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Abstract

This specification prescribes the requirements for standard sizes and packages of welding filler metals, allowing these physical attributes to be incorporated by reference into the individual specification.

This specification makes use of both U.S. Customary Units and the International System of Units (SI). Since these are not equivalent, each system must be used independently of the other.



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This foreword is not part of this standard but is included for informational purposes only.

This specification incorporates the provisions which historically appeared in filler metal specifications and is referenced by many of those specifications.

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification prescribes requirements for standard sizes and packages of welding filler metals and their physical attributes, such as product appearance and identification. *This specification does not apply to filler materials for brazing or braze welding or tungsten and oxide-dispersed tungsten electrodes.*

1.2 This specification makes use of both U.S. Customary Units and the International System of Units (SI). The measurements are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other without combining in any way. The specification with the designation A5.02 uses U.S. Customary Units. The specification A5.02M uses SI Units. The latter are shown within brackets [] or in appropriate columns in tables and figures. Standard dimensions based on either system may be used for sizing of filler metal or packaging.

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- (1) ANSI Z49.1, Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*
- (2) AWS Safety and Health Fact Sheets*
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- (1) Safety Data Sheets supplied by materials manufacturers*
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