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Standard Specification for Standard Metric Sizes of Electrical Conductors¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers and prescribes the recommended standard metric sizes of solid round electrical conductors.

1.2 This specification prescribes the recommended standard metric size designations of stranded electrical conductors (see Explanatory [Note 1](#)).

NOTE 1—Physical properties, construction requirements, and manufacturing tolerances for specific products should be included in individual product specifications developed in accordance with appropriate sizes in this specification.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3.1 Exceptions — 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. Rounded values appear in [Table 1](#).

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

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

[F205 Test Method for Measuring Diameter of Fine Wire by Weighing](#)

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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.

2.2 *IEC Standards:*

[IEC 182 Basic Dimensions of Winding Wires](#)³

[IEC 228 Nominal Cross-Sectional Areas and Composition of Conductors of Insulated Cables](#)³

2.3 *ISO Standards:*

[ISO R388 Metric Series for Basic Thickness of Sheet and Diameters of Wire](#)³

3. Standard Reference Temperature

3.1 For the purpose of this specification, all wire dimensions and properties shall be considered as occurring at the internationally standardized reference temperature of 20°C.

4. Preferred Numbers

4.1 The diameters in [Table 1](#) and preferred cross-sectional areas in [Table 2](#) are rounded preferred numbers from R (Renard) series in accordance with ISO R388.

NOTE 2—The use of preferred numbers has many advantages and the values selected do not vary significantly from the calculated numbers of the series used. The preferred and second preference size designations, using a Renard series of numbers, provides a schedule of interrelated sizes for aluminum and copper conductors.

NOTE 3—Should sizes be needed either larger or smaller than those listed in [Table 1](#) or [Table 2](#), the respective R series may be expanded upward or downward.

5. Standard Rules for Rounding

5.1 All calculations for dimensions and properties, other than as provided in Section 4, shall be rounded in the *final* values only, in accordance with the rounding method of Practice [E29](#).

6. Standard Round-Wire Diameters ([Note 2](#))

6.1 The standard diameters of metric sizes of wires are preferred numbers calculated in accordance with the conventional mathematical principles of an R series of 20 numbers from 1 to 10 with multiples and submultiples of 10.

6.2 The wire diameters shall be expressed to no more than three significant figures plus zeros.

³ International Electrotechnical Commission and International Organization for Standardization documents are available from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 11 West 42nd St., 13th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

TABLE 1 Standard Metric Diameters and Cross-Sectional Areas of Solid Round Wires at 20°C

Diameter		Cross-Sectional Area			
mm (R 20 Series)	in. ^A	mm ²	in. ² . ^A	kcmil ^A	cmil ^A
18.0	0.7087	254.5	0.3944	502.2	
16.0	0.6299	201.1	0.3116	396.8	
14.0	0.5518	153.9	0.2386	303.8	
12.5	0.4921	122.7	0.1902	242.2	
11.2	0.4409	98.52	0.1527	194.4	
10.0	0.3937	78.54	0.1217	155.0	
9.00	0.3543	63.62	0.09861	125.6	
8.00	0.3150	50.27	0.07791	99.2	
7.10	0.2795	39.59	0.06137	78.14	
6.30	0.2480	31.17	0.04832	61.52	
5.60	0.2205	24.63	0.03818	48.61	
5.00	0.1969	19.63	0.03043	38.75	
4.50	0.1772	15.90	0.02465	31.39	
4.00	0.1575	12.57	0.01948	24.80	
3.55	0.1398	9.898	0.01534	19.53	
3.15	0.1240	7.793	0.01208	15.38	
2.80	0.1102	6.158	0.00954	12.15	
2.50	0.0984	4.909	0.00761	9.69	
2.24	0.0882	3.941	0.00611	7.78	
2.00	0.0787	3.142	0.00487	6.20	
1.80	0.0709	2.545	0.00394	5.02	
1.60	0.0630	2.011	0.00312	3.97	
1.40	0.0551	1.539	0.00239	3.04	
1.25	0.0492	1.227	0.00190	2.42	
1.12	0.0441	0.985	0.00153	1.94	
1.00	0.0394	0.785	0.00122	1.55	
0.900	0.0354	0.636	0.000986	1.26	
0.800	0.0315	0.503	0.000779	0.992	
0.710	0.0280	0.396	0.000614	0.781	
0.630	0.0248	0.312	0.000483	0.615	
0.560	0.0220	0.246	0.000382	0.486	
0.500	0.0197	0.196	0.000304	0.388	
0.450	0.0177	0.159	0.000247	0.314	
0.400	0.0157	0.126	0.000195	0.248	
0.355	0.0140	0.0990	0.000153	0.195	
0.315	0.0124	0.0779	0.000121		154
0.280	0.0110	0.0616	0.0000954		122
0.250	0.0098	0.0491	0.0000761		96.9
0.224	0.0088	0.0394	0.0000611		77.8
0.200	0.0079	0.0314	0.0000487		62.0
0.180	0.0071	0.0254	0.0000394		50.2
0.160	0.0063	0.0201	0.0000312		39.7
0.140	0.0055	0.0154	0.0000239		30.4
0.125	0.0049	0.0123	0.0000190		24.2
0.112	0.0044	0.00985	0.0000153		19.4
0.100	0.0039	0.00785	0.0000122		15.5
0.090	0.0035	0.00636	0.00000986		12.6
0.080	0.0031	0.00503	0.00000779		9.92
0.071	0.0028	0.00396	0.00000614		7.81
0.063	0.0025	0.00312	0.00000483		6.15
0.056	0.0022	0.00246	0.00000382		4.86
0.050	0.0020	0.00196	0.00000304		3.88
0.045	0.00177	0.00159	0.00000247		3.14
0.040	0.00157	0.00126	0.00000195		2.48
0.036	0.00142	0.00102	0.00000158		2.01
0.032	0.00126	0.000804	0.00000125		1.59
0.028	0.00110	0.000616	0.000000954		1.22
0.025	0.00098	0.000491	0.000000761		0.969
0.022	0.00088	0.000394	0.000000611		0.778