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Part 1: Wire

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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Wire*
- *Part 2: Narrow strip*

Stainless steels for springs —

Part 1: Wire

1 Scope

This part of ISO 6931 specifies the grades of stainless steels which are generally used in the cold drawn condition in the form of wire of circular cross-section up to 10,00 mm in diameter, for the production of springs and spring parts exposed to corrosive effects and sometimes to slightly increased temperatures (see [Annex A](#)).

Certain steel grades covered by ISO 16143-2 are also used for springs, although to a much lesser extent. In these cases, the mechanical properties (tensile strength, etc.) will be agreed between purchaser and supplier. Similarly, diameters between 10,00 mm and 15,00 mm can be ordered according to the specifications of this part of ISO 6931, in which case the parties will agree upon the required mechanical characteristics.

In addition to the specifications of this part of ISO 6931, the general technical delivery requirements of ISO 404 are applicable.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 377, *Steel and steel products — Location and preparation of samples and test pieces for mechanical testing*

ISO 404, *Steel and steel products — General technical delivery requirements*

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

ISO 10474, *Steel and steel products — Inspection documents*

ISO 14284, *Steel and iron — Sampling and preparation of samples for the determination of chemical composition*

ISO 15510, *Stainless steels — Chemical composition*

ISO 16143-2, *Stainless steels for general purposes — Part 2: Corrosion-resistant semi-finished products, bars, rods and sections*

ISO 22034-1, *Steel wire and wire products — Part 1: General test methods*

ISO 22034-2, *Steel wire and wire products — Part 2: Tolerances on wire dimensions*

ISO/TS 4949, *Steel names based on letter symbols*

ISO/TR 9769, *Steel and iron — Review of available methods of analysis*