*—nominal dimension, Short Way of the Diamond.

3.1.14 *SWO, n*—Short Way of the Opening.

3.1.15 *shearing, n*—cutting the sheet to a specific size or tolerance.

3.1.16 *squareness, n*—the dimensional variance a side and edge are out of square.

3.1.17 *strand thickness, n*—thickness of the base metal

3.1.18 *strand thickness, n, and strand width, n*—can be varied to create different expanded metal products for different applications.

3.1.19 *strand width, n*—amount of material fed through top and bottom dies to produce one strand.

3.1.20 *taper, n*—edges of a sheet that deviates from parallel.

**4. Classification**

4.1 Expanded metal shall be of the following types, classes, and grades as specified (see 5.1.2).

4.2 *Type:*

4.2.1 *Type I*—Expanded (see Fig. 1).

4.2.2 *Type II*—Expanded and flattened (see Fig. 2).

4.3 *Class:*

4.3.1 *Class 1*—Uncoated.

4.3.2 *Class 2*—Hot-dip zinc-coated (galvanized or galva-nealed).

4.3.3 *Class 3*—Corrosion-resisting steel.

4.4 *Grade*—Pertains only to post-galvanized or galva-nealed coating.

4.4.1 *Grade A*—0.0025 in. (0.06 mm) minimum coating thickness.

4.4.2 *Grade B*—0.0012 in. (0.03 mm) minimum coating thickness.

**5. Ordering Information**

5.1 Orders for material under this specification shall include the following information, as required, to describe the material adequately:

5.1.1 ASTM designation,

5.1.2 Type, class, and grade of steel required (see 4.1),

5.1.3 Material required (see 6.1),

5.1.4 Direction of shear, if not as specified (see 6.2.1),

5.1.5 Length, width, and thickness of uncoated mesh, and weight per square ft uncoated (see Tables 1-6),

5.1.6 Size of sheet required, if other than sizes specified in 7.1,

5.1.7 Whether or not sheets from which samples have been selected for coating thickness test may be included as part of material shipped (see 10.1.2), and

5.1.8 Optional requirements, if any (see Supplementary Requirements S1 through S3).

**6. Materials and Manufacture**

6.1 Expanded metal shall be made from Commercial Steel (CS Type B) carbon steel sheets as specified in Specifications A1008/A1008M or A1011/A1011M or from stainless steel sheets as specified in Specifications A240/A240M or A666.

6.2 Expanded metal shall be manufactured from sheet steel in thicknesses corresponding to Tables 1-6 as specified (see 5.1.5).

6.2.1 Each opening shall be integral with adjoining openings by means of unsheared bonds (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2) of the original sheet.

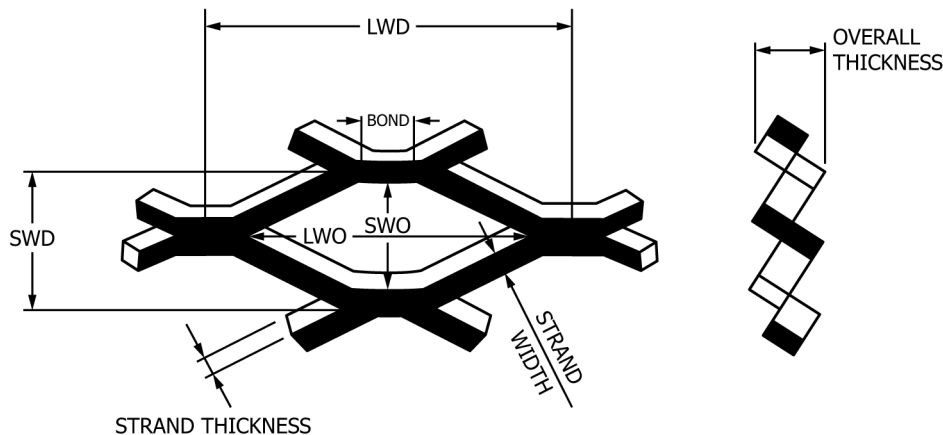


FIG. 1 Type I, Expanded and Raised

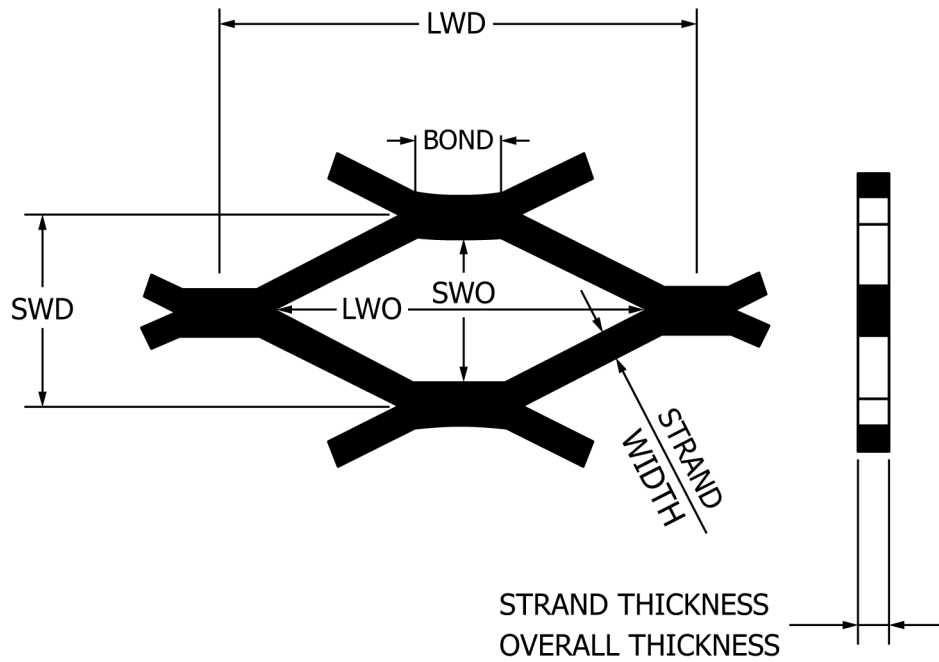


FIG. 2 Type II, Expanded and Flattened

TABLE 1 Carbon Steel Dimensions, Strand Sizes, and Weight for Type I (Raised), Class 1 Metal<sup>A</sup>

Style	Minimum Strand Thickness (in.) <sup>D</sup>	Nominal Weight per CSF <sup>B</sup>	Design Size (in.) <sup>C</sup>		Opening Size (in.) <sup>C</sup>		Strand Size (in.)		Overall Thickness (in.) <sup>C</sup>	Diamond per ft		Percent Open Area
			SWD	LWD	SWO	LWO	Width <sup>C</sup>	Thickness		SWD	LWD	
¼ 20	0.032	85	0.250	1.000	0.157	0.718	0.072	0.036	0.146	48	12	42 %
¼ 18	0.042	113	0.250	1.000	0.146	0.718	0.072	0.048	0.151	48	12	42 %
½ 20	0.032	42	0.500	1.200	0.407	0.938	0.072	0.036	0.146	24	10	71 %
½ 18	0.042	69	0.500	1.200	0.382	0.938	0.088	0.048	0.180	24	10	65 %
½ 16	0.053	85	0.500	1.200	0.372	0.938	0.087	0.060	0.183	24	10	65 %
½ 13	0.083	141	0.500	1.200	0.337	0.938	0.096	0.090	0.212	24	10	62 %
¾ 16	0.053	54	0.923	2.000	0.783	1.750	0.101	0.060	0.208	13	6	78 %
¾ 13	0.083	77	0.923	2.000	0.760	1.688	0.096	0.090	0.212	13	6	79 %
¾ 10	0.083	117	0.923	2.000	0.718	1.625	0.144	0.092	0.300	13	6	69 %
¾ 9	0.127	178	0.923	2.000	0.675	1.562	0.150	0.134	0.329	13	6	67 %
1 16	0.053	43	1.000	2.400	0.872	2.062	0.087	0.060	0.183	12	5	83 %
1½ 18	0.042	20	1.330	3.000	1.229	2.625	0.068	0.048	0.144	9	4	90 %
1½ 16	0.053	40	1.330	3.000	1.184	2.625	0.108	0.060	0.221	9	4	84 %
1½ 13	0.083	58	1.330	3.000	1.160	2.500	0.105	0.090	0.228	9	4	84 %
1½ 10	0.083	76	1.330	3.000	1.132	2.500	0.138	0.090	0.288	9	4	79 %
1½ 9	0.127	119	1.330	3.000	1.087	2.375	0.144	0.134	0.318	9	4	78 %
1½ 6	0.184	247	1.330	3.000	0.979	2.313	0.203	0.198	0.452	9	4	69 %
2 10	0.083	65	1.850	4.000	1.630	3.438	0.164	0.090	0.335	7	3	82 %
2 9	0.127	88	1.850	4.000	1.603	3.375	0.149	0.134	0.327	7	3	84 %

<sup>A</sup> 1 lb = 0.454 kg; 1 in. = 25.4 m.

<sup>B</sup> A variation in weight per square ft of ±10 % is permissible, based on the weight of any sheet or bundle. No combination of tolerances can be combined to yield weight per SF below -10 % tolerance range; the minimum weight per SF of -10 % is absolute.

<sup>C</sup> A tolerance of ±10 % is permitted in dimensions, except for minimum strand thickness.

<sup>D</sup> The minimum thickness is absolute, not subject to minus variation.

## 7. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

7.1 Unless otherwise specified (see 5.1.6), Type I expanded metal shall be furnished in sheets 4 ft (1.2 m) wide by 8 ft (2.4 m) long, and Type II, flattened, expanded metal shall be furnished in sheets 4 ft (1.2 m) wide by 8 ft (2.4 m) long.

7.2 Types I and II expanded metal shall be furnished in accordance with the weights and dimensions as specified in Tables 1-6, respectively.

7.3 Tolerances for Type I (raised expanded metal) sheets:

**TABLE 2 Grating—Carbon Steel Dimensions, Strand Sizes, and Weight for Type I (Raised), Class 1 Metal<sup>A</sup>**

Style	Nominal Weight per CSF <sup>B</sup>	Design Size in. <sup>C</sup>		Opening Size in. <sup>C</sup>		Strand Size in.		Overall Thickness (in.)	Diamond per ft		Percent Open Area
		SWD	LWD	SWO	LWO	Width	Thickness		SWD	LWD	
2.0 lb	2.00	1.33	5.33	1.000	3.60	0.235	0.135	0.460	9.0	2.25	77 %
3.0 lb	3.00	1.33	5.33	0.940	3.44	0.264	0.183	0.540	9.0	2.25	60 %
3.14 lb	3.14	2.00	6.00	1.625	4.88	0.312	0.250	0.656	6.0	2.00	69 %
4.0 lb	4.00	1.33	5.33	0.940	3.44	0.300	0.215	0.618	9.0	2.25	55 %
4.27 lb	4.27	1.41	4.00	1.000	2.88	0.300	0.250	0.625	8.5	3.00	58 %
5.0 lb	5.00	1.33	5.33	0.813	3.38	0.331	0.250	0.655	9.0	2.25	50 %
6.25 lb	6.25	1.41	5.33	0.813	3.38	0.350	0.312	0.715	8.5	2.25	50 %
7.0 lb	7.00	1.41	5.33	0.813	3.38	0.391	0.318	0.740	8.5	2.25	45 %

<sup>A</sup> 1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 lb = 0.454 kg.

<sup>B</sup> A variation in weight per square ft of  $\pm 5\%$  is permissible, based on the weight of any sheet or bundle. No combination of tolerances can be combined to yield weight per SF below  $-5\%$  tolerance range; the minimum weight per SF of  $5\%$  is absolute.

<sup>C</sup> A tolerance of  $\pm 5\%$  is permitted in dimensions, center to center.

**TABLE 3 Grating—Stainless Steel Dimensions, Strand Sizes, and Weights for Type 1 (Raised), Class 1 Metal<sup>A</sup>**

Style	Nominal Weight per CSF <sup>B</sup>	Design Size, in. <sup>C</sup>		Opening Size, in. <sup>C</sup>		Strand Size, in.		Overall Thickness (in.)	Diamond per ft		Percent Open Area
		SWD	LWD	SWO	LWO	Width	Thickness		SWD	LWD	
3.3 lb.	3.32	2.00	6.0	1.625	4.880	0.312	0.250	0.656	6	2	69 %
4.5 lb.	4.25	1.41	4.0	1.000	2.880	0.300	0.250	0.625	8.5	3	58 %

<sup>A</sup> 1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 lb = 0.454 kg.

<sup>B</sup> A variation in weight per square ft of  $\pm 5\%$  is permissible, based on the weight of any sheet or bundle. No combination of tolerances can be combined to yield weight per SF below  $-5\%$  tolerance range; the minimum weight per SF of  $5\%$  is absolute.

<sup>C</sup> A tolerance of  $\pm 5\%$  is permitted in dimensions, center to center.

**TABLE 4 Carbon Steel Dimensions, Strand Sizes, and Weight for Type II (Flattened), Class 1 Metal<sup>A</sup>**

Style	Minimum Thickness (in.) <sup>D</sup>	Nominal Weight per CSF <sup>B</sup>	Design Size (in.) <sup>C</sup>		Opening Size (in.) <sup>C</sup>		Strand Size (in.)		Overall Thickness (in.)	Diamond per ft		Percent Open Area
			SWD	LWD	SWO	LWO	Width	Thickness		SWD	LWD	
¼ 20	0.026	74	0.250	1.050	0.092	0.715	0.079	0.029	0.029	48	11.4	37 %
¼ 18	0.034	100	0.250	1.050	0.090	0.715	0.080	0.038	0.038	48	11.4	36 %
½ 20	0.026	37	0.500	1.260	0.342	1.000	0.079	0.029	0.029	24	9.5	68 %
½ 18	0.034	61	0.500	1.260	0.306	1.000	0.097	0.038	0.038	24	9.5	61 %
½ 16	0.043	77	0.500	1.260	0.304	1.000	0.098	0.048	0.048	24	9.5	61 %
½ 13	0.066	126	0.500	1.260	0.286	1.000	0.107	0.072	0.072	24	9.5	57 %
¾ 16	0.043	47	0.923	2.100	0.701	1.750	0.111	0.048	0.048	13	5.7	76 %
¾ 14	0.054	56	0.923	2.100	0.713	1.760	0.105	0.060	0.060	13	5.7	77 %
¾ 13	0.066	67	0.923	2.100	0.711	1.781	0.106	0.072	0.072	13	5.7	77 %
¾ 10	0.066	102	0.923	2.100	0.603	1.755	0.160	0.072	0.072	13	5.7	65 %
¾ 9	0.101	157	0.923	2.100	0.593	1.688	0.165	0.108	0.108	13	5.7	64 %
1 16	0.043	38	1.000	2.520	0.804	2.250	0.098	0.048	0.048	12	4.8	80 %
1½ 16	0.043	35	1.330	3.150	1.092	2.750	0.119	0.048	0.048	9	3.8	82 %
1½ 14	0.054	43	1.330	3.150	1.098	2.750	0.116	0.060	0.060	9	3.8	83 %
1½ 13	0.066	51	1.330	3.150	1.098	2.750	0.116	0.072	0.072	9	3.8	83 %
1½ 9	0.101	105	1.330	3.150	1.014	2.563	0.158	0.108	0.108	9	3.8	76 %

<sup>A</sup> 1 lb = 0.454 kg; 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

<sup>B</sup> A variation in weight per square ft of  $\pm 10\%$  is permissible, based on the weight of any sheet or bundle. No combination of tolerances can be combined to yield weight per SF below  $-10\%$  tolerance range; the minimum weight per SF of  $-10\%$  is absolute.

<sup>C</sup> A tolerance of  $\pm 10\%$  is permitted in dimensions, except for thickness.

<sup>D</sup> The minimum thickness is absolute, not subject to minus variation.

7.3.1 Strand width shall not vary in excess of  $\pm 10\%$  of the nominal width.

7.3.2 Sheet width shall not exceed ¼ in. per ft of SWD dimension. (Example: factory run stock sheet 48 in. could be 49 in. wide.)

7.3.3 Sheet length shall not exceed ¼ in. per ft of LWD dimension. (Example: factory run stock sheet 96 in. could be 98 in. long.)

7.3.4 Camber shall not exceed ⅜ in. per ft of dimension.

7.3.5 Taper shall not exceed ⅛ in. per ft of dimension, or ¼ in. overall.

7.3.6 Squareness of ends of sheets shall not exceed ⅛ in. per ft out of square or ½ in. of overall length.

7.3.7 Levelness of sheets shall be free from waves or buckles that are in excess of 1½ in. from a plane surface.

**TABLE 5 Stainless Steel Styles, Weights, Dimensions, and Sheet Sizes for Type I (Raised), Class 3 Metal<sup>A</sup>**

Style	Minimum Thickness (in.) <sup>D</sup>	Nominal Weight per CSF <sup>B</sup>	Design Size (in.) <sup>C</sup>		Opening Size (in.) <sup>C</sup>		Strand Size (in.)		Overall Thickness (in.) <sup>C</sup>	Diamond per ft		Percent Open Area
			SWD	LWD	SWO	LWO	Width <sup>C</sup>	Thickness		SWD	LWD	
½ 18	0.044	69	0.500	1.200	0.383	0.937	0.087	0.048	0.178	24	10	65 %
½ 16	0.055	87	0.500	1.200	0.372	0.937	0.087	0.060	0.183	24	10	65 %
½ 13	0.085	143	0.500	1.200	0.418	0.876	0.096	0.090	0.254	24	10	62 %
¾ 18	0.044	46	0.923	2.000	0.790	1.750	0.106	0.048	0.212	13	6	77 %
¾ 16	0.055	57	0.923	2.000	0.779	1.760	0.106	0.060	0.217	13	6	77 %
¾ 13	0.085	87	0.923	2.000	0.751	1.687	0.107	0.090	0.232	13	6	77 %
¾ 9	0.128	194	0.923	2.000	0.666	1.562	0.160	0.135	0.347	13	6	65 %
1½ 16	0.055	43	1.330	3.000	1.179	2.750	0.115	0.060	0.234	9	4	83 %
1½ 13	0.085	65	1.330	3.000	1.152	2.625	0.115	0.090	0.246	9	4	83 %
1½ 9	0.128	130	1.330	3.000	1.077	2.500	0.155	0.135	0.338	9	4	77 %

<sup>A</sup> 1 lb = 0.454 kg; 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

<sup>B</sup> A variation in weight per square ft of  $\pm 10\%$  is permissible, based on the weight of any sheet or bundle. No combination of tolerances can be combined to yield weight per SF below  $-10\%$  tolerance range; the minimum weight per SF is  $-10\%$  is absolute.

<sup>C</sup> A tolerance of  $\pm 10\%$  is permitted in dimensions, except for minimum strand thickness.

<sup>D</sup> The minimum thickness is absolute, not subject to minus variation.

**TABLE 6 Stainless Steel Styles, Weights, Dimensions, and Sheet Sizes for Type II (Flattened), Class 3 Metal<sup>A</sup>**

Style	Minimum Thickness (in.) <sup>D</sup>	Nominal Weight per CSF <sup>B</sup>	Design Size (in.) <sup>C</sup>		Opening Size (in.) <sup>C</sup>		Strand Size (in.)		Overall Thickness (in.)	Diamond per ft		Percent Open Area
			SWD	LWD	SWO	LWO	Width	Thickness		SWD	LWD	
½ 18	0.037	66	0.500	1.260	0.304	1.000	0.098	0.041	0.041	24	9.5	61 %
½ 16	0.047	84	0.500	1.260	0.302	1.000	0.099	0.051	0.051	24	9.5	60 %
½ 13	0.072	136	0.500	1.260	0.236	0.915	0.107	0.076	0.076	24	9.5	57 %
¾ 18	0.037	43	0.923	2.100	0.687	1.812	0.118	0.041	0.041	13	5.7	74 %
¾ 16	0.047	54	0.923	2.100	0.687	1.812	0.118	0.051	0.051	13	5.7	74 %
¾ 13	0.072	83	0.923	2.100	0.683	1.750	0.120	0.076	0.076	13	5.7	74 %
¾ 9	0.108	185	0.923	2.100	0.593	1.687	0.179	0.114	0.114	13	5.7	61 %
1½ 16	0.047	41	1.330	3.150	1.074	2.750	0.128	0.051	0.051	9	3.8	81 %
1½ 13	0.072	62	1.330	3.150	1.070	2.625	0.130	0.076	0.076	9	3.8	80 %
1½ 9	0.108	124	1.330	3.150	0.960	2.625	0.174	0.114	0.114	9	3.8	74 %

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<sup>C</sup> A tolerance of  $\pm 10\%$  is permitted in dimensions, except for thickness.

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7.3.8 Each sheet shall have closed diamond openings on all sides of the sheet unless ordered differently.

7.3.8.1 Generally, all stock or machine run sheets will have closed diamonds on all four sides.

7.4 *Tolerances for Type II (expanded and flattened metal) sheets:*

7.4.1 The thickness of Type II, flattened expanded metal, shall not be less than 80 % of the minimum thickness of the corresponding Type I, raised expanded metal thickness.

7.4.2 Sheet width after flattening shall not exceed ¼ in. per ft of SWD dimension.

7.4.3 Sheet length after flattening shall not exceed ¼ in. per ft of LWD dimension.

7.4.4 Camber after flattening, the greatest deviation of a side from a straight line after flattening shall not exceed ⅜ in. per ft of dimension.

7.4.5 Taper after flattening, sheet edges shall not deviate from parallel greater than ⅛ in. per ft of dimension to a maximum of ⅜ in. overall.

7.4.6 Squareness of ends of sheets shall not exceed ⅛ in. per ft out of square or ½ in. of overall length.

7.4.7 Levelness of sheets shall be free from waves or buckles that are in excess of 1½ in. from a plane surface.

7.5 Expanded metal grating stock/machine run sheets dimension tolerances.

7.5.1 SWD shall not vary from the nominal dimension more than ¼ in. per ft of width.

7.5.2 LWD shall not vary greater than  $-0 + \frac{1}{2}$  diamond size.

7.6 Random sheared tolerance for regular and flattened expanded metal and expanded metal grating.

7.6.1 Random sheared across one side SWD and one end LWD.

7.6.1.1 Expanded metal— $\pm \frac{1}{4}$  in. causing open diamonds on one side and one end.

7.6.1.2 Expanded metal grating shall vary in dimension  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  in.

7.6.2 Random sheared across both SWD ends.

7.6.2.1 SWD has same tolerance as stock/machine run tolerance.

7.6.2.2 Expanded metal— $\pm \frac{1}{8}$  in. causing open diamonds on both SWD ends.