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# Standard Specification for Metal, Expanded, Steel<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers expanded metal.

1.1.1 Expanded metal covered by this specification is intended for a variety of applications.

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 and may be approximate.

1.3 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 11, of this specification. *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 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:*<sup>2</sup>

[A123/A123M Specification for Zinc \(Hot-Dip Galvanized\) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products](#)

[A240/A240M Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications](#)

[A653/A653M Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated \(Galvanized\) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated \(Galvannealed\) by the Hot-Dip Process](#)

[A666 Specification for Annealed or Cold-Worked Austenitic](#)

<sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee A01 on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee A01.19 on Steel Sheet and Strip.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

[Stainless Steel Sheet, Strip, Plate, and Flat Bar](#)  
[A700 Guide for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Shipment](#)

[A1008/A1008M Specification for Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, Solution Hardened, and Bake Hardenable](#)

[A1011/A1011M Specification for Steel, Sheet and Strip, Hot-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, and Ultra-High Strength](#)

2.2 *SAE Standard:*<sup>3</sup>

[SAE J 1086 Numbering Metals and Alloys \(Stabilized October 2012\)](#)

2.3 *Military Standards:*<sup>4</sup>

[MIL-C-16173 Corrosion Preventive Compound, Solvent Cutback, Cold-Application](#)

[MIL-STD-105 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes](#)

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Expanded Metal Terminology:*

3.1.1 *bond, n*—the solid intersection of two strands.

3.1.2 *camber, n*—the bow of a side or edge from end to end from a straight line.

3.1.3 *diamonds, n*—open area of metal after expanding. Most expanded metal open area or patterns are uniform diamond shaped, but may also be hexagonal, louvered, asymmetric, square, or other shapes, or combinations thereof.

3.1.4 *edge configuration, n*—refers to the edge condition of a sheet may they be closed diamonds (bonded), or open diamonds (random) produced by shearing.

3.1.5 *expanded metal, n*—a rigid sheet of metal that is simultaneously been slit and stretched creating an open diamond pattern.

<sup>3</sup> Available from Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, <http://www.sae.org>.

<sup>4</sup> Available from Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS), 127 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180-4602, <http://www.msshq.com>.

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

3.1.6 *flattened, v (F)*—expanded metal that has been cold-rolled after expansion.

3.1.7 *flattening, adv*—the process of producing flattened expanded metal.

3.1.8 *grating, n*—expanded metal that is produced from heavier sheet.

3.1.9 *levelness, n*—(flatness of sheet), sheets shall be free from waves or buckets that are in excess of 1½ in. from a plane surface.

3.1.10 *LWD, n*—nominal dimension, Long Way of the Diamond.

3.1.11 *LWO, n*—Long Way of the Opening.

3.1.12 *regular-raised-standard, n*—(R) expanded metal as it comes from the press. The strands and bonds are set at a uniform angle to the plane of the sheet.

3.1.13 *SWD, n*—nominal dimension, Short Way of the Diamond.

3.1.14 *SWO, n*—Short Way of the Opening.

3.1.15 *shearing, n*—cutting the sheet to a specific size or tolerance.

3.1.16 *squareness, n*—the dimensional variance a side and edge are out of square.

3.1.17 *strand thickness, n*—thickness of the base metal

3.1.18 *strand thickness, n, and strand width, n*—can be varied to create different expanded metal products for different applications.

3.1.19 *strand width, n*—amount of material fed through top and bottom dies to produce one strand.

3.1.20 *taper, n*—edges of a sheet that deviates from parallel.

**4. Classification**

4.1 Expanded metal shall be of the following types, classes, and grades as specified (see 5.1.2).

4.2 *Type:*

4.2.1 *Type I*—Expanded (see Fig. 1).

4.2.2 *Type II*—Expanded and flattened (see Fig. 2).

4.3 *Class:*

4.3.1 *Class 1*—Uncoated.

4.3.2 *Class 2*—Hot-dip zinc-coated (galvanized or galvanized annealed).

4.3.3 *Class 3*—Corrosion-resisting steel.

4.4 *Grade*—Pertains only to post-galvanized or galvanized coating.

4.4.1 *Grade A*—0.0025 in. (0.06 mm) minimum coating thickness.

4.4.2 *Grade B*—0.0012 in. (0.03 mm) minimum coating thickness.

**5. Ordering Information**

5.1 Orders for material under this specification shall include the following information, as required, to describe the material adequately:

5.1.1 ASTM designation,

5.1.2 Type, class, and grade of steel required (see 4.1),

5.1.3 Material required (see 6.1),

5.1.4 Direction of shear, if not as specified (see 6.2.1),

5.1.5 Length, width, and thickness of uncoated mesh, and weight per square ft. uncoated (see Tables 1-6),

5.1.6 Size of sheet required, if other than sizes specified in 7.1,

5.1.7 Whether or not sheets from which samples have been selected for coating thickness test may be included as part of material shipped (see 10.1.2), and

5.1.8 Optional requirements, if any (see Supplementary Requirements S1 through S3).

**6. Materials and Manufacture**

6.1 Expanded metal shall be made from Commercial Steel (CS Type B) carbon steel sheets as specified in Specifications A1008/A1008M or A1011/A1011M or from stainless steel sheets as specified in Specifications A240/A240M or A666.

6.2 Expanded metal shall be manufactured from sheet steel in thicknesses corresponding to Tables 1-6 as specified (see 5.1.5).

6.2.1 Each opening shall be integral with adjoining openings by means of unsheared bonds (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2) of the original sheet.

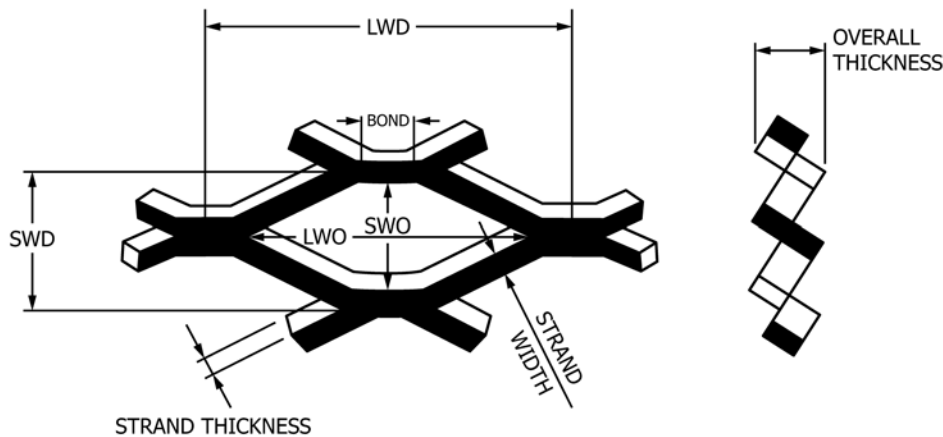


FIG. 1 Type I, Expanded and Raised

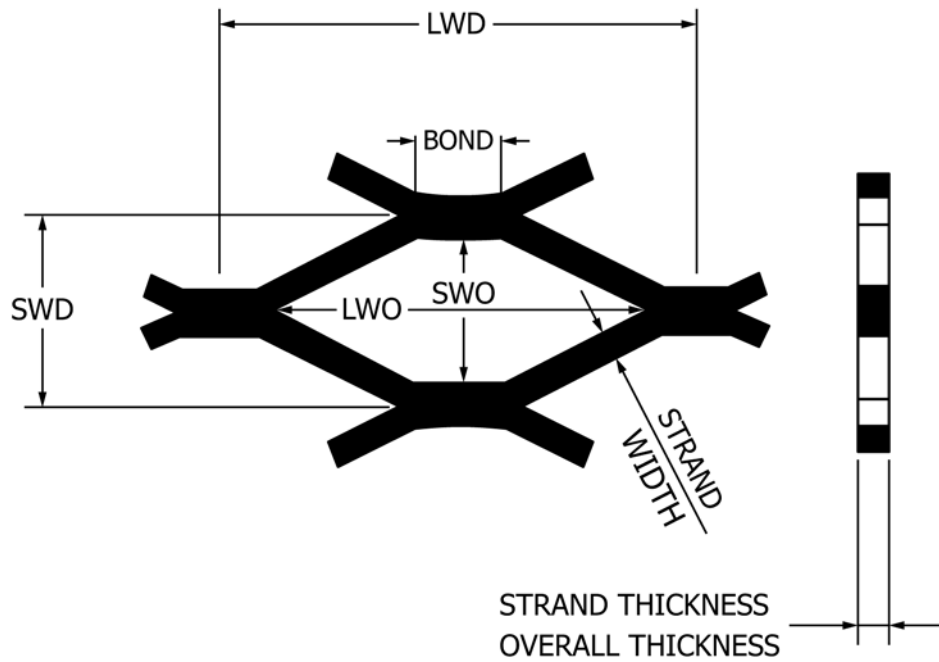


FIG. 2 Type II, Expanded and Flattened

TABLE 1 Carbon Steel Dimensions, Strand Sizes, and Weight for Type I (Raised), Class 1 Metal<sup>A</sup>

Style	Minimum Strand Thickness (in.) <sup>D</sup>	Nominal Weight per CSF <sup>B</sup>	Design Size (in.) <sup>C</sup>		Opening Size (in.) <sup>C</sup>		Strand Size (in.)		Overall Thickness (in.) <sup>C</sup>	Diamond per ft.		Percent Open Area
			SWD	LWD	SWO	LWO	Width <sup>C</sup>	Thickness		SWD	LWD	
¼ 20	0.032	85	0.250	1.000	0.157	0.718	0.072	0.036	0.146	48	12	42 %
¼ 18	0.042	113	0.250	1.000	0.146	0.718	0.072	0.048	0.151	48	12	42 %
½ 20	0.032	42	0.500	1.200	0.407	0.938	0.072	0.036	0.146	24	10	71 %
½ 18	0.042	69	0.500	1.200	0.382	0.938	0.088	0.048	0.180	24	10	65 %
½ 16	0.053	85	0.500	1.200	0.372	0.938	0.087	0.060	0.183	24	10	65 %
½ 13	0.083	141	0.500	1.200	0.337	0.938	0.096	0.090	0.212	24	10	62 %
¾ 16	0.053	54	0.923	2.000	0.783	1.750	0.101	0.060	0.208	13	6	78 %
¾ 13	0.083	77	0.923	2.000	0.760	1.688	0.096	0.090	0.212	13	6	79 %
¾ 10	0.083	117	0.923	2.000	0.718	1.625	0.144	0.092	0.300	13	6	69 %
¾ 9	0.127	178	0.923	2.000	0.675	1.562	0.150	0.134	0.329	13	6	67 %
1 16	0.053	43	1.000	2.400	0.872	2.062	0.087	0.060	0.183	12	5	83 %
1½ 18	0.042	20	1.330	3.000	1.229	2.625	0.068	0.048	0.144	9	4	90 %
1½ 16	0.053	40	1.330	3.000	1.184	2.625	0.108	0.060	0.221	9	4	84 %
1½ 13	0.083	58	1.330	3.000	1.160	2.500	0.105	0.090	0.228	9	4	84 %
1½ 10	0.083	76	1.330	3.000	1.132	2.500	0.138	0.090	0.288	9	4	79 %
1½ 9	0.127	119	1.330	3.000	1.087	2.375	0.144	0.134	0.318	9	4	78 %
1½ 6	0.184	247	1.330	3.000	0.979	2.313	0.203	0.198	0.452	9	4	69 %
2 10	0.083	65	1.850	4.000	1.630	3.438	0.164	0.090	0.335	7	3	82 %
2 9	0.127	88	1.850	4.000	1.603	3.375	0.149	0.134	0.327	7	3	84 %

<sup>A</sup> 1 lb = 0.454 kg; 1 in. = 25.4 mm

<sup>B</sup> A variation in weight per square ft. of ±10 % is permissible, based on the weight of any sheet or bundle. No combination of tolerances can be combined to yield weight per SF below -10 % tolerance range; the minimum weight per SF of -10 % is absolute.

<sup>C</sup> A tolerance of ±10 % is permitted in dimensions, except for minimum strand thickness.

<sup>D</sup> The minimum thickness is absolute, not subject to minus variation.

## 7. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

7.1 Unless otherwise specified (see 5.1.6), Type I expanded metal shall be furnished in sheets 4 ft (1.2 m) wide by 8 ft (2.4 m) long, and Type II, flattened, expanded metal shall be furnished in sheets 4 ft (1.2 m) wide by 8 ft (2.4 m) long.

7.2 Types I and II expanded metal shall be furnished in accordance with the weights and dimensions as specified in Tables 1-6, respectively.

7.3 Tolerances for Type I (raised expanded metal) sheets: