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Part 3: Aluminium coatings

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Foreword

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This European Standard for non-ferrous metallic coating on steel wire is made up of the following parts:

Part 1: General principles

Part 2: Zinc and zinc alloy coatings

Part 3: Aluminium coatings

Part 4: Tin coatings

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1 Scope

This part of this European Standard specifies the requirements for the mass other properties and testing of aluminium coatings on steel wire and steel wire products of circular or other cross-section.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 10244-1, *Steel wire and wire products — Non-ferrous metallic coatings on steel wire — Part 1: General principles*

ASTM A428, *Test method for determining the mass of aluminium coating on steel products*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

wire with aluminium coating

wire to which an aluminium coating has been applied primarily to protect it against corrosion and/or to improve its electrical conductivity. The coating is generally applied by passing the wires individually through a bath of molten aluminium, by extrusion or by cladding

3.2

mass of coating

mass of aluminium per unit area is expressed in grams per square meter of stripped wire surface. In the case of thick coatings, the quantity of aluminium on the wire may also be expressed by the radial thickness

4 Requirements relating to coating

4.1 Material

The ingot of unrefined aluminium used for the coating shall consist of aluminium with less than the following impurities:

Copper (Cu)	0,10 % max. in mass %
Iron (Fe)	0,50 % max. in mass %

4.2 Coating mass

The minimum mass of aluminium per unit surface area shall comply with the requirements of Table 1.

The product standard relating to wire products with an aluminium coating may specify different requirements for minimum mass.

4.3 Appearance of coating

The aluminium coated wire shall be free of slivers, scale and other imperfections not consistent with good commercial practice. The coating on the wire shall be continuous, reasonably smooth and as evenly distributed as practicable.

4.4 Adherence of the coating

The aluminium wire shall be tested in accordance with EN 10244-1. The mandrel for the wrapping test shall have a diameter equal to three times the nominal diameter of the wire tested.

4.5 Special finishes

If the customer requires a special finish it shall be specified at the time of enquiry and order. Similarly if drawing after coating with aluminium is requested it shall be specified at the time of enquiry and order.

5 Tests conditions

5.1 Samples

5.1.1 General

See the General requirements in EN 10244-1.

5.1.2 Length of samples

The length of the samples shall be sufficient to allow the various tests to be carried out.

5.2 Determination of mass of coating

The mass of the coating shall be determined using the gravimetric method as indicated in EN 10244-1.

The stripping solution, sampling, and other procedures, shall be in accordance with ASTM A428. The calculation of the coatings mass is based on the difference in weight in grammes of a test specimen before and after stripping.

if Δm = difference in weight by stripping in grammes;

m_2 = the weight in grammes of the stripped test sample;

d = the diameter of the (round) wire in mm;

m_A = the mass of coating in g/m^2 ;

$$m_A = 1962 \times d \times \frac{\Delta m}{m_2}$$

Table 1 — Requirements for the mass of aluminium coating

Diameter of wire (mm) d	Coating mass	
	Class A ^a min. (g/m ²)	Class CE ^b thickness (mm)
$1,2 \leq d < 1,5$	70	min. 10% of nominal radius of wire
$1,5 \leq d < 2,0$	80	
$2,0 \leq d < 2,3$	95	
$2,3 \leq d < 2,7$	100	
$2,7 \leq d < 3,7$	110	
$3,7 \leq d \leq 6,0$	125	
^a Class A normally made by hot dip coating. ^b Class CE normally used for electrical conductors and normally made by cladding.		

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