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Standard Specification for Steel Wire, Chromium-Silicon Alloy¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers round and shaped chromium-silicon alloy steel spring wire having properties and quality intended for the manufacture of springs resistant to set when used at moderately elevated temperatures. This product is not meant to be used for non-static applications involving moderate fatigue stresses (see Specification ~~A1000/A1000M~~ [A1000/A1000M](#)) or high cycle fatigue applications (see Specification [A877/A877M](#)). This wire shall be provided either in the annealed and cold-drawn or quench and tempered condition as specified by the purchaser.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.2.1 Within the text, the inch-pound units are shown in brackets.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products](#)

[A510/A510M Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel, and Alloy Steel](#)

[A700 Guide for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Shipment](#)

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

~~[A752 Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Alloy Steel \(Withdrawn 2011\)](#)~~³

[A877/A877M Specification for Steel Wire, Chromium-Silicon Alloy, Chrome-Silicon-Vanadium Alloy Valve Spring Quality](#)

~~[A1000/A1000M Specification for Steel Wire, Carbon and Alloy Specialty Spring Quality](#)~~

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

3. Ordering Information

3.1 It shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for material under this specification. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, the following:

3.1.1 Quantity (mass),

3.1.2 Name of material (chromium-silicon alloy steel wire),

3.1.3 Dimensions ([Table 1](#) and [Section 8](#)),

3.1.4 Condition ([Section 6](#)),

3.1.5 Packaging ([Section 14](#)),

3.1.6 Heat analysis report, if requested ([5.2](#)),

3.1.7 Certification or test report, or both, if specified ([Section 13](#)), and

3.1.8 ASTM designation and year of issue.

NOTE 1—A typical ordering description is as follows: 20 000-kg, quench and tempered chromium-silicon alloy steel wire, size 6.00 mm in 150 kg coils to ASTM A401/A401M dated _____, or for inch-pound units, 40 000-lb quench and tempered chromium-silicon alloy steel spring wire, size 0.250 in. in 350-lb coils to ASTM A401/A401M dated _____.

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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.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

TABLE 1 Tensile Requirements^A

SI Units			
Diameter, ^B mm	MPa, min	MPa, max	Reduction of Area, min, %
0.80	2080	2260	C
0.90	2070	2250	C
1.00	2060	2240	C
1.10	2040	2220	C
1.20	2020	2200	C
1.40	2000	2180	C
1.60	1980	2160	C
1.80	1960	2140	C
2.00	1940	2120	C
2.20	1920	2100	C
2.50	1900	2080	45
2.80	1880	2060	45
3.00	1860	2040	45
3.50	1840	2020	40
4.00	1820	2000	40
4.50	1800	1980	40
5.00	1780	1960	40
5.50	1760	1940	40
6.00	1740	1920	40
6.50	1720	1900	40
7.00	1700	1880	40
8.00	1680	1860	40
9.00	1660	1840	40
10.00	1640	1820	40
11.00	1620	1800	35
12.0	1600	1780	35
13.0	1580	1760	30
14.0	1570	1750	30
15.0	1560	1740	30
16.0	1550	1730	30
17.0	1540	1720	30
18.0	1530	1710	30

Inch-Pound Units			
Diameter, in.	ksi, min	ksi, max	Reduction of Area, min, %
0.032	300	325	C
0.041	298	323	C
0.054	292	317	C
0.062	290	315	C
0.080	285	310	C
0.092	280	305	45
0.120	275	300	45
0.135	270	295	40
0.162	265	290	40
0.177	260	285	40
0.192	260	283	40
0.219	255	278	40
0.250	250	275	40
0.312	245	270	40
0.375	240	265	40
0.438	235	260	35
0.500	230	255	35
0.562	228	253	30
0.625	226	251	30
0.687	224	249	30

^A Tensile strength values for intermediate diameters may be interpolated.

^B Preferred sizes. For a complete list, refer to ANSI B32.4.

^C The reduction of area test is not applicable to wire under 2.34 mm [0.092 in.] in diameter.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The steel may be made by any commercially accepted steel making process. The steel may be either ingot cast or strand cast.

4.2 The finished wire shall be free from detrimental pipe and undue segregation.