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Standard Specification for Stainless Steel Rope Wire¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the more commonly used types of round stainless steel wire intended especially for stranding into wire rope.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[A555/A555M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Wire and Wire Rods](#)

[A751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products](#)

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),
- 3.1.3 Condition (see Section 5),
- 3.1.4 Finish (see Section 7),
- 3.1.5 Cross section (round),
- 3.1.6 Form (wire),
- 3.1.7 Applicable dimensions (diameter),
- 3.1.8 Type designation (Table 1),
- 3.1.9 ASTM designation and date of issue, and
- 3.1.10 Special requirements.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

3.2 If possible, the intended end use of the item should be given on the purchase order, especially when the item is ordered for a specific end use or uses.

NOTE 1—A typical ordering description is as follows: 1000 lb stainless steel, cold-drawn, bright-finish, wire, 0.009-in. diameter, spools. Type 304, ASTM Specification A492 dated , End Use .

4. Chemical Composition

4.1 The steel shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition specified in Table 1.

4.2 Methods and practices relating to chemical analysis required by this specification shall be in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A751.

5. Condition

5.1 The wire is cold drawn and furnished in the finish (see Section 7) specified on the purchase order.

6. Mechanical Requirements

6.1 The material shall conform to the requirements as to mechanical properties specified in Table 2.

7. Finish

7.1 The types of finish procurable are pickled finish and bright finish (available only in sizes that can be diamond drawn, which are generally 0.045 in. (1.14 mm) and smaller).

8. General Requirements for Delivery

8.1 In addition to the requirements of this specification, all requirements of the current edition of Specification A555/A555M, shall apply. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification A555/A555M constitutes non-conformance with this specification.

9. Packaging and Package Marking

9.1 Each coil or spool shall be one continuous length of wire. Each coil shall be firmly tied and each spool shall be tightly wound. Unless otherwise specified, coils shall be placed in drums or paper wrapped and spools shall be boxed in such a manner as to assure safe delivery to their designation when properly transported by any common carrier.