



Standard Specification for Annealed Copper-Clad Steel Wire¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers bare round copper-clad steel for the following applications: electrical, electronic, grounding, telecommunications, and other applications.

1.2 Four conductivities are covered as follows: 21, 30, 40, and 70 %.

1.3 Temper is designated as annealed.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound or SI units are to be regarded separately as the standard. Each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification. For conductor sizes designated by AWG, the requirements in SI units have been numerically converted from corresponding values stated or derived in inch-pound units. For conductor sizes designated by SI units only, the requirements are stated or derived in SI units.

1.5 The following precautionary statement pertains to the test method portion only, Section 7, 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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 The following documents of the issue in effect on the date of material purchase form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 *ASTM Standards*:²

B 193 Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials

B 258 Specification for Standard Nominal Diameters and Cross-Sectional Areas of AWG Sizes of Solid Round Wires Used as Electrical Conductors

2.3 *NIST Document*:

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

NBS Handbook 100 - Copper Wire Tables³

3. Ordering Information

3.1 Orders for material under this specification shall include the following information:

3.1.1 Quantity of each size;

3.1.2 Wire size: diameter in inches (see 5.2);

3.1.3 Conductivity (see Table 1);

3.1.4 Wire to be used for redraw or not;

3.1.5 Packaging and shipping (see 10); and

3.1.6 Place of inspection (see 6.1).

4. Material

4.1 The wire shall consist of a core of homogeneous open-hearth, electric-furnace, or basic-oxygen steel with a continuous outer cladding of copper thoroughly bonded to the core throughout and shall be of such quality as to meet the requirements of this specification.

5. General Requirements

5.1 *Tensile Strength and Elongation*—The copper-clad steel wire shall conform to the tensile strength requirements of Table 2. Because there are many carbon steel and copper thickness combinations available, the desired tensile strength should be agreed upon between the purchaser and manufacturer prior to placing an order. The elongation shall be 15.0 % minimum for all diameters listed in 5.2.

5.2 *Dimensions*—The wire size range for this specification shall be from 0.0253 (0.643 mm) to 0.2294 in. (5.827 mm) diameter (see Note 1).

5.2.1 *Permissible Variations*—The wire sizes shall meet the following tolerances:

5.2.1.1 For diameters 0.1000 in. (2.54 mm) and over, the wire shall not vary from the specified diameter by more than $\pm 1\frac{1}{2}$ %, expressed to the nearest 0.0001 in. (0.003 mm).

5.2.1.2 For diameters under 0.1000 in. (2.54 mm) and above 0.0253 in. (0.643 mm), the wire shall not vary from the specified diameter by more than ± 1 %, expressed to the nearest 0.0001 in. (0.003 mm).

NOTE 1—The values of the wire diameters in 5.2 are given to the nearest 0.0001 in. (0.003 mm) and correspond to the standard sizes given

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