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**Non-alloy steel wire rod for conversion to  
wire —**

Part 2:  
**Specific requirements for general purpose  
wire rod**

*Fil-machine en acier non allié destiné à la fabrication de fils —*

*Partie 2: Exigences spécifiques au fil-machine d'usage général*



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ISO 16120 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Non-alloy steel wire rod for conversion to wire*:

- *Part 1: General requirements*
- *Part 2: Specific requirements for general purpose wire rod*
- *Part 3: Specific requirements for rimmed and rimmed-substitute, low-carbon steel wire rod*
- *Part 4: Specific requirements for wire rod for special applications*



# Non-alloy steel wire rod for conversion to wire —

## Part 2:

## Specific requirements for general purpose wire rod

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 16120 is applicable to general purpose wire rod for drawing and/or cold rolling.

### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 16120. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this ISO 16120 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards

ISO 4948-1:1982, *Steels — Classification — Part 1: Classification of steels into unalloyed and alloyed steels based on chemical composition*

ISO 4948-2:1981, *Steels — Classification — Part 2: Classification of unalloyed and alloyed steels according to main quality classes and main property or application characteristics*

ISO 16120-1:2001, *Non-alloy steel wire rod for conversion to wire — Part 1: General requirements*

### 3 Requirements

#### 3.1 General

For the general requirements see ISO 16120-1.

#### 3.2 Chemical composition

For the heat analysis, the values shown in Table 1 apply. The permissible deviations of the product analysis relative to the specified value of the heat analysis are given in Table 2.

Table 1 — Chemical analysis (heat analysis)<sup>a</sup>

Steel grade <sup>b</sup>	Heat analysis									
	C <sup>c</sup>	Si <sup>d</sup>	Mn <sup>e</sup>	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	Cu <sup>f</sup>	Al <sup>g</sup>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
			max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.
C4D	≤ 0,06	≤ 0,30	0,30-0,60	0,035	0,035	0,20	0,25	0,05	0,30	0,01
C7D	0,05-0,09	≤ 0,30	0,30-0,60	0,035	0,035	0,20	0,25	0,05	0,30	0,01
C9D	≤ 0,10	≤ 0,30	≤ 0,60	0,035	0,035	0,25	0,25	0,05	0,30	—
C10D	0,08-0,13	≤ 0,30	0,30-0,60	0,035	0,035	0,20	0,25	0,05	0,30	0,01
C12D	0,10-0,15	≤ 0,30	0,30-0,60	0,035	0,035	0,20	0,25	0,05	0,30	0,01
C15D	0,12-0,17	≤ 0,30	0,30-0,60	0,035	0,035	0,20	0,25	0,05	0,30	0,01
C18D	0,15-0,20	≤ 0,30	0,30-0,60	0,035	0,035	0,20	0,25	0,05	0,30	0,01
C20D	0,18-0,23	≤ 0,30	0,30-0,60	0,035	0,035	0,20	0,25	0,05	0,30	0,01
C26D	0,24-0,29	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,20	0,25	0,05	0,30	0,01
C32D	0,30-0,35	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,20	0,25	0,05	0,30	0,01
C38D	0,35-0,40	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,20	0,25	0,05	0,30	0,01
C42D	0,40-0,45	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,20	0,25	0,05	0,30	0,01
C48D	0,45-0,50	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C50D	0,48-0,53	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C52D	0,50-0,55	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C56D	0,53-0,58	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C58D	0,55-0,60	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C60D	0,58-0,63	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C62D	0,60-0,65	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C66D	0,63-0,68	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C68D	0,65-0,70	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C70D	0,68-0,73	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C72D	0,70-0,75	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C76D	0,73-0,78	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C78D	0,75-0,80	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C80D	0,78-0,83	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C82D	0,80-0,85	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C86D	0,83-0,88	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C88D	0,85-0,90	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01
C92D	0,90-0,95	0,10-0,30	0,50-0,80	0,030	0,030	0,15	0,20	0,05	0,25	0,01

<sup>a</sup> Elements not included in this table may not be added intentionally to the steel without the agreement of the purchaser, except those intended for finishing the heat. The addition of microalloying elements may be agreed upon between the manufacturer and purchaser at the time of ordering.

<sup>b</sup> Non-alloy quality steel complying with ISO 4948-1 and ISO 4948-2.

<sup>c</sup> For steels C26D to C92D the carbon range may be enlarged by lowering the minimum by 0,01 % and by increasing the maximum by 0,01 % by agreement between the manufacturer and purchaser.

<sup>d</sup> For wire rod intended for galvanization the required lower limit of silicon content should be specified at the time of ordering. By agreement at the time of ordering the maximum silicon level for grades C4D to C20D may be further restricted.

<sup>e</sup> For grades from C15D onwards a different range from the one indicated in the table, but of the same amplitude, can be agreed upon at the time of ordering with a maximum value not exceeding 1,20 % and a minimum of 0,30 %.

<sup>f</sup> A maximum copper content of 0,20 % may be agreed at the time of ordering. For steels C48D to C92D, Cu + Sn ≤ 0,25 %.

<sup>g</sup> By agreement at the time of ordering the value for aluminium can be fixed at 0,01 to 0,06 %. In such cases the value of silicon can be fixed at ≤ 0,10 % on request.