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**Implants for surgery — Metallic  
materials —**

**Part 7:  
Forgeable and cold-formed cobalt-  
chromium-nickel-molybdenum-iron  
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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 150, *Implants for surgery*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Materials*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 5832-7:1994), which has been technically revised.

A list of all parts in the ISO 5832 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

No known surgical implant material has ever been shown to be completely free of adverse reactions in the human body. However, long-term clinical experience of the use of the material referred to in this document has shown that an acceptable level of biological response can be expected when the material is used in appropriate conditions.

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# Implants for surgery — Metallic materials —

## Part 7:

## Forgeable and cold-formed cobalt-chromium-nickel-molybdenum-iron alloy

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the characteristics of, and corresponding test methods for, forgeable and cold-formed cobalt-chromium-nickel-molybdenum-iron alloy for use in the manufacture of surgical implants.

NOTE The mechanical properties of a sample obtained from a finished product made of this alloy do not necessarily comply with those specified in this document.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 643, *Steels — Micrographic determination of the apparent grain size*

ISO 4967, *Steel — Determination of content of non-metallic inclusions — Micrographic method using standard diagrams*

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 4 Chemical composition

The heat analysis of the alloy when determined as specified in [Clause 7](#) shall comply with the chemical composition specified in [Table 1](#). The analysis of samples taken from products manufactured from the alloy shall also comply with [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Chemical composition

Element	Element compositional limits, % (m/m)
Cobalt	39 to 42
Chromium	18,5 to 21,5
Nickel	14 to 18
Molybdenum	6,5 to 8,0
Manganese	1,0 to 2,5
Silicon	1 max.
Carbon	0,15 max.
Phosphorus	0,015 max.
Sulfur	0,015 max.
Beryllium	0,001 max.
Iron	Balance

## 5 Microstructure

### 5.1 Grain size

The microscopic structure shall be uniform. The grain size, determined as specified in [Clause 7](#), shall be no coarser than grain size No. 5.

### 5.2 Inclusion content

The non-metallic inclusion content of the alloy, determined as specified in [Clause 7](#), shall not exceed the limits given in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Inclusion content limits

Type of inclusion	Inclusion content thin <sup>a</sup>
A – Sulfides	1
B – Aluminates	3
C – Silicates	1
D – Oxides, globular	3
<sup>a</sup> There shall be no thick inclusions.	

## 6 Mechanical properties

The mechanical properties, determined as specified in [Clause 7](#), shall be in accordance with the requirements of [Table 3](#).



**Table 3 — Mechanical properties**

Condition	Tensile strength	Proof stress of non-proportional elongation	Percentage elongation
	min. MPa	min. MPa	min. %
Annealed	950	450	65
Hot worked	950	600	20
30 % cold-worked	1 450	1 300	8
Spring temper <sup>a</sup>	1 650	1 400	1

<sup>a</sup> For specific applications.

## 7 Test methods

The test methods to be used in determining compliance with the requirements of this document shall be those given in [Table 4](#).

**Table 4 — Test methods**

Requirement	Relevant clause or subclause	Test method
Chemical composition	<a href="#">Clause 4</a>	Recognized analytical procedures (ISO methods where these exist)
Inclusion content	<a href="#">5.2</a>	ISO 4967
Grain size	<a href="#">5.1</a>	ISO 643
Mechanical properties	<a href="#">Clause 6</a>	ISO 6892-1
Tensile strength		
Percentage elongation		
Proof stress of non-proportional elongation		