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Standard Specification for Drawn or Rolled Iron-Chromium-Aluminum Alloys for Electrical Heating Elements¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers annealed, drawn, or rolled shapes for electrical heating and resistance purposes of alloys consisting mainly of iron, chromium, and aluminum as detailed in [Table 1](#).

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.

1.3 *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 become familiar with all hazards including those identified in the appropriate Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for this product/material as provided by the manufacturer, to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices, and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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

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

[B63 Test Method for Resistivity of Metallically Conducting Resistance and Contact Materials](#)

[B70 Test Method for Change of Resistance With Temperature of Metallic Materials for Electrical Heating](#)

[B78 Test Method of Accelerated Life of Iron-Chromium-Aluminum Alloys for Electrical Heating](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *lot size, n*—the lot size for determining compliance with the requirements of this specification shall be one heat.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This specification on iron-chromium-aluminum alloys contains the requirements for chemistry, electrical resistance, mechanical properties, resistance change with temperature, and packaging.

4.2 Determination of properties is not required for routine acceptance of material unless specified by the purchaser.

5. Chemical Requirements

5.1 The alloys shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition prescribed in [Table 1](#).

5.2 *Samples for Chemical Analysis*—Specimens for chemical analysis may be taken either from the melt or from a sample of finished material that is representative of the lot.

5.3 *Chemical Analysis*—The chemical analysis shall be made in accordance with accepted practices. See Test Methods [A751](#).

6. Physical Requirements

6.1 The material shall be thoroughly and uniformly annealed.

6.2 Wire shall conform to the following elongation requirements:

Size	Elongation in 10-in. (250-mm) minimum, %
0.0035 in. (No. 39 Awg)(0.089 mm) and larger	12
0.0031 to 0.0020 in. (Nos. 40 to 44 Awg) (0.079 to 0.015 mm)	6

7. Nominal Resistivity

7.1 The nominal resistivity shall be the resistivity of the wire as quenched from a temperature above 1450°F (788°C).

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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.