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Standard Specification for Concentric-Lay-Stranded Self-Damping Aluminum Conductors, Steel Reinforced (ACSR/SD)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers concentric-lay-stranded self-damping aluminum conductor, steel-reinforced (ACSR/SD), and its component wires for use as overhead electrical conductors (Explanatory [Notes 1 and 2](#)).

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the specification. For conductor sizes designated by AWG or kcmil, the requirements in SI units have been numerically converted from corresponding values stated or derived in inch-pound units. For conductor sizes designated by SI units only, the requirements are stated or derived in SI units.

1.2.1 For density, resistivity, and temperature, the values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard.

NOTE 1—ACSR/SD is designed to control aeolian vibration by integral damping. The conductors consist of a central core of a round steel wire or wires surrounded by two layers of trapezoidal aluminum 1350-H19 wires or two layers of trapezoidal aluminum 1350-H19 wires and one layer of round aluminum 1350-H19 wires ([Fig. 1](#)). The trapezoidal-wire layers are separated from each other and from the steel core by two small annular gaps that provide the conductors self-damping characteristics. The round aluminum wires are in tight layer contact between themselves and the underlying trapezoidal wire layer. Different strandings of the same size of conductor are identified by type, which is the approximate ratio of steel area to aluminum area, expressed in percent ([Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#)).

NOTE 2—The aluminum and temper designations conform to ANSI Standard H 35.1. Aluminum 1350 corresponds to UNS A91350 in accordance with Practice [E527](#).

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 The following documents of the issue in effect on date of material purchase form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein.

2.2 *ASTM Standards:*²

[B230/B230M](#) Specification for Aluminum 1350–H19 Wire for Electrical Purposes

[B232/B232M](#) Specification for Concentric-Lay-Stranded Aluminum Conductors, Coated-Steel Reinforced (ACSR)

[B263](#) Test Method for Determination of Cross-Sectional Area of Stranded Conductors

[B354](#) Terminology Relating to Uninsulated Metallic Electrical Conductors

[B498/B498M](#) Specification for Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Steel Core Wire for Use in Overhead Electrical Conductors

[B500/B500M](#) Specification for Metallic Coated or Aluminum Clad Stranded Steel Core for Use in Overhead Electrical Conductors

[B502](#) Specification for Aluminum-Clad Steel Core Wire for Use in Overhead Electrical Aluminum Conductors

[B549](#) Specification for Concentric-Lay-Stranded Aluminum Conductors, Aluminum-Clad Steel Reinforced for Use in Overhead Electrical Conductors

[B606](#) Specification for High-Strength Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Steel Core Wire for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Conductors, Steel Reinforced

[B802/B802M](#) Specification for Zinc–5 % Aluminum-Mischmetal Alloy-Coated Steel Core Wire for Aluminum Conductors, Steel Reinforced (ACSR)

[B803](#) Specification for High-Strength Zinc–5 % Aluminum-Mischmetal Alloy-Coated Steel Core Wire for Use in Overhead Electrical Conductors

[E29](#) Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

[E527](#) Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)

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.

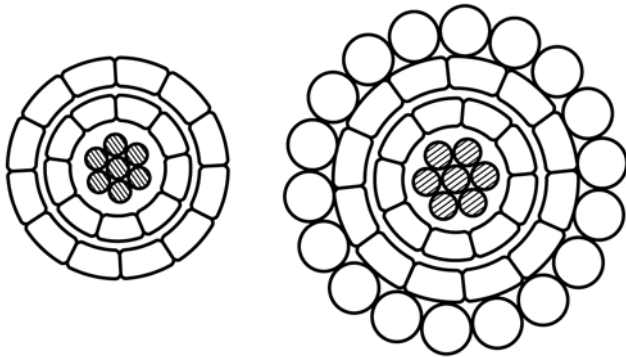


FIG. 1 Illustrations of Typical ACSR/SD Strandings

2.3 ANSI Documents:³

ANSI H35.1 American National Standard Alloy and Temper Designation Systems for Aluminum

2.4 NIST Documents:⁴

NBS Handbook 100—Copper Wire Tables of the National Bureau of Standards

2.5 Aluminum Association Documents:⁵

Publication 50, Code Words for Overhead Aluminum Electrical Conductors

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 ACSR/SD covered by this specification has five types of coated core wire and one type of aluminum-clad core wire which are designated by abbreviations as follows (Explanatory Notes 2 and 10):

3.1.2 *ACSR/SD/AW2*—ACSR/SD using aluminum-clad steel wire (Specification **B502**).

3.1.3 *ACSR/SD/GA2*—ACSR/SD using Class A zinc-coated steel wire (Specification **B498/B498M**).

3.1.4 *ACSR/SD/GC2*—ACSR/SD using Class C zinc-coated steel wire (Specification **B498/B498M**).

3.1.5 *ACSR/SD*—ACSR/SD using extra high-strength steel wire (Specification **B606**).

3.1.6 *ACSR/SD/MA2*—ACSR/SD using Class A zinc-5 % aluminum-mischmetal alloy-coated steel core wire (Specification **B802/B802M**).

3.1.7 *ACSR/SD/MB2*—ACSR/SD using Class B zinc-5 % aluminum-mischmetal alloy-coated steel core wire (Specification **B802/B802M**).

3.1.8 *ACSR/SD/MC2*—ACSR/SD using Class V zinc-5 % aluminum-mischmetal alloy-coated steel core wire (Specification **B802/B802M**).

3.1.9 *ACSR/SD*—ACSR/SD using high-strength zinc-5 % Aluminum-mischmetal alloy-coated steel core wire (Specification **B803**).

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

⁴ Available from National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Dr., Stop 1070, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070, <http://www.nist.gov>.

⁵ Available from Aluminum Association, Inc., 1525 Wilson Blvd., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22209, <http://www.aluminum.org>.

3.2 For definitions of terms relating to conductors, refer to Terminology Standard **B354**.

4. Ordering Information

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

4.1.1 Quantity of each size and type (**Note 1**),

4.1.2 Conductor size: kcmil area,

4.1.3 Conductor type and number of wires, aluminum and steel (**Table 1**),

4.1.4 Type of steel core wire and if zinc or Zn-5 % Al-MM alloy coated, area density (Classes A, B, and C) of coating (see **5.2**),

4.1.5 Special tension test, if required (see **9.2**),

4.1.6 Place of inspection (Section **15**),

4.1.7 Package size (see **16.1**),

4.1.8 Special package marking, if required (Section **17**), and

4.1.9 Heavy wood lagging, if required (see **16.3**).

5. Requirement For Wires

5.1 Before stranding, the round and trapezoidal aluminum wires shall conform to the requirements of Specification **B230/B230M** except for shape and diameter tolerance of the trapezoidal wires. The tensile strength and elongation requirements of trapezoidal wires shall be the same as for round wires of equal area. The area tolerances shall be such that the finished conductor conforms to Section **12**.

5.2 Before stranding, the steel core wire shall meet the requirements of Specifications **B498/B498M**, **B502**, **B606**, **B802/B802M**, or **B803**, whichever is applicable.

6. Joints

6.1 Electric-butt welds, electric-butt, cold-upset welds, or cold-pressure welds may be made in the individual aluminum wires during the stranding process. No weld shall occur within 50 ft. [15 m] of any other weld in the completed conductor (Explanatory **Note 3**).

6.2 There shall be no joints made in the finished steel wires.

7. Lay

7.1 The nominal lay factors for the trapezoidal aluminum wires are shown in **Table 1** (Explanatory **Note 1** and **Note 4**).

7.2 The lay factor for the round aluminum wires shall be not less than 10 nor more than 13.

7.3 The lay factor for the steel core shall be set forth by Specification **B500/B500M**.

7.4 The direction of lay of the outside layer of aluminum wires shall be right-hand.

7.5 The direction of lay of the aluminum and steel wires shall be reversed in successive layers.

7.6 For the purpose of this specification the lay factor is the ratio of the length of lay to the external diameter of the corresponding layer of wires or members in the stranded conductor.

TABLE 1 Construction Requirements of Aluminum Conductors, Self Damping, Concentric-Lay-Stranded, Steel-Reinforced

Conductor Size		Stranding Number of Wires and Diameter, in. ^A				Nominal Aluminum Lay Factor	Mass per 1000 ft, lb	Rated Strength, kip ^{A,B}	Nominal Outside Diameter, in.
		Aluminum		Steel ^C					
kcmil	Type ^D	Code Word ^E	Round	Trapezoidal ^F	Round				
2156	8	Bluebird		10 × 0.2179 15 × 0.2184	19 × 0.0961	14.5 12.1 11.0	2504	60.7	1.716
1780	8	Chukar	21 × 0.2145	9 × 0.2041 13 × 0.2150	19 × 0.0874	14.5 12.0 11.0	2068	51.1	1.565
1780	5	Smew	21 × 0.1957	8 × 0.2171 14 × 0.2128	7 × 0.1144	16.0 12.5 11.5	1921	43.6	1.531
1590	13	Falcon	21 × 0.1914	10 × 0.1891 14 × 0.1977	19 × 0.1030	13.5 11.7 11.5	2039	55.1	1.521
1590	7	Lapwing	24 × 0.1690	8 × 0.2059 12 × 0.2130	7 × 0.1253	15.9 12.8 11.5	1791	42.6	1.468
1590	5	Ratite	21 × 0.1835	8 × 0.2095 13 × 0.2143	7 × 0.1083	15.4 12.5 11.5	1715	39.1	1.447
1431	13	Plover	23 × 0.1669	10 × 0.1792 14 × 0.1868	19 × 0.0977	13.5 11.7 11.5	1835	49.6	1.448
1431	7	Bobolink	24 × 0.1609	8 × 0.1946 12 × 0.2015	7 × 0.1189	15.1 12.2 11.5	1612	38.9	1.398
1431	5	Popinjay	21 × 0.1747	8 × 0.1936 13 × 0.1972	7 × 0.1025	16.0 12.5 11.5	1544	35.3	1.381
1351.5	13	Martin	21 × 0.1726	11 × 0.1604 15 × 0.1652	19 × 0.0949	14.7 12.8 11.5	1733	46.8	1.417
1351.5	10	Frigate	21 × 0.1772	9 × 0.1786 14 × 0.1757	7 × 0.1377	14.5 12.2 11.0	1629	41.7	1.389
1351.5	7	Dipper	21 × 0.1735	8 × 0.1890 12 × 0.1954	7 × 0.1155	15.2 12.2 11.0	1522	36.7	1.361
1351.5	5	Ringdove	21 × 0.1701	8 × 0.1946 12 × 0.1949	7 × 0.0997	16.0 12.8 11.5	1458	33.4	1.344
1272	13	Pheasant	21 × 0.1680	11 × 0.1552 15 × 0.1599	19 × 0.0921	14.7 12.8 11.5	1631	44.1	1.378
1272	7	Bittern	21 × 0.1723	8 × 0.1829 12 × 0.1894	7 × 0.1121	14.5 12.3 11.5	1433	34.6	1.323
1272	5	Scissortail	21 × 0.1653	7 × 0.1929 11 × 0.2029	7 × 0.0967	15.7 12.3 11.5	1372	31.4	1.305
1192.5	13	Grackle	21 × 0.1631	10 × 0.2147 16 × 0.2138	19 × 0.0892	14.2 11.5 11.5	1526	41.9	1.274
1192.5	7	Bunting	21 × 0.1604	8 × 0.1768 12 × 0.1831	7 × 0.1085	15.1 12.2 11.5	1343	32.4	1.284
1192.5	5	Oxbird	21 × 0.1582	7 × 0.1868 11 × 0.1960	7 × 0.0936	15.7 12.3 11.5	1286	29.5	1.266
1113	13	Finch	21 × 0.1553	9 × 0.2188 15 × 0.2133	19 × 0.0862	14.2 11.5 11.5	1424	39.1	1.233
1113	7	Bluejay	21 × 0.1553	8 × 0.1705 12 × 0.1765	7 × 0.1049	15.9 12.8 11.5	1254	30.3	1.242
1113	5	Avocet	21 × 0.1533	7 × 0.1818 12 × 0.1798	7 × 0.0904	16.0 12.4 11.5	1200	27.5	1.226
1033.5	13	Curlew	21 × 0.1533	9 × 0.2106 14 × 0.2129	7 × 0.1383	14.2 11.5 11.5	1329	36.3	1.191
1033.5	7	Ortolan	21 × 0.1533	8 × 0.2168 14 × 0.2167	7 × 0.1010	15.2 11.5 11.5	1161	28.1	1.145

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Conductor Size		Stranding Number of Wires and Diameter, in. ^A			Nominal Aluminum Lay Factor	Mass per 1000 ft, lb	Rated Strength, kip ^{A,B}	Nominal Outside Diameter, in.	
		Aluminum		Steel ^C					
kcmil	Type ^D	Code Word ^E	Round	Trapezoidal ^F	Round				
1033.5	5	Snowbird	21 × 0.1481	7 × 0.1746	7 × 0.871	16.0	1115	25.9	1.185
				12 × 0.1731					
954	13	Cardinal		8 × 0.2147	7 × 0.1329	14.2	1227	33.5	1.147
				13 × 0.2122		11.5			
954	7	Rail		8 × 0.2080	7 × 0.0971	15.2	1073	26.1	1.103
				13 × 0.2163		11.5			
954	5	Phoenix		7 × 0.2196	7 × 0.0836	15.6	1027	23.7	1.088
				13 × 0.2178		11.5			
795	16	Drake		9 × 0.1865	7 × 0.1360	13.9	1093	31.8	1.077
				13 × 0.1926		11.5			
795	13	Condor		8 × 0.1957	7 × 0.1213	14.2	1023	28.2	1.055
				12 × 0.2018		11.5			
795	10	Puffin		7 × 0.2067	7 × 0.1056	14.7	956	25.1	1.034
				12 × 0.2033		11.5			
795	7	Tern		7 × 0.2034	7 × 0.0886	15.2	893	21.9	1.013
				11 × 0.2144		11.5			
795	5	Macaw		6 × 0.2167	7 × 0.0764	15.6	856	19.8	0.999
				11 × 0.2160		11.5			
636	16	Grosbeak		9 × 0.1666	7 × 0.1216	13.9	874	25.4	0.975
				13 × 0.1723		11.5			
636	13	Rook		8 × 0.1749	7 × 0.1085	14.3	818	22.9	0.955
				12 × 0.1806		11.5			
636	10	Goldfinch		7 × 0.1848	7 × 0.0945	14.7	765	20.1	0.935
				12 × 0.1819		11.5			
636	7	Killdeer		7 × 0.1815	7 × 0.0793	15.2	715	17.7	0.917
				12 × 0.1838		11.5			
636	5	Pipit		6 × 0.1938	7 × 0.0684	15.8	684	16.1	0.903
				11 × 0.1932		11.5			
556.5	16	Dove		9 × 0.1557	7 × 0.1138	14.0	765	22.6	0.919
				13 × 0.1613		11.5			
556.5	13	Parakeet		8 × 0.1637	7 × 0.1015	14.3	716	20.0	0.901
				13 × 0.1662		11.5			
556.5	10	Sapsucker		7 × 0.1728	7 × 0.0884	14.7	669	17.8	0.882
				12 × 0.1702		11.5			
556.5	7	Sunbird		7 × 0.1707	7 × 0.0741	15.2	625	15.5	0.863
				11 × 0.1790		11.5			
556.5	5	Blackbird		6 × 0.1820	1 × 0.1692	15.8	599	13.6	0.843
				10 × 0.1892		11.5			
477	16	Hawk		9 × 0.1438	7 × 0.1053	14.0	655.8	19.5	0.860
				13 × 0.1496		11.5			
477	13	Flicker		8 × 0.1515	7 × 0.0940	14.4	613.5	17.2	0.843
				13 × 0.1502		11.5			
477	10	Toucan		7 × 0.1599	7 × 0.0818	14.8	573.4	15.3	0.824
				12 × 0.1576		11.5			
477	7	Jackdaw		7 × 0.1577	7 × 0.0686	15.2	535.8	13.3	0.808
				12 × 0.1589		11.5			
477	5	Kestrel		6 × 0.1656	1 × 0.1566	16.0	513.3	11.7	0.787
				10 × 0.1768		11.5			
397.5	16	Ibis		9 × 0.1278	7 × 0.0961	14.2	546.5	16.4	0.771
				14 × 0.1338		11.5			
397.5	10	Stork		7 × 0.1424	7 × 0.0747	15.0	477.9	12.9	0.750
				12 × 0.1459		11.5			
397.5	7	Longspur		6 × 0.1501	1 × 0.1657	15.8	446.1	10.6	0.725
				11 × 0.1544		11.5			
397.5	5	Erne		6 × 0.1558	1 × 0.1430	15.6	427.7	9.74	0.717
				10 × 0.1587		11.5			
336.4	16	Linnet		10 × 0.1041	7 × 0.0884	14.7	462.4	14.3	0.716
				16 × 0.1194		11.5			
336.4	10	Woodcock		8 × 0.1215	7 × 0.0687	15.1	404.5	11.0	0.688
				14 × 0.1249		11.5			
336.4	7	Hummingbird		6 × 0.1406	1 × 0.1525	15.6	377.7	9.13	0.664
				11 × 0.1407		11.5			
336.4	5	Cowbird		6 × 0.1416	1 × 0.1315	15.9	361.9	8.5	0.667
				10 × 0.1470		11.5			
266.8	16	Partridge		10 × 0.0881	7 × 0.0788	15.0	367.0	11.35	0.645
				12 × 0.1256		11.5			
266.8	10	Spoonbill		8 × 0.0978	1 × 0.1619	16.0	320.0	8.45	0.610
				11 × 0.1315		11.3			
266.8	7	Eider		7 × 0.1080	1 × 0.1358	16.0	299.4	7.61	0.601
				13 × 0.1193		11.2			