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Standard Specification for Stainless Steel Spring Wire¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers austenitic and age-hardenable stainless steel round spring wire intended especially for the manufacture of springs.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as the standard. Within the text and tables, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

1.3 Unless the order specifies an “M” designation, the material shall be furnished to inch-pound units.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 555/A555M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Wire and Wire Rods²

A 751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products²

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)³

2.2 Society of Automotive Engineers Standard:

J 1086 Numbering Metals and Alloys⁴

3. Ordering Information

3.1 It is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for material ordered under this specification. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to the following:

- 3.1.1 Quantity (weight),
- 3.1.2 Name of material (stainless steel spring wire),
- 3.1.3 Finish (see 8.1),
- 3.1.4 Dimension (diameter),

- 3.1.5 Type designation (Table 1),
- 3.1.6 ASTM designation and date of issue,
- 3.1.7 Supplementary requirements for government procurement, and
- 3.1.8 Special requirements.

NOTE 1—A typical ordering description is as follows:

2000 lb (1000 kg) Stainless Steel Spring Wire, cold-drawn Class 1, bright finish, 0.032-in. (0.82 mm) diameter, in 100-lb (50 kg) 16-in. (0.4 m) coils, Type 302 to ASTM A 313, dated ____.

4. General Requirements for Delivery

4.1 In addition to the requirements of this specification, all requirements of the current edition of Specification A 555/A 555M shall apply. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification A 555/A 555M constitutes nonconformance with this specification.

5. Manufacture

5.1 Types 302 Class 1, 304, 305, 316, 321, 347, and Grades S20430 and XM-28 shall be cold drawn to produce the required mechanical properties.

5.2 Type 631, Type 302 Class 2, and Grade XM-16 shall be furnished in the cold-drawn condition ready for fabrication. Following fabrication Type 631 and Grade XM-16 shall be age or precipitation hardened to produce their maximum strength properties. The tensile strengths to be obtained following the prescribed heat treatment are shown in Table 2 and Table 3 for hardened wire. Type 302 Class 2 shall be stress relieved following fabrication and meet the requirements shown in Table 4. The nominal as-drawn tensile strengths are provided as a guide for the spring manufacturer.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The steel shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition prescribed in Table 1.

6.2 Methods and practices relating to chemical analysis required by this specification shall be in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A 751.

7. Mechanical Requirements

7.1 Tensile Properties:

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.01.

⁴ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096.

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TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

UNS Designation ^A	Type	Composition, ^B %									
		Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus	Sulfur	Silicon	Chromium	Nickel	Molybdenum	Nitrogen	Other Elements
Austenitic Grades											
S 24100	XM-28	0.15	11.0–14.0	0.060	0.030	1.00	16.5–19.0	0.50– 2.50		0.20–0.45	
S 30200	302	0.12	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	8.0– 9.5		0.10	
S 30400	304	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0–20.0	8.0–10.5		0.10	
S 30500	305	0.12	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	10.5–13.0			
S 31600	316	0.07	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	16.5–18.0	10.5–13.5	2.00–2.50	0.10	
S 32100	321	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–12.0			Ti 5×C min
S 34700	347	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–13.0			(Cb + Ta) 10×C min
Age-Hardenable Grades											
S 17700	631	0.09	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	6.50– 7.8			Al 0.75–1.50
S 45500	XM-16	0.05	0.50	0.040	0.030	0.50	11.0–12.5	7.50– 9.5	0.50 max		Ti 0.80–1.40 Cu 1.50–2.50 (Cb + Ta) 0.10–0.50
S 20430	...	0.15	6.5–9.0	0.060	0.030	1.00	15.5–17.5	1.50– 3.50		0.05–0.25	Cu 2.0–4.0

^A New designations established in accordance with Practice E 527 and SAE J 1086, Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS).

^B Maximum unless range is shown.

TABLE 2 Tensile Strength Requirements for Type 631^A

Diameter, in. [mm]	Cold Drawn Condition		Condition CH-900 ^B , ksi [MPa]	
	C, ksi [MPa]	Nominal		
			min	max
0.010 [0.25] to 0.015 [0.38], incl	295	[2035]	335	[2310]
Over 0.015 [0.38] to 0.020 [0.51], incl	290	[2000]	330	[2275]
Over 0.020 [0.51] to 0.029 [0.74], incl	285	[1965]	325	[2240]
Over 0.029 [0.74] to 0.041 [1.04], incl	275	[1895]	320	[2205]
Over 0.041 [1.04] to 0.051 [1.30], incl	270	[1860]	310	[2135]
Over 0.051 [1.30] to 0.061 [1.55], incl	265	[1825]	305	[2100]
Over 0.061 [1.55] to 0.071 [1.80], incl	257	[1770]	297	[2050]
Over 0.071 [1.80] to 0.086 [2.18], incl	255	[1760]	292	[2015]
Over 0.086 [2.18] to 0.090 [2.29], incl	245	[1690]	282	[1945]
Over 0.090 [2.29] to 0.100 [2.54], incl	242	[1670]	279	[1925]
Over 0.100 [2.54] to 0.106 [2.69], incl	238	[1640]	274	[1890]
Over 0.106 [2.69] to 0.130 [3.30], incl	236	[1625]	272	[1875]
Over 0.130 [3.30] to 0.138 [3.50], incl	230	[1585]	260	[1795]
Over 0.138 [3.50] to 0.146 [3.71], incl	228	[1570]	258	[1780]
Over 0.146 [3.71] to 0.162 [4.11], incl	226	[1560]	256	[1765]
Over 0.162 [4.11] to 0.180 [4.57], incl	224	[1545]	254	[1750]
Over 0.180 [4.57] to 0.207 [5.26], incl	222	[1530]	252	[1740]
Over 0.207 [5.26] to 0.225 [5.72], incl	218	[1505]	248	[1710]
Over 0.225 [5.72] to 0.306 [7.77], incl	213	[1470]	242	[1670]
Over 0.306 [7.77] to 0.440 [11.2], incl	207	[1425]	235	[1620]
Over 0.440 [11.2] to 0.625 [15.88], incl	203	[1400]	230	[1585]

^A When wire is specified in straightened and cut lengths, the minimum tensile strength shall be 90 % of the values listed in the table.

^B Aged at 900°F [482°C] for 1 h and air cooled.

7.1.1 Types 302 Class 1 and 304 shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 5.

7.1.2 Types 305, 316, 321, and 347 shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 6.

7.1.3 Type 631 shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 2 when heat treated 900°F [482°C] for 1 h and air cooled.

7.1.4 Grade XM-16 shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 3 when heat treated 850°F [454°C] for ½h and air cooled.

7.1.5 Grade XM-28 shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 7.

7.1.6 Type 302 Class 2 shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 4.

7.1.7 Grade S20430 shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 8.

7.2 Wrap Test:

7.2.1 Wire 0.162 in. [4.11 mm] and smaller in diameter shall wind on itself as an arbor without breaking.

7.2.2 Wire larger than 0.162 in. [4.11 mm] in diameter shall wind without breaking on a mandrel having a diameter twice the diameter of the wire.

7.3 Uniformity (Coil Test):

7.3.1 In the as-cold drawn condition, a specimen coil shall be wound on an arbor of the size specified in Table 9 to form a tightly wound coil.

7.3.2 After winding, the specimen coil shall be stretched to a permanent set four times its as-wound length. After this treatment, the specimen coil shall show uniform pitch with no splits or fractures.

7.4 *Cast*—A loop or ring shall be cut from the bundle and allowed to fall on the floor. The wire shall lie flat and not spring up or show a wavy condition.

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TABLE 3 Tensile Strength Requirements for Grade XM-16^A

Diameter, in. [mm]	Cold Drawn, ksi [MPa] Nominal	Age Hardened ^B , ksi [MPa]	
		min	max
0.010 [0.25] to 0.040 [1.02], incl	245 [1690]	320 [2205]	350 [2415]
Over 0.040 [1.02] to 0.050 [1.27], incl	235 [1620]	310 [2135]	340 [2345]
Over 0.050 [1.27] to 0.060 [1.52], incl	225 [1550]	305 [2100]	335 [2310]
Over 0.060 [1.52] to 0.075 [1.90], incl	220 [1515]	295 [2035]	325 [2240]
Over 0.075 [1.90] to 0.085 [2.16], incl	215 [1480]	290 [2000]	320 [2205]
Over 0.085 [2.16] to 0.095 [2.41], incl	210 [1450]	285 [1965]	315 [2170]
Over 0.095 [2.41] to 0.110 [2.79], incl	200 [1380]	278 [1915]	308 [2125]
Over 0.110 [2.79] to 0.125 [3.17], incl	195 [1345]	272 [1875]	302 [2080]
Over 0.125 [3.17] to 0.150 [3.81], incl	190 [1310]	265 [1825]	295 [2035]
Over 0.150 [3.81] to 0.500 [12.7], incl	180 [1240]	260 [1795]	290 [2000]

^A When wire is straightened and cut lengths, the minimum tensile strength shall be 90 % of the values listed in the table.

^B Aged at 850°F [454°C] for ½h and air cooled.

TABLE 4 Tensile Strength Requirement for Type 302 Class 2

Diameter, in. [mm]	ksi [MPa]		
	Cold Drawn Nominal	Stress Relieved ^A	
		min	max
0.050 [1.30] to 0.160 [4.00], incl	290 000 [2000]	290 000 [2000]	340 000 [2345]

^A Stress relieved at 800 to 850°F [430 to 455°C] for ½h and air cooled.

7.5 Bend Test—When specified in the purchase order, Types 302, 304, 305, 316, 321, and 347 shall be tested by the bend test. A piece not more than 10 in. [254 mm] long shall be selected from each test sample. These specimens shall be tested in a bending machine conforming substantially to Fig. 1. Bends shall be made at as nearly a uniform rate as possible, not

exceeding 50 bends per minute, and in no case shall the speed be so great as to cause undue heating of the wire. The test specimen shall be bent back and forth through a total angle of 180° until failure occurs. Each 90° movement in either direction shall be counted as one bend. The wire shall withstand the minimum number of bends specified in Table 5 and Table 6.

8. Finish

8.1 Stainless steel spring wire is supplied with different types of finish such as bright, copper, lead, oxide, and other.

9. Keywords

9.1 austenitic stainless steel; precipitation hardening stainless steel; stainless steel spring wire

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