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Standard Specification for Woven Wire Test Sieve Cloth and Test Sieves¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This document specifies the technical requirements for; the woven wire test sieve cloth (sieve cloth) used in test sieves, the construction of test sieves, standard and non-standard test sieve frame sizes, and test procedures used to inspect sieve cloth and the test sieves. This specification applies to test sieves manufactured with sieve cloth having a nominal aperture size ranging from 125 millimetres (mm) down to 20 micrometres (μm).

1.2 Additional reference information can be found in Specifications [E161](#), [E323](#), [E2016](#), and in Test Methods [C430](#) and [E2427](#).

1.3 The values stated in SI units shall be considered standard for the dimensions of the sieve cloth openings and the wire diameters used in the sieve cloth. The values stated in inch-pound units shall be considered standard with regard to the sieve frames, pans, and covers.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [E29](#) on Particle and Spray Characterization and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [E29.01](#) on Sieves, Sieving Methods, and Screening Media.

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[C430](#) Test Method for Fineness of Hydraulic Cement by the 45-μm (No. 325) Sieve

[E161](#) Specification for Electroformed Material and Test Sieves

[E323](#) Specification for Perforated-Plate Sieves for Testing Purposes

[E1638](#) Terminology Relating to Sieves, Sieving Methods, and Screening Media

[E2016](#) Specification for Industrial Woven Wire Cloth

[E2427](#) Test Method for Acceptance by Performance Testing for Sieves

2.2 ASTM Manual:²

[Manual 32](#) Test Sieving Methods: Guidelines for Establishing Sieve Analysis Procedures; 5th Edition

2.3 Federal Standard:³

[Fed. Std. No. 123](#) Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)

2.4 Military Standard:³

[MIL-STD-129](#) Marking for Shipment and Storage

2.5 ISO Standard:⁴

[ISO 3310-1](#) Test Sieves—Technical Requirements and Testing – Part 1: Test Sieves of Metal Wire Cloth

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Additional terms can be found in Terminology [E1638](#).

3.1.1 *aperture, n*—the dimension defining an opening in a screening surface.

3.1.2 *backing cloth, n*—a wire mesh support layer used directly under the sieve cloth with an opening coarser than the sieve designation.

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.

³ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://www.dodssp.daps.mil>.

⁴ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

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



TABLE 1 Nominal Dimensions and Permissible Variations for Sieve Cloth and Compliance, Inspection and Calibration Test Sieves

(1)	(2a)	(2b)	(3) ^A	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9) ^{B, C}	(10)	(11) ^{B, C}	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
Standard	Sieve Designation		Nominal Sieve Opening mm in.	±Y Variation for Average Opening mm	+X Maximum Variation for Opening mm	Resulting Maximum Individual Opening mm	Compliance Sieves		Inspection Sieves		Calibration Sieves		Typical Wire Diameter mm	Permissible Average Wire Diameter	
	U.S. Alternative	Supplementary Size					Sample Openings per 100 ft ²	Maximum Standard Deviation	Sample Openings per Sieve	Maximum Standard Deviation	Sample Openings per Sieve	Maximum Standard Deviation		Min	Max
125	5 in.		5.00	3.30	4.06	129.06	20	—	all	—	all	—	8.00	6.8	9.2
		112	4.41	2.96	3.74	115.74	20	—	all	—	all	—	8.00	6.8	9.2
106	4.24 in.		4.24	2.80	3.59	109.59	20	—	all	—	all	—	6.30	5.4	7.2
100	4 in.		4.00	2.65	3.44	103.44	20	—	all	—	all	—	6.30	5.4	7.2
90	3½ in.		3.50	2.39	3.18	93.18	20	—	all	—	all	—	6.30	5.4	7.2
		80	3.15	2.13	2.91	82.91	20	—	all	—	all	—	6.30	5.4	7.2
75	3 in.		3.00	2.00	2.78	77.78	20	—	all	—	all	—	6.30	5.4	7.2
		71	2.80	1.89	2.67	73.67	20	—	all	—	all	—	5.60	4.8	6.4
63	2½ in.		2.50	1.69	2.44	65.44	20	—	all	—	all	—	5.60	4.8	6.4
		56	2.20	1.50	2.24	58.24	20	—	all	—	all	—	5.00	4.3	5.8
53	2.12 in.		2.12	1.42	2.15	55.15	20	—	all	—	all	—	5.00	4.3	5.8
50	2 in.		2.00	1.34	2.06	52.06	20	—	all	—	all	—	5.00	4.3	5.8
45	1¾ in.		1.75	1.21	1.91	46.91	20	—	all	—	all	—	4.50	3.8	5.2
		40	1.57	1.08	1.75	41.75	20	—	all	—	all	—	4.50	3.8	5.2
37.5	1½ in.		1.50	1.01	1.67	39.17	20	1.103	all	—	all	—	4.50	3.8	5.2
		35.5	1.40	0.961	1.60	37.10	20	1.035	all	—	all	—	4.00	3.4	4.6
31.5	1¼ in.		1.25	0.855	1.47	32.97	20	0.907	all	—	all	—	4.00	3.4	4.6
		28	1.10	0.762	1.35	29.35	20	0.802	all	—	all	—	3.55	3.0	4.1
26.5	1.06 in.		1.06	0.722	1.29	27.79	20	0.758	all	—	all	—	3.55	3.0	4.1
25	1.00 in.		1.00	0.682	1.24	26.24	20	0.715	all	—	all	—	3.55	3.0	4.1
22.4	7⁄8 in.		0.875	0.613	1.14	23.54	150	0.641	15	0.431	30	0.460	3.55	3.0	4.1
		20	0.787	0.548	1.05	21.05	150	0.575	15	0.387	30	0.413	3.15	2.7	3.6
19	¾ in.		0.750	0.522	1.01	20.01	150	0.548	15	0.368	30	0.393	3.15	2.7	3.6
		18	0.709	0.495	0.97	18.97	150	0.521	15	0.350	30	0.374	3.15	2.7	3.6
16	5⁄8 in.		0.625	0.441	0.89	16.89	150	0.467	15	0.314	30	0.335	3.15	2.7	3.6
		14	0.551	0.387	0.81	14.81	150	0.414	15	0.278	30	0.297	2.80	2.4	3.2
13.2	0.530 in.		0.365	0.365	0.78	13.98	150	0.393	15	0.264	30	0.282	2.80	2.4	3.2
12.5	½ in.		0.500	0.346	0.75	13.25	150	0.374	15	0.251	30	0.268	2.50	2.1	2.9
11.2	7⁄16 in.		0.438	0.311	0.69	11.89	150	0.340	15	0.229	30	0.244	2.50	2.1	2.9
		10	0.394	0.279	0.64	10.64	150	0.308	15	0.207	30	0.221	2.50	2.1	2.9
9.5	3⁄8 in.		0.375	0.265	0.61	10.11	150	0.294	15	0.198	30	0.211	2.24	1.9	2.6
		9	0.354	0.251	0.59	9.59	150	0.281	15	0.189	30	0.202	2.24	1.9	2.6
8	5⁄16 in.		0.312	0.224	0.54	8.54	150	0.254	15	0.171	30	0.182	2.00	1.7	2.3
		7.1	0.280	0.200	0.50	7.60	150	0.230	15	0.155	30	0.165	1.80	1.5	2.1
6.7	0.265 in.		0.265	0.189	0.48	7.18	150	0.219	15	0.147	30	0.157	1.80	1.5	2.1
6.3	¼ in.		0.250	0.178	0.46	6.78	150	0.208	15	0.140	30	0.149	1.80	1.5	2.1
5.6	No. 3½		0.223	0.159	0.42	6.02	150	0.189	15	0.127	30	0.136	1.60	1.3	1.9
		5	0.197	0.142	0.39	5.39	150	0.172	15	0.116	30	0.123	1.60	1.3	1.9
4.75	No. 4		0.187	0.135	0.37	5.12	150	0.165	15	0.111	30	0.118	1.60	1.3	1.9
		4.5	0.177	0.128	0.36	4.86	150	0.158	15	0.106	30	0.113	1.40	1.2	1.7
4	No. 5		0.157	0.114	0.33	4.33	150	0.143	15	0.096	30	0.103	1.40	1.2	1.7
		3.55	0.140	0.102	0.30	3.85	200	0.130	20	0.092	40	0.097	1.25	1.06	1.50
3.35	No. 6		0.132	0.096	0.29	3.64	200	0.125	20	0.088	40	0.093	1.25	1.06	1.50
		3.15	0.124	0.091	0.28	3.43	200	0.119	20	0.084	40	0.089	1.25	1.06	1.50
2.8	No. 7		0.110	0.081	0.26	3.06	200	0.108	20	0.076	40	0.081	1.12	0.95	1.30
		2.5	0.0984	0.073	0.24	2.74	200	0.099	20	0.070	40	0.074	1.00	0.85	1.15
2.36	No. 8		0.0937	0.069	0.23	2.59	200	0.095	20	0.067	40	0.071	1.00	0.85	1.15
		2.24	0.0882	0.065	0.22	2.46	200	0.091	20	0.064	40	0.068	0.90	0.77	1.04
2	No. 10		0.0787	0.059	0.20	2.20	250	0.083	25	0.060	50	0.064	0.90	0.77	1.04
		1.8	0.0709	0.053	0.19	1.99	250	0.077	25	0.056	50	0.059	0.80	0.68	0.92
1.7	No. 12		0.0661	0.050	0.18	1.88	250	0.074	25	0.054	50	0.057	0.80	0.68	0.92