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**Industrial woven wire cloth — Technical  
requirements and testing**

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard defines terms regarding industrial woven wire cloth for screening purposes and specifies tolerances, requirements and test methods.

It applies to industrial woven wire cloth with square apertures, made of steel, stainless steel or non-ferrous metals, (see ISO 4783-2). It does not apply to woven wire cloth coated after weaving nor does it apply to pre-crimped and welded wire screens which are covered in ISO 4783-3 and ISO 14315.

It is of limited application to woven wire cloth used for purposes other than screening which may necessitate other requirements. The alternative requirements may be agreed between the purchaser and the supplier at the time of placing the order.

## 2 Normative references

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ISO 2194:1991, *Industrial screens — Woven wire cloth, perforated plate and electroformed sheet — Designation and nominal sizes of openings.*

ISO 4782:1987, *Metal wire for industrial wire screens and woven wire cloth.*

ISO 4783-1:1989, *Industrial wire screens and woven wire cloth — Guide to the choice of aperture size and wire diameter combinations — Part 1: Generalities.*

ISO 4783-2:1989, *Industrial wire screens and woven wire cloth — Guide to the choice of aperture size and wire diameter combinations — Part 2: Preferred combinations for woven wire cloth.*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1 aperture width

$w$

distance between two adjacent warp or weft wires, measured in the projected plane at the mid-positions

NOTE See Figure 1.

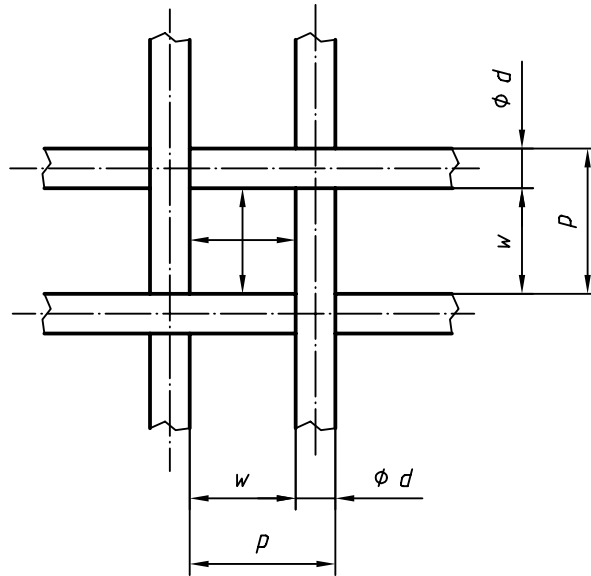


Figure 1 — Aperture width, wire diameter and pitch

**3.2 wire diameter**

*d*  
diameter of the wire in the wire screen

NOTE The wire diameter may be altered slightly during the weaving process. See Figure 1.

**3.3 pitch**

*p*  
distance between the mid-points of two adjacent wires

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NOTE The pitch is the sum of the aperture width *w* and the wire diameter *d*. See Figure 1.

**3.4 warp**

all wires running lengthwise in the cloth as woven

**3.5 weft**

all wires running crosswise in the cloth as woven

**3.6 number of apertures per unit length**

*n*  
number of apertures which are counted in a row one behind the other on a given unit length

**3.7 open screening area**

*A<sub>0</sub>*  
percentage of the surface of all the apertures in the total screening surface

NOTE The open screening area is calculated as the ratio of the square of the nominal aperture width *w* and the square of the nominal pitch *p* = *w* + *d*, rounded to a full percentage value:

$$A_0 = 100 \frac{w^2}{(w + d)^2} \tag{1}$$

### 3.8

#### type of weave

way in which the warp and weft wires cross each other

NOTE Industrial woven wire cloth is manufactured with square apertures in plain or twilled weave (see Figure 2).

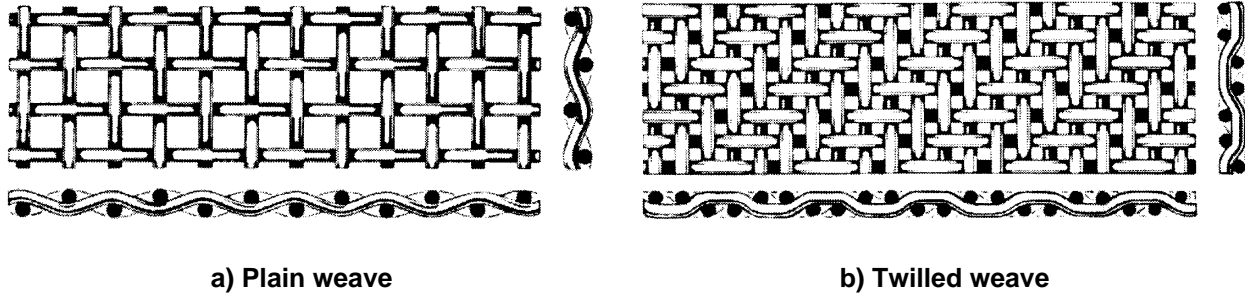


Figure 2 — Types of weave

### 3.9

#### firmness of woven wire cloth

tension existing between the crossing warp and weft wires and which determines the firmness of the wire cloth

NOTE It is affected by the relationship of  $w$  to  $d$  and by the type of weave.

### 3.10

#### mass per unit area

$\rho_A$

quantity calculated using the following equation:

$$\rho_A = \frac{d^2 \rho}{618,1(w + d)} \quad \text{ISO 9044:1999} \quad (2)$$

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where

$d$  is the wire diameter, in millimetres;

$w$  is the aperture width, in millimetres;

$\rho$  is the material density, in kilograms per cubic metre;

$\rho_A$  is the mass per unit area, in kilograms per square metre.

Equation (2) gives the calculated mass per unit area, although the actual value can be up to 3 % lower.

NOTE Typical values of  $\rho$  for various materials are given in ISO 4783-2:1989, Table 2. For example, the mass per unit area for plain or carbon steel with a density of 7 850 kg/m<sup>3</sup> can be calculated using equation (2) as follows:

$$\rho_A = \frac{d^2 \times 7\,850}{618,1(w + d)} = \frac{12,7 d^2}{w + d}$$

Equation (2) can also be used to calculate the wire diameter  $d$  when the pitch  $p$ , or  $(w + d)$ , and the mass per unit area  $\rho_A$  are known. In the case of plain or carbon steel ( $\rho = 7\,850$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>), see equation (3).

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_A \times p}{12,7}} \quad (3)$$

### 3.11 major blemishes

production defects which significantly affect the aperture width or surface quality of the wire cloth

NOTE See annex A for information.

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 Aperture width and wire diameter combination

Unless otherwise agreed between the supplier and the purchaser, the aperture width and wire diameter combination shall be selected from ISO 2194, ISO 4782, ISO 4783-1 or ISO 4783-2, as appropriate.

### 4.2 Percentage tolerances on aperture width

The tolerances on aperture width are given in Table 1.

In Table 1 and equations (4) to (6), the suffix "i", used with the symbols denotes "industrial wire cloth". In equations (4) to (6),  $X_i$ ,  $Y_i$ ,  $Z_i$  and  $w$  are expressed in micrometres.

Table 1 — Percentage tolerances on aperture width

Nominal aperture width, $w$ mm	Tolerances on aperture width, $w$ for woven wire cloth made of stainless steel or non-ferrous metals (except copper and aluminium) steel, copper or aluminium					
	$\pm Y_i$	$+ Z_i$	$+ X_i$	$\pm Y_i$	$+ Z_i$	$+ X_i$
16	5	9	12	6	10	14
12,5	5	9	13	6	10	15
10	5	9	14	6	11	16
8	5	10	15	6	12	18
6,3	5	10	16	6	12	19
5	5	11	17	6	13	20
4	5	12	18	6	14	22
3,15	5	12	20	6	14	23
2,5	5	13	21	6	15	25
2	5	14	23	6	16	27
1,6	5	15	24	6	17	29
1,25	5	16	26	6	18	31
1	5	17	28	6	19	33
0,8	5	18	30	6	21	36
0,63	5	19	33	6	22	39
0,5	5	21	36	7	24	42
0,4	6	22	39	7	26	46
0,315	6	24	42	7	28	50
0,25	6	26	46	7	31	55

Nominal aperture width, $w$  mm	Tolerances on aperture width, $w$ for woven wire cloth made of					
	stainless steel or non-ferrous metals (except copper and aluminium)			steel, copper or aluminium		
	$\pm Y_i$	$+ Z_i$	$+ X_i$	$\pm Y_i$	$+ Z_i$	$+ X_i$
0,2	6	28	50	8	34	60
0,16	7	31	55	8	37	66
0,125	7	34	61	9	41	73
0,1	7	37	67	9	45	80
0,08	8	41	74	9	49	89
0,063	9	46	83	10	55	99
0,05	10	51	93	—	—	—
0,04	11	56	100	—	—	—
0,032	13	56	100	—	—	—
0,025	15	57	100	—	—	—
0,02	17	59	100	—	—	—

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**4.2.1**  $Y_i$  is the tolerance of the arithmetical mean value of the aperture widths measured and calculated separately in both warp and weft directions. The arithmetical average aperture width shall not deviate from the nominal size by more than  $\pm Y_i$ , where

$$Y_i = \left[ \frac{w^{0,98}}{27} + 1,6 \right] \times 1,5 \quad (4)$$

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**4.2.2**  $Z_i$  is the arithmetical mean of  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$ :

$$Z_i = \frac{X_i + Y_i}{2} \quad (5)$$

Not more than 6 % of the total number of apertures measured shall have sizes between

“nominal +  $X_i$ ” and “nominal +  $Z_i$ ”.

**4.2.3** No aperture width shall exceed the nominal size by more than the value  $X_i$ . It is the maximum permissible deviation of a single aperture measured in one direction (warp or weft) and is calculated using the formula:

$$X_i = \left[ \frac{2w^{0,75}}{3} + 4w^{0,25} \right] \times 2 \quad (6)$$

but with a maximum value of  $X_i = w$ .

A line of apertures exceeding the value  $X_i$  is deemed to be a major blemish (see annex A).

As, on the basis of experience, negative deviations of single aperture widths do not affect the screening process, values for  $Z_i$  and  $X_i$  have only positive deviations.

### 4.3 Permissible number of major blemishes

**4.3.1** Woven wire cloth cannot be produced commercially without there being some manufacturing blemishes. The supplier and the purchaser shall agree upon the number and nature of major blemishes which are permissible per unit area of the wire screen. The percentage yield of the wire cloth shall be agreed on with the purchaser and will vary according to the aperture width and size of the piece of woven wire cloth.

Unless otherwise agreed between the supplier and purchaser, the maximum number of major weaving blemishes (see annex A), in any roll or roll piece of wire cloth shall not exceed the values given in Table 2.

**Table 2 — Permissible number of major blemishes**

Nominal aperture width, $w$ , mm	Maximum number of major blemishes per 10 m <sup>2</sup>
$1 \leq w \leq 16$	3
$0,25 \leq w < 1$	5
$0,125 \leq w < 0,25$	6
$0,063 \leq w < 0,125$	9
$w < 0,063$	10

**4.3.2** Minor manufacturing blemishes which do not produce oversize apertures or do not significantly affect the surface quality of the wire screen shall be acceptable, unless otherwise specified.

### 4.4 Tolerances on overall size (standards.iteh.ai)

When measured as specified in 5.4, the overall size of pieces of wire cloth shall conform to the following requirements.

**4.4.1** The tolerance on width, of trimmed wire cloth rolls and roll lengths, shall be  $^{+2}_0$  % of nominal.

**4.4.2** The tolerance on length and width, of square and rectangular pieces, shall be the larger of  $\pm 0,5$  % or  $\pm 1$  pitch.

**4.4.3** For cut-to-size pieces, the permissible number of major blemishes and their positions shall be agreed with the purchaser. Otherwise, the permissible number of major blemishes in cut-to-size pieces shall be determined according to Table 2.

### 4.5 Flatness

Unless otherwise agreed between the supplier and purchaser, wire cloth rolls and pieces shall not necessarily be supplied to lie flat.

If the purchaser requires flat wire cloth, the means of verifying flatness shall be agreed with the supplier.

### 4.6 Surface conditions

Woven wire cloth may be covered with a film of oil as a result of the weaving process.

The wires may show traces of auxiliary materials used in the drawing process. Depending on the wire material, there may be traces of corrosion.

The surface may show markings caused by the drawing and/or weaving process.

NOTE The depth of crimp generally differs between warp and weft wires.



## 4.7 Weaving wire

### 4.7.1 Material

The purchaser shall specify the choice of material with respect to

- a) the final application of the woven wire cloth, e.g. resistance to environmental corrosion, compatibility with food products, etc.;
- b) further processing, e.g. suitability for shaping, welding and surface treatment.

Materials shall be designated in accordance with appropriate standards or, if none exist, in accordance with commercial specifications.

### 4.7.2 Tolerance on wire diameter

Prior to weaving, the tolerance on wire diameter shall be as specified in ISO 4782. The weaving process normally distorts the wire and affects its diameter, which is no longer tolerated after weaving. The wire diameter is measured as specified in 5.1.

## 5 Test methods

### 5.1 Wire diameter, $d$ (see 4.7.2)

Prior to weaving, the diameter of the wire shall be calculated as the mean of any two measurements taken at right angles at the same cross-section.

The wire diameter may be determined after weaving by using one of the following procedures:

- a) by measuring wires which have been loosened from the woven wire cloth (see Figure 3);
- b) by measuring the wires in the cloth, if there is sufficient space for the measuring instrument;
- c) by calculation from the mass per unit area using equation (3);
- d) by an optical projection or scanning method.

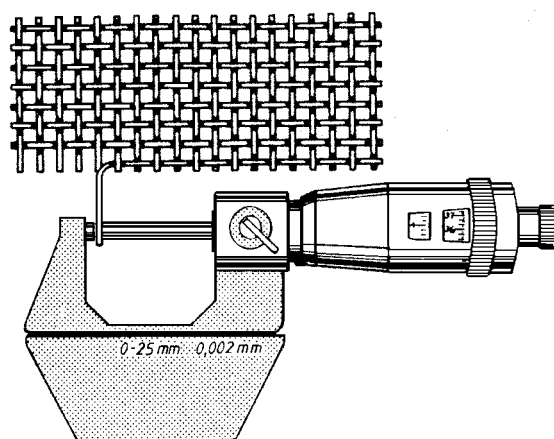


Figure 3 — Example of method for measuring wire diameters