

Steel Wire, Copper Clad, Round  
99Fe - 0.32Mn  
Annealed

RATIONALE

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1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form:

This specification covers a low-carbon steel in the form of round wire clad with electrolytic copper.

1.2 Application:

This wire has been used typically for electronic components requiring soft magnetic properties but usage is not limited to such applications.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:

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2.1 SAE Publications:

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001 or [www.sae.org](http://www.sae.org).

AMS 2259 Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels  
AMS 2370 Quality Assurance Sampling of Carbon and Low-Alloy Steels, Wrought Products and Forging Stock

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## 2.2 ASTM Publications:

Available from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 or [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

ASTM A 370 Mechanical Testing of Steel Products  
 ASTM B 5 High Conductivity Tough-Pitch Copper Refinery Shapes  
 ASTM E 350 Chemical Analysis of Carbon Steel, Low-Alloy Steel, Silicon Electrical Steel, Ingot Iron, and Wrought Iron

## 3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

## 3.1 Composition:

- 3.1.1 Basis Wire (Core): Shall conform to the percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E 350 or by spectrochemical or other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser:

TABLE 1 - Composition

Element	min	max
Carbon	--	0.08
Manganese	0.25	0.40
Phosphorus	--	0.04
Sulfur	--	0.05

- 3.1.1.1 Check Analysis: Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS 2259.

- 3.1.2 Cladding (Sheath): Shall be electrolytic copper (not less than 99.90% by weight copper) conforming to ASTM B 5.

## 3.2 Condition:

Cold drawn or cold rolled, annealed, cleaned, clad, and annealed.

## 3.3 Properties:

Wire shall conform to the following requirements; tensile and bend testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM A 370:

- 3.3.1 Tensile Strength: Shall be 50 to 100 ksi (345 to 690 MPa).
- 3.3.2 Bending: Finished wire shall withstand, without evidence of cracking or of separation of the cladding (sheath) from the basis wire when examined under 10X magnification, bending at room temperature through an angle of 180 degrees around a diameter equal to the nominal diameter of the wire.

## 3.4 Quality:

Wire, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality, condition, temper, and cross-section. Surfaces, evaluated at up to 30X magnification shall be free from scale, corrosion, cracks, seams, scratches, slivers, dirt, grease, oil, streaks, stains, pit marks, burns, dents, blisters, laps, grooves, inclusions, and other imperfections detrimental to usage of the wire.

## 3.5 Tolerances:

3.5.1 Cladding (Sheath) Thickness: The completed core-and-sheath cross-section shall be 27 to 35% by weight copper. At any cross-section, the maximum thickness of the sheath shall not exceed twice the minimum thickness of the sheath.

3.5.2 Diameter: Wire shall be supplied in the sizes and to the tolerances shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2A - Diameter Tolerances, Inch/Pound Units

Nominal Diameter Inch	Tolerance, Inch plus and minus
0.012	0.0003
0.014	0.0004
0.016	0.0004
0.020	0.0005
0.025	0.0005
0.032	0.0005
0.040	0.0005

TABLE 2A - Diameter Tolerances, SI Units

Nominal Diameter Millimeter	Tolerance, Millimeter plus and minus
0.30	0.008
0.35	0.010
0.40	0.010
0.50	0.012
0.62	0.012
0.80	0.012
1.00	0.012

## 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 the performance of all required tests. 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 (3.1.1 and 3.1.2), tensile strength (3.3.1), 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: Bending (3.3.2) is a periodic test 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 2370.

## 4.4 Reports:

The vendor of wire shall furnish with each shipment a report showing the results of tests for composition of each heat and for tensile strength and cladding thickness of each lot and stating that the wire conforms to the other technical requirements. This report shall include the purchase order number, manufacturer's identification, heat and lot numbers, AMS 7732C, nominal size, and quantity.

## 4.5 Resampling and Retesting:

Shall be in accordance with AMS 2370.

## 5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY:

## 5.1 Packaging and Identification:

- 5.1.1 Wire shall be wound on spools, without splicing, in lengths of not less than 100 ft (30 m). Spools shall be packaged in such a manner as to minimize, during shipment and storage, damage from normal hazards.

- 5.1.2 Each spool and the exterior of each container shall be permanently and legibly marked with not less than the following information:

AMS 7732C  
 SIZE \_\_\_\_\_  
 QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 MANUFACTURER'S IDENTIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

- 5.1.3 Containers of wire shall be prepared for shipment in accordance with commercial practice and in compliance with applicable rules and regulations pertaining to the handling, packaging, and transportation of the wire to ensure carrier acceptance and safe delivery.