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Standard Specification for Woven Wire Test Sieve Cloth and Test Sieves¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This document specifies the technical requirements for; the woven wire test sieve cloth (sieve cloth) used in test sieves, the construction of test sieves, standard and non-standard test sieve frame sizes, and test procedures used to inspect sieve cloth and the test sieves. This specification applies to test sieves manufactured with sieve cloth having a nominal aperture size ranging from 125 millimetres (mm) down to 20 micrometres (μm).

1.2 Additional reference information can be found in Specifications [E161](#), [E323](#), [E2016](#), and in Test Methods [C430](#) and [E2427](#).

1.3 The values stated in SI units shall be considered standard for the dimensions of the sieve cloth openings and the wire diameters used in the sieve cloth. The values stated in inch-pound units shall be considered standard with regard to the sieve frames, pans, and covers.

1.4 *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.*

1.5 *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

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [E29](#) on Particle and Spray Characterization and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [E29.01](#) on Sieves, Sieving Methods, and Screening Media.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at www.astm.org/contact. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

[C430](#) Test Method for Fineness of Hydraulic Cement by the 45-μm (No. 325) Sieve

[D6299](#) Practice for Applying Statistical Quality Assurance and Control Charting Techniques to Evaluate Analytical Measurement System Performance

[E161](#) Specification for Electroformed Material and Test Sieves

[E323](#) Specification for Perforated-Plate Sieves for Testing Purposes

[E1638](#) Terminology Relating to Sieves, Sieving Methods, and Screening Media

[E2016](#) Specification for Industrial Woven Wire Cloth

[E2427](#) Test Method for Acceptance by Performance Testing for Test Sieves

2.2 ASTM Manual:²

[Manual 32](#) Test Sieving Methods: Guidelines for Establishing Sieve Analysis Procedures; 5th Edition

2.3 Federal Standard:³

[Fed. Std. No. 123](#) Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)

2.4 Military Standard:³

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

2.5 ISO Standard:⁴

[ISO 3310-1](#) Test Sieves—Technical Requirements and Testing – Part 1: Test Sieves of Metal Wire Cloth

2.6 ASTM Adjuncts:⁵

Distribution Analysis of Sieve Openings

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Additional terms can be found in Terminology [E1638](#).

3.1.1 *aperture, n*—the dimension defining an opening in a screening surface.

3.1.2 *backing cloth, n*—a wire mesh support layer used directly under the sieve cloth with an opening coarser than the sieve designation.

³ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://www.dodssp.daps.mil>.

⁴ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

⁵ Available from ASTM International Headquarters. Order Adjunct No. [ADJE0011-E-PDF](#). Original adjunct produced in 2024.

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

TABLE 1 Nominal Dimensions and Permissible Variations for Sieve Cloth and Compliance, Inspection and Calibration Test Sieves

(1)	(2a)	(2b)	(3) ^A	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9) ^{B, C}	(10)	(11) ^{B, C}	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
Standard	Sieve Designation		Nominal Sieve Opening mm in.	±Y Variation for Average Opening mm	+X Maximum Variation for Opening mm	Resulting Maximum Individual Opening mm	Compliance Sieves		Inspection Sieves		Calibration Sieves		Typical Wire Diameter mm	Permissible Average Wire Diameter	
	U.S. Alternative	Supplementary Size					Sample Openings per 100 ft ²	Maximum Standard Deviation	Sample Openings per Sieve	Maximum Standard Deviation	Sample Openings per Sieve	Maximum Standard Deviation		Min	Max
125	5 in.		125	3.30	4.06	129.06	20	—	all	—	all	—	8.00	6.8	9.2
106	4.24 in.	112	106	2.96	3.74	115.74	20	—	all	—	all	—	8.00	6.8	9.2
100	4 in.		100	2.80	3.59	109.59	20	—	all	—	all	—	6.30	5.4	7.2
90	3½ in.		90	2.65	3.40	103.44	20	—	all	—	all	—	6.30	5.4	7.2
75	3 in.	80	75	2.39	3.18	93.18	20	—	all	—	all	—	6.30	5.4	7.2
63	2½ in.		63	2.13	2.91	82.91	20	—	all	—	all	—	6.30	5.4	7.2
53	2.12 in.	56	53	2.00	2.78	77.78	20	—	all	—	all	—	6.30	5.4	7.2
50	2 in.		50	1.89	2.67	73.67	20	—	all	—	all	—	5.60	4.8	6.4
45	1¾ in.		45	1.69	2.44	65.44	20	—	all	—	all	—	5.60	4.8	6.4
37.5	1½ in.		37.5	1.50	2.24	58.24	20	—	all	—	all	—	5.00	4.3	5.8
31.5	1¼ in.		31.5	1.42	2.15	55.15	20	—	all	—	all	—	5.00	4.3	5.8
26.5	1.06 in.		26.5	1.34	2.06	52.06	20	—	all	—	all	—	5.00	4.3	5.8
25	1.00 in.		25	1.21	1.91	46.91	20	—	all	—	all	—	4.50	3.8	5.2
22.4	7⁄8 in.	20	22.4	1.08	1.75	41.75	20	—	all	—	all	—	4.50	3.8	5.2
19	¾ in.	18	19	1.01	1.67	39.17	20	1.103	all	—	all	—	4.50	3.8	5.2
16	5⁄8 in.	14	16	0.961	1.60	37.10	20	1.035	all	—	all	—	4.00	3.4	4.6
13.2	0.530 in.		13.2	0.855	1.47	32.97	20	0.907	all	—	all	—	4.00	3.4	4.6
12.5	½ in.		12.5	0.762	1.35	29.35	20	0.802	all	—	all	—	3.55	3.0	4.1
11.2	7⁄16 in.		11.2	0.722	1.29	27.79	20	0.758	all	—	all	—	3.55	3.0	4.1
9.5	3⁄8 in.		9.5	0.682	1.24	26.24	20	0.715	all	—	all	—	3.55	3.0	4.1
8	5⁄16 in.		8	0.613	1.14	23.54	150	0.641	15	0.431	30	0.460	3.55	3.0	4.1
6.7	0.265 in.		6.7	0.548	1.05	21.05	150	0.575	15	0.387	30	0.413	3.15	2.7	3.6
6.3	¼ in.		6.3	0.522	1.01	20.01	150	0.548	15	0.368	30	0.393	3.15	2.7	3.6
5.6	No. 3½		5.6	0.495	0.97	18.97	150	0.521	15	0.350	30	0.374	3.15	2.7	3.6
4.75	No. 4		4.75	0.441	0.89	16.89	150	0.467	15	0.314	30	0.335	3.15	2.7	3.6
4	No. 5		4	0.387	0.81	14.81	150	0.414	15	0.278	30	0.297	2.80	2.4	3.2
3.35	No. 6		3.35	0.365	0.78	13.98	150	0.393	15	0.264	30	0.282	2.80	2.4	3.2
2.8	No. 7		2.8	0.346	0.75	13.25	150	0.374	15	0.251	30	0.268	2.50	2.1	2.9
2.36	No. 8		2.36	0.311	0.69	11.89	150	0.340	15	0.229	30	0.244	2.50	2.1	2.9
2	No. 10		2	0.279	0.64	10.64	150	0.308	15	0.207	30	0.221	2.50	2.1	2.9
1.7	No. 12		1.7	0.265	0.61	10.11	150	0.294	15	0.198	30	0.211	2.24	1.9	2.6
				0.251	0.59	9.59	150	0.281	15	0.189	30	0.202	2.24	1.9	2.6
				0.224	0.54	8.54	150	0.254	15	0.171	30	0.182	2.00	1.7	2.3
				0.200	0.50	7.60	150	0.230	15	0.155	30	0.165	1.80	1.5	2.1
				0.189	0.48	7.18	150	0.219	15	0.147	30	0.157	1.80	1.5	2.1
				0.178	0.46	6.78	150	0.208	15	0.140	30	0.149	1.80	1.5	2.1
				0.159	0.42	6.02	150	0.189	15	0.127	30	0.136	1.60	1.3	1.9
				0.142	0.39	5.39	150	0.172	15	0.116	30	0.123	1.60	1.3	1.9
				0.135	0.37	5.12	150	0.165	15	0.111	30	0.118	1.60	1.3	1.9
				0.128	0.36	4.86	150	0.158	15	0.106	30	0.113	1.40	1.2	1.7
				0.114	0.33	4.33	150	0.143	15	0.096	30	0.103	1.40	1.2	1.7
				0.102	0.30	3.85	200	0.130	20	0.092	40	0.097	1.25	1.06	1.50
				0.096	0.29	3.64	200	0.125	20	0.088	40	0.093	1.25	1.06	1.50
				0.091	0.28	3.43	200	0.119	20	0.084	40	0.089	1.25	1.06	1.50
				0.081	0.26	3.06	200	0.108	20	0.076	40	0.081	1.12	0.95	1.30
				0.073	0.24	2.74	200	0.099	20	0.070	40	0.074	1.00	0.85	1.15
				0.069	0.23	2.59	200	0.095	20	0.067	40	0.071	1.00	0.85	1.15
				0.065	0.22	2.46	200	0.091	20	0.064	40	0.068	0.90	0.77	1.04
				0.059	0.20	2.20	250	0.083	25	0.060	50	0.064	0.90	0.77	1.04
				0.053	0.19	1.99	250	0.077	25	0.056	50	0.059	0.80	0.68	0.92
				0.050	0.18	1.88	250	0.074	25	0.054	50	0.057	0.80	0.68	0.92

TABLE 1 Continued

(1)	(2a)	(2b)	(3) ^A	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9) ^{B, C}	(10)	(11) ^{B, C}	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
Standard	Sieve Designation		Nominal Sieve Opening	±Y Variation for Average Opening	+X Maximum Variation for Opening	Resulting Maximum Individual Opening	Compliance Sieves		Inspection Sieves		Calibration Sieves		Typical Wire Diameter	Permissible Average Wire Diameter	
	U.S. Alternative	Supplementary Size					Sample Openings per 100 ft ²	Maximum Standard Deviation	Sample Openings per Sieve	Maximum Standard Deviation	Sample Openings per Sieve	Maximum Standard Deviation		Min	Max
1.4	No. 14	1.6	0.0630	0.047	0.17	1.77	250	0.070	25	0.051	50	0.054	0.80	0.68	0.92
			0.0555	0.042	0.16	1.56	400	0.064	40	0.050	80	0.052	0.71	0.60	0.82
1.18	No. 16	1.25	0.0492	0.038	0.15	1.40	400	0.058	40	0.045	80	0.047	0.63	0.54	0.72
			0.0469	0.036	0.14	1.32	400	0.056	40	0.043	80	0.045	0.63	0.54	0.72
1	No. 18	1.12	0.0441	0.034	0.14	1.26	400	0.054	40	0.042	80	0.044	0.56	0.48	0.64
			0.0394	0.030	0.13	1.13	400	0.050	40	0.039	80	0.040	0.56	0.48	0.64
μm		μm	in.	μm	μm	μm							mm		
850	No. 20	900	0.0354	27.6	118	1018	400	45.51	40	35.22	80	36.74	0.500	0.43	0.58
			0.0331	26.2	114	964	400	43.66	40	33.79	80	35.25	0.500	0.43	0.58
710	No. 25	800	0.0315	24.8	109	909	400	41.79	40	32.34	80	33.74	0.450	0.38	0.52
			0.0278	22.2	101	811	500	38.36	50	30.43	100	31.62	0.450	0.38	0.52
600	No. 30	630	0.0248	19.9	93	723	500	35.23	50	27.95	100	29.04	0.400	0.34	0.46
			0.0234	19.0	91	691	500	34.04	50	27.00	100	28.06	0.400	0.34	0.46
500	No. 35	560	0.0220	17.9	87	647	500	32.43	50	25.73	100	26.73	0.355	0.30	0.41
			0.0197	16.2	80	580	600	29.96	60	24.21	120	25.09	0.315	0.27	0.36
425	No. 40	450	0.0177	14.7	75	525	600	27.86	60	22.51	120	23.32	0.280	0.24	0.32
			0.0165	14.0	73	498	600	26.79	60	21.65	120	22.43	0.280	0.24	0.32
355	No. 45	400	0.0157	13.3	70	470	600	25.71	60	20.78	120	21.52	0.250	0.21	0.29
			0.0139	12.0	65	420	800	23.72	80	19.68	160	20.30	0.224	0.19	0.26
300	No. 50	315	0.0124	10.8	60	375	800	21.90	80	18.17	160	18.75	0.200	0.17	0.23
			0.0117	10.4	58	358	800	21.20	80	17.59	160	18.15	0.200	0.17	0.23
250	No. 60	280	0.0110	9.8	56	336	800	20.26	80	16.81	160	17.34	0.180	0.15	0.21
			0.0098	8.9	52	302	800	18.82	80	15.61	160	16.11	0.160	0.13	0.19
212	No. 70	224	0.0088	8.1	49	273	800	17.53	80	14.54	160	15.01	0.160	0.13	0.19
			0.0083	7.8	47	259	800	16.93	80	14.05	160	14.49	0.140	0.12	0.17
180	No. 80	200	0.0079	7.4	45	245	800	16.32	80	13.54	160	13.97	0.140	0.12	0.17
			0.0070	6.8	43	223	1000	15.27	100	12.91	200	13.28	0.125	0.106	0.150
150	No. 100	160	0.0063	6.3	40	200	1000	14.20	100	12.00	200	12.34	0.112	0.095	0.130
			0.0059	6.0	38	188	1000	13.65	100	11.53	200	11.86	0.100	0.085	0.115
125	No. 120	140	0.0055	5.7	37	177	1000	13.09	100	11.06	200	11.38	0.100	0.085	0.115
			0.0049	5.2	34	159	1000	12.23	100	10.33	200	10.63	0.090	0.077	0.104
106	No. 140	112	0.0044	4.8	32	144	1000	11.46	100	9.68	200	9.96	0.080	0.068	0.092
			0.0041	4.7	31	137	1000	11.10	100	9.38	200	9.65	0.071	0.060	0.082
90	No. 170	100	0.0039	4.5	30	130	1000	10.73	100	9.07	200	9.33	0.071	0.060	0.082
			0.0035	4.2	29	119	1000	10.10	100	8.53	200	8.78	0.063	0.054	0.072
75	No. 200	80	0.0031	3.9	27	107	1000	9.45	100	7.99	250	8.33	0.056	0.048	0.064
			0.0029	3.7	26	101	1000	9.12	100	7.70	250	8.04	0.050	0.043	0.058
63	No. 230	71	0.0028	3.6	25	96	1000	8.85	100	7.48	250	7.80	0.050	0.043	0.058
			0.0025	3.4	24	87	1000	8.29	100	7.01	250	7.31	0.045	0.038	0.052
53	No. 270	56	0.0022	3.2	22	78	1000	7.79	100	6.58	250	6.87	0.040	0.034	0.046
			0.0021	3.1	21	74	1000	7.56	100	6.39	250	6.67	0.036	0.031	0.041
45	No. 325	50	0.0020	3.0	21	71	1000	7.34	100	6.20	250	6.47	0.036	0.031	0.041
			0.0017	2.8	20	65	1000	6.95	100	5.87	250	6.13	0.032	0.027	0.037
38	No. 400	40	0.0016	2.7	19	59	1000	6.55	100	5.54	300	5.83	0.032	0.027	0.037
			0.0015	2.6	18	56	1000	6.38	100	5.39	300	5.69	0.030	0.024	0.035
32	No. 450	36	0.0014	2.6	18	54	1000	6.22	100	5.26	300	5.54	0.030	0.024	0.035
25	No. 500		0.0012	2.4	17	49	1000	5.87	100	4.96	300	5.23	0.028	0.023	0.033
			0.0010	2.2	15	40	1000	5.23	100	4.42	300	4.66	0.025	0.021	0.029
20	No. 635		0.0008	2.1	13	33	1000	4.73	100	4.00	300	4.22	0.020	0.017	0.023

Column 3—These numbers may only be approximate but are in use for reference and are not to be used for calculations.

Columns 9 and 11—See Annex A1, which specifies that all openings will be inspected for test sieves having 15 openings or less.

Columns 9 and 11—These number of sample openings are based on an 8-in. diameter test sieve.

3.1.3 *crimp, n*—the corrugation in the warp and shute wire, or both. The crimp in the wires is formed either during the weaving process, or with a crimping machine prior to weaving. If formed during the weaving process, the tension existing between the warp and shute wires fundamentally determines the respective amount or depth of crimp, which locks the wires in place, and in part establishes the firmness of the sieve cloth.

3.1.4 *firmness, n*—a subjective term referring to the planar rigidity of sieve cloth (as a roll good, not mounted in a test sieve frame), established by the tensile strength of the material, the relationship of the mesh to wire diameters, the type of weave, and amount of crimp in the wires. The absence of firmness in sieve cloth is termed *sleaziness*.

3.1.5 *matched test sieve, n*—a test sieve that reproduces the performance results of another test sieve within user defined limits for a designated material (for information only and may not be in compliance with this specification).

3.1.6 *mesh, n*—the number of wires or openings per linear inch (25.4 mm) counted from the center of any wire to a point exactly 1 in. (25.4 mm) distant, including the fractional distance between either thereof.

3.1.7 *plain weave, n*—sieve cloth in which the warp wires and shute wires pass over one and under one in both directions.

3.1.8 *shute wires, n*—the wires running the short way of, or across the cloth as woven (also referred to as the shoot, fill, or weft wires).

3.1.9 *sieve cloth, n*—woven wire cloth conforming to this specification.

3.1.10 *test sieve (sieve cloth), n*—an apparatus manufactured by mounting E11 sieve cloth in a frame, designed for use in particle size analysis by sieving.

3.1.10.1 *compliance test sieve, n*—a test sieve manufactured using sieve cloth which has been inspected prior to being mounted in the sieve frame; and that meets the requirements of Table 1 in part based on the standard deviation of the required number of sample openings per 100 square feet of sieve cloth (Column 7) not exceeding the maximum allowable for a confidence level of 66 % (Column 8).

3.1.10.2 *inspection test sieve, n*—a test sieve manufactured using sieve cloth which has been inspected after being mounted in the sieve frame; and that meets the requirements of Table 1 in part based on the standard deviation of the required number of sample openings in the test sieve (Column 9) not exceeding the maximum allowable for a confidence level of 99 % (Column 10).

3.1.10.3 *calibration test sieve, n*—a test sieve manufactured using sieve cloth which has been inspected after being mounted in the sieve frame; and that meets the requirements of Table 1 in part based on the standard deviation of the required number of sample openings in the test sieve (Column 11) not exceeding the maximum allowable for a confidence level of 99.73 % (Column 12).

(1) *Discussion*—Calibration sieves have had at least twice as many openings measured as Inspection sieves.

3.1.11 *twill weave, n*—sieve cloth in which the warp wires and shute wires pass over two and under two wires in both directions.

3.1.12 *warp wires, n*—the wires running the long way of the cloth as woven.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for items under this specification should include the following information as required:

4.1.1 Description of item(s) (Test Sieve or Sieve Cloth),

4.1.2 ASTM E11 designation and year of issue,

4.1.3 Quantity of each item, and

4.1.4 Sieve designation (Table 1, Standard Column 1, Alternate Column 2).

4.1.4.1 Test sieves can be supplied based on different levels of confidence as Compliance Sieves, Inspection Sieves, and Calibration Sieves.

4.2 Test sieves in standard circular or nonstandard frame:

4.2.1 Nominal sieve frame diameter (see Table 2) or dimensional description of nonstandard test sieve frame, and

4.2.2 Nominal sieve frame height (see Table 2).

5. Sieve Cloth Requirements

5.1 The sieve cloth used in test sieves shall meet the requirements of Table 1 and shall be designated Specification E11 Sieve Cloth. The number of inspected apertures shall be in accordance with Table 1 (Column 7). Sieve cloth conforming to this specification shall be woven from stainless steel, brass, or bronze. Sieve cloth with openings greater than or equal to 75 micrometres shall be woven using a plain weave. For sieve cloth with openings equal to or less than 71 micrometres the sieve cloth may be supplied using a twill weave. The sieve cloth shall not be coated or plated.

5.2 All measurements of openings and wire diameters shall be made along the midpoints of the openings as shown in Fig. 1.

TABLE 2 Dimensions of Standard Frames

Nominal Diameter, in.	Diameter Tolerance, in. (mm)	Typical Frame ^A
	Inside at Top ^B	Nominal Height, in. (mm)
3	3.000 + 0.030 / -0.000 (76.2 + 0.76 / -0.00)	1¼ (31.8) FH ^C ⅝ (15.9) HH
6	6.000 + 0.030 / -0.000 (152.4 + 0.76 / -0.00)	1¾ (44.5) FH 1 (25.4) HH
8	8.000 + 0.030 / -0.000 (203.2 + 0.76 / -0.00)	2 (50.8) FH 1 (25.4) HH
10	10.000 + 0.030 / -0.000 (254 + 0.76 / -0.00)	3 (76.2) FH 1½ (38.1) HH
12	12.000 + 0.030 / -0.000 (304.8 + 0.76 / -0.00)	3¼ (82.6) FH 2 (50.8) IH 1⅞ (41.3) HH

^A Frame height measured from top of frame to top of sieve cloth.

^B Measured 0.2 in. (5 mm) below the top of the frame.

^C FH = full height; HH = half height; IH = intermediate height.