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MILD STEEL WIRE FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING PURPOSES
( Fourth Revision )

ICS 77.140.65
FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (Fourth Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Wrought Steel Products Sectional Committee had been approved by the Metallurgical Engineering Division Council.

This standard was first published in 1951 and revised in 1962, 1972 and 1978.

In this revision, following changes have been made:
   a) All the three Amendments issued have been incorporated.
   b) Clause on reference of Indian Standard has been modified.

For all the tests specified in the standard (chemical / physical / others), the method as specified in relevant ISO standard may also be followed as an alternate method.

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Indian Standard
MILD STEEL WIRE FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING PURPOSES
(Fourth Revision)

1 SCOPE
This standard covers the requirements for mild steel wire of sizes 0.125 mm to 12.5 mm diameter for general engineering purposes.

2 REFERENCES
The standards listed below contain provisions, which through reference in this text constitute provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below:

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3 TERMINOLOGY
For the purpose of this standard, the definitions given in IS 1956 (Part 5) shall apply.

4 SUPPLY OF MATERIAL
General requirements relating to the supply of mild steel wire shall be as laid down in IS 1387.

5 MANUFACTURE
The wire shall be drawn from the wire rods conforming to IS 7887.

6 CHEMICAL COMPOSITION
The chemical analysis of the material when carried out either by the method specified in the relevant parts of IS 228 or any other established instrumental/chemical method shall be as given in IS 7887. In case of dispute, the procedure given in IS 228 and its relevant parts shall be the referee method. However, where the method is not given in IS 228 or its relevant parts, the referee method shall be as agreed to between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

7 SIZES
7.1 Mild steel wire for general engineering purposes shall be of the following diameters:

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<th>mm</th>
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<td>0.125</td>
<td>0.315</td>
<td>0.80</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>0.140</td>
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<td>0.400</td>
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<td>0.180</td>
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<td>1.12</td>
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<td>0.200</td>
<td>0.500</td>
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<td>0.224</td>
<td>0.560</td>
<td>1.40</td>
<td>3.55</td>
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<td>0.250</td>
<td>0.630</td>
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<td>4.00</td>
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<td>0.280</td>
<td>0.710</td>
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7.2 Sizes other than those mentioned above shall be supplied subject to agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

8 TOLERANCES
Tolerances permitted on the diameter of wire shall be as given in Table 1.

9 MECHANICAL PROPERTIES
9.1 Tensile Test
The tensile strength of wire when tested in accordance with IS 1608 shall be within the limits given in Table 2.

9.2 Wrapping Test
Wire smaller than 5 mm diameter shall be subjected to wrapping test in accordance with IS 1755. The wire shall

1
Table 1 Tolerances on Diameter of Wire
(Clauses 8)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Size of Wire</th>
<th>Tolerance</th>
<th>Maximum Difference Between Two Readings Taken on Any Two Diameters on the Cross-Section</th>
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<td>All finishes other than galvanized:</td>
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<td>Up to 0.25</td>
<td>± 0.01</td>
<td>0.01</td>
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<td>Over 0.25 up to 0.50</td>
<td>± 0.015</td>
<td>0.015</td>
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<td>± 0.02</td>
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<td>± 0.03</td>
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<td>Over 1.50 up to 2.50</td>
<td>± 0.04</td>
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<td>Over 2.50 up to 5.00</td>
<td>± 0.05</td>
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<td>Over 5.0</td>
<td>± 0.06</td>
<td>0.06</td>
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<tr>
<td>Galvanized: All sizes</td>
<td>± 2.5 percent with a minimum of 0.025</td>
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Table 2 Tensile Properties
(Clauses 9.1)

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<th>Condition</th>
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<td>(1)</td>
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<td>Annealed</td>
<td>500 Max</td>
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<td>Soft drawn</td>
<td>550 Max</td>
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<td>½ hard</td>
<td>450-650</td>
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<tr>
<td>¼ hard</td>
<td>600-800</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hard</td>
<td>700-950</td>
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</table>

NOTES
1 1 MPa = 1N/mm² = 1MN/m² = 0.102 0 kgf/mm².
2 Restricted ranges of tensile strength in case of galvanized wire may be agreed to at the time of enquiry and order.

9.3 Bend Test
Wire of 5 mm diameter and over shall be subjected to bend test. The wire shall withstand being bent through an angle of 90° round a former of diameter equal to twice its own diameter without breaking or splitting.

10 Finish
The wire shall have one of the following finishes as specified by the purchaser:

- a) Annealed;
- b) Annealed, cleaned and limed;
- c) Bright drawn;
- d) Dull grey (dry drawn);
- e) Galvanized;
- f) Coppered;
- g) Tinned; and
- h) Coated and drawn (coating may be of tin, copper or zinc).

11 COATING TEST
11.1 The galvanized coating of steel wire shall conform to the requirements for any one of the types of coatings given in IS 4826 as per agreement with the purchaser. The coating requirements of electro galvanized wires shall conform to the requirements for any one of the types coating given in IS 12753 or as agreed to between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

11.2 The coating test for finishes other than galvanized, copper coated or tinned shall be subject to agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

12 SAMPLING
Unless otherwise agreed to, the method of drawing representative samples of the material and the criteria for conformity shall be as prescribed in Annex A.

13 FREEDOM FROM DEFECTS
All finished wires shall be well and cleanly drawn to the dimensions specified. The wire shall be sound, free from splits, surface flaws, rough jagged and imperfect edges and other harmful surface defects.

14 PACKING
Each coil of wire shall be suitably bound and fastened compactly. If required by the purchaser, each coil shall be protected by suitable wrapping.

15 MARKING
15.1 Each coil of wire shall be marked legibly with the finish, size of wire, lot number and trade-mark or the name of the manufacturer.

15.2 BIS Certification Marking
The material may also be marked with the Standard Mark.

15.2.1 The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. The details of conditions under which the licence for the use of the Standard Mark may be granted to manufacturers or producers may be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standards.
ANNEX A
(Clause 12)

SAMPLING AND CRITERIA FOR CONFORMITY

A-1 LOT

A-1.1 In any consignment, all the coils of wire of the same grade and diameter, manufactured under essentially similar conditions of manufacture, shall be grouped together to constitute a lot.

A-1.1.1 Samples shall be taken from each lot and tested for conformity to the standard.

A-2 SAMPLING

A-2.1 The number of coils to be taken from a lot shall be according to col 2 and 4 of Table 3. These coils shall be chosen at random (see IS 4905). Samples shall be cut from each coil so chosen as per A-3.1 and A-3.2 for physical and chemical requirements.

Table 3 Scale of Sampling and Permissible Number of Defectives
(Clauses A-2.1, A-3.1 and A-3.2)

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<th>No. of Coils in a Lot</th>
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<th>Permissible Defective</th>
<th>No. of Coils for Chemical Requirements</th>
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<tr>
<td>(1)</td>
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<td>(3)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Up to 25</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>26-50</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>51-150</td>
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<td>151-300</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>301 and above</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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A-3 PREPARATION OF SAMPLES AND NUMBER OF TESTS

A-3.1 Tests for Physical Requirements

From the coils selected from col 2 of Table 3, adequate length of test piece shall be cut from each end and subjected to physical tests, namely, size, surface condition, tensile, bend, wrapping and coating tests. A test piece failing to meet any of the requirements shall be called a defective. If the number of defective found is less than or equal to the permissible number of defectives specified in col 3 of Table 3, the lot shall be considered to have conformed to physical requirements.

A-3.2 Tests for Chemical Requirements

Unless otherwise agreed, the following procedure shall be followed for chemical requirements:

From those test pieces which have conformed to physical requirements, further test pieces shall be selected at random according to col 4 of Table 3. These samples shall be tested for all the chemical requirements. If a test piece fails to meet the respective chemical requirements, it shall be called a defective. The lot shall be considered to have conformed to the chemical requirements, if all the individual test pieces tested for chemical requirements pass the test.

A-4 CRITERIA FOR CONFORMITY

A lot shall be considered to have conformed to the requirements of the specification, if A-3.1 and A-3.2 are satisfied.
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