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Standard Specification for Steel Wire, Carbon, for General Use¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers carbon steel wire, supplied in coils, for general use. It may be produced hard drawn, annealed in process, or annealed at finish size.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products](#)

[A510 Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel](#)

[A700 Guide for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Shipment](#)

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

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

2.2 Military Standards:³

[MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage](#)

[MIL-STD-163 Steel Mill Products, Preparation for Shipment and Storage](#)

2.3 Federal Standard:

[Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipments \(Civil Agencies\)³](#)

2.4 AIAG Standard:

[AIAGB-5 02.00 Primary Metals Identification Tag Application Standard⁴](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *annealed-in-process wire*—steel wire that was thermally treated and subsequently redrawn.

3.1.2 *annealed wire*—wire that was drawn to size and annealed at finish size.

3.1.3 *carbon steel*—steel is considered to be carbon steel when no minimum content is specified or required for aluminum, chromium, cobalt, columbium, molybdenum, nickel, titanium, tungsten, vanadium, or zirconium or any other element added to obtain a desired alloying effect; when the specified minimum copper content does not exceed 0.40 %; or when the maximum content for any of the following elements does not exceed these percentages: manganese 1.65, silicon 0.60, or copper 0.60 (see Specification [A510](#)).

3.1.4 *hard drawn wire*—wire drawn without the use of thermal treatment.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 It shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for material under this specification. Such requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

4.1.1 Quantity (weight in pounds),

4.1.2 Name of material (carbon steel wire),

4.1.3 Wire diameter in inches, to the third decimal point,

4.1.4 Chemical composition grade number,

4.1.5 Condition (hard drawn, annealed in process, annealed at finished size),

4.1.6 Finish (see Section [10](#)),

4.1.7 Packaging, and

4.1.8 ASTM designation and year of issue.

NOTE 1—A typical ordering description is as follows: 40 000 lb, 0.148 in., Bright Hard Drawn Carbon Steel Wire, Grade 1008, in 600-lb.

⁴ Available from Automotive Industry Action Group (AIAG), 26200 Lahser Rd., Suite 200, Southfield, MI 48033, <http://www.aiag.org>.

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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, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://dodssp.daps.dla.mil>.