



Standard Specification for Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement, Deformed, for Concrete¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers welded wire reinforcement made from cold-worked drawn or rolled deformed wire, or a combination of deformed and non-deformed wires, to be used for the reinforcement of concrete.

NOTE 1—Welded wire for concrete reinforcement has been described by various terms: welded wire fabric, WWF, fabric, and mesh. The wire reinforcement industry prefers the term “welded wire reinforcement” (WWF) as being more representative of the range of products being manufactured. Therefore, the term “welded wire fabric” has been replaced with the term “welded wire reinforcement” in this specification and in other related specifications.

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound or SI units are to be regarded as the standard. Within the text the inch-pound units are shown in parenthesis. The values 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 82 Specification for Steel Wire, Plain, for Concrete Reinforcement²

A 496 Specification for Steel Wire, Deformed, for Concrete Reinforcement²

A 700 Practices for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Domestic Shipment³

2.2 Military Standards:

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage⁴

MIL-STD-163 Steel Mill Products Preparation for Shipment and Storage⁴

2.3 Federal Standard:

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipments (Civil Agencies)⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *convoluted wire, n*—when wire for welded wire reinforcement is shaped into a sinusoidal wave shape, it is commonly referred to as convoluted wire. The wire is used in the manufacture of cages for certain applications of concrete pipe reinforcing. Only non-deformed wire is normally subject to convolution.

3.1.2 *welded wire reinforcement, n*—as used within the scope and intent of this specification, welded wire reinforcement designates a material composed of cold-worked steel wire, fabricated into sheets or rolls by the process of electric resistance welding. The finished material shall consist essentially of a series of longitudinal and transverse wires arranged substantially at right angles to each other, and welded together at points of intersection.

4. Ordering Information

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

4.1.1 Quantity (weight or square area),

4.1.2 Name of material (deformed welded wire reinforcement for concrete),

4.1.3 Wire spacings and sizes,

4.1.4 Minimum yield strength if Supplement S1 of Specification A 496 applies; and minimum yield strength if wire conforming to Specification A 82 is to be used and Supplement S1 of Specification A 82 applies.

4.1.5 Exclusion of over-steeling, if required (see 9.4.1),

4.1.6 Length and width of sheets or rolls,

4.1.7 Packaging (see Section 16), and

4.1.8 ASTM designation and year of issue.

NOTE 2—A typical ordering description is as follows: 10 000 ft² welded deformed wire reinforcement for concrete, 6 × 12–D6 × D2, in flat sheets 96 in. wide by 240 in. long, in secured lifts, to ASTM A 497 – ____.

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.04.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.05.

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