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Standard Specification for Steel Wire, Deformed, for Concrete Reinforcement¹

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1. Scope*

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1.1 This specification covers deformed steel wire which has been cold-worked by drawing, rolling, or both drawing and rolling, to be used as produced, or in fabricated form, for the reinforcement of concrete in sizes having nominal cross-sectional areas not less than 6.45 mm² (0.01 in.²).

1.2 Supplement S1 describes high-strength wire, which shall be furnished when specifically ordered. It shall be permissible to furnish high-strength wire in place of regular wire if mutually agreed to by the purchaser and supplier.

1.3 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded as standard. Within the text the inch-pound units are shown in brackets. The value stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values may result in nonconformance with the specification.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products²

A 497 Specification for Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement, Deformed, for Concrete³

A 700 Practices for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Domestic Shipment⁴

E 83 Practice for Verification and Classification of Extensometers⁵

2.2 Military Standards:

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage⁶

MIL-STD-163 Steel Mill Products Preparation for Shipment and Storage⁶

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.04

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.05

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01

⁶ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Building 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094

2.3 Federal Standard:

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipments (Civil Agencies)⁶

2.4 Other Standard:

ACI 318 Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete⁷

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *deformed steel wire for reinforcement*—as used within the scope and intent of this specification, shall mean any cold-worked, deformed steel wire intended for use as reinforcement in concrete construction, the wire surface having deformations that: (1) inhibit longitudinal movement of the wire in such construction; and (2) conform to the provisions of Section 5. It shall be permissible for the deformations to be raised indented.

3.1.2 *size number*—as used in this specification, refers to the numerical designation of the wire as tabulated in Table 1 and Table 2 under the column headed Deformed Wire Size Number, or a number indicating the nominal cross-sectional area of the deformed wire in hundredths of a square inch.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 When deformed wire is ordered by size number, the dimensional requirements shall be as given in Table 1. When deformed wire is ordered to dimensions other than the sizes shown, the nominal dimensions shall be developed from the applicable unit weight per foot of the section.

4.2 Orders for material to this specification should include the following information:

4.2.1 Quantity (weight),

4.2.2 Name of material (deformed steel wire for concrete reinforcement),

4.2.3 Wire diameter (see Table 1 and Table 2),

4.2.4 Packaging (see Section 16), and

4.2.5 ASTM designation and year of issue.

4.2.6 Special requirements, if any. (See Supplement S1.)

NOTE 1—A typical ordering description is as follows: 50 000 lb deformed steel wire for concrete reinforcement, size No. D-12, on pipe carriers, polyethylene shrouded, the ASTM A 496 – ____ .

⁷ Available from American Concrete Institute, P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094.

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



TABLE 1 Dimensional Requirements for Deformed Wire for Concrete Reinforcement in SI Units

Deformed Wire Size ^{A,B,C}	Nominal Dimensions			Deformation Requirements						
	(D in ²) (× 100)	Unit Wt. kg/m	(lbs/ft.)	Diameter ^D	Cross-Sectional Area ^{2E}	Perimeter	Spacing, Maximum	Spacing, Minimum	Min. Avg. Height of Deformations	
				mm	(in.)	mm ²	(in. ²)	mm	(in.)	mm ^F
MD 25	(D 3.9)	0.1962	(0.133)	5.60	(0.220)	25	(0.039)	7.24	(0.285)	0.252
MD 30	(D 4.6)	0.2355	(0.156)	6.20	(0.244)	30	(0.046)	7.24	(0.285)	0.279
MD 35	(D 5.4)	0.2747	(0.184)	6.70	(0.264)	35	(0.054)	7.24	(0.285)	0.302
MD 40	(D 6.2)	0.3140	(0.211)	7.10	(0.280)	40	(0.062)	7.24	(0.285)	0.320
MD 45	(D 7.0)	0.3532	(0.238)	7.60	(0.299)	45	(0.070)	7.24	(0.285)	0.342
MD 50	(D 7.7)	0.3925	(0.262)	8.00	(0.315)	50	(0.077)	7.24	(0.285)	0.360
MD 55	(D 8.5)	0.4317	(0.289)	8.40	(0.331)	55	(0.085)	7.24	(0.285)	0.378
MD 60	(D 9.3)	0.4709	(0.316)	8.70	(0.343)	60	(0.093)	7.24	(0.285)	0.392
MD 65	(D 10.1)	0.5102	(0.343)	9.10	(0.358)	65	(0.101)	7.24	(0.285)	0.455
MD 70	(D 10.8)	0.5494	(0.367)	9.40	(0.370)	70	(0.108)	7.24	(0.285)	0.470
MD 80	(D 12.4)	0.6279	(0.422)	10.10	(0.397)	80	(0.124)	7.24	(0.285)	0.505
MD 90	(D 13.9)	0.7064	(0.473)	10.70	(0.421)	90	(0.139)	7.24	(0.285)	0.535
MD 100	(D 15.5)	0.7849	(0.527)	11.30	(0.445)	100	(0.155)	7.24	(0.285)	0.565
MD 120	(D 18.6)	0.9419	(0.632)	12.40	(0.488)	120	(0.186)	7.24	(0.285)	0.620
MD 130	(D 20.1)	1.0204	(0.683)	12.90	(0.508)	130	(0.201)	7.24	(0.285)	0.645
MD 200	(D 31.0)	1.5700	(1.054)	15.95	(0.628)	200	(0.310)	7.24	(0.285)	0.800
MD 290	(D 45.0)	2.27	(1.530)	19.22	(0.757)	290	(0.450)	7.24	(0.285)	0.961

^AThe number following the prefix indicates the nominal cross-sectional area of the deformed wire in square millimeters.

^BFor sizes other than those shown above, the Size Number shall be the number of one hundredths of a square inch in the nominal area of the deformed wire cross section, prefixed by the letters MD.

^CThese sizes represent the most readily available sizes in the welded wire reinforcement industry. Other wire sizes are available and many manufacturers can produce them in 1-mm² (0.0015-in.²) increments.

^DThe nominal diameter of a deformed wire is equivalent to the diameter of a plain wire having the same mass per metre as the deformed wire.

^EThe cross-sectional area is based on the nominal diameter. The area in square millimetres may be calculated by dividing the unit mass in kg/mm by 7×10⁻⁶ (mass of 1 mm³ of steel or by dividing the unit mass in kg/m by 0.007849 (mass of steel 1 mm square and 1 m long).

^FThe minimum average height of the deformations shall be determined from measurements made on not less than two typical deformations from each line of deformations on the wire. Measurements shall be made at the center of indentation as described in 7.7.