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Standard Specification for Industrial Woven Wire Cloth[1]

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INTRODUCTION

Industrial wire cloth can be produced in many thousands of combinations of size and shape of opening, wire diameter, type of weave, and metal. This specification covers woven wire cloth for industrial use, including the separation of particles. Its purpose is to introduce standard terms and definitions, to note the normal range of specifications woven, and to establish tolerances and requirements. This specification excludes sieve cloth from its scope, since this is covered under Specification E11. If a user has a specific application for industrial wire cloth that is not within the scope of this specification, it is recommended that the wire cloth supplier be consulted.

1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers industrial woven wire fabric, referred to as wire cloth, for general use including the separation of particles. Wire cloth can be made of any primary metal or metal alloy wire that is suitable for weaving. This specification does not apply to the following special types of wire cloth: filter cloth or dutch weave (see Appendix X1), fourdrinier and cylinder cloth, galvanized hardware cloth, insect wire screening, spiral weave wire cloth, testing sieve cloth, or welded wire cloth.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units shall be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

A510 Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel

A555/A555M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Wire and Wire Rods

E11 Specification for Woven Wire Test Sieve Cloth and Test Sieves

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *aperture*, *n*—the dimensions defining an opening in a screening surface (see also *width opening*).

3.1.2 *bolting cloth*, *n*—a specific group of commonly used mesh and wire diameter combinations. They are covered within this specification.

3.1.3 *coatings*, *n*—the wire used for weaving wire cloth can be coated, plated, or in some other way finished prior to weaving, or wire cloth can be specified coated after weaving. Consult with a supplier as to the applicability of this specification. Examples of possible coatings include, but are not

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limited to, metallic plated, such as, copper, nickel, tin, and so forth, painted, or epoxy-coated or galvanized-steel wire cloth that has been coated with zinc either before or after weaving.

3.1.4 *Types of Crimps*:

3.1.4.1 *crimp, n*—the corrugation in the warp or 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 wire cloth.

3.1.4.2 *double crimp, adj*—wire cloth woven with approximately equal corrugations in both the warp and shute wires to lock the wires in position (see Fig. 1).

3.1.4.3 *flat top, adj*—wire cloth with deep crimps, as in lock crimp, except that all crimps are on the underside of the cloth, leaving the top surface all in one plane. Sometimes designated smooth top (see Fig. 2).

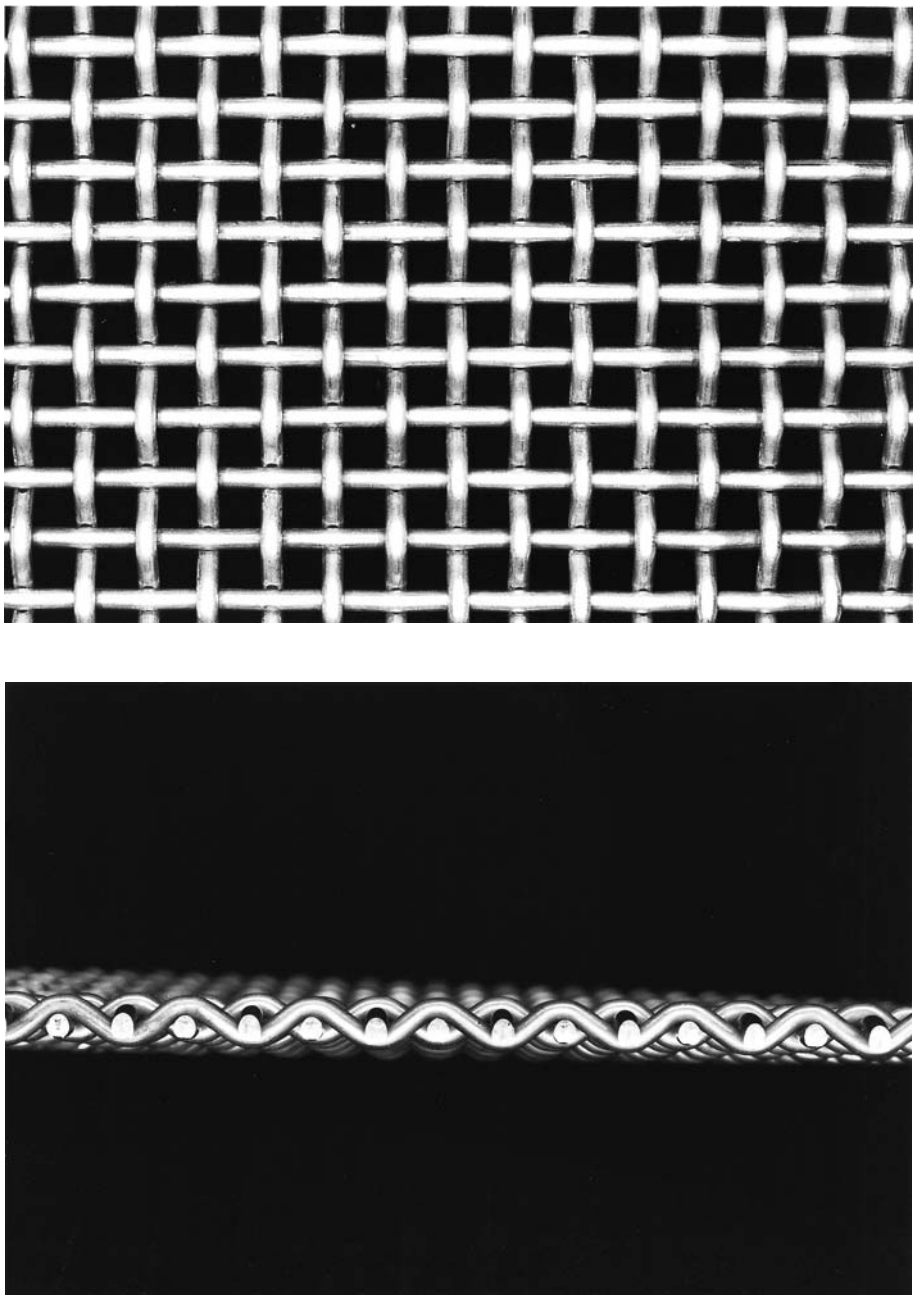

FIG. 1 Double Crimp

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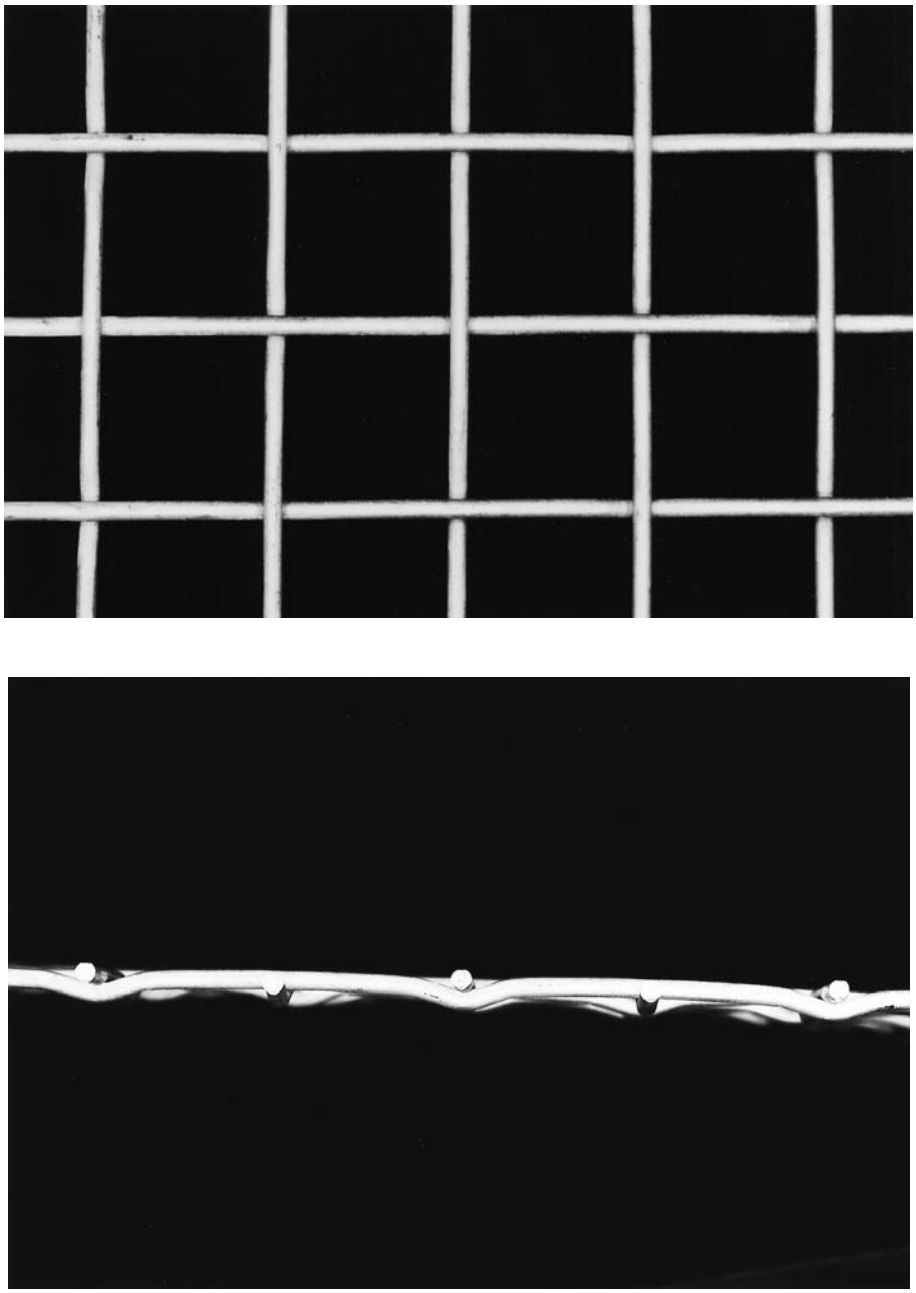

FIG. 2 Smooth Top

3.1.4.4 *intermediate crimp, adj*—precrimped wire cloth with extra crimps or corrugations between the points or intersection; sometimes designated intercrimp or multiple crimp. The warp, or shute wires, or both, may be intermediate crimped (see Fig. 3).

3.1.4.5 *lock crimp, adj*—precrimped wire cloth with deep crimps at points of intersection to lock the wires securely in place (see Fig. 4).

3.1.4.6 *precrimp, adj*—wire cloth woven with both the warp and shute wires crimped before weaving.

3.1.4.7 *triple shute, adj*—wire cloth woven with three shute wires inserted adjacent to each other, often constructed in conformance with precrimp rectangular.

3.1.5 *market grade*, *n*—a specific group of commonly used mesh and wire diameter combinations. They are covered within 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 *mill grade*, *n*—a specific group of commonly used mesh and wire diameter combinations. They are covered within this specification.

3.1.8 *percent open area*, *n*—the ratio of the area of the openings to the total area expressed as a percentage. The theoretical percent open area can be calculated as follows:

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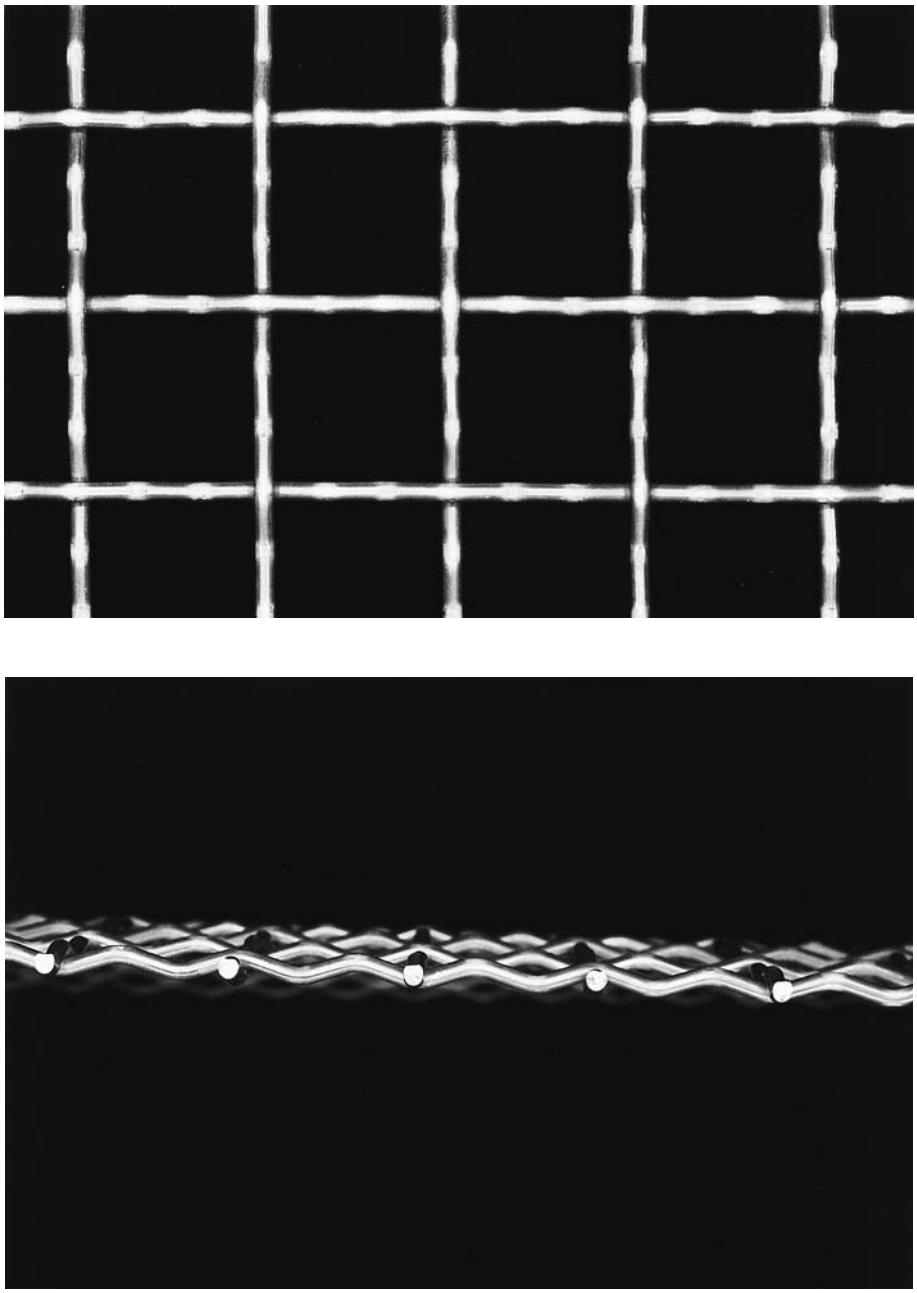

FIG. 3 Intermediate Crimp

$$OA = (1-M_w\ D_w)(1-M_s\ D_s)(100) \quad (1)$$

where:

OA = the percent open area;
M_w = the mesh warp;
M_s = the mesh shute;
D_w = the diameter warp wire; and,
D_s = the diameter shute wire.

3.1.9 *rectangular (off-count) mesh*, *n*—either precrimp or double crimp wire cloth having a different number of wires in the warp and shute, producing rectangular openings. The diameter of the warp and shute wires may be the same or different.

3.1.10 *screen*, *n*—a surface provided with apertures of uniform size and shape; another term used interchangeably for woven wire cloth.

3.1.11 *selvage*, *n*—the edge or border of wire cloth finished off so as to prevent unraveling. Examples of finished edges include looped selvage (see Fig. 5), folded selvage (see Fig. 6), cut and tucked (see Fig. 7), welded, plastic bonded, and bent-back picket, as opposed to a raw or cut edge (see Fig. 8).

3.1.12 *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).

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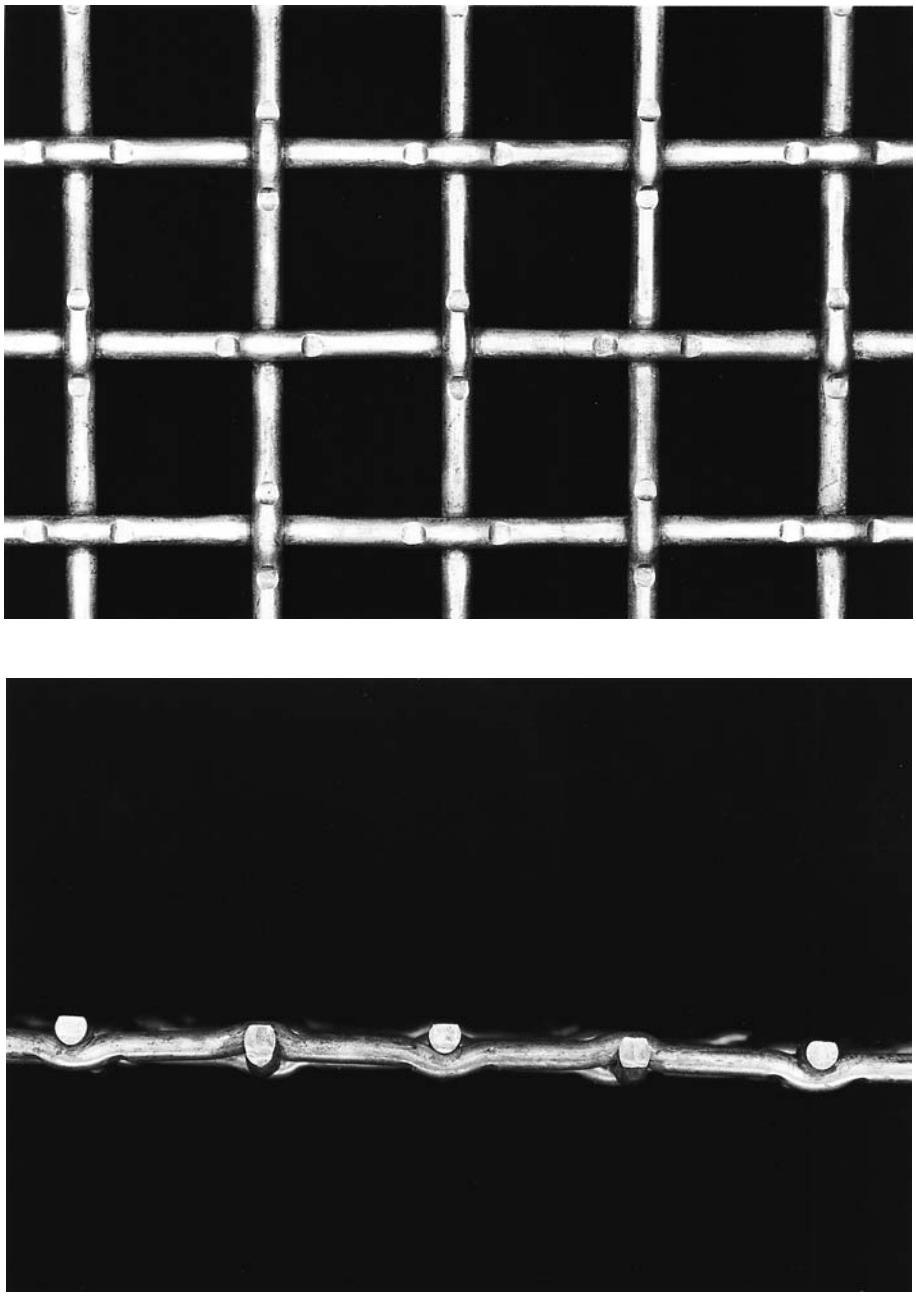

FIG. 4 Lock Crimp

3.1.13 *sieve cloth*, *n*—wire cloth specified by width of opening based approximately on the fourth root of 2 Series. Sieve cloth is used generally for the determination of particle size as opposed to the separation of particles. This specification excludes sieve cloth from the scope, because it is covered under Specification E11.

3.1.14 *space cloth*, *n*—wire cloth that is designated by the width of the open spaces between the inside faces of adjacent parallel wires, expressed in inches or the metric equivalent (see 4.2 for the normal range of space cloth specifications).

3.1.15 *square mesh*, *n*—wire cloth having the same number of wires in both the warp and shute.

3.1.16 *Types of Weaves*:

3.1.16.1 *herringbone twill, adj*—wire cloth in which the direction of a twilled weave is reversed at regular intervals to produce a striped or herringbone effect.

3.1.16.2 *plain, adj*—wire cloth in which the warp wires and shute wires pass over one and under one wire in both directions (see Fig. 9).

3.1.16.3 *twill, adj*—wire cloth in which the warp wires and shute wires pass over two and under two wires in both directions (see Fig. 10).

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

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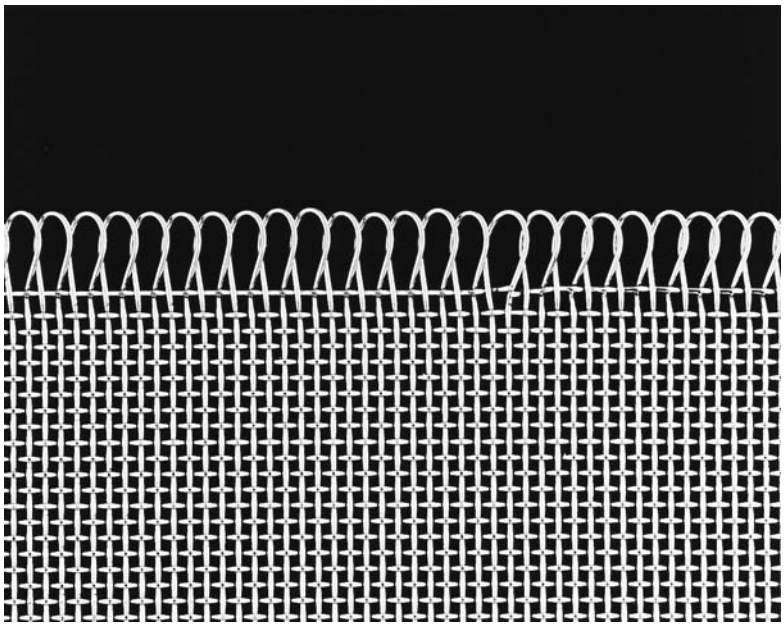

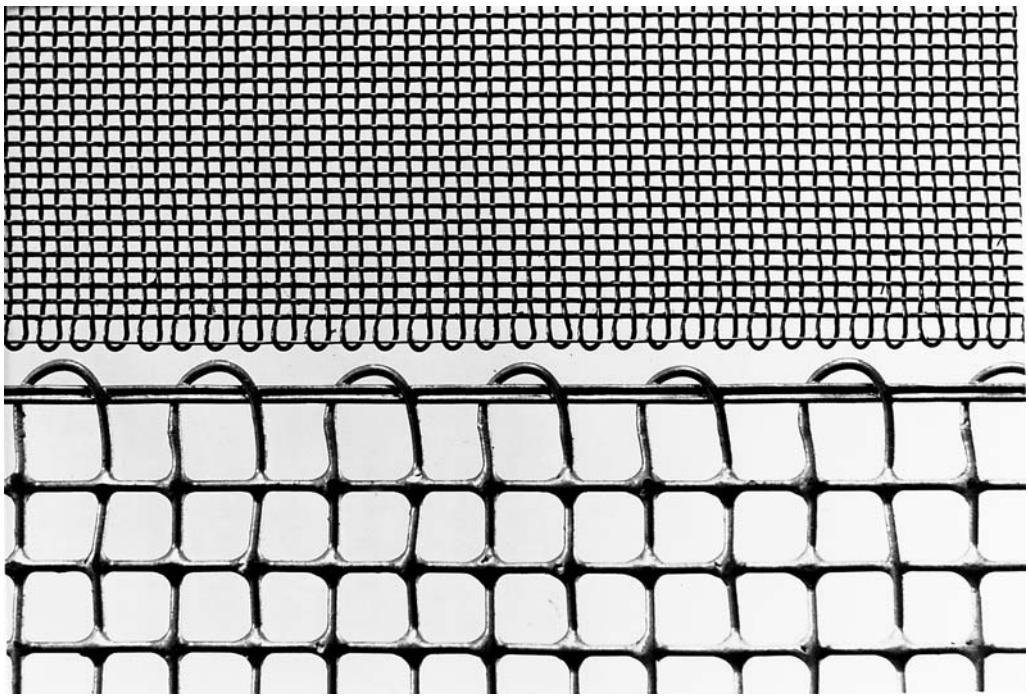

FIG. 5 Looped Edge

3.1.18 *weight per unit area*, *n*—the weight per square foot for wire cloth can be approximated (without consideration for crimp) by the following equation:

$$\text{Wt/ft}^2 = (12\ M_w\ (12\pi\ (D_w^2\ /\ 4)\ \rho)) + (12\ M_s\ (12\pi\ (D_s^2\ /\ 4)\ \rho)) \quad (2)$$

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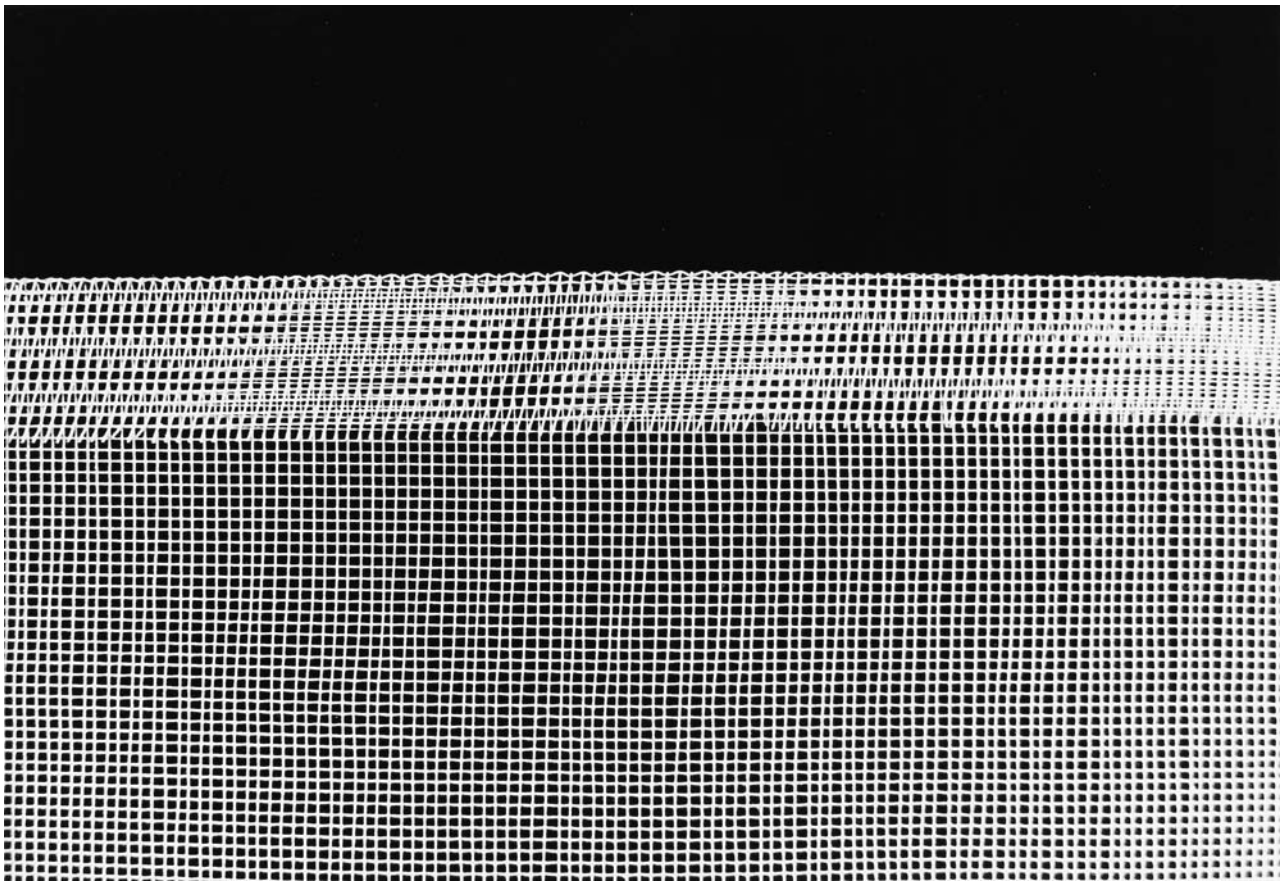

FIG. 6 Folded Edge

where:

Wt/ft^2 = the weight (lb/ft^2);
M_w = the mesh warp (number of wires per inch);
M_s = the mesh shute (number of wires per inch);
D_w = the diameter warp wire (decimal parts of an inch);
D_s = the diameter shute wire (decimal parts of an inch);
ρ = the density of material ($lb/in.^3$) (0.2836 for plain or carbon steel); and,
π = the constant 3.1416,

which for square mesh wire cloth with the same wire diameter in both the warp and shute reduces to:

$$Wt/ft^2 = 72\pi\rho MD^2$$

which further reduces for plain steel to:

$$Wt/ft^2 = 64.15\ MD^2$$

where:

Wt/ft^2 = the weight (lb/ft^2) per square foot;
M = the mesh (number of wires per inch); and,
D = the diameter wire (decimal parts of an inch).

See Table 1 for a listing of conversion factors from plain steel for various other metals and alloys. The theoretical mass/unit area can be similarly calculated with SI units or an approximate multiplier factor of 4.8824 can be used to obtain kg/m^2.

3.1.19 *width opening*, *n*—distance between two parallel adjacent warp or shute wires, measured in the projected plane. The theoretical width of an opening in the direction of interest can be calculated by subtracting the nominal wire diameter from the reciprocal of the mesh in that direction as follows:

$$Opn = (1/M) - D \quad (3)$$

where:

Opn = the width opening (in decimal parts of an inch);
M = the mesh; and,
D = the diameter wire (in decimal parts of an inch).

The theoretical width of an opening can be calculated similarly with SI units converting the pitch ($1/M$) to millimetres by the multiplier factor 25.4 and subtracting the wire diameter in millimetres.

3.1.20 *wire diameter*, *n*—wire diameter shall be expressed in decimal parts of an inch or the metric equivalent.

4. Wire Cloth Specifications

4.1 *Normal Range of Double-Crimp, Square Mesh Wire Cloth (expressed by mesh)*:

4.1.1 *Carbon Steel*—For the normal range of woven wire cloth specifications for double-crimp, square mesh carbon steel, see Table 2.

4.1.2 *Stainless Steel*—For the normal range of woven wire cloth specifications for double-crimp, square mesh stainless steel, see Table 3.

4.2 *Normal Range of Space Cloth (expressed by width opening)*:

4.2.1 *Carbon Steel*—For the normal range of space cloth specifications for carbon steel, see Table 4.

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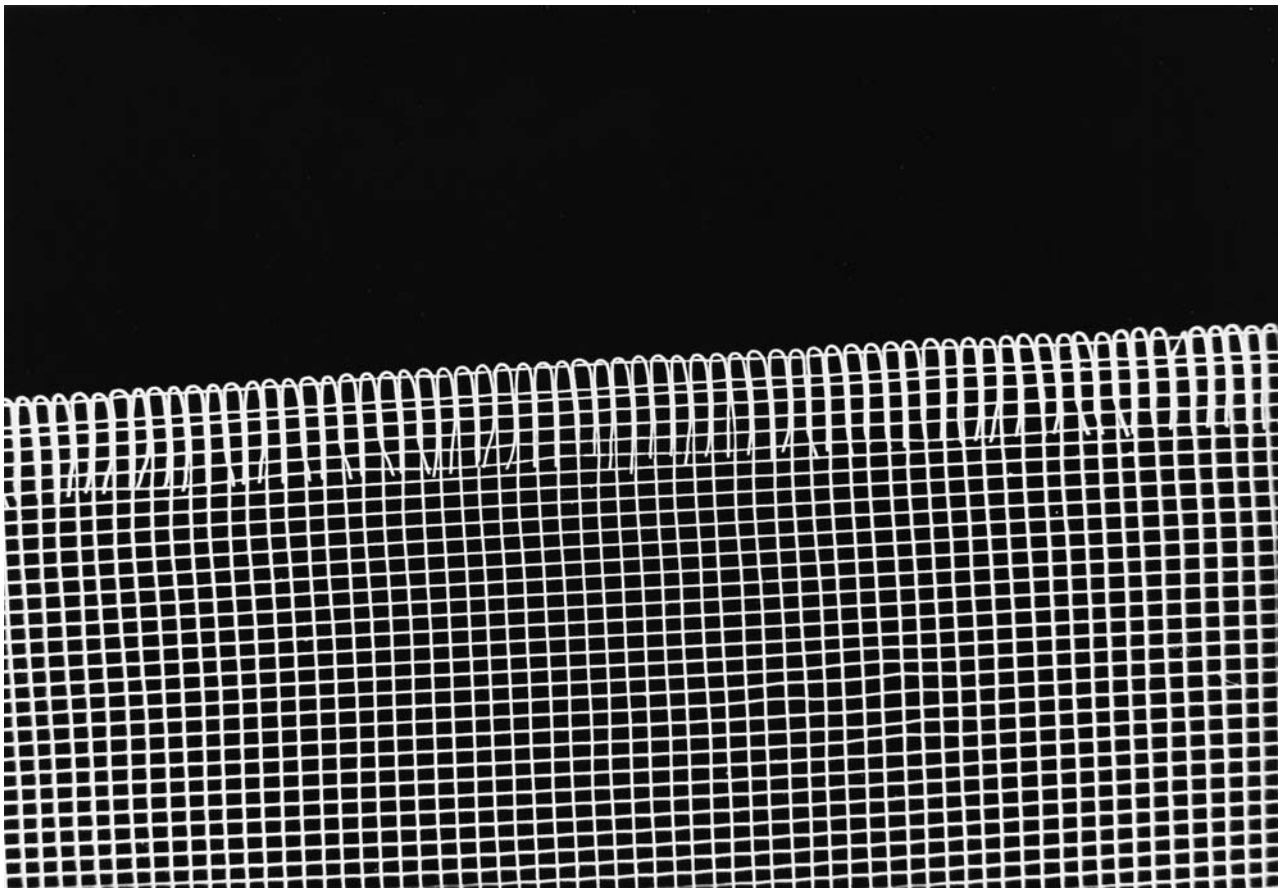

FIG. 7 Cut and Tucked Edge

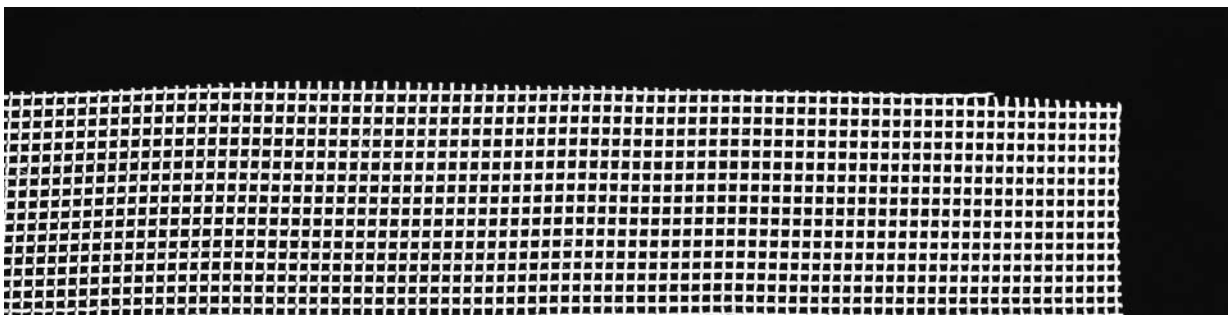

FIG. 8 Raw or Cut Edge

4.2.2 *Stainless Steel*—For the normal range of space cloth specifications for stainless steel, see Table 5.

5. Technical Requirements

5.1 *Wire Tolerances*—The diameter tolerance for wire before weaving shall be in accordance with Table 6. It is recognized that mechanical deformation of the wire occurs during weaving, and therefore, the diameter measured after weaving only can be used as a guide of the original nominal diameter.

5.2 *Wire Cloth Tolerances*:

5.2.1 Industrial wire cloth can be woven from a great variety of metals and alloys. For the purposes of tolerances as woven, the following metals are applicable:

5.2.1.1 aluminum (5000 series);

5.2.1.2 brass;

5.2.1.3 carbon steel;

5.2.1.4 copper;

5.2.1.5 Monel;™

5.2.1.6 nickel;

5.2.1.7 phosphor bronze; and

5.2.1.8 stainless steel (300 and 400 series).

5.2.2 Wire cloth tolerances for other metals may or may not be applicable depending on the particular specification and should be discussed with the supplier.

5.2.3 *Tolerances on Mesh*—Tolerances in mesh count shall be applied separately for warp and shute and in accordance with Table 7.

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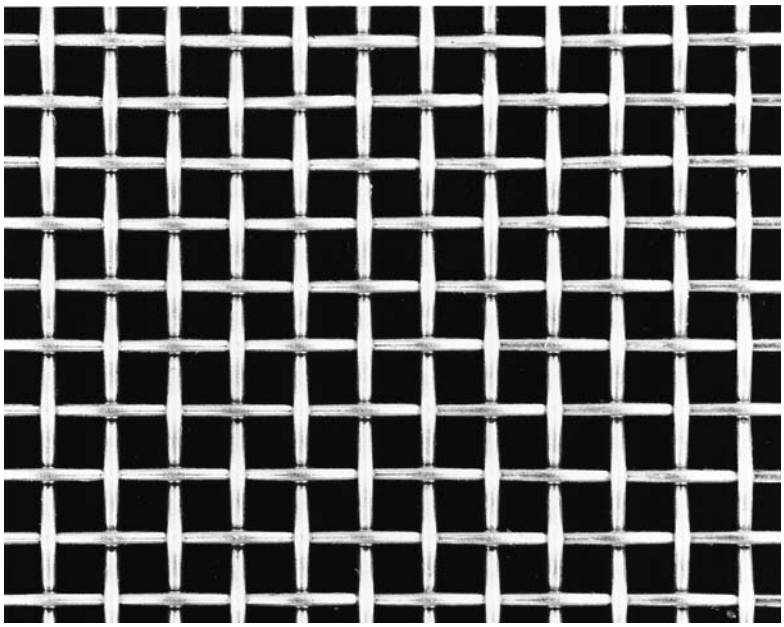

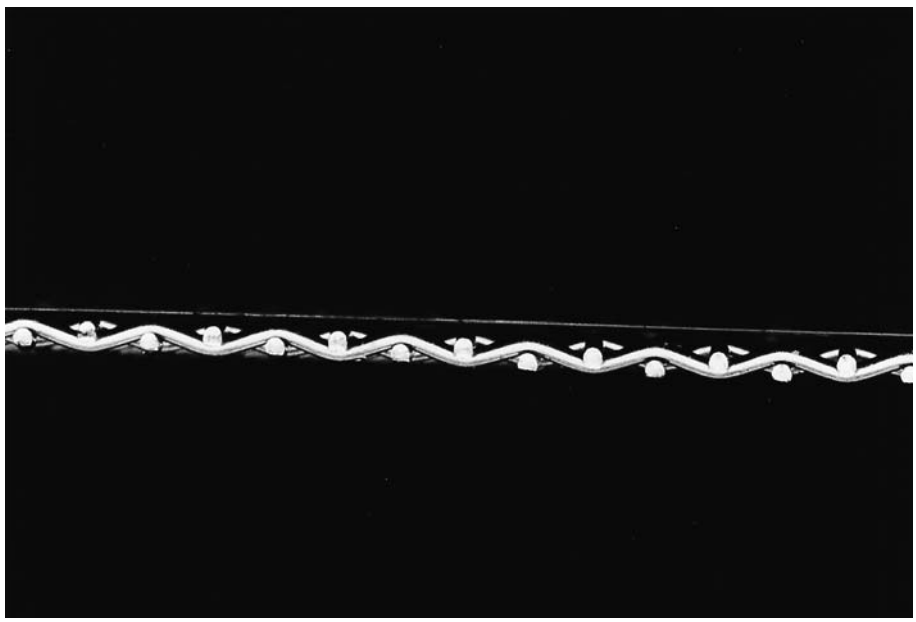

FIG. 9 Plain Square Weave

5.2.4 Tolerances on opening for space cloth The tolerance in opening of space cloth shall be in accordance with Table 8.

5.3 *Wire Cloth Blemishes*:

5.3.1 Wire cloth shall be woven with first-class workmanship, although some blemishes or defects are inherent in the weaving process.

5.3.2 *Permissible Number of Major Blemishes*—Unless otherwise agreed upon, the permissible number of major blemishes or defects as defined in Annex A1 shall be as shown in Table 9. The shute count shall determine the mesh category.

5.3.3 *Variation in Mesh*—An area of wire cloth with mesh count out of the tolerances shown in 5.2.3 shall be considered a defective area.

5.3.4 *Defective Opening*—An irregular opening in an area of wire cloth shall be considered a defect if the measured opening is out of tolerance as shown in Table 10 or Table 8 for space cloth.

5.4 *Delivery Requirements*—Except when specifically agreed to otherwise, the total quantity of wire cloth furnished shall be within ± 10 % of the quantity ordered. The invoice shall be based on the actual quantity furnished. Any finishing or fabrication specified to wire cloth may or may not affect its delivered quality and should be discussed with the supplier.

5.4.1 *Roll*—A standard roll shall be 100 linear feet (30.5 m) ± 10 linear feet (3 m), and may consist of up to three pieces, no piece less than 10 linear feet (3 m).

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