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Standard Specification for Wrought Cobalt-Chromium-Nickel-Molybdenum-Iron Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the requirements for two grades of wrought cobalt-chromium-nickel-molybdenum-iron alloy in the form of wire and strip used for the manufacture of surgical implants.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- A 751 Methods, Practices, and Definitions for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products²
- E 8 Methods of Tension Testing of Metallic Materials³
- E 18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials³
- E 45 Practice for Determining the Inclusion Content of Steel⁴
- E 92 Test Method for Vickers Hardness of Metallic Materials³
- E 112 Methods for Determining the Average Grain Size⁴
- E 140 Hardness Conversion Tables for Metals (Relationship Between Brinell Hardness, Rockwell Hardness, Rockwell Superficial Hardness, and Knoop Hardness)³
- 2.2 Aerospace Material Specifications: standards/sist/d
- AMS 2269 Chemical Check Analysis Limits Wrought Nickel and Alloys and Cobalt Alloys⁵
- AMS 5833 Alloy Wire, Corrosion and Heat Resistant 20Cr-15Ni-40Co-7.0Mo-16Fe Solution Treated and Cold Drawn⁵
- AMS 5834 Alloy Wire, Corrosion and Heat Resistant 20Cr-15Ni-40Co-7.0Mo-16Fe Solution Heat Treated, Cold Drawn, and Aged⁵
- AMS 5875 Alloy Strip, Corrosion and Heat Resistant 20Cr-15Ni-40Co-7.0Mo-16Fe Solution Heat Treated, Cold Rolled, and Aged⁵

- AMS 5876 Alloy Strip, Corrosion and Heat Resistant 20Cr-15Ni-40Co-7.0Mo-16Fe Solution Heat Treated and Cold Rolled⁵
- 2.3 American Society for Quality Control:
- C1 Specification of General Requirements for a Quality Program⁶
- 2.4 ISO Standard:
- ISO 5832-7 Implants for Surgery—Metal Based Products— Part 7 Forgeable and Cold Formed Co-Cr-Ni-Mo-Fe Alloy⁷

3. Ordering Information

3.1 Inquiries and orders for material under this specification shall include the following information:

- 3.1.1 Quantity (weight or number of pieces),
- 3.1.2 Condition (4.11),
- 3.1.3 Finish (4.2),

3.1.4 Mechanical properties (if applicable, for special conditions) (7.1),

3.1.5 Applicable dimensions, including size, thickness, width, and length (exact, random, multiples), or print number,

- 3.1.6 Special tests, and
- 3.1.7 Supplementary requirements (if applicable):

3.1.7.1 Product uniformity, and 29d1d1/astm-f1058-97

3.1.7.2 Additional tests or inspections, supplementary composition limits, if any as required by the manufacturing process and intended application, and other supplementary requirements.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 *Condition*—Wire and strip shall be furnished to the implant manufacturer in the cold worked or cold worked and aged condition, as specified.

4.2 *Finish*—Surface finish shall be as specified and required by the subsequent manufacturing process and the intended application.

5. Chemical Requirements

5.1 The heat analysis shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition specified in Table 1.

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.03.

⁵ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

⁶ Available from American Society for Quality Control, 161 West Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203.

⁷ Available from American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements, Heat Analysis

	Composition, (%)			
Element	Grade 1		Grade 2	
	min	max	min	max
Carbon		0.15		0.15
Manganese	1.5	2.5	1.0	2.0
Silicon		1.20		1.20
Phosphorus		0.015		0.015
Sulfur		0.015		0.015
Cobalt	39.0	41.0	39.0	42.0
Chromium	19.0	21.0	18.5	21.5
Nickel	14.0	16.0	15.0	18.0
Molybdenum	6.0	8.0	6.5	7.5
Beryllium		0.10		0.001
Iron ^A	balance	balance	balance	balance

^A Approximately equal to the difference between 100 % and the sum percentage of the other specified elements. The percentage iron content by difference is not required to be reported.

5.1.1 Requirements for the major and minor elemental constituents for this alloy are listed in Table 1. Also listed are important residual elements. Analysis for elements not listed in Table 1 is not required to verify compliance with this specification.

5.2 Product analysis tolerances do not broaden the specified heat analysis requirements, but cover variations between laboratories in the measurement of chemical content. The manufacturer shall not ship material that is outside the limits specified in Table 1. Product analysis limits shall be specified in Table 2 and in accordance with AMS 2269.

5.3 Methods and practices relating to chemical analysis required by this specification shall be in accordance with Methods A 751.

6. Metallurgical Requirements

6.1 The material shall have a homogeneous cold worked microstructure as observed at $100 \times$ magnification.

6.2 The grain size shall be ASTM 5 or finer, based on the appropriate chart of Methods E 112.

6.3 The microcleanliness of the alloy as determined by Practice E 45, Method A, except using Plate III for counts $\frac{1}{2}$ through $2\frac{1}{2}$ and Plate I for counts 3 through 5, on representative billet, bar, or hot band samples from the heat shall not exceed the following:

TABLE 2	Product	Analysis	Tolerances ^A
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Element	Tolerances over the max (upper limit) or under the min (lower limit), %
Carbon	0.01
Manganese	0.04
Silicon	0.10
Phosphorous	0.005
Sulfur	0.003
Cobalt	0.50
Chromium	0.25
Nickel	0.20
Molybdenum	0.15
Beryllium, ^B	max 0.10 0.01
-	max 0.001 0.0001

^A Refer to AMS 2269.

^B Based on beryllium analysis by flame atomic absorbtion with a detection limit of 0.0000001 % (1 ppb).

TABLE 3 Mechanical Requirements, Cold Worked Wire

Diameter inch (mm)	Ultimate Tensile Strength, min, psi (MPa)
0.001 to 0.005, incl (0.02 to 0.12)	260 000 (1795)
Over 0.005 to 0.040, incl (0.12 to 1.00)	240 000 (1655)
Over 0.040 to 0.060, incl (1.00 to 1.50)	235 000 (1620)
Over 0.060 to 0.100, incl (1.50 to 2.50)	225 000 (1550)
Over 0.100 to 0.140, incl (2.50 to 3.50)	220 000 (1515)

TABLE 4 Mechanical Requirements, Cold Worked and Aged^A Wire

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Diameter inch (mm)	Ultimate Tensile Strength, min, psi (MPa)	Yield Strength (0.2 % offset), min, psi (MPa)		
0.001 to 0.005, incl	330 000 (2275)			
(0.02 to 0.12)				
Over 0.005 to 0.040, incl	290 000 (2000)	210 000 (1450)		
(0.12 to 1.00)				
Over 0.040 to 0.060, incl	285 000 (1965)	200 000 (1380)		
(1.00 to 1.50)	()			
Over 0.060 to 0.080, incl	275 000 (1895)	200 000 (1380)		
(1.50 to 2.00)	075 000 (4005)	405 000 (4045)		
Over 0.080 to 0.100, incl	275 000 (1895)	195 000 (1345)		
(2.00 to 2.50)	070 000 (4000)	405 000 (4075)		
Over 0.100 to 0.120, incl	270 000 (1860)	185 000 (1275)		
Over 0.120 to 0.140, incl	270 000 (1860)	180 000 (1240)		
(3.00 to 3.50)	210 000 (1000)	100 000 (1240)		
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^A Thermally aged by heating to a temperature within the range 900° to 1000°F (480° to 540°C), holding at the selected temperature within $\pm 25^{\circ}$ F ($\pm 15^{\circ}$ C) for 5 to 5½ h, and cooling in air to room temperature.

TABLE 5 Mechanical Requirements, Cold Worked Strip

058-9Thickness, inch (mm)	Ultimate Tensile Strength, min, psi (MPa)
2-b7c1 Up to 0.0043, incl-5a59462 (0.110)	29d1d1260 000 (1795) 8-97
Over 0.0043 to 0.01875, incl (0.110 to 0.4688)	250 000 (1725)
Over 0.01875 to 0.025, incl (0.4688 to 0.62)	240 000 (1655)
Over 0.025 to 0.047, incl (0.62 to 1.18)	220 000 (1515)
Over 0.047 to 0.075, incl (1.18 to 1.88)	180 000 (1240)
Over 0.075 to 0.100, incl (1.88 to 2.50)	130 000 (895)

Inclusion Type	A (Sulfide)	B (Alumina)	C (Silicate)	D (Globular Oxide)
Thin	1	3	1	3
Heavy	0	0	0	0

7. Mechanical Requirements

7.1 The material shall conform to the appropriate minimum mechanical properties specified in Table 3, Table 4, Table 5, or Table 6. Methods E 8 shall apply.

7.2 When desired, hardness limits may be specified. Test Methods E 18 or E 92 and Tables E 140 shall be used. Hardness determination of cold worked or cold worked and aged material shall be made on a product cross section,