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Standard Specification for Fixation Pins and Wires¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers functional dimensions for fixation pins and wires.

1.2 In recognition of many broad and varied uses of such pins and wires, many options are included. A variety, but not necessarily all, of the options are illustrated in [Figs. 1-3](#).

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

1.4 *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

~~F67 Specification for Unalloyed Titanium, for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R50250, UNS R50400, UNS R50550, UNS R50700)~~

~~F75 Specification for Cobalt-28 Chromium-6 Molybdenum Alloy Castings and Casting Alloy for Surgical Implants (UNS R30075)~~

~~F86 Practice for Surface Preparation and Marking of Metallic Surgical Implants~~

~~F90 Specification for Wrought Cobalt-20Chromium-15Tungsten-10Nickel Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R30605)~~

~~F136 Specification for Wrought Titanium-6Aluminum-4Vanadium ELI (Extra Low Interstitial) Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R56401)~~

~~F138 Specification for Wrought 18Chromium-14Nickel-2.5Molybdenum Stainless Steel Bar and Wire for Surgical Implants (UNS S31673)~~

~~F368 Specification for Fixation Pins-Kowles and Hagie Types (Withdrawn 1982)~~³

~~F562 Specification for Wrought 35Cobalt-35Nickel-20Chromium-10Molybdenum Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R30035)~~

~~F563 Specification for Wrought Cobalt-20Nickel-20Chromium-3.5Molybdenum-3.5Tungsten-5Iron Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R30563) (Withdrawn 2005)~~³

~~F1314 Specification for Wrought Nitrogen Strengthened 22 Chromium-13 Nickel-5 Manganese-2.5 Molybdenum Stainless Steel Alloy Bar and Wire for Surgical Implants (UNS S20910)~~

~~F1537~~F2503 ~~Specification for Wrought Cobalt-28Chromium-6Molybdenum Alloys for Surgical Implants (UNS R31537, UNS R31538, and UNS R31539)~~Practice for Marking Medical Devices and Other Items for Safety in the Magnetic Resonance Environment

~~F1586 Specification for Wrought Nitrogen Strengthened 21Chromium-10Nickel-3Manganese-2.5Molybdenum Stainless Steel Alloy Bar for Surgical Implants (UNS S31675)~~

3. Materials

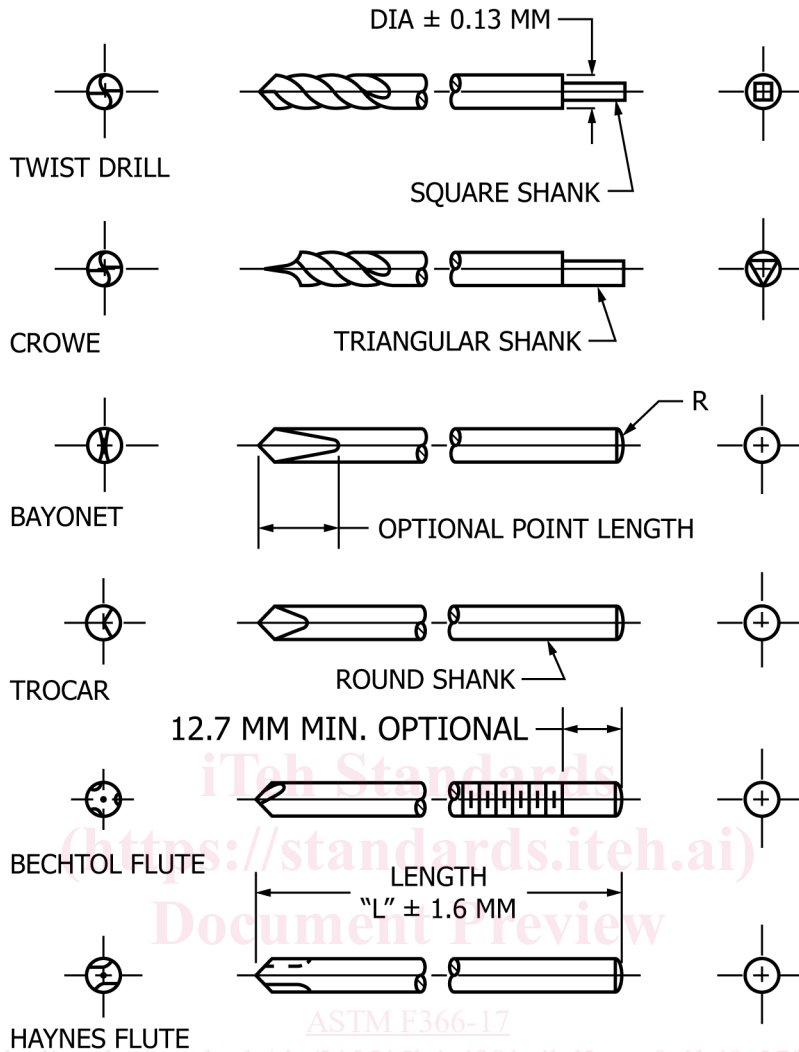
3.1 Fixation pins and wires shall be fabricated from material conforming to one of the following ASTM Specifications: a metallic material intended for surgical implant applications. In addition, the materials shall be biocompatible for the intended application.

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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 The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.



NOTE 1—Pins and wires may be smooth shank or threaded.

NOTE 2—Point angle and helix angle, where applicable, is as specified by the manufacturer.

NOTE 3—On square or triangular shanks, flats are equal and corners are on the same circumference as the pin diameter. Shank diameters on pins larger than 3.2 mm may be reduced.

NOTE 4—Optional designs, both ends pointed or point with suture hole.

FIG. 1 Fixation Pins and Wires

Materials should be chosen based on the design requirements of the particular device. ASTM committee F67, F04.12 F75, maintains F90; a F136, number F138, of F562; metallic F563; material F1314; specifications F1537, and suitable for F1586; surgical implant applications.

4. Performance Requirements

4.1 Factors considered to be important, but for which values and test methods have not been established, are bending strength, fatigue strength, breaking strength (Knowles Type only), torsion strength, and ductility.

5. Dimensions and Characteristics

5.1 Fixation pins and wires shall be fabricated in accordance with the dimensions illustrated in Figs. 1-4.

5.2 Fixation pins and wires shall have surfaces prepared and marked in accordance with Practice F86.

5.2.1 Optional marking on the fixation pins and wires shall identify the manufacturer or distributor.

6. Packaging and Labeling

6.1 Packaging shall be adequate to protect the fixation pins and wires during shipment.

6.2 Labeling for fixation pins and wires shall include: