



# Standard Specification for Wrought 18Chromium-14Nickel-2.5Molybdenum Stainless Steel Surgical Fixation Wire (UNS S31673)<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope \*

1.1 This specification covers the requirements for the manufacture of wrought 18 chromium-14 nickel-2.5 molybdenum stainless steel in the form of surgical fixation wire.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The inch-pound equivalents of the SI units may be approximate.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 555 Specification for General Requirements for Stainless Steel Wire and Wire Rods<sup>2</sup>

E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials<sup>3</sup>

F 86 Practice for Surface Preparation and Marking of Metallic Surgical Implants<sup>4</sup>

F 138 Specification for Wrought 18Chromium-14Nickel-2.5Molybdenum Stainless Steel Bar and Wire for Surgical Implants (UNS S31673)<sup>4</sup>

F 981 Practice for Assessment of Compatibility of Biomaterials for Surgical Implants with Respect to Effect of Materials on Muscle and Bone<sup>4</sup>

### 2.2 USP Standard:<sup>5</sup>

Nonabsorbable Surgical Suture, *U.S. Pharmacopeia*

### 2.3 American Society for Quality Standard:<sup>6</sup>

ASQ C1 Specification of General Requirements for a Quality Program

## 3. General Requirements for Delivery

3.1 In addition to the requirements of this specification, all requirements of the current editions of Specifications A 555 and F 138 apply.

3.2 In cases where a conflict exists between this specifica-

tion and the standards listed in Section 2, this specification shall take precedence.

## 4. Ordering Information

4.1 Inquiries and orders for material under this specification shall include the following information:

4.1.1 Quantity,

4.1.2 ASTM designation and date of issue,

4.1.3 Material requirements,

4.1.4 Mechanical properties,

4.1.5 Form,

4.1.6 Dimensional requirements, including diameter and diameter tolerance,

4.1.7 Surface condition and handling,

4.1.8 Special tests (if applicable), and

4.1.9 Other requirements.

## 5. Material Requirements

5.1 The starting material used to make fixation wire must meet the requirements of F 138.

5.2 Surgical fixation wire shall conform to the specified chemical requirements of Specification F 138. Conformance with this standard shall be so identified by suitable packaging or labeling or both.

## 6. Mechanical Requirements

6.1 Surgical fixation wire shall conform to the appropriate mechanical properties specified in Table 1.

6.2 Mechanical testing shall be performed in accordance with Methods E 8 using a 254 mm (10 in.) gage length and a cross-head speed of 254 mm/min (10 in./min).

6.3 The wire shall meet the requirements of the latest version of USP for Nonabsorbable Surgical Sutures, when tested in accordance with 6.2.

## 7. Dimensional Requirements

7.1 Surgical fixation wire shall be fabricated in accordance with the dimensions and tolerances specified in Table 1.

7.2 Unless otherwise specified, size tolerances are plus and minus as shown in Table 1. When required by the purchaser, round wire tolerances may be specified all plus and nothing minus, or all minus and nothing plus, or any combination of plus and minus if the total spread in size tolerance is not less

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.03.

<sup>3</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.

<sup>4</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 13.01.

<sup>5</sup> Available from U.S. Pharmacopeia, 12601 Twinbrook Pkwy., Rockville, MD 20852.

<sup>6</sup> Available from American Society for Quality, 600 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203.

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

**TABLE 1 Mechanical and Dimensional Requirements for Wrought Annealed 18 Chromium-14 Nickel-2.5 Molybdenum Stainless Steel Surgical Fixation Wire**

Range of Sizes Diameter, mm (in.)	USP Size <sup>A</sup>	Diameter Tolerance <sup>B,C</sup>	Tensile Strength max, MPa (ksi) <sup>D</sup>	Elong. min % <sup>E</sup>
0.010 to under 0.020 (0.0004 to 0.0008)	...	0.0015 (0.000 06)	1380 (200)	15
0.020 to under 0.030 (0.0008 to 0.0012)	10-0	0.0015 (0.000 06)	1240 (180)	15
0.030 to under 0.040 (0.0012 to 0.0016)	9-0	0.0025 (0.0001)	1100 (160)	20
0.040 to under 0.050 (0.0016 to 0.0020)	8-0	0.0025 (0.0001)	1100 (160)	20
0.050 to under 0.070 (0.0020 to 0.0028)	7-0	0.0025 (0.0001)	960 (140)	25
0.070 to under 0.100 (0.0028 to 0.0039)	6-0	0.0025 (0.0001)	965 (140)	25
0.100 to under 0.150 (0.0039 to 0.0059)	5-0	0.0050 (0.0002)	895 (130)	30
0.150 to under 0.200 (0.0059 to 0.0079)	4-0	0.0050 (0.0002)	895 (130)	30
0.200 to under 0.250 (0.0079 to 0.0098)	3-0	0.0075 (0.0003)	860 (125)	30
0.250 to under 0.300 (0.0098 to 0.0118)	...	0.0075 (0.0003)	860 (125)	30
0.300 to under 0.340 (0.0118 to 0.0134)	2-0	0.0100 (0.0004)	860 (125)	30
0.340 to under 0.350 (0.0134 to 0.0138)	...	0.0100 (0.0004)	860 (125)	30
0.350 to under 0.400 (0.0138 to 0.0158)	1-0	0.0100 (0.0004)	825 (120)	35
0.400 to under 0.500 (0.0158 to 0.0197)	1	0.0100 (0.0004)	825 (120)	35
0.500 to under 0.600 (0.0196 to 0.0236)	2	0.0100 (0.0004)	790 (115)	35
0.600 to under 0.700 (0.0236 to 0.0276)	3 and 4	0.0130 (0.0005)	790 (115)	35
0.700 to under 0.800 (0.0276 to 0.0315)	5	0.0130 (0.0005)	760 (110)	35
0.800 to under 0.900 (0.0315 to 0.0354)	6	0.0200 (0.0008)	760 (110)	35
0.900 to under 1.000 (0.0354 to 0.0394)	7	0.0200 (0.0008)	760 (110)	40
1.000 to under 1.100 (0.0394 to 0.0433)	...	0.0200 (0.0008)	690 (100)	40
1.100 to under 1.600 (0.0433 to 0.0630)	...	0.0250 (0.0010)	690 (100)	40

<sup>A</sup> For reference purposes only (*U.S. Pharmacopeia*).

<sup>B</sup> Diameter tolerances are over and under as given in this table. When required by the purchaser, round wire tolerances may be specified all plus and nothing minus, or all minus and nothing plus, or any combination of plus and minus if the total spread in size tolerance is not less than the total spread shown in this table.

<sup>C</sup> The maximum out-of-round tolerance for round wire is one half of the total size tolerance given in this table.

<sup>D</sup> Maximum tensile strength in ksi (1 ksi = 1000 psi) is specified to assure proper wire-handling characteristics.

<sup>E</sup> Minimum elongation for spooled wire is 6 percentage points lower than values given in this table.

than the total spread shown in Table 1.

7.3 The maximum out-of-round tolerance for round wire is one half of the size tolerance given in Table 1.

## 8. Surface Condition Requirements

8.1 Surgical fixation wire is usually furnished in the bright-annealed condition. Other surface finishes shall be specified as agreed to between supplier and purchaser.

8.2 The surface of surgical fixation wire conforming to this specification shall be processed to minimize imperfections such as tool marks, nicks, scratches, cracks, cavities, spurs, and other defects that would impair the serviceability of the wire. The surfaces shall be cleaned to minimize the presence of foreign material.

8.3 The wire may be subjected to a passivation process if requested by the purchaser. Such passivation process shall be performed in accordance with F 86.

## 9. Quality Program Requirements

9.1 The surgical wire producer and any processors shall maintain a quality program such as that which is defined in ASQ C1.

## 10. Certification

10.1 Certification shall be provided by the supplier that the material meets the requirements of this specification. A report of the test results shall be furnished at the time of shipment.

## 11. Keywords

11.1 fixation; mechanical properties; stainless steel; surgical implant; suture; tolerances; wire; wrought iron-chromium-nickel-molybdenum alloy; 316L alloy

**APPENDIXES****(Nonmandatory Information)****X1. RATIONALE**

X1.1 The purpose of this specification is to specify the requirements for the manufacture of wrought 18 chromium-14 nickel-2.5 molybdenum stainless steel in the form of surgical fixation wire.

X1.2 Surgical fixation wire shall be handled with care and

adequately packaged to prevent damage and contamination of the surface.

X1.3 For this product, SI units are regarded as the standard historic means of size measurement.

**X2. BIOCOMPATIBILITY**

X2.1 The alloy composition covered by this specification has been employed successfully in human implant applications in contact with soft tissue and bone for over a decade. Due to the well-characterized level of biological response exhibited by this alloy, it has been used as a control material in Practice F 981.

X2.2 No known surgical implant material has ever been shown to be completely free of adverse reactions in the human body. Long-term clinical experience of the use of the material referred to in this specification, however, has shown that an acceptable level of biological response can be expected, if the material is used in appropriate applications.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Committee F04 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (F 1350 – 01) that may impact the use of this standard.

(1) The responsibility for this specification was transferred from Subcommittee F04.21 to Subcommittee F04.12.

(2) The specification was modified to incorporate the standard format (template) used by F04.12.

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