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Standard Specification for Welded Wire Lath¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification covers welded wire lath, flat or self-furring, with or without backing, designed for use as a base to receive portland cement-based interior plaster and exterior stucco.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 390 Specification for Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Steel Poultry Fence Fabric (Hexagonal and Straight Line)²

A 641 Specification for Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Carbon Steel Wire²

C 11 Terminology Relating to Gypsum and Related Building Materials and Systems³

2.2 Federal Specifications:

UU-B-790 Building Paper, Vegetable Fiber: (Kraft, Water-proofed, Water Repellent and Fire Resistant)⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of terms used in this standard shall be in accordance with Terminology C 11.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 Welded wire lath shall be fabricated from not less than 0.0625 in. (1.588 mm), cold-drawn, galvanized steel wire, conforming to Specification A 641.

4.1.1 The wire shall be zinc-coated (galvanized) in accordance with Specification A 390, Class 1.

4.1.2 The backing shall be paper or felt, conforming to Federal Specification UU-B-790. The backing shall be either

absorptive or water resistant. The backing shall have a bursting strength of not less than that required to maintain integrity under normal hand- or machine-application pressures.

4.1.3 The backing shall be attached to the lath to prevent accidental removal during shipping, handling or installation. Attachment of the backing shall allow lapping of wire-to-wire and backing-to-backing of not less than one mesh at ends and edges and shall permit full embedment, in not less than $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3.2 mm) of plaster, of not less than one-half of the total length and width of the wire.

4.1.4 The thickness of the embedment of the lath and plaster shall be measured from the back plane of the back wire, exclusive of furring, to the backing or surface of the substrate.

5. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

5.1 Openings and Stiffening:

5.1.1 Lath shall be welded at all intersections of wire to form openings not more than 2 in. (51 mm) by 2 in. (51 mm). Lath shall be stiffened continuously and parallel to the long dimension of the lath at intervals of not more than 6 in. (152 mm) with wire not less than 0.0720 in. (1.829 mm) in diameter.

5.1.2 Self-furring crimps on self-furring lath shall project not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6.4 mm) from the plane of the back of the lath.

5.2 *Thickness*—The nominal thickness shall be $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3.2 mm), exclusive of self-furring crimps, with a permissible variation of $\pm \frac{1}{32}$ in. (0.8 mm).

5.3 *Width*—The nominal width shall be 28 in. (710 mm) or 38 in. (965 mm), with a permissible variation of $\pm \frac{3}{4}$ in. (19 mm).

5.4 *Length*—The nominal length shall be 96 in. (2440 mm) or 104 in. (2640 mm) with a permissible variation of $\pm \frac{3}{4}$ in. (19 mm).

5.5 *Weight*—The nominal weight, exclusive of backing, shall be from 1.14 to 1.83 lb/yd² (0.618 to 0.993 kg/m²). Permissible variation in percentage over and under the nominal weights shall be in accordance with mill tolerances.

6. Sampling

6.1 When specified by the purchase agreement, samples of welded wire lath shall be taken at the place of manufacture or at the place of destination. If samples are taken at the

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.06.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 04.01.

⁴ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

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