

Steel, Welding Wire  
0.30Cr - 1.8Ni - 0.40Mo - (0.23 - 0.28C)  
Vacuum Melted, Environment Controlled Packaging  
(Composition similar to UNS K32550)

#### RATIONALE

AMS6453C results from a Five Year Review and update of this specification.

#### 1. SCOPE

##### 1.1 Form

This specification covers a low-alloy steel in the form of welding wire.

##### 1.2 Application

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

#### 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

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##### 2.1 SAE Publications

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AMS2259 Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels

AMS2370 Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steel 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
ARP1876	Weldability Test for Weld Filler Metal Wire
ARP4926	Alloy Verification and Chemical Composition Inspection of Welding Wire

## 2.2 ASTM Publications

Available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Tel: 610-832-9585, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org)

ASTM E 350 Chemical Analysis of Carbon Steel, Low-Alloy Steel, Silicon Electrical Steel, Ingot Iron, and Wrought Iron

## 3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Wire Composition

Shall conform to the percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E 350, by spectrochemical methods, or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser.

TABLE 1 - COMPOSITION

Element	min	max
Carbon (3.1.1.1)	0.23	0.28
Manganese	1.20	1.50
Silicon	1.30	1.70
Phosphorus	--	0.010
Sulfur	--	0.008
Chromium	0.20	0.40
Nickel	1.65	2.00
Molybdenum	0.35	0.45
Copper	--	0.35
Oxygen (3.1.1.1)	--	0.010 (100 ppm)
Nitrogen (3.1.1.1)	--	0.040 (40 ppm)
Hydrogen (3.1.1.1)	--	0.001 (10 ppm)

3.1.1 Chemical analysis of initial ingot, bar, or rod stock before drawing is acceptable provided the processes used for drawing or rolling, annealing, and cleaning are controlled to ensure continued conformance to composition requirements.

3.1.1.1 Carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, and hydrogen shall also be periodically determined on finished wire (See 4.2.2).

### 3.1.2 Check Analysis

Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS2259. No variation over maximum is permitted for oxygen, nitrogen, and hydrogen.

### 3.2 Melting Practice

Steel shall be vacuum induction melted or vacuum arc remelted.

### 3.3 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.

### 3.4 Fabrication

3.4.1 Wire shall be formed from rod or bar and descaled by a process that does not affect the composition of the wire. Surface irregularities inherent with a forming process that do not tear the wire surface are acceptable provided the wire conforms to the tolerance of 3.7.

3.4.2 In-process annealing between cold rolling or drawing operations shall be performed in a protective atmosphere to avoid surface oxidation and adsorption of other extraneous materials.

3.4.3 Butt welding is permissible provided both ends to be joined are alloy verified using a method or methods capable of distinguishing the alloy from all other alloys processed within 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.

3.4.4 Residual material, drawing compounds, oxides, dirt, oil, dissolved gases 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 adsorption by the wire or deposition of substances harmful to welding operations.

3.4.4.1 Residual material and dissolved gases deposited on, or adsorbed by, the wire as a result of cleaning or cold working operations shall be removed by vacuum degassing.

### 3.5 Properties

Wire shall conform to the following requirements:

#### 3.5.1 Weldability

Melted wire shall flow smoothly and evenly during welding and shall produce acceptable welds determined by a procedure agreed upon by purchase and vendor. The referee method of ARP1876 may be used to resolve weldability disputes.

#### 3.5.2 Spooled Wire

Shall conform to 3.5.2.1, 3.5.2.2 and 3.5.2.3.

##### 3.5.2.1 Winding

Filler metal in coils and on spools shall be wound so that kinks, waves, sharp bends, overlapping, or wedging are not encountered, leaving the filler metal free to unwind without restriction. The outside end of the electrode (the end where welding is to begin) shall be identified so it can be located readily and shall be fastened to avoid unwinding. The winding shall be level winding.

##### 3.5.2.2 Cast

Wire, wound on standard diameter spools as shown in Table 2 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 (cast) within the limits shown in Table 2..

## 3.5.2.3 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 shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2A - CAST AND HELIX REQUIREMENTS - INCH-POUND UNITS

Spool Diameter Inches	Wire Diameter Inch	Cast-Diameter Inches		Helix Inches
		min	max	max
4	All	4	9	0.5
All other	≤0.030	12	n/a	1
	>0.030	15	n/a	1

TABLE 2B - CAST AND HELIX REQUIREMENTS - SI UNITS

Spool Diameter Millimeters	Wire Diameter Millimeter	Cast Millimeters		Helix Millimeters
		min	max	max
102	All	100	230	13
All other	≤0.8	305	n/a	25
	>0.8	380	n/a	25

## 3.6 Quality

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.

## 3.7 Sizes and Tolerances

Wire shall be supplied in the size and to the tolerances shown in 3.7.1 and 3.7.2.

## 3.7.1 Diameter

Shall be as shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3A - SIZES AND DIAMETER TOLERANCES, INCH/POUND UNITS

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