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Standard Specification for 42 % Nickel-6 % Chromium-Iron Sealing Alloy ¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers an iron-nickel-chromium alloy (UNS K94760) used primarily for glass-sealing applications in electronic devices.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 The following safety hazards caveat applies only to Section 13. *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

E 18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials ²

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications ³

E 38 Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel-Chromium and Nickel-Chromium-Iron Alloys ⁴

E 112 Test Methods for Determining the Average Grain Size ²

E 228 Test Method for Linear Thermal Expansion of Solid Materials with a Vitreous Silica Dilatometer ³

F 14 Practice for Making and Testing Reference Glass-Metal Bead-Seal ⁵

F 140 Practice for Making Reference Glass-Metal Butt Seals and Testing for Expansion Characteristics by Polarimetric Methods ⁵

F 144 Practice for Making Reference Glass-Metal Sandwich Seal and Testing for Expansion Characteristics by

Polarimetric Methods ⁵

3. Ordering Information

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

3.1.1 Size,

3.1.2 Temper (Section 6),

3.1.3 Surface finish (Section 8),

3.1.4 Marking and packaging (Section 13), and

3.1.5 Certification if required.

4. Chemical Composition

4.1 The material shall conform to the requirements of **Table 1** as to chemical composition.

TABLE 1 Chemical Composition

Element	Composition, %
Nickel, nominal	42.0
Chromium, nominal	5.6
Carbon, max	0.07
Manganese, max	0.25
Phosphorus, max	0.025
Sulfur, max	0.025
Silicon, max	0.30
Aluminum, max	0.20
Iron	remainder

NOTE 1—The major constituents of this alloy may be adjusted by the manufacturer so that the alloy meets the requirement for thermal expansion.

5. Chemical Analysis

5.1 Chemical analysis shall be made, when desired, in accordance with Methods **E 38**.

6. Surface Lubricants

6.1 All lubricants used during cold-working operations such as drawing, rolling, or spinning, shall be capable of being removed readily by any of the common organic degreasing solvents.

7. Temper

7.1 The desired temper of the material shall be specified on the purchase order. Unless otherwise specified, wire, rod, and

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

⁴ Discontinued; see 1988 *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.02.

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TABLE 2 Permissible Variations in Thickness of Cold-Rolled Strip

NOTE 1— Measurement shall be made at least 3/8 in. (9.5 mm) from the edge of strip over 1-in. (25.4 mm) wide.

Specified Thickness		Permissible Variations in Thickness for Width Given, ±							
in.	(mm)	Under 3 in.	(Under 76 mm)	Over 3 to 6 in.	(76 to 150 mm)	Over 6 to 12 in.	(150 to 300 mm)	Over 12 to 16 in.	(300 to 400 mm)
0.160 to 0.100, incl	(4.06 to 2.54)	0.002	(0.05)	0.003	(0.076)	0.004	(0.10)	0.004	(0.10)
0.099 to 0.069, incl	(2.51 to 1.75)	0.002	(0.05)	0.003	(0.076)	0.003	(0.076)	0.004	(0.10)
0.068 to 0.050, incl	(1.73 to 1.27)	0.002	(0.05)	0.003	(0.076)	0.003	(0.076)	0.003	(0.076)
0.049 to 0.035, incl	(1.24 to 0.89)	0.002	(0.05)	0.0025	(0.064)	0.003	(0.076)	0.003	(0.076)
0.034 to 0.029, incl	(0.86 to 0.74)	0.0015	(0.038)	0.002	(0.05)	0.0025	(0.064)	0.0025	(0.064)
0.028 to 0.026, incl	(0.71 to 0.66)	0.0015	(0.038)	0.0015	(0.038)	0.002	(0.05)	0.002	(0.05)
0.025 to 0.020, incl	(0.64 to 0.51)	0.001	(0.025)	0.0015	(0.038)	0.002	(0.05)	0.002	(0.05)
0.019 to 0.017, incl	(0.48 to 0.43)	0.001	(0.025)	0.001	(0.025)	0.0015	(0.038)	0.002	(0.05)
0.016 to 0.012, incl	(0.41 to 0.30)	0.001	(0.025)	0.001	(0.025)	0.0015	(0.038)	0.0015	(0.038)
0.011 to 0.0101, incl	(0.28 to 0.256)	0.001	(0.025)	0.001	(0.025)	0.001	(0.025)	0.0015	(0.038)
0.010 to 0.0091, incl	(0.254 to 0.231)	0.001	(0.025)	0.001	(0.025)	0.001	(0.025)	0.001	(0.025)
0.009 to 0.006, incl	(0.228 to 0.152)	0.00075	(0.019)	0.00075	(0.019)
Under 0.006	(0.152)	0.0005	(0.013)	0.0005	(0.013)

TABLE 3 Permissible Variation in Thickness Across Width of Strip

Specified Thickness		Maximum Variation in Thickness Across Width of Strip, Within Those Provided for in Table 1 for Edge Measurements for Widths and Thicknesses Given,					
in.	(mm)	5 in. and Under	(127 mm and Under)	Over 5 to 12 in.	(Over 127 to 300 mm)	Over 12 to 24 in., incl	(Over 300 to 600 mm)
0.005 to 0.010, incl	(0.13 to 0.25)	0.00075	(0.019)	0.001	(0.025)	0.0015	(0.038)
Over 0.010 to 0.025, incl	(0.25 to 0.64)	0.001	(0.025)	0.0015	(0.038)	0.002	(0.051)
Over 0.025 to 0.065, incl	(0.64 to 1.65)	0.0015	(0.038)	0.002	(0.051)	0.0025	(0.064)
Over 0.065 to 3/16, excl	(1.65 to 4.74)	0.002	(0.051)	0.0025	(0.064)	0.003	(0.076)

tubing shall be given a final bright anneal by the manufacturer. Strip and sheet shall be annealed properly to develop drawing properties. For deep drawing, the hardness shall not exceed Rockwell B90 when determined in accordance with Test Methods E 18.

8. Grain Size

8.1 Strip and sheet for deep drawing applications shall have an average grain size not larger than ASTM No. 5 (Note 2), with no more than 10 % of the grains larger than No. 5 when measured in accordance with Test Methods E 112. For materials less than 0.005 in. (0.13 mm) in thickness, the grain size shall be such that there are no less than 4 grains across the thickness.

NOTE 2—This corresponds to a grain size finer than 0.065 mm or 16 grains/in.² of image at 100X.

9. Dimensional Tolerances

9.1 *Cold-Rolled Strip*—Cold-rolled strip shall conform to the permissible variations in dimensions prescribed in Table 2, Table 3, and Table 4.

TABLE 5 Permissible Variations in Diameter of Wire and Rod

Specified Diameter		Permissible Variations in Diameter, ±	
in.	(mm)	in.	(mm)
Wire (Coiled, Spooled or Straight Lengths)			
0.002 to 0.0043	(0.051 to 0.109)	0.0002	(0.005)
0.0044 to 0.0079	(112 to 0.200)	0.00025	(0.0064)
0.008 to 0.0149	(0.203 to 0.378)	0.0003	(0.0076)
0.015 to 0.0199	(0.381 to 0.505)	0.0004	(0.0102)
0.020 to 0.0309	(0.508 to 0.785)	0.0005	(0.0127)
0.031 to 0.0409	(0.787 to 1.039)	0.0006	(0.0152)
0.041 to 0.0609	(1.041 to 1.547)	0.0007	(0.0178)
0.061 to 0.0809	(1.549 to 2.055)	0.0008	(0.0203)
0.081 to 0.1259	(2.057 to 3.198)	0.001	(0.0254)
0.126 to 0.1569	(3.200 to 3.985)	0.0015	(0.038)
0.157 to 0.250	(3.988 to 6.35)	0.002	(0.051)
Rod, Centerless Ground Finish (Straight Lengths)			
0.030 to 0.0549	(0.766 to 1.394)	0.0005	(0.0127)
0.055 to 0.1249	(1.397 to 3.172)	0.001	(0.0254)
0.125 to 0.499	(3.175 to 12.67)	0.0015	(0.038)
0.500 to 0.999	(12.70 to 25.37)	0.002	(0.051)
1.000 to 1.625	(25.4 to 41.27)	0.0025	(0.064)
1.626 to 1.749	(41.3 to 44.42)	0.003	(0.076)
1.750 to 1.999	(44.45 to 50.17)	0.004	(0.010)
2.000 to 4.000	(50.8 to 101.6)	0.005	(0.013)

TABLE 4 Permissible Variations in Width of Cold-Rolled Strip Supplied in Coils

Specified Thickness		Permissible Variations in Width for Widths Given, ±											
in.	(mm)	Under 1/2 to 3/16 in.	(Under 12.7 to 4.75 mm)	1/2 to 6 in.	(12.7 to 150 mm)	Over 6 to 9 in.	(150 to 225 mm)	Over 9 to 12 in.	(225 to 300 mm)	Over 12 to 20 in.	(300 to 500 mm)	Over 20 to 23 1/16 in.	(500 to 600 mm)
0.187 to 0.161	(4.75 to 4.09)	...	(0.016)	(0.41)	0.020	(0.51)	0.020	(0.51)	0.031	(0.79)	0.031	(0.79)	
0.160 to 0.100	(4.06 to 2.54)	0.010	(0.25)	0.010	(0.25)	0.016	(0.41)	0.016	(0.41)	0.020	(0.51)	0.020	(0.51)
0.099 to 0.069	(2.51 to 1.75)	0.008	(0.20)	0.008	(0.20)	0.010	(0.25)	0.010	(0.25)	0.016	(0.41)	0.020	(0.51)
0.068 and under	(1.73)	0.005	(0.13)	0.005	(0.13)	0.005	(0.13)	0.010	(0.25)	0.016	(0.41)	0.020	(0.51)