



Standard Tolerances for Manufactured Organic-Base Filament Single Yarns¹

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1. Scope

1.1 These tolerances cover first-quality, manufactured, organic-base filament single yarns (namely, bright, semi-dull, dull, solution-dyed, bleached, unbleached, etc.) regardless of the package type. These tolerances cover permissible variations in linear density, tenacity, elongation, twist, and commercial weight.

1.1.1 These tolerances do not apply to rubber yarns, spandex yarns, metal-covered yarns, nor to bulk yarns since test methods for these types of yarn are not available. These tolerances do not apply to industrial filament yarns.

NOTE 1—Tolerances for inorganic glass yarns are given in Specifications and Methods [D578](#).

1.2 This standard covers only tolerances. It does not cover specifications or quality levels, for yarns to be used for any purpose. Specifications for specific properties are subject to agreement by the purchaser and the supplier.

NOTE 2—While the tolerances specified may be applied to yarn taken from fabric, the properties of such yarns will likely differ from the original level.

1.3 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[D123 Terminology Relating to Textiles](#)

[D578 Specification for Glass Fiber Strands](#)

[D1423 Test Method for Twist in Yarns by Direct-Counting](#)

[D1907 Test Method for Linear Density of Yarn \(Yarn Number\) by the Skein Method](#)

[D2256 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Yarns by the](#)

[Single-Strand Method](#)

[D2258 Practice for Sampling Yarn for Testing](#)

[D2494 Test Method for Commercial Mass of a Shipment of Yarn or Manufactured Staple Fiber or Tow](#)

[D4849 Terminology Related to Yarns and Fibers](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 For all terminology relating to D13.58, Yarns and Fibers, refer to Terminology [D4849](#).

3.1.1 The following terms are relevant to this standard: tolerances.

3.2 For all other terminology relating to textiles, refer to Terminology [D123](#).

4. Significance and Use

4.1 These tolerances may be used as a guide in purchaser/supplier disputes, or to assist in assigning nominal values for linear density and twist. The tolerances listed for each property represent the maximum variations deemed acceptable in the trade.

5. Test Methods

5.1 Take a sample of yarn as directed in Practice [D2258](#). Make the indicated tests as directed in Test Method [D1907](#) for Yarn Number, Test Method [D1423](#) for Direct Twist, Test Method [D2256](#) for Single Strand Breaking Strength, and Test Method [D2494](#) for Commercial Mass.

6. Tolerances

6.1 *Linear Density*—The average linear density shall conform to the average linear density agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier with the tolerances specified in [Table 1](#).

6.2 *Strength*—The average breaking force of the yarn determined in single strand tests or the average force at a specific level of elongation, in each packing case of ten or more yarn packages or on a beam, shall be equal to or exceed the previously agreed upon level.

6.3 *Elongation*—The average elongation of the yarn at the breaking force or at a specified force, in each packing case of ten or more yarn packages or on a beam, shall conform to the limits: specified elongation $\pm 20\%$ of the specified average elongation.

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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.

TABLE 1 Average Linear Density Tolerances

	Tolerance of Average Linear Density, %
Each Individual Yarn Package, Except Beams:	
All yarns with linear density of 4.4 tex and above or 40 denier and above	± 4.0
All yarns with linear density below 4.4 tex or 40 denier	± 6.0
Each Beam, or Each Case Comprising 10 or More Packages:	
All yarns	± 3.0

6.4 Twist:

6.4.1 *Direction*—The direction of twist shall be S or Z as specified.

6.4.2 *Number of Turns*—The average number of turns per unit length of yarn, in each packing case of ten or more yarn packages or on a beam, shall conform to the tolerances specified in [Table 2](#).

6.5 *Commercial Mass*—Commercial mass shall conform to the limits: invoice mass $\pm 1.0\%$ of the invoiced mass.

TABLE 2 Twist Tolerances

	Tolerances
<i>Turns per Metre:</i>	
From zero to 40, incl	± 10 turns per metre
Over 40 and up to and including 400	± 20 turns per metre
Over 400	± 5.0 % of the specified average twist
<i>Turns per Inch:</i>	
From zero to 1, incl	± 0.25 turn per inch
Over 1 and up to and including 10	± 0.5 turn per inch
Over 10	± 5.0 % of the specified average twist

NOTE 3—Particular attention is drawn to the results of an interlaboratory test described in Section 10 of Method [D2494](#).

7. Conformance

7.1 The purchaser and the supplier may agree on a procedure to establish conformance, including control charts furnished by the supplier, a sequential-sampling plan, or the double-sampling plan outlined in [7.2](#).

7.2 In the absence of a control-chart or sequential-sampling plan, proceed as directed in [7.2.1-7.2.3](#).

7.2.1 If the test results for the lot conform to the tolerances for all characteristics specified in Section [6](#), consider the lot a valid delivery.

7.2.2 If the test results for one or more characteristics do not conform to the tolerances, take a new laboratory sample from either the original lot sample or a new lot sample. Retest the lot for the characteristic(s) that did not conform to the tolerances in the first test, and average the results of the first and second samples as if all results were from one test of double the original number of specimens. If the new average(s) conform(s) to the specified tolerances, consider the lot a valid delivery.

7.2.3 If the test results obtained as directed in [7.2.2](#) do not conform to the specified tolerances, consider the lot a nonvalid delivery.

8. Keywords

8.1 breaking strength; cellulose-base man-made fibers; commercial mass; elongation strand; man-made-fibers; organic base; strand; synthetic base; tolerances; twist; yarn; yarn number

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