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Standard Specification for Steel Self-Piercing Tapping Screws for Application of Gypsum Panel Products or Metal Plaster Bases to Wood Studs or Steel Studs¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers steel self-piercing tapping screws for use in fastening gypsum panel products and metal plaster bases to cold-formed steel studs less than 0.033 in. (0.84 mm) in thickness and wood members, and for fastening gypsum panel products to gypsum board.

1.2 This specification also covers test methods for determining performance requirements and physical properties.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods described in this specification: *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[A510/A510M Specification for General Requirements for](#)

[Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel, and Alloy Steel](#)

[A1040 Guide for Specifying Harmonized Standard Grade Compositions for Wrought Carbon, Low-Alloy, and Alloy Steels](#)

[C11 Terminology Relating to Gypsum and Related Building Materials and Systems](#)

[C475/C475M Specification for Joint Compound and Joint Tape for Finishing Gypsum Board](#)

[C645 Specification for Nonstructural Steel Framing Members](#)

[C847 Specification for Metal Lath](#)

[C1396/C1396M Specification for Gypsum Board](#)

2.2 *AISI Standard:*³

[S220 North American Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Framing – Nonstructural Members](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For definitions relating to gypsum and related building materials and systems, see Terminology [C11](#).

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *self-piercing, adj*—the ability to penetrate without benefit of a pre-drilled hole with sharp-point angles of not more than 30°.

4. Classification

4.1 Steel screws covered by this specification are of four types of thread configurations:

4.1.1 *Type G*, coarse-pitch high-thread self-piercing screws for fastening gypsum board to gypsum board.

4.1.2 *Type S*, fine-thread screw for fastening gypsum board to cold formed steel members.

4.1.3 *Type W*, coarse-thread screw for fastening gypsum board to wood members.

4.1.4 *Type A*, coarse-pitch tapping screw thread for fastening metal plaster bases to wood or cold-formed steel.

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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.

³ Available from American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20001, <https://www.steel.org>.

5. Materials

5.1 Screws shall be made from steel wire manufactured in accordance with Specification **A510/A510M**.

5.1.1 Chemical composition for Type G and Type W screws shall be in accordance with Specification **A1040**, Grade 1013 to 1022.

5.1.2 Chemical composition for Type S and Type A screws shall be in accordance with Specification **A1040**, Grade 1018 to 1022.

6. Physical Properties

6.1 Hardness:

6.1.1 The surface of Type S, Type W, and Type A screws shall be case hardened to a depth of not less than 0.002 in. (0.05 mm) with case hardness not less than 45 HRC.

6.1.2 The surface of Type G screws is not required to be case hardened.

6.2 *Ductility*—The screws shall have sufficient ductility to be able to withstand a 10° bend without visible signs of fracture when tested as specified in **12.6.7**.

7. Performance Requirements

7.1 Type G Screws:

7.1.1 Screws shall be able to self-pierce and drive into gypsum panel products.

7.1.2 Screw threads shall be adequate to pull the head of the screw below the surface of the gypsum panel product when tested as specified in **12.6.2**.

7.2 Type S Screws:

7.2.1 *General*—Screws shall be able to self-pierce and drive into cold-formed steel members in less than 2 s, when tested as specified in **12.6.3.1**.

7.2.2 *Screws for Fastening Gypsum Panel Products*—Screw threads shall be adequate to pull the head of the screw below the surface of the gypsum panel product, without spin-out, when tested as specified in **12.6.3**.

7.3 Type W Screws:

7.3.1 *General*—Screw threads shall be able to self-pierce and drive into wood members.

7.3.2 *Screws for Fastening Gypsum Panel Products*—Screw threads shall be adequate to pull the head of the screw below the surface of the gypsum panel product, without spin-out, when tested as specified in **12.6.6**.

7.4 Type A Screws:

7.4.1 *General*—Screw shall be able to pierce and drive into wood or cold-formed steel members.

7.4.2 *Screws for Fastening Metal Plaster Bases*—Screw threads shall be adequate to pull a metal plaster base tightly enough against the face of a wood or steel stud, without spin-out, so that when subjected to a steady pull, the plaster base will tear before slipping out from under the screw head, when tested in accordance with **12.6.4** or **12.6.5**.

8. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

8.1 Head Diameter:

8.1.1 *General*—Heads shall be permitted to be out of round not more than 0.02 in. (0.51 mm).

8.1.2 *Screws for Fastening Gypsum Board*—Not less than 0.315 in. (8 mm).

8.1.3 *Screws for Fastening Metal Plaster Bases*—Not less than 0.437 in. (11.1 mm).

8.2 Head Contour:

8.2.1 *Screws for Fastening Gypsum Panel Products*—The top of the head shall be flat. The outer flange thickness shall be 0.025 ± 0.005 in. (0.64 ± 0.13 mm). The contour beneath the flange head shall be such that the screw head shall be able to be driven so that the head of the screw rests immediately below the surface of the gypsum panel product.

8.2.2 *Screws for Fastening Metal Plaster Bases*—The top of the screw shall be either flat or contoured. The underside of the head shall be flat or near flat. The threads shall extend to the underside of the head.

8.3 Driving Recess:

8.3.1 *Screws for Fastening Gypsum Board*—No. 2 “Phillips” design, depth of recess, not less than 0.104 in. (2.64 mm).

8.3.2 *Screws for Fastening Metal Plaster Bases*—No. 2 “Phillips” design, depth of recess, not less than 0.077 in. (1.95 mm).

8.3.3 Determine depth of recess with a Phillips penetration depth gauge.

8.3.4 Other types of screw-driving recesses having performance values equal to those of the recesses specified are acceptable.

8.4 *Shank Diameter*—Not less than No. 6, with major diameter not less than 0.136 in. (3.45 mm).

8.5 Length:

8.5.1 *Nominal Length*—The nominal length shall be the minimum length.

8.5.2 Type W and Type A screws shall be long enough to penetrate wood members not less than $\frac{5}{8}$ in. (15.9 mm).

8.6 *Threads*—Either single or multiple thread design.

8.7 *Points*—Self-piercing design.

9. Finish and Appearance

9.1 *Form*—The form shall be straight and neatly formed.

9.2 *Threads*—The threads shall be clean and smooth.

9.3 *Finish*—Screws shall have a corrosion-resistant treatment. The treatment shall not inhibit adhesion to finishing compounds nor bleed through field-applied decoration.

10. Sampling

10.1 Obtain not less than 90 screws from not less than five containers.

11. Number of Tests and Retests

11.1 Test a minimum of five screws for each test. If any of the first lot fails, test 25 more screws.

11.2 If two or more of the second lot fail the second test, then the represented lot fails to meet the specified requirements.