



Standard Specification for Stainless Steel Wire¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers stainless steel wire, except the free-machining types. It includes round, square, octagon, hexagon, and shape wire in coils only for the more commonly used types of stainless steels for general corrosion resistance and high-temperature service. For bars in straightened and cut lengths, see Specifications A 276 or A 479/A 479M.

NOTE 1—For free-machining stainless wire, designed especially for optimum machinability, see Specification A 581/A 581M.

1.2 Unless the order specifies the applicable “M” specification designation, the material shall be furnished to the inch-pound units.

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- A 276 Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes
- A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
- A 479/A 479M Specification for Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes for Use in Boilers and Other Pressure Vessels
- A 555/A 555M Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Wire and Wire Rods
- A 581/A 581M Specification for Free-Machining Stainless Steel Wire and Wire Rods
- E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard’s Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

2.2 Society of Automotive Engineers Standard:³ J 1086 Numbering Metals and Alloys

3. Ordering Information

3.1 It is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for material ordered under this specification. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 3.1.1 Quantity (weight),
- 3.1.2 Name of material (stainless steel),
- 3.1.3 Type or UNS designation (Table 1),
- 3.1.4 Condition (4.1),
- 3.1.5 Finish (4.2),
- 3.1.6 Cross section (round, square, etc.),
- 3.1.7 Applicable dimensions including size, thickness, and width.
- 3.1.8 ASTM designation A 580/A 580M and date of issue.
- 3.1.9 Coil diameter (inside or outside diameter, or both) and coil weight.
- 3.1.10 Special requirements.

NOTE 2—A typical ordering description is as follows: 5000 lb [2000 kg] Type 304, wire, annealed and cold drawn, 1/2 in. [13 mm] round, ASTM Specification A 580/A 580M dated _____. End use: machined hydraulic coupling parts.

4. Manufacture

4.1 Condition (Table 2):

- 4.1.1 Condition A—Annealed as a final heat treatment. Material in Condition A may be given a final cold drawing for size control or finish, or both, slightly raising tensile strength.
- 4.1.2 Condition B—Cold worked to higher strength.
- 4.1.3 Condition T—Heat treated to an intermediate temper generally by austenitizing, quenching, and tempering at a relatively low temperature.
- 4.1.4 Condition H—Heat treated to a hard temper generally by austenitizing, quenching, and tempering at a relatively low temperature.

4.2 Finish:

³ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.



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TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

UNS Designation ^A	Type	Composition, %									
		Carbon, max ^B	Manganese, max ^B	Phosphorus, max	Sulfur, max	Silicon, max ^B	Chromium	Nickel	Molybdenum	Nitrogen	Other Elements
Austenitic Grades											
S20161	...	0.15	4.0–6.0	0.040	0.040	3.0–4.0	15.0–18.0	4.0–6.0		0.08–0.20	
S20910	XM-19	0.06	4.0–6.0	0.040	0.030	1.00	20.5–23.5	11.5–13.5	1.50–3.00	0.20–0.40	Cb 0.10–0.30 V 0.10–0.30
S21400	XM-31	0.12	14.0–16.0	0.045	0.030	0.30–1.00	17.0–18.5	1.00 max		0.35 max	
S21800	...	0.10	7.0–9.0	0.060	0.030	3.5–4.5	16.0–18.0	8.0–9.0		0.08–0.18	
S21900	XM-10	0.08	8.0–10.0	0.060	0.030	1.00	19.0–21.5	5.5–7.5		0.15–0.40	
S21904	XM-11	0.04	8.0–10.0	0.060	0.030	1.00	19.0–21.5	5.5–7.5		0.15–0.40	
S24000	XM-29	0.08	11.5–14.5	0.060	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	2.3–3.7		0.20–0.40	
S24100	XM-28	0.15	11.0–14.0	0.040	0.030	1.00	16.5–19.0	0.5–2.50		0.20–0.45	
S28200	...	0.15	17.0–19.0	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	...	0.75–1.25	0.40–0.60 0.10 max 0.10 max	Cu 0.75–1.25
S30200	302	0.15	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	8.0–10.0		0.10 max	
S30215	302B	0.15	2.00	0.045	0.030	2.00–3.00	17.0–19.0	8.0–10.0		0.10 max	
S30400	304	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0–20.0	8.0–10.5		0.10 max	
S30403	304L ^C	0.030	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0–20.0	8.0–12.0		0.10 max	
S30500	305	0.12	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	10.5–13.0			
S30800	308	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	19.0–21.0	10.0–12.0			
S30900	309	0.20	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	22.0–24.0	12.0–15.0			
S30908	309S	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	22.0–24.0	12.0–15.0			
S30940	309Cb	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	22.0–24.0	12.0–16.0		0.10 max	Cb+Ta 10×C min, 1.10 max
S31000	310	0.25	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.50	24.0–26.0	19.0–22.0			
S31008	310S	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.50	24.0–26.0	19.0–22.0			
S31400	314	0.25	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.50–3.00	23.0–26.0	19.0–22.0			
S31600	316	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	10.0–14.0	2.00–3.00	0.10 max	
S31603	316L ^C	0.030	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	10.0–14.0	2.00–3.00	0.10 max	
S31700	317	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0–20.0	11.0–15.0	3.0–4.0	0.10 max	
S32100	321	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–12.0			Ti 5×C min
S34700	347	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–13.0			Cb+Ta 10×C min
S34800	348	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–13.0			Cb+Ta 10×C min Ta 1.10 max Co 0.20 max
Ferritic Grades											
S40500	405	0.08	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	11.5–14.5	...			Al 0.10–0.30
S40976	...	0.030	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	10.5–11.7	0.75–1.00		0.040	Cb 10×(C+N) –0.80
S43000	430	0.12	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	...			
S44400	...	0.025	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	17.5–19.5	1.00	1.75–2.50	0.035 max	[Ti+Cb] 0.20+4(C+N)–0.80
S44600	446	0.20	1.50	0.040	0.030	1.00	23.0–27.0	...		0.25 max	
S44700	...	0.010	0.30	0.025	0.020	0.20	28.0–30.0	0.15 max	3.5–4.2	0.020 max	C+N 0.025 max Cu 0.15 max
S44800	...	0.010	0.30	0.025	0.020	0.20	28.0–30.0	2.00–2.50	3.5–4.2	0.020 max	C+N 0.025 max Cu 0.15 max
S44535	...	0.030	0.30–0.80	0.050	0.020	0.50	20.0–24.0	Cu 0.50, Al 0.50 La 0.04–0.20 Ti 0.03–0.20
Martensitic Grades											
S40300	403	0.15	1.00	0.040	0.030	0.50	11.5–13.0	...			
S41000	410	0.15	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	11.5–13.5	...			
S41400	414	0.15	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	11.5–13.5	1.25–2.50			
S42000	420	over 0.15	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	12.0–14.0	...			
S43100	431	0.20	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	15.0–17.0	1.25–2.50			
S44002	440A	0.60–0.75	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	...	0.75 max		
S44003	440B	0.75–0.95	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	...	0.75 max		
S44004	440C	0.95–1.20	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	...	0.75 max		

^A New designation established in accordance with Practice E 527 and SAE J 1086.

^B Maximum, unless otherwise indicated.

^C For some applications, the substitution of Type 304L for Type 304, or Type 316L for Type 316 may be undesirable because of design, fabrication, or service requirements. In such cases, the purchaser should so indicate on the order.