
**Implants for surgery — Metallic
materials —**

Part 12:
**Wrought cobalt-chromium-
molybdenum alloy**

Implants chirurgicaux — Matériaux métalliques —

*Partie 12: Alliage corroyé à base de cobalt, de chrome et de
molybdène*

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Introduction

No known surgical implant material has ever been shown to cause absolutely no adverse reactions in the human body. However, long-term clinical experience of the use of the material referred to in this document has shown that an acceptable level of biological response can be expected when the material is used in appropriate applications.

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Wrought cobalt-chromium-molybdenum alloy

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for two wrought cobalt 28-chromium 6-molybdenum alloys used for surgical implants. The properties apply specifically to wrought bar, rod and wire.

NOTE 1 The mechanical properties of a sample obtained from a finished product made of this alloy can differ from those specified in this document.

NOTE 2 The high carbon content of this alloy produces a structure containing a significant carbide distribution. This can be adjusted either in the production of the bar or in subsequent thermomechanical processing to produce the final device. Carbide distribution in the final device is not included as part of this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 643, *Steels — Micrographic determination of the apparent grain size*

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Chemical composition

The heat analysis of a representative sample of the alloy when determined in accordance with [Clause 7](#) shall be in accordance with the chemical composition specified in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Chemical composition

| Element | Mass fraction % | |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | Alloy 1 Low carbon | Alloy 2 High carbon |
| Chromium | 26,0 to 30,0 | 26,0 to 30,0 |
| Molybdenum | 5,0 to 7,0 | 5,0 to 7,0 |
| Iron | 0,75 maximum | 0,75 maximum |

Table 1 (continued)

| Element | Mass fraction % | |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | Alloy 1 Low carbon | Alloy 2 High carbon |
| Manganese | 1,0 maximum | 1,0 maximum |
| Silicon | 1,0 maximum | 1,0 maximum |
| Carbon | 0,14 maximum | 0,15 to 0,35 |
| Nickel | 1,0 maximum | 1,0 maximum |
| Nitrogen | 0,25 maximum | 0,25 maximum |
| Cobalt | Balance | Balance |

5 Microstructure

The microstructure of the alloy shall be uniform. The grain size, determined in accordance with [Clause 7](#), shall not be coarser than grain size No 5.

6 Mechanical properties

The tensile properties of the alloy, when tested in accordance with [Clause 7](#), shall be in accordance with the values specified in [Table 2](#).

If any of the test pieces fail within the gauge limits and do not meet specified requirements, two retest pieces shall be tested in the same manner, for each failed test piece. The alloy shall be deemed to conform only if both additional test pieces meet the specified requirements.

If a test piece fails outside the gauge limits, the test is acceptable if the percentage elongation after fracture meets the requirements. If the percentage elongation after fracture does not meet requirements the test shall be discarded and a retest shall be performed.

If any of the retests fails to meet the appropriate requirements, the product represented shall be deemed not to conform to this document. However, the manufacturer can, if desired, subject the material to heat treatment again and resubmit it for testing in accordance with this document.

Table 2 — Mechanical properties

| Condition | Tensile strength | Yield strength or proof strength | Percentage elongation after fracture |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | R_m MPa minimum | $R_{p0,2}$ MPa minimum | A % minimum |
| Annealed | 897 | 517 | 20 |
| Hot worked | 1 000 | 700 | 12 |
| Warm worked | 1 172 | 827 | 12 |

7 Test methods

The test methods to be used in determining conformity to the requirements of this document shall be those given in [Table 3](#).

Representative test pieces for the determination of mechanical properties shall be prepared in accordance with ISO 6892-1.