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AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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STEEL WIRE, WELDING
0.95Cr - 0.20V (0.28 - 0.33C) (SAE 6130)

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers a low-alloy steel in the form of welding wire.

1.2 Application: Primarily for use as filler metal for gas-tungsten-arc and gas-metal arc welding of low-alloy steels capable of heat treatment of 150,000 psi (1034 MPa) tensile strength.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specifications (AMS) shall apply. The applicable issue of other documents shall be as specified in the AMS 2350.

2.1 SAE Publications: Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2259 - Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels
AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods
AMS 2370 - Quality Assurance Sampling of Carbon and Low-Alloy Steels, Wrought Products Except Forgings and Forging Stock
AMS 2813 - Packaging of Welding Wire, Standard Method
AMS 2815 - Identification, Welding Wire, Line Code System
AMS 2816 - Identification, Welding Wire, Color Code System

2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

ASTM E350 - Chemical Analysis of Carbon Steel, Low-Alloy Steel, Silicon Electrical Steel, Ingot Iron, and Wrought Iron

2.3 Government Publications: Available from Commanding Officer, Naval Publications and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120.

2.3.1 Federal Standards:

Federal Test Method Standard No. 151 - Metals; Test Methods

2.3.2 Military Specifications:

MIL-W-10430 - Welding Rods and Electrodes, Preparation for Delivery of

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Composition: Shall conform to the following percentages by weight, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E350, by spectrographic methods in accordance with Federal Test Method Standard No. 151, Method 112, or by other analytical methods approved by purchaser:

	min	max
Carbon	0.28	0.33
Manganese	0.70	0.90
Silicon	0.15	0.35
Phosphorus	--	0.025
Sulfur	--	0.025
Chromium	0.80	1.10
Vanadium	0.15	0.25
Nickel	--	0.25
Molybdenum	--	0.06
Copper	--	0.35

3.1.1 Check Analysis: Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS 2259.

3.2 Condition: Cold drawn, bright finish, as-drawn temper.

3.2.1 Wire shall be furnished on disposable spools for machine welding or in cut lengths for manual welding, as ordered. Surface texture of spooled wire shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.2.2 Drawing compounds, oxides, and dirt shall be removed by cleaning processes which will neither result in pitting nor cause gas absorption by the wire or deposition of substances harmful to welding operations.

3.2.3 When specified, wire shall be copper flash coated and shall exhibit a thin, continuous, adherent copper coating.

3.3 Properties: Wire shall conform to the following requirements:

3.3.1 Weldability: Melted wire shall flow smoothly and evenly during welding and shall produce acceptable welds, determined by a procedure agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.3.2 Spooled Wire: Shall conform to 3.3.2.1 and 3.3.2.2, unless otherwise agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.3.2.1 Cast: Wire shall have imparted to it a curvature such that a specimen sufficient in length to form one loop, when cut from the spool and laid on a flat surface, shall form a circle not less than 15 in. (380 mm) and not greater than 30 in. (760 mm) in diameter.

3.3.2.2 Helix: The specimen on which cast was determined, when laid on a flat surface and measured between adjacent turns, shall show a vertical separation not greater than 1 in. (25 mm).

3.4 Quality: Wire, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from internal and external imperfections detrimental to welding operations, operation of welding equipment, or properties of the deposited weld metal.

3.5 Sizes and Tolerances: Unless otherwise specified, wire shall be supplied in the sizes and to the tolerances shown in 3.5.1 and 3.5.2.

3.5.1 Diameter:

TABLE I

Form	Nominal Diameter Inch	Tolerance Inch	
		plus	minus
Cut Lengths	0.030, 0.045, 0.062, 0.078, 0.093, 0.125, 0.156	0.003	0.003
Spools	0.062, 0.078, 0.093	0.002	0.002
Spools	0.030, 0.035, 0.045	0.001	0.002
Spools	0.007, 0.010, 0.015, 0.020	0.0005	0.0005

TABLE I (SI)

Form	Nominal Diameter Millimetres	Tolerance Millimetre	
		plus	minus
Cut Lengths	0.75, 1.15, 1.55, 2.00, 2.35, 3.20, 4.00	0.08	0.08
Spools	1.55, 2.00, 2.35	0.05	0.05
Spools	0.75, 0.90, 1.15	0.03	0.05
Spools	0.20, 0.25, 0.40, 0.50	0.015	0.015

3.5.2 Length: Cut lengths shall be furnished in 18, 27, or 36 in. (455, 685, or 915 mm) lengths, as ordered, and shall not vary more than +0, -1/2 in. (-13 mm) from the length ordered.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of wire shall supply all samples and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Results of such tests shall be reported to the purchaser as required by 4.4. Purchaser reserves the right to perform such confirmatory testing as he deems necessary to ensure that the wire conforms to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Tests to determine conformance to requirements for composition (3.1) and Ø tolerances (3.5) are classified as acceptance tests and shall be performed on each lot.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests: Tests to determine conformance to requirements for weldability (3.3.1), cast Ø (3.3.2.1), and helix (3.3.2.2) are classified as periodic tests and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the vendor unless frequency of testing is specified by purchaser.

Ø 4.3 Sampling: Shall be in accordance with AMS 2370 and as specified herein.

4.4 Reports:

4.4.1 The vendor of wire shall furnish with each shipment three copies of a report showing the results of tests for chemical composition of each heat and stating that the wire conforms to the other technical requirements of this specification. This report shall include the purchase order number, heat number, material specification number and its revision letter, nominal size, and quantity from each heat.