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# Standard Specification for Compact Round Stranded Copper Conductors Using Single Input Wire Construction<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers bare compact round stranded conductors made from uncoated copper wires of a single input wire (SIW) diameter for general use in covered or insulated electrical wires or cables. These conductors shall be constructed with one or more layers of helically laid compacted wires (Explanatory [Note 1](#), [Note 2](#), and [Note 3](#)).

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.

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

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.*

## 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:*<sup>2</sup>

[B3 Specification for Soft or Annealed Copper Wire](#)

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

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

2.3 *NIST Document:*<sup>3</sup>

[NBS Handbook 100 Copper Wire Tables](#)

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Available from National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Dr., Stop 1070, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070, <http://www.nist.gov>.

## 3. Classification

3.1 The conductors described in this specification are intended for subsequent insulation or covering. The classification of these conductors is SIW compact.

## 4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material in accordance with this specification shall include the following information:

4.1.1 Quantity of each size ([Table 1](#));

4.1.2 Conductor size, circular-mil area, or AWG ([Section 8](#));

4.1.3 Packaging ([Section 16](#)), if required;

4.1.4 Special package marking; and

4.1.5 Place of inspection ([Section 15](#)).

## 5. Requirements for Wires

5.1 Before stranding and compacting, the copper wire shall meet all of the requirements of Specification [B3](#).

## 6. Joints

6.1 Welds and brazes may be made in rods or in wires prior to final drawing.

6.2 Welds and brazes may be made in the individual wires for compact conductors, but they shall not be closer together than 1 ft (0.3 m) for conductor of 19 wires or less or closer than 1 ft (0.3 m) in a layer for conductor of more than 19 wires.

6.3 No joint or splice shall be made in a compact-stranded conductor as a whole.

## 7. Lay

7.1 The length of lay shall not be less than 8 or more than 16 times the outside diameter of the completed conductor.

7.2 The direction of lay of the outer layer shall be left-hand, and it may be reversed or unidirectional in successive layers.

7.3 Other lay requirements may be furnished upon special agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

## 8. Construction

8.1 The construction of the compact round SIW stranded conductors shall be as given in [Table 1](#).