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FOREWORD

ANSI/NEMA MW 1000-2020 supersedes ANSI/NEMA MW 1000-2018. It has been approved as an American National Standard.

This Standard is periodically reviewed by the NEMA Magnet Wire Section for revisions considered to be necessary to keep it up to date with changes in technology and regulations. See <http://www.MW1000.com> for additional information.

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How to Use This Publication

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Part 1 of this publication deals with information common to all types of magnet wire: ordering information, general material requirements, general test conditions, definitions, and manufacturing data in support of thermal rating. This part also includes dimensions with metric equivalents for all bare, minimum insulation increase, and overall dimensions for all Part 2 MW specification requirements.

Part 2 consists of product specifications requirements (other than dimensions) for magnet wire with different types of coatings and/or coverings. Insofar as possible, the product specifications are complete on one sheet, since they are arranged to include only one insulation or covering per sheet. The title on each sheet identifies the product. Example: MW 15-C, Polyvinyl Acetal Round Copper Magnet Wire. MW 15-A covers the aluminum version of the same generic product.

Part 3 contains the test procedures to be followed and corresponding tables of specific test values to be attained in determining compliance with the requirements given in Part 2. The requirements are consolidated with the test procedures and testing parameters for a given property. An index of the main test paragraphs is provided, beginning on page 14, Part 3 Test Procedures, in the Table of Contents.

Annex A provides a cross reference between test procedures in this Standards publication and those published by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

Annex B consists of definitions, requirements, and recommended test procedures for reusable magnet wire packaging, standardized dimensions for spools and reels, and formatting for the labeling of magnet wire products.

Annex C provides a cross reference between NEMA and IEC magnet wire specifications.

Annex D provides the formulas for determining dimensional requirements of round film-insulated magnet wire and dielectric breakdown, as well as cross-sectional area and resistance calculations.

Annex E provides the dimensional criteria for ranges of sizes of rectangular bare, film, and fabric magnet wire products, setting the general rules and guidelines for various traditional yet non-Standard rectangular magnet wire products.

Annex F provides properties of selected refrigerants determined as suitable alternatives to refrigerant R22 in the Refrigerant Extraction Test, clause 3.55.

Annex G provides recommended winding tensions for round copper and aluminum magnet wire to ensure that wire, as it is de-reeled, is not stretched beyond end user requirements.

Annex H provides the test methods and requirements for fully insulated winding wire (FIW) referenced in specification MW 85-C in Part 2.

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MW 5-C	Polyester (Single and Heavy)	155	X	—	2
MW 15-A	Polyvinyl Acetal (Single and Heavy)	105	X	—	3
MW 15-C	Polyvinyl Acetal (Single, Heavy, Triple, Quad)	105	X	—	4
MW 16-A	Polyimide (Single, Heavy)	260	X	—	5
MW 16-C	Polyimide (Single, Heavy, Triple, Quad)	240	X	—	6
MW 18-A	Polyvinyl Acetal (Heavy and Quad)	105	—	X	7
MW 18-C	Polyvinyl Acetal (Heavy and Quad)	105	—	X	8
MW 19-C	Polyvinyl Acetal with Self-bonding Overcoat (Types 1, 2, and 3)	105	X	—	9
MW 20-A	Polyimide (Heavy and Quad)	260	—	X	10
MW 20-C	Polyimide (Heavy and Quad)	240	—	X	11
MW 24-A	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamide (Single and Heavy)	155	X	—	12
MW 24-C	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamide (Single, Heavy, Triple)	155	X	—	13
MW 28-A	Polyurethane Overcoated with Polyamide for Solderable Applications (Single and Heavy)	130	X	—	14
MW 28-C	Polyurethane Overcoated with Polyamide for Solderable Applications (Single and Heavy)	130	X	—	15
MW 30-C	Polyester (amide)(imide) (Single, Heavy, Triple)	180	X	—	16
MW 31-A	Paper Covered	90 or 105	X		17
MW 31-C	Paper Covered	90 or 105	X	—	18
MW 33-A	Paper Covered Bare Rectangular and Square	90 or 105	—	X	19
MW 33-C	Paper Covered Bare Rectangular and Square	90 or 105	—	X	20
MW 35-A	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide (Single and Heavy)	220	X	—	21
MW 35-C	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide (Single, Heavy, Triple, Quad)	200	X	—	22
MW 36-A	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide (Heavy and Quad)	220	—	X	23
MW 36-C	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide (Heavy and Quad)	200	—	X	24
MW 37-C	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide (Single, Heavy and Triple)	220	X	—	25
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MW 44-C	Glass Fiber Covered Silicone Treated (Single and Double)	200	X	—	30

Specification Number	Film Insulation, Coating, Covering, and Form	Thermal Class	Round	Rectangular and Square	Page No.
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MW 46-C	Polyester Glass Fiber Covered (Single and Double)	155	—	X	32
MW 47-C	Polyester Glass Fiber Covered Silicone Treated (Single and Double)	200	X	—	33
MW 48-C	Polyester Glass Fiber Covered Silicone Treated (Single and Double)	200	—	X	34
MW 50-C	Glass Fiber Covered, High-Temperature Organic Varnish Treated (Single and Double)	180	X	—	35
MW 51-C	Polyester Glass Fiber Covered, High-Temperature Organic Varnish Treated (Single and Double)	180	X	—	36
MW 52-C	Glass Fiber Covered, High-Temperature Organic Varnish Treated (Single or Double)	180	—	X	37
MW 53-C	Polyester Glass Fiber Covered, High-Temperature Organic Varnish Treated (Single and Double)	180	—	X	38
MW 54-C	Polyester Glass Fiber Covered and Varnish Treated Bare or Heavy Film-Insulated	155	X	—	39
MW 55-C	Polyester Glass Fiber Covered and Varnish Treated Bare or Heavy Film-Insulated	155	—	X	40
MW 60-A	Aromatic Polyamide Paper Covered (Paper)	220	—	X	41
MW 60-C	Aromatic Polyamide Paper Covered (Paper)	220	—	X	42
MW 61-A	Aromatic Polyamide Paper Covered (Paper)	220	X	—	43
MW 61-C	Aromatic Polyamide Paper Covered (Paper)	220	X	—	44
MW 64-A	Aromatic Polyimide Tape Covered	240	—	X	45
MW 64-C	Aromatic Polyimide Tape Covered	240	—	X	46
MW 65-A	Aromatic Polyimide Tape Covered	240	X	—	47
MW 65-C	Aromatic Polyimide Tape Covered	240	X	—	48
MW 72-C	Polyester (amide)(imide) for Hermetic Applications (Heavy)	180	X	—	49
MW 73-A	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide for Hermetic Applications (Heavy)	220	X	—	50
MW 73-C	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide for Hermetic Applications (Heavy, Triple, Quad)	200	X	—	51
MW 74-A	Polyester (amide)(imide) (Single and Heavy)	220	X	—	52
MW 74-C	Polyester (amide)(imide) (Single and Heavy)	200	X	—	53
MW 75-C	Polyurethane for Solderable Applications (Single and Heavy)	130	X	—	54
MW 76-A	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamide (Single and Heavy)	180	X	—	55
MW 76-C	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamide (Single, Heavy, Triple)	180	X	—	56

Specification Number	Film Insulation, Coating, Covering, and Form	Thermal Class	Round	Rectangular and Square	Page No.
MW 77-C	Polyester (imide) for Solderable	180	X	—	57
MW 78-C	Polyester (imide)	180	X	—	58
MW 79-C	Polyurethane for Solderable Applications (Single, Heavy and Triple)	155	X	—	59
MW 80-A	Polyurethane Overcoated with Polyamide for Solderable Applications (Single and Heavy)	155	X	—	60
MW 80-C	Polyurethane overcoated with polyamide for solderable applications (Single, Heavy, Triple)	155	X	—	61
MW 81-C	Polyamideimide (Single and Heavy)	220	X	—	62
MW 82-C	Polyurethane for solderable applications (Single, Heavy and Triple)	180	X	—	63
MW 83-C	Polyurethane overcoated with polyamide for solderable applications (Single, Heavy, Triple)	180	X	—	64
MW 84-C	Polyamideimide Film-Insulated	220		X	65
MW 85-C	Polyurethane Fully Insulated	180	X	—	66
MW 86-A	Polyvinyl Acetal (Single and Heavy)	120	X	—	67
MW 86-C	Polyvinyl Acetal (Single, Heavy, Triple)	120	X	—	68
MW 87-A	Polyvinyl Acetal (Heavy and Quad)	120	—	X	69
MW 87-C	Polyvinyl Acetal (Heavy and Quad)	120	—	X	70
MW 88-C	Polyvinyl Acetal With Self-Bonding Overcoat	120	—	X	71
MW 102-A	Polyester (amide)(imide) overcoated with polyamideimide, and self-bonding overcoat	180	X	—	72
MW 102-C	Polyester (amide)(imide) overcoated with polyamideimide, and self-bonding overcoat	180	X	—	73
MW 103-C	Polyester (amide)(imide) overcoated with polyamideimide, and self-bonding overcoat	180	X	—	74
MW 122-C	Polyamideimide with self-bonding overcoat	180	X	—	75
MW 130-C	Polyurethane with self-bonding overcoat (Type 1 and Type 2)	130	X	—	76
MW 131-C	Polyurethane with self-bonding overcoat (Type 1 and Type 2)	155	X	—	77
MW 132-C	Polyurethane with Self-Bonding Overcoat (Type 1 and Type 2)	180	X	—	78
MW 135-C	Polyurethane overcoated with polyamide and self-bonding overcoat (Type 1 and Type 2)	130	X	—	79
MW 136-C	Polyurethane overcoated with polyamide and self-bonding overcoat (Type 1 and Type 2) for Solderable Applications	180	X	—	80
MW 137-C	Polyurethane Overcoated with Polyamide and Self-Bonding Overcoat (Type 1 and Type 2) for Solderable Applications	180	X	—	81

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Thermal Class	Film Insulation, Coating, Covering, and Form	See Part 2, Specification No.		
		Aluminum	Copper	Page No.
FILM-INSULATED ROUND MAGNET WIRE				
105	Polyvinyl Acetal	MW 15-A	MW 15-C	3, 4
105	Polyvinyl Acetal and Self-bonding Overcoat	-	MW 19-C	9
120	Polyvinyl Acetal	MW 86-A	MW 86-C	67, 68
120	Polyvinyl Acetal	MW 87-A	MW 87-C	69, 70
180	Polyvinyl Acetal Polyvinyl Acetal with self-bonding overcoat	-	MW 88-C	71
130 Solderable	Polyurethane Overcoated with Polyamide	MW 28-A	MW 28-C	14, 15
130 Solderable	Polyurethane	-	MW 75-C	54
130 Solderable	Polyurethane with Self-bonding Overcoat	-	MW 130-C	76
130 Solderable	Polyurethane Overcoated with Polyamide and Self-bonding Overcoat	-	MW 135-C	79
155	Polyester	-	MW 5-C	2
155	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamide	MW 24-A	MW 24-C	12, 13
155 Solderable	Polyurethane	-	MW 79-C	59
155 Solderable	Polyurethane Overcoated with Polyamide	MW 80-A	MW 80-C	60, 61
155 Solderable	Polyurethane with Self-bonding Overcoat	-	MW 131-C	77
155 Solderable	Polyurethane Overcoated with Polyamide and Self-bonding Overcoat	-	MW 136-C	80
180	Polyester (amide)(imide)	-	MW 30-C	16
180	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamide	MW 76-A	MW 76-C	55, 56
180	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide and Self-bonding Overcoat	MW 102-A	MW 102-C	72, 73
180	Polyester (amide)(imide) overcoated with polyamideimide, and self-bonding overcoat	-	MW 103-C	74
180	Polyamideimide with self-bonding overcoat	-	MW 122-C	75
180 Solderable	Polyester (imide)	-	MW 77-C	57
180 Solderable	Polyester (imide) Overcoated with Polyamide	-	MW 78-C	58
180 Hermetic	Polyester (amide) (imide)	-	MW 72-C	49
180 Solderable	Polyurethane	-	MW 82-C	63
180 Solderable	Polyurethane Overcoated with Polyamide	-	MW 83-C	64
180 Solderable	Polyurethane Fully Insulated	-	MW 85-C	66
180 Solderable	Solderable Polyurethane with Self-bonding Overcoat	-	MW 132-C	78
180 Solderable	Solderable Polyurethane Overcoated with Polyamide and Self-bonding Overcoat	-	MW 137-C	81
200	Polyester (amide) (imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide	-	MW 35-C	21
200	Polyester (amide)(imide)	-	MW 74-C	53
220 Hermetic	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide	MW 73-A	-	51
220	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide	-	MW 37-C	25
220	Polyester (amide)(imide)	MW 74-A	-	52

Thermal Class	Film Insulation, Coating, Covering, and Form	See Part 2, Specification No.		
		Aluminum	Copper	Page No.
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240 Hermetic	Polyimide	-	MW 16-C	6
260	Polyimide	MW 16-A	-	5
260	Polyimide	MW 20-A	-	10
FILM-INSULATED RECTANGULAR AND SQUARE WIRE				
105	Polyvinyl Acetal	MW 18-A	MW 18-C	7, 8
120	Polyvinyl Acetal	-	MW 88-C	71
200	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide	-	MW 36-C	24
220	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide	MW 36-A	-	23
220	Polyester (amide)(imide) Overcoated with Polyamideimide	-	MW 38-C	26
220	Polyamideimide	-	MW 84-C	65
240	Polyimide	-	MW 20-C	11
260	Polyimide	MW 20-A	-	10
FIBROUS COVERED ROUND MAGNET WIRE				
90 or 105	Paper Covered	MW 31-A	MW 31-C	17, 18
155	Glass Fiber Covered	-	MW 41-C	27
155	Polyester Glass Fiber Covered	-	MW 45-C	31
180	Glass Fiber Covered, High-Temperature Organic Varnish Treated	-	MW 50-C	35
180	Polyester Glass Fiber Covered, High-Temperature Organic Varnish Treated	-	MW 51-C	36
200	Glass Fiber Covered, Silicone Treated	-	MW 44-C	30
200	Polyester Glass Fiber Covered, Silicone Treated	-	MW 47-C	33
220	Aromatic Polyamide Paper Covered	MW 61-A	MW 61-C	43, 44
240	Aromatic Polyimide Tape Covered	MW 65-A	MW 65-C	47, 48
FIBROUS COVERED RECTANGULAR & SQUARE MAGNET WIRE				
90 or 105	Paper Covered	MW 33-A	MW 33-C	19, 20
155	Glass Fiber Covered	-	MW 42-C	20
155	Polyester Glass Fiber Covered	-	MW 46-C	32
180	Glass Fiber Covered, High-Temperature Organic Varnish Treated	-	MW 52-C	37
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**Part 3
Test Procedures**

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Part 1

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Part 1 General

1.1. Scope

This publication is designed to present in concise and convenient form all existing NEMA Standards for magnet wire. It contains Standards for round, rectangular, and square film-insulated and/or fibrous-covered copper and aluminum magnet wire for use in electrical apparatus. Included are the definitions, type designations, dimensions, constructions, performance, and test methods for magnet wire generally used in the winding of coils for electrical apparatus. Unless otherwise stated, a revision to a product specification in this Standards publication does not affect compliance of product manufactured during the time a previous version of that specification was in effect.

1.2. References

1.2.1 Normative References

Reference is made to the current edition of each of the following Standards:

**American Society for Testing Materials
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ASTM B3	<i>Standard Specification for Soft or Annealed Copper Wire</i>
ASTM B32	<i>Standard Specification for Solder Metal</i>
ASTM B48	<i>Standard Specification for Soft Rectangular and Square Bare Copper Wire for Electrical Conductors</i>
ASTM D149	<i>Standard Test Method for Dielectric Breakdown Voltage and Dielectric Strength of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials at Commercial Power Frequencies</i>
ASTM B193	<i>Standard Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials</i>
ASTM B233	<i>Standard Specification for Aluminum 1350 Drawing Stock for Electrical Purposes</i>
ASTM D1676	<i>Standard Methods for Testing Film-Insulated Magnet Wire</i>
ASTM D1932	<i>Standard Test Method for Thermal Endurance of Flexible Electrical Insulating Varnishes</i>
ASTM D1816	<i>Standard Test Method for Dielectric Breakdown Voltage of Insulating Liquids Using VDE Electrodes</i>
ASTM D2307	<i>Standard Test Method for Relative Thermal Endurance of Film-Insulated Round Magnet Wire</i>
ASTM D2756	<i>Standard Test Method for Weight Loss of Electrical Insulating Varnishes</i>
ASTM D3145	<i>Standard Test Method for Thermal Endurance of Electrical Insulating Varnishes by the Helical Coil Method</i>
ASTM D3251	<i>Standard Test Method for Thermal Endurance Characteristics of Electrical Insulating Varnishes Applied Over Film-Insulated Magnet Wire</i>
ASTM D3353	<i>Standard Methods for Testing Fibrous-Insulated Magnet Wire</i>
ASTM D3377	<i>Standard Test Method for Weight Loss of Solventless Varnishes</i>
ASTM E1877	<i>Standard Practice for Calculating Thermal Endurance of Materials from Thermogravimetric Decomposition Data</i>
ASTM E29	<i>Standard Recommended Practice for Indicating Which Places of Figures Are to Be Considered Significant in Specified Limiting Values</i>
ASTM E8	<i>Standard Methods of Tension Testing of Metallic Materials</i>