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Standard Specification for Steel Wire, Carbon, for General Use¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers carbon steel wire, supplied in coils, for general use. It may be produced hard drawn, annealed in process, or annealed at finish size.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products²

A 510 Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel²

A 700 Practices for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Domestic Shipment³

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

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications⁴

2.2 Military Standards:

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage⁵

MIL-STD-163 Steel Mill Products, Preparation for Shipment and Storage⁵

2.3 Federal Standard:

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipments (Civil Agencies)⁵

2.4 AIAG Standard:

AIAGB-5 02.00 Primary Metals Identification Tag Application Standard⁶

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.05.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁵ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

⁶ Available from the Automotive Industry Action Group, 26200 Lahser, Suite 200, Southfield, MI 48034.

3.1.1 *annealed-in-process wire*—steel wire that was thermally treated and subsequently redrawn.

3.1.2 *annealed wire*—wire that was drawn to size and annealed at finish size.

3.1.3 *carbon steel*—steel is considered to be carbon steel when no minimum content is specified or required for aluminum, chromium, cobalt, columbium, molybdenum, nickel, titanium, tungsten, vanadium, or zirconium or any other element added to obtain a desired alloying effect; when the specified minimum copper content does not exceed 0.40 %; or when the maximum content for any of the following elements does not exceed these percentages: manganese 1.65, silicon 0.60, or copper 0.60 (see Specification A 510).

3.1.4 *hard drawn wire*—wire drawn without the use of thermal treatment.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material under this specification should include the following information:

4.1.1 Quantity (weight in pounds),

4.1.2 Name of material (carbon steel wire),

4.1.3 Wire diameter in inches, to the third decimal point,

4.1.4 Chemical composition grade number,

4.1.5 Condition (hard drawn, annealed in process, annealed at finished size),

4.1.6 Finish (see Section 10),

4.1.7 Packaging, and

4.1.8 ASTM designation and year of issue.

NOTE 1—A typical ordering description is as follows: 40 000 lb, 0.148 in., Bright Hard Drawn Carbon Steel Wire, Grade 1008, in 600-lb. catch-weight coils on tubular carriers to ASTM ACSW.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 The steel shall be made by any commercially accepted steel making process. The steel may be either ingot cast or strand cast.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The grade designation shall be as specified in the purchase order.