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Standard Specification for Aluminum-Coated Steel Chain-Link Fence Fabric¹

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1. Scope

- 1.1 This specification covers aluminum-coated steel chain-link fence fabric, aluminum-coated before weaving.
- 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 *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
 - [A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products](#)
 - [A700 Guide for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Shipment](#)
 - [A817 Specification for Metallic-Coated Steel Wire for Chain-Link Fence Fabric and Marcellled Tension Wire](#)
- 2.2 *Federal Standard:*³
 - [Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment, Civil Agencies](#)
- 2.3 *Military Standards:*³
 - [MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage](#)
 - [MIL-STD-163 Steel Mill Products, Preparation for Shipment and Storage](#)

3. Terminology

- 3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*
 - 3.1.1 *chain link fence fabric*—a fencing material made from steel wire helically wound and interwoven in such a manner as to provide a continuous mesh without knots or ties except in the form of knuckling or of twisting the ends of the wires to form the selvage of the fabric.
 - 3.1.2 *diamond count*—the number of diamond openings from one edge of the fabric to the other. The diamond count of a given fabric shall begin at the first completed diamond at one edge and continue to the unfinished ($\frac{1}{2}$) or full opening at the other edge.
 - 3.1.3 *knuckling*—a term used to describe the type of selvage obtained by interlocking adjacent pairs of wire ends and then bending the wire ends back into a loop. The loop shall be closed or nearly closed to a measurement less than the diameter of the wire.
 - 3.1.4 *twisting*—a term used to describe the type of selvage obtained by twisting adjacent pairs of wire ends together in a close helix of $1\frac{1}{2}$ machine turns, which is equivalent to 3 full twists, and cutting the wire ends at an angle. The wire ends beyond the twist shall be at least $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6.4 mm) long. This type of selvage is not used on fabric with a mesh size of less than 2 in. (50.8 mm).

4. Ordering Information

- 4.1 Orders for chain-link fence fabric purchased to this specification shall include the following information:
 - 4.1.1 Quantity (Section 14),

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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.

³ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

- 4.1.2 Size of mesh (Section 7),
- 4.1.3 Size of wire (Section 8),
- 4.1.4 Height of fabric (Section 9),
- 4.1.5 Diamond count, if specified (Section 6),
- 4.1.6 Type of selvage (Section 10),
- 4.1.7 Certification if required (Section 17), and
- 4.1.8 ASTM designation and year of issue.

4.2 All rolls of fencing accepted by the purchaser shall be billed on the basis of the original footage of the rolls before sampling, unless changed by contractual arrangement.

NOTE 1—A typical ordering description is as follows: 25 rolls, 50 ft each, chain-link fence fabric, aluminum-coated, 2 in. mesh. 0.148 in. wire, 60 in. high, knuckled both selvages, to ASTM A491–XX.

5. Materials

5.1 The wire from which the fabric is woven shall conform to all requirements of Specification A817 for Type I coating.

6. Weave

6.1 The wire shall be woven throughout in the form of approximately uniform square mesh, having parallel sides and horizontal and vertical diagonals of approximately uniform dimensions. The top and bottom of the fabric shall be knuckled or twisted as specified in Section 10.

6.2 Typical diamond count for each standard height is shown in Table 1. Other diamond counts are permissible provided that they are consistent within a lot. The purchaser has the option to specify the diamond count (4.1.5).

7. Size of Mesh

7.1 The size of mesh shall be as indicated in Table 2 (see Fig. 1).

7.2 The permissible variation from the specified size of mesh shall be $\pm 1/8$ in. (± 3.2 mm) for all mesh sizes over 1 in. (25 mm), and $\pm 1/16$ in. (± 1.6 mm) for all mesh sizes 1 in. (25.4 mm) and under.

7.3 The size of mesh shall be determined by measuring the minimum clear distance between the wires forming the parallel sides of the mesh, and determined as the average of two readings taken at right angles to each other.

8. Size of Wire

8.1 Chain-link fabric shall be fabricated from wire diameters as listed in Specification A817, with a permissible variation from the specified diameter of the coated wire of ± 0.005 in. (± 0.13 mm).

9. Height of Fabric

9.1 Chain-link fabric shall be furnished in the standard heights shown in Table 2. Custom order fabric is available in heights to and including 20 ft. (6.56 m). The height of fabric shall be the overall dimension from ends of twists or knuckles. The permissible variation from the specified height shall be ± 1 in. (± 25 mm) for standard selvage on fabric with mesh sizes 1 in. (25 mm) and over and $\pm 1/2$ in. (± 13 mm) for all fabric with mesh sizes less than 1 in. (25 mm).

TABLE 1 Typical Diamond Count^A

NOTE 1—Other diamond counts are permitted (see 6.2).

NOTE 2— For fabric heights over 144 in., see Section 9.

Nominal Diameter Coated Wire, in.	Size of Mesh, in.	Height of Fence Fabric, in.									
		36	42	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	144
0.192	2	10½	12½	13½	17½	20½	24½	27½	31½	34½	41½
0.148	2	10½	12½	13½	17½	20½	24½	27½	31½	34½	41½
0.148	1¾	11½	13½	15½	19½	23½	27½	31½	35½	39½	41½
0.148	1¼	17	21	23	29	35	41	46	52	56	70
0.148	1	20	23	27	33	39	45	53	61	67	79
0.135	2	10½	12½	13½	17½	20½	24½	27½	31½	34½	41½
0.120	2	10½	12½	14½	17½	20½	24½
0.120	1¾	11½	13½	15½	19½	23½	27½	31½	35½	39½	47½
0.120	1¼	17	21	23	29	35	41	46	52	58	70
0.120	1	20	23	27	33	39	45	53	61	67	79
0.113	2⅝	9½	11½	13½	16½	19½

^ASee Appendix X1 for metric equivalents.