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SPECIFICATION**

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STEEL WELDING WIRE, CORROSION AND MODERATE HEAT RESISTANT
13Cr - 8.0Ni - 2.3Mo - 1.1Al
Vacuum Melted

UNS S13889

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers a corrosion and moderate heat resistant steel in the form of welding wire.

1.2 Application: Primarily for use as filler metal for gas-tungsten-arc or gas-metal-arc welding of steels of similar composition requiring joints with strength and corrosion resistance comparable to those of the basis metal.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specifications shall apply. The applicable issue of other documents shall be as specified in AMS 2350.

2.1 SAE Publications: Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2248 - Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steels and Alloys, Maraging and Other Highly-Alloyed Steels, and Iron Alloys

AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods

AMS 2371 - Quality Assurance Sampling of Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steels and Alloys, Wrought Products Except Forgings and Forging Stock

AMS 2813 - Packaging of Welding Wire, Standard Method

AMS 2815 - Identification, Welding Wire, Line Code System

AMS 2816 - Identification, Welding Wire, Color Code System

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2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

ASTM E353 - Chemical Analysis of Stainless, Heat-Resisting, Maraging, and Other Similar Chromium-Nickel-Iron Alloys

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Composition: Shall conform to the following percentages by weight, \emptyset determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E353 or by spectrographic or other analytical methods approved by purchaser:

	min	max
Carbon	--	0.05
Manganese	--	0.10
Silicon	--	0.10
Phosphorus	--	0.008
Sulfur	--	0.010
Chromium	12.25 - 13.25	
Nickel	7.50 - 8.50	
Molybdenum	2.00 - 2.50	
Aluminum	0.90 - 1.35	
Nitrogen	--	0.01
Oxygen	--	0.005 (50 ppm)
Hydrogen	--	0.0025 (25 ppm)

3.1.1 Check Analysis: Composition variations shall meet the requirements of AMS 2248.

3.2 Condition: Solution heat treated, overaged, and lightly cold drawn and shall have a bright finish.

3.2.1 Wire shall be furnished on disposable spools for machine welding or in cut lengths for manual welding, as ordered.

3.2.2 Drawing compounds, oxides, dirt, and oil shall be removed by cleaning processes which will neither result in pitting nor cause gas absorption by the wire or deposition of substances harmful to welding operations.

3.2.2.1 If pickling is necessary to remove surface contamination or scaling, only a light pickle shall be used followed by vacuum degassing.

3.3 Properties: Wire shall conform to the following requirements:

3.3.1 Weldability: Melted wire shall flow smoothly and evenly during welding and shall produce acceptable welds, determined by a procedure agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.3.2 Spooled Wire: Shall conform to 3.3.2.1 and 3.3.2.2.

3.3.2.1 Cast: Wire wound on standard 12-in. (300-mm) diameter spools shall have imparted to it a curvature such that a specimen sufficient in length, 4 to 8 ft (1200 to 2400 mm), to form one loop, when cut from the spool and laid on a flat surface, shall form a circle 15 - 30 in. (375 - 750 mm) in diameter.

3.3.2.2 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 in. (25 mm).

3.4 Quality:

3.4.1 Steel shall be produced by multiple melting using vacuum induction followed by vacuum consumable electrode practice.

3.4.2 Wire, as received by 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.

3.5 Sizes and Tolerances: Wire shall be supplied in the sizes and to the tolerances shown in 3.5.1 and 3.5.2.

TABLE I

Form	Nominal Diameter Inch	Tolerance, Inch	
		plus	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	0.003	0.003
Spools	0.007, 0.010, 0.015, 0.020	0.0005	0.0005
Spools	0.030, 0.035, 0.045	0.001	0.002
Spools	0.062, 0.078, 0.094	0.002	0.002

TABLE I (SI)

Form	Nominal Diameter Millimetres	Tolerance, Millimetre	
		plus	minus
Cut Lengths	0.75, 1.15, 1.55, 2.00	0.05	0.05
Cut Lengths	2.35, 3.10, 4.00, 4.75	0.08	0.08
Spools	0.20, 0.25, 0.40, 0.50	0.015	0.015
Spools	0.75, 0.90, 1.15	0.02	0.05
Spools	1.55, 2.00, 2.35	0.05	0.05

3.5.2 Length: Cut lengths shall be furnished in 18, 27, or 36 in. (450, 675, or 900 mm) lengths, as ordered, and shall not vary more than +0, -0.5 in. (-12 mm) from the length ordered.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of wire shall supply all samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Results of such tests shall be reported to the purchaser as required by 4.4. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the wire conforms to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Tests to determine conformance to requirements for composition (3.1) and tolerances (3.5) are classified as acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests: Tests to determine conformance to requirements for weldability (3.3.1), cast (3.3.2.1), and helix (3.3.2.2) are classified as periodic tests and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the vendor unless frequency of testing is specified by purchaser.

4.3 Sampling: Shall be in accordance with AMS 2371 and as specified herein.

4.4 Reports:

4.4.1 The vendor of wire shall furnish with each shipment a report showing the results of tests for chemical composition of each heat and stating that the wire conforms to the other technical requirements of this specification. This report shall include the purchase order number, heat number, AMS 5840B, nominal size, and quantity from each heat.

4.4.2 When parts made of this wire or assemblies requiring use of this welding wire are supplied, the part or assembly manufacturer shall inspect each lot of wire to determine conformance to the technical requirements of the specification and shall furnish with each shipment a report stating that the wire conforms. This report shall include the purchase order number, AMS 5840B, part or assembly number, and quantity.

4.5 Resampling and Retesting: Shall be in accordance with AMS 2371.

5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY:

5.1 Layer Winding: Wire furnished on spools shall be closely wound in layers but adjacent turns within a layer need not necessarily be touching; shall be wound so as to avoid producing kinks, waves, and sharp bends; and shall be free to unwind without restriction caused by overlapping or wedging. The outside end of the spooled wire shall be so treated that it may be readily located. An 8 in. (200 mm) length of wire shall be made accessible at both ends of each spool for alloy verification.