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Standard Specification for Fence Fittings¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the materials, coating requirements, and inspection of fence accessories for chain-link fence for the following:

- 1.1.1 Post and line caps,
- 1.1.2 Rail and brace ends,
- 1.1.3 Top rail sleeves,
- 1.1.4 Tie wires, clips, and fasteners,
- 1.1.5 Tension and brace bands,
- 1.1.6 Tension bars,
- 1.1.7 Truss rod assembly,
- 1.1.8 Barbed wire arms,
- 1.1.9 Color coating of fittings, and
- 1.1.10 Fitting size terminology.

1.2 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.

1.3 *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

- A641/A641M Specification for Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Carbon Steel Wire
- A809 Specification for Aluminum-Coated (Aluminized) Carbon Steel Wire
- A817 Specification for Metallic-Coated Steel Wire for Chain-Link Fence Fabric and Marcellled Tension Wire

B26/B26M Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Sand Castings

B85 Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Die Castings

B108 Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Permanent Mold Castings

B117 Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus

B209 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate (Metric) B0209_B0209M

B209M Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate (Metric) (Withdrawn 2021)³

B211 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Rolled or Cold-Finished Bar, Rod, and Wire (Metric) B0211_B0211M

B211M Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Rolled or Cold-Finished Bar, Rod, and Wire (Metric) (Withdrawn 2019)³

B221 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Bars, Rods, Wire, Profiles, and Tubes

B221M Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Bars, Rods, Wire, Profiles, and Tubes (Metric)

B429/B429M Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Structural Pipe and Tube

B800 Specification for 8000 Series Aluminum Alloy Wire for Electrical Purposes—Annealed and Intermediate Temperatures

F552 Terminology Relating to Chain Link Fencing

F567 Practice for Installation of Chain-Link Fence

F668 Specification for Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), Polyolefin and Other Polymer-Coated Steel Chain Link Fence Fabric

F934 Specification for Standard Colors for Polymer-Coated Chain Link Fence Materials

2.2 *U.S. Government Standard:*⁴

MIL-R-60346-C Roving, Glass, Fibrous (For Prepreg Tape and Roving, Filament Winding, and Pultrusion Applications)

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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. Post and Line Caps

3.1 Post and line caps shall be fabricated from pressed steel or cast iron and hot-dip galvanized with a minimum of

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

⁴ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.



1.2 oz/ft² (366 g/m²) of zinc coating of surface area, or from aluminum alloy 360.0 conforming to die cast Specification **B85**, or sand cast or permanent mold alloy 356.0 or 713.0 conforming to Specification **B26/B26M** or **B108**.

3.2 Post and line caps shall be designed to fit snugly over posts and exclude moisture from inside when tubular posts are used.

4. Rail and Brace Ends

4.1 Rail and brace ends, when required, shall be fabricated from pressed steel or cast iron, and hot-dip galvanized with a minimum of 1.2 oz/ft² (366 g/m²) of zinc coating of surface area, or from aluminum alloy 360.0 (see Specification **B85**), or alloy 356.0 or 713.0 (see Specification **B26/B26M** or Specification **B108**).

4.2 Rail and brace ends, or other approved means of connection, shall be provided when top rail or brace are required.

5. Top Rail Sleeves

5.1 Top rail sleeves shall be fabricated from pressed steel or round steel tubing and hot-dip galvanized with a minimum of 1.2 oz/ft² (366 g/m²) of zinc coating of surface area, or from aluminum alloy 6063-T6 (see Specification **B221**, **B221M** or Specification **B429/B429M**).

5.2 Rail sleeve material shall be a minimum of 0.051 in. (1.3 mm) in thickness if steel, or a minimum of 0.062 in. (1.6 mm) in thickness if aluminum alloy, and a minimum of 6 in. (152.4 mm) in length.

5.3 The rail sleeve must be fabricated to prevent movement along the rail.

6. Tie Wires and Clips

6.1 Ties for attaching chain-link fabric to round tubular or rectangular roll-formed horizontal rails and intermediate posts shall be one of the following systems, as selected by the purchaser:

6.1.1 *Standard Straight, Preformed Hook or Pigtail Round Wire* having a preformed hook or pigtail at one end, shall be designed of sufficient length to comply with the installation practice within Practice **F567**. Galvanized steel or aluminum round wire ties shall be “soft/bendable” so that during the installation of the tie the tie wire coating or chain link fabric coating is not damaged by cutting through to the bare steel. Specify one of the following materials.

6.1.1.1 Twelve-gauge (0.106 ± 0.004-in. (2.69 ± 0.10-mm)) steel with a tensile strength range from 55 to 65 ksi and with one of the following coatings, as selected by the purchaser:

(1) A minimum of 0.80 oz/ft² (230 g/m²) of zinc in accordance with Specification A641 (A641M), Class 3 or A coating.

(2) A minimum of 0.35 oz/ft² (107 g/m²) of aluminum in accordance with Specification **A809**.

6.1.1.2 Nine-gauge (0.148 ± 0.005-in. (3.76 ± 0.10-mm)) steel with a tensile strength range from 55 to 65 ksi and with one of the following coatings, as selected by the purchaser:

(1) A minimum of 0.90 oz/ft² (270 g/m²) of zinc in accordance with Specification A641 (A641M), Class 3 or A coating.

(2) A minimum of 0.40 oz/ft² (122 g/m²) of aluminum in accordance with Specification **A809**.

NOTE 1—Heavier zinc coatings than those listed in **6.1.1.1** (1) and **6.1.1.2** (1) may be specified if desired, to match the minimum zinc coating specified for the fence fabric.

6.1.1.3 Nine-gauge (0.148 ± 0.005-in. (3.76 ± 0.125-mm)) or (6-gauge 0.192 ± 0.005-in. (4.88 ± 0.125-mm)) aluminum Alloy 1350-H19 or approved equal.

6.1.2 *High-Security Round Wire Ties* shall be one of the following, as selected by the purchaser:

6.1.2.1 *Power-Fastened Preformed Metallic Coated Steel Round Wire Ties*, preformed to the size of the rail or post and of a sufficient length to be installed according to Practice **F567**. Power-fastened round wire ties shall be 9-gauge (0.148 ± 0.005-in. (3.76 ± 0.125-mm)) or, for added security, 6-gauge (0.192 ± 0.005-in. (4.88 ± 0.125-mm)) steel with a tensile strength range from 65 to 75 ksi. Specify one of the following coatings:

(1) A minimum of 2.00 oz/ft² (600 g/m²) of zinc for 6-gauge or 1.80 oz/ft² (540 g/m²) of zinc for 9-gauge in accordance with Specification A641 (A641M), Class B coating.

(2) A minimum of 0.40 oz/ft² (122 g/m²) of aluminum for 6-gauge or 9-gauge in accordance with Specification **A809**.

6.1.2.2 *Straight, Manually Fastened Coated Steel Round Wire Ties*, of sufficient length to be installed according to Practice **F567**. Wire ties shall be 9-gauge (0.148 ± 0.005-in. (3.76 ± 0.125-mm)) steel, “soft/blendable,” having a tensile strength range from 55 to 65 ksi. Specify one of the following coatings:

(1) A minimum of 1.2 oz/ft² (366 g/m²) of zinc in accordance with Specification **A817**, Type 2, Class 1.

(2) A minimum of 0.40 oz/ft² (122 g/m²) of aluminum in accordance with Specification **A809**.

6.1.3 *Interlocking Preformed Flat Aluminum Band Ties*, preformed to the radius of the rail or post and configured to wrap a full 360° around the rail or post and one picket of the chain-link fabric. The ends of the tie shall be preformed in such a manner that they will interlock and flatten down into a double closed loop against the rail or post. Interlocking flat wire ties shall be fabricated from 0.0625 by 0.375-in. (1.59 by 9.53-mm) flat aluminum Alloy 5052-H32 wire with a tolerance of ±0.005 in. (±1.25 mm).

6.1.4 *Powder-Driven Fasteners*, consisting of a knurled pin of carbon steel, heat treated to a hardness of RC 52–56 and a minimum tensile strength of 240 000 psi (1655 MPa). Finish shall be zinc electroplating of 0.0003-in. (0.0076-mm) minimum thickness, evaluated for corrosion resistance for 72 consecutive hours with no signs of rust or corrosion when tested in accordance with Practice **B117**. Cap shall be Type 304 stainless steel ³/₃₂ in. (2.38 mm) thick. For 9-gauge or 11-gauge fabric other than ³/₈-in. (9.53-mm) mesh, the pin shall be 1 in. (25.4 mm) long. For ³/₈-in. mesh and 6-gauge fabric, the pin shall be 1¼ in. (31.75 mm) long.