



<b>AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION</b>	<b>AMS5838™</b>	<b>REV. G</b>
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Superseding AMS5838F		
Nickel Alloy, Corrosion- and Heat-Resistant, Welding Wire 65Ni - 16Cr - 15Mo - 0.30Al - 0.06La (S) (Composition similar to UNS N06635)		

### RATIONALE

AMS5838G is the result of a Five-Year Review and update of the specification. The revision adds the alloy's common name to the Title, updates composition testing and reporting (see 3.1 and 3.1.4), updates exceptions requirements (see 4.4.1 and 8.4), requires reporting of country of origin (see 4.4), and revises alloy verification requirements (see 5.2).

#### 1. SCOPE

##### 1.1 Form

This specification covers a corrosion- and heat-resistant nickel alloy in the form of welding wire.

##### 1.2 Application

This wire has been used typically as filler metal for gas-metal-arc and gas-tungsten-arc welding of similar or dissimilar corrosion- and heat-resistant steels or alloys, but usage is not limited to such applications.

#### 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The issue of the following documents in effect on the date of the purchase order forms a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The supplier may work to a subsequent revision of a document unless a specific document issue is specified. When the referenced document has been cancelled and no superseding document has been specified, the last published issue of that document shall apply.

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- AMS2269 Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Nickel, Nickel Alloys, and Cobalt Alloys
- AMS2283 Composition Testing Methods for Nickel- and Cobalt-Based Alloys
- AMS2371 Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing, Corrosion and Heat-Resistant Steels and Alloys, Wrought Products and Forging Stock
- AMS2813 Packaging and Marking of Packages of Welding Wire, Standard Method

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AMS2814	Packaging and Marking of Packages of Welding Wire, Premium Quality
AMS2816	Identification, Welding Wire, Tab Marking Method
AMS2819	Identification, Welding Wire, Direct Color Code System
ARP1917	Clarification of Terms Used in Aerospace Metals Specifications
ARP4926	Alloy Verification and Chemical Composition, Inspection of Welding Wire
AS7766	Terms Used in Aerospace Metals Specifications

## 2.2 Definitions

Terms used in AMS are defined in AS7766.

## 3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Composition

Wire shall conform to the percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined in accordance with AMS2283 or by other analytical methods acceptable to the purchaser.

**Table 1 - Composition**

Element	Min	Max
Carbon (see 3.1.3)	--	0.02
Manganese	0.30	1.00
Silicon	0.20	0.75
Phosphorus	--	0.020
Sulfur	--	0.015
Chromium	14.50	17.00
Molybdenum	14.00	16.50
Aluminum	0.10	0.50
Lanthanum	0.01	0.10
Cobalt	--	2.00
Tungsten	--	1.00
Boron	--	0.015
Iron	--	3.00
Copper	--	0.35
Nickel	remainder	

#### 3.1.1 Check Analysis

Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS2269; check analysis limits for lanthanum shall be 0.00 under minimum or 0.01 over maximum.

3.1.2 Chemical analysis of initial ingot, bar, or rod stock before drawing, other than those analyses required to be done on the finished wire, is acceptable provided the processes used for drawing or rolling, annealing, and cleaning, are controlled to ensure continued conformance to chemical composition requirements.

3.1.3 Carbon shall be determined on finished wire.

3.1.4 The producer may test for any element not listed in Table 1 and include this analysis in the report of 4.4. Reporting of any element not listed in the composition table is not a basis for rejection unless limits of acceptability are specified by the purchaser.

### 3.2 Condition

Cold worked, bright finish, in a temper, and with a surface finish which will provide proper feeding of the wire in machine welding equipment.

### 3.3 Fabrication

- 3.3.1 Wire shall be formed from rod or bar descaled by a process which does not affect the composition of the wire. Surface irregularities inherent with a forming process that does not tear the wire surfaces are acceptable provided the wire conforms to the tolerances of 3.6.
- 3.3.2 Butt welding is permissible only at diameters larger than final provided both ends to be joined are alloy verified using a method capable of distinguishing the alloy from all other alloys processed in the facility, or the repair is made at the wire processing station. The butt weld shall not interfere with uniform, uninterrupted feeding of the wire in machine welding equipment.
- 3.3.3 In-process annealing, if required, between cold rolling or drawing operations, shall be performed in vacuum or protective atmospheres to ensure freedom from surface oxidation and absorption of other extraneous elements.
- 3.3.4 Residual elements, drawing compounds, oxides, dirt, oil, dissolved gasses, and other foreign materials picked up during wire processing that can adversely affect the welding characteristics, the operation of the equipment, or the properties of the weld metal shall be removed by cleaning processes that will neither result in pitting nor cause gas absorption by the wire or deposition of substances harmful to welding operations.

### 3.4 Properties

Wire shall conform to the following requirements:

#### 3.4.1 Weldability

Melted wire shall flow smoothly and evenly during welding and shall produce acceptable welds, determined by a procedure acceptable to the purchaser.

#### 3.4.2 Spooled Wire

Spooled wire shall conform to 3.4.2.1 and 3.4.2.2.

##### 3.4.2.1 Cast

Wire, wound on standard 12-inch (305-mm) diameter spools, shall have imparted to it a curvature such that a specimen sufficient in length to form one loop with a 1-inch (25-mm) overlap, when cut from the spool and laid on a flat surface, shall form a circle 15 to 50 inches (381 to 1270 mm) in diameter.

##### 3.4.2.2 Helix

The specimen on which cast was determined, when laid on a flat surface and measured between adjacent turns, shall show a vertical separation not greater than 1 inch (25 mm).

### 3.5 Quality

Wire, as received by the purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from imperfections detrimental to welding operations, operation of welding equipment, or properties of the deposited weld metal.

### 3.6 Sizes and Tolerances

Wire shall be supplied in the sizes and to the tolerances shown in 3.6.1 and 3.6.2.

## 3.6.1 Diameter

Wire diameter shall be as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2A - Sizes and diameter tolerances, inch/pound units**

Form	Nominal Diameter Inches	Tolerance	Tolerance
		Inches Plus	Inches Minus
Cut Lengths	0.030, 0.045, 0.062, 0.078	0.002	0.002
Cut Lengths	0.094, 0.125, 0.156, 0.188	0.002	0.002
Spools	0.007, 0.010, 0.015	0.0005	0.0005
Spools	0.020, 0.030, 0.035, 0.045, 0.062	0.001	0.002
Spools	0.078, 0.094	0.002	0.002

**Table 2B - Sizes and diameter tolerances, SI units**

Form	Nominal Diameter Millimeters	Tolerance	Tolerance
		Millimeters Plus	Millimeters Minus
Cut Lengths	0.76, 1.14, 1.57, 1.98	0.05	0.05
Cut Lengths	2.39, 3.18, 3.96, 4.78	0.05	0.05
Spools	0.18, 0.25, 0.38	0.013	0.013
Spools	0.51, 0.76, 0.89, 1.14, 1.57	0.025	0.05
Spools	1.98, 2.39	0.05	0.05

## 3.6.2 Length

Cut lengths shall be furnished in 18-, 27-, or 36-inch (457-, 686-, or 914-mm) lengths, or other lengths when specified by the purchaser, and shall not vary more than +0, -0.5 inches (+0, -13 mm) from the length ordered.

3.7 Any exceptions shall be authorized by the purchaser and reported as in 4.4.1.

## 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

## 4.1 Responsibility for Inspection

The producer of wire shall supply all samples for the producer's tests and shall be responsible for the performance of all required tests. The purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the wire conforms to specified requirements.

## 4.2 Classification of Tests

## 4.2.1 Acceptance Tests

Composition (see 3.1), sizes and tolerances (see 3.6), and alloy verification (see 5.2.1) are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable.

4.2.1.1 Carbon (see 3.1.3) shall be determined on finished wire from each lot.

## 4.2.2 Periodic Tests

Weldability (see 3.4.1), cast (see 3.4.2.1), and helix (see 3.4.2.2) are periodic tests and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the producer unless frequency of testing is specified by the purchaser.

## 4.3 Sampling and Testing

Sampling and testing shall be in accordance with AMS2371 and as specified herein.