

Standard Specification for Driven Fasteners: Nails, Spikes, and Staples¹

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Scope*

1.1 This specification covers nails, spikes, staples, and other fasteners, as listed in Table 1.

1.2—Fastener ductility information is presented in Table 2 and additional information in Tables 3-64.

1.3 Fasteners described in this specification are driven by hand tool, power tool, or mechanical device in single or multiple strikes and are positioned by hand, tool, or machine.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard.

1.5 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

Referenced Documents

- ASTM Standards:**²
- A 153M Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware
 - A 183M Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel [Metric]
 - A 641M Specification for Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Carbon Steel Wire
 - F 140 Specification for Coatings of Zinc Mechanically Deposited on Iron and Steel
 - F 1667 Terminology of Nails for Use with Wood and Wood-Base Materials

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- F 592 Terminology of Collated and Cohered Fasteners and Their Application Tools
- F 680 Test Methods for Nails
- F 1575 Test Method for Determining Bending Yield Moment of Nails

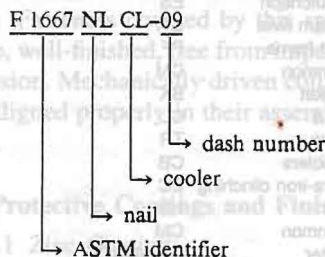
3. Terminology

3.1 **Definitions**—The definitions used in this specification are those of common commercial acceptance and usage and also appear in Terminologies F 547 and F 592.

4. Classification

4.1 The fasteners and their Table 1 classification are identified as follows:

NOTE 2—The identification of fasteners, classified by style and type (alpha indicators) followed by a dash number (numerical code) based on Tables 3-64, identifies dimensions specifically and establishes a PIN (part identifying number) system when preceded by the F 1667 ASTM designation of this specification. For example:



Identifies a cooler nail with a length of 2 $\frac{7}{8}$, a shank diameter of 0.120, and a head diameter of 0.297 (See Table 10).⁴

⁴All dimensions are given in inches.

4.2 The trade designation, *S*, pennyweight, used in commercial practice is referenced in Tables 3-64 wherever it applies.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Orders for driven fasteners under this specification shall include the following information:

- 5.1.1 Quantity or weight;
- 5.1.2 Part identifying number (PIN) or product description (see 4.1 and appropriate table);

TABLE 1 Classification and Identification Index

Type	Style	Style Identification	Table
I—Nails (NL)	1. Brads	BR	3
	2. Barrel	BL	4
	3. Boat	BTH/BTL	5
	4. Box A	BXA	6
	Box B	BXB	7
	5. Broom	BM	8
	6. Casing	CN	9
	7. Cooler	CL	10
	8. Sinker	SK	11
	9. Corker	CK	12
	10. Common	CMA	13
	Common	CMC	14
	Common	CMS	15
	Common	CMM	16
	11. Concrete	CTS/CTM	17
	12. Double-headed	DH	18
	13. Fine	FN	19
	14. Finishing	FH	20
	15. Flooring	FL	21
	16. Lath	LHF	22
	Lath	LHH	23
	17. Masonry	MR/MRH	24
	18. Pallet	PL	25
	19. Gypsum wallboard	GWS	26
	Gypsum wallboard	GWM	27
	20. Roofing	RFA	28
	Roofing	RFS	29
	Roofing	RFC	30
	Roofing	RFL	31
	Roofing	RFR	32
Roofing	RFD	33	
Roofing	RFNS/RFND	34	
21. Shingle	SHAD/SHAS	35	
Shingle	SHSS/SHNSB	36	
22. Siding	SDF/SDC/SDK	37	
23. Slating	SLA/SLC/SLS	38	
24. Rubber heel	RH	39	
25. Underlayment	UL	40	
26. Square-barbed	SB	41	
27. Masonry drive	MD	42	
28. Escutcheon	ES	43	
29. Glulam rivet	GR	44	
30. Post frame	PF	45	
II—Cut nails (CN)	1. Common	CM	46
	2. Basket	BK	47
	3. Clout	CL	48
	4. Trunk	TR	49
	5. Cobblers	CB	50
	6. Extra-iron clinching	EC	51
	7. Hob	HB	52
III—Spikes (SP)	1. Common	CM	53
	2. Gutter	GRF/GRO	54
	3. Round	RDC/RDF	55
	4. Barge and boat	BB	56
IV—Staples (ST)	1. Fence	FN	57
	2. Poultry netting	PN	58
	3. Flat top crown	FC	59
	Flat top crown	FCC	60
	4. Round or V crown	RC	61
	5. Preformed	PC	62
	6. Electrical	RE	63
7. Preformed hoop	PH	64	

TABLE 2 Bend Angles for Fasteners Using the Test Method F 680 Bend Test

Fastener Material
1. Steel wire: (low-carbon, medium-low carbon, medium-carbon) (unhardened)
2. Stainless steel wire
3. Hardened steel fasteners
4. Sheet steel for cut nails, Type II, and cut spikes, Type III
5. Copper (min 98 %)
6. Copper clad wire (min 20 %)
7. Aluminum alloy wire
8. Brass wire

5.1.7 Supplementary requirements, if any; and

5.1.8 Any additions agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

6. Material Requirements

6.1 Steel wire used in the manufacture of driven fasteners shall be of low carbon, medium-low carbon, or medium carbon.

6.2 Stainless steel wire used in the manufacture of driven fasteners shall be of Types 302, 304, 305, or 316.

6.3 Carbon steel wire for the manufacture of hardened nails shall be suitable for heat treatment to a minimum hardness of 37 HRC.

6.4 Sheet steel used in the manufacture of cut nails and cut spikes (Type III) shall be a medium-carbon steel.

6.5 Copper used in the manufacture of driven fasteners shall contain a minimum of 98 % pure copper.

6.6 Copper-clad steel wire used in the manufacture of driven fasteners shall contain not less than 20 % copper by weight. The average thickness of copper on the steel wire shall be not less than 10 % of the radius of the clad wire, and the minimum thickness of copper on the steel wire shall be not less than 8 % of the radius of the clad wire.

6.7 Aluminum alloy wire used in the manufacture of driven fasteners shall conform to Alloy 2024, 5056, 6061, or 6063 and have a minimum ultimate tensile strength of 60 000 psi.

NOTE 3—Smooth shank nails are sometimes chemically treated to remove grease, oil, and foreign matter and to roughen the surface microscopically. Mechanically deformed nails are sometimes chemically treated to remove grease and foreign matter.

6.8 Brass wire used in the manufacture of fasteners shall be of good commercial quality suitable for the purpose.

7. Physical Properties

7.1 Ductility—The fasteners shall be sufficiently ductile to withstand cold bending without fracture, as specified in Test Method F 680 for various materials used in the manufacture of fasteners utilizing the conventional bend test described in Test Method F 680. Mandrel diameter used in this test shall not exceed the nail/wire diameter. The cold bend test shall not apply to unhardened nails with deformed shanks.

7.2 Tensile Strength—Finished driven fasteners are normally subject to tension testing. However, the wire or rod used to manufacture the fastener is tested as required for control in the production process during manufacture.

5.1.3 Special material requirements, if specified, including coatings or finishes;

5.1.4 ASTM designation;

5.1.5 Packaging requirements;

5.1.6 A producer's or supplier's certification that the material and the finished fastener are in compliance with this specification, furnished only when specified in the purchase order;

Dimensions and Tolerances

1.1 Nominal dimensions of nails and spikes shall be as shown in Tables 3-56. The following dimensional designations apply:

- = trade designation (reference in penny weight),
- = length, in.,
- = head diameter or width, in.,
- = shank diameter, in.,
- = head separation, in. (Table 18), and
- = approximate count per pound.

1.1.1 The lengths, *L*, of nails and spikes with flat heads or shoulders under the head shall be measured from under head or shoulder to the tip of the point. All other nails and spikes shall be measured overall.

1.1.2 The diameter, *D*, of smooth shank nails and spikes shall be measured away from the gripper marks. The diameter, of formed or deformed shanks shall be measured before formation, or, if specified, the thread crest diameter after formation, or both. All diameter dimensions shall be taken to the application of or after the removal of any coatings.

Tolerances on Nominal Dimensions for Nails and Spikes

1.1.1 Length tolerances shall be $\pm 1/32$ in. for lengths up to and including 1 in.; $\pm 1/16$ in. for lengths over 1 in., up to and including 2 1/2 in.; $\pm 3/32$ for lengths over 2 1/2 in., up to and including 7 in.; and $\pm 1/8$ in. for all lengths over 7 in.

1.1.2 Shank diameter tolerances shall be ± 0.002 in. for diameters smaller than 0.076 in. and ± 0.004 in. for diameters 0.076 in. and larger.

Head Diameter Tolerances:

1.1.1 **Hand Driven**—Tolerances on head diameters of hand driven nails shall be +0, -10 % of the nominal head diameter (mean of two readings 90° apart). For other brads, nails, and spikes, the tolerance shall be ± 10 % of the nominal head diameter (individual measurement). The difference in diameter across the long axis of a roofing nail shall not exceed that across the short axis by more than 20 %. For other brads, nails, and spikes, the difference in diameter across the long axis shall not exceed that across the short axis by more than 10 %. A fillet shall be provided under the head if not otherwise specified.

1.1.2 **Power Driven**—Tolerances on head diameters of power driven nails shall comply with the manufacturer's specification and shall be suitable for use in the make and model of tool specified.

Nominal dimensions of staples shall be as shown in Tables 3-54, and the following dimensional designations shall apply:

Hand Tool-Driven Nominal Dimensions:

- = leg length, inside, in.,
- = round leg diameter, in.,
- = crown width, inside, in., and
- = approximate count per pound.

Power Tool-Driven Nominal Dimensions:

- D* = round leg diameter, in.,
- L* = leg length, outside, in.,
- T* = leg thickness, in. (see Tables 59 and 60),
- W* = leg width, in. (see Tables 59 and 60),
- C* = crown width, outside, in., and
- G* = steel wire gage.

8.4 Tolerances on Nominal Dimensions for Staples:

8.4.1 Leg length, *L*, tolerances shall be $+1/32$, $-1/64$ in. for both hand tool-driven and power tool-driven staples.

8.4.2 Diameter tolerances for hand tool-driven round staples shall be ± 0.002 in. for diameters smaller than 0.076 in. and ± 0.004 in. for diameters 0.076 in. and larger.

8.4.3 Thickness and width tolerances on power-driven staples shall comply with the manufacturer's specification and shall be suitable for use in the make and model tool specified (see Tables 59 and 60).

8.4.4 Crown width tolerances are $\pm 1/32$ in. unless otherwise specified.

8.5 **Nominal Dimensions for Cut Nails, Type II**—Unless otherwise specified, cut nails shall be sheared from medium carbon sheet steel and shall have a wedge-shaped shank with a sheared square point end narrower than the upset head end. The designation *T* in Tables 46-51 refers to sheet thickness in finished product. Other designations shall be the same as those for nails in 8.1.

8.6 When gage is used for a nominal diameter dimension in the application of this specification, it shall be in accordance with the decimal equivalents as shown in Specification A 510M, unless otherwise specified.

9. Workmanship

9.1 Fasteners covered by this specification shall be true to shape, well-finished, free from imperfections, clean, and free of corrosion. Mechanically driven collated items shall be uniform and aligned properly in their assembled form for use in power tools.

10. Protective Coatings and Finishes

10.1 Zinc Coating:

10.1.1 Driven fasteners required to be zinc coated shall be cut and formed from hot-dip, hard-wiped, galvanized steel wire, electrogalvanized steel wire, or zinc flake/chromate dispersion-coated steel wire; or they shall be cut from uncoated (bright) steel wire and shall be hot-dip galvanized, electrodeposited zinc coated, mechanically deposited zinc coated, or zinc flake/chromate dispersion coated after forming. Power-driven staples are not normally zinc coated after forming.

10.1.2 Hot-dip galvanized or electrogalvanized steel wire for the manufacture of fasteners shall have a coating weight in accordance with Specification A 641/A 641M, Supplementary Requirements, Class 1.

10.1.3 Hot-dip galvanized steel fasteners coated after forming shall have a coating weight in accordance with Specification A 153/A 153M, Class D, when a heavier coating for exterior use is specified. If not otherwise specified, the coating weight shall be in accordance with Specification A 641/A 641M, Supplementary Requirements, Class 1.

10.1.4 Mechanically deposited zinc coatings applied to fasteners after forming shall have a thickness in accordance with Specification B 695, Class 40, unless otherwise specified.

10.2 Other Coatings and Finishes (When Specified):

10.2.1 Cement coating shall be applied by tumbling, mechanical dispensing device, or immersion in resin or other similar material and shall not be tacky or gummy. Cement coatings on power-driven fasteners shall be uniform and applied before, during, or after the fasteners are cohered into strips, clips, or coils.

NOTE 4—Cement coatings increase the holding strength in withdrawal of a driven fastener, depending on the fastener size, amount of cement coating applied, and method of driving.

10.2.2 Chemical etching shall remove the polish of fabrication and roughen the surface microscopically.

10.2.3 Blued nails shall be heated to form a thin, colored oxide on the surface.

10.2.4 Miscellaneous finishes, such as tin plating, liquor, brass plating, copper plating, phosphate coating, or oil coating shall be applied.

10.3 Altered Shapes and Deformations:

10.3.1 Mechanically formed or deformed nail shanks shall have barbs, flutes, threads, or angular serrations formed onto the wire from which the nail is manufactured. Mechanically deformed shanks shall have vertical or helical flutes or screw-type or annular (ring)-type deformations rolled onto the shank. Symmetrical helical shank deformations shall be obtained by twisting square wire. The deformations shall pass entirely around the shank body, resulting in expanded ridges and depressions.

10.3.2 Mechanically formed or deformed nail heads shall be round or T-headed; or they shall be altered round to allow use in a given make and model of a power-driving system.

10.3.3 Staples manufactured for intended use in power-driven systems shall comply with the tool manufacturer's specifications, IV, Style 3 (Table 59 or Table 60).

11. Certification

11.1 When specified in the purchase order, a manufacturer's supplier's certification shall be furnished with the purchase order indicating that the fasteners are in compliance with the specification and the purchase order.

12. Packaging and Package Marking

12.1 Unless otherwise specified, fasteners shall be packaged in substantial commercial containers of the type, size, and material commonly used for the purpose, so constructed as to protect the contents in good condition and to ensure accurate and safe delivery by common or other carriers to the user's delivery. In addition, the containers shall be so marked that contents can be removed partially without damage to the container's ability to serve as a receptacle for the remainder of the contents.

12.2 When specified, individual packages and containers shall be marked with the part-identifying number and type, length, diameter (or gage, as applicable) of the fastener, the name of the manufacturer or distributor, and quantity or net weight.

13. Keywords

13.1 diameter; driven fasteners; head; length; nails; spikes; staples;

10.1 Protective Coatings and Finishes	10.1.1 Zinc Coatings	10.1.2 Hot-dip Galvanized Steel	10.1.3 Electroplated Zinc Coatings
1. Minimum thickness	1.0 mil (25.4 μm)	1.0 mil (25.4 μm)	1.0 mil (25.4 μm)
2. Surface finish	Smooth	Smooth	Smooth
3. Adhesion	Good	Good	Good
4. Corrosion resistance	Good	Good	Good
5. Compatibility with fastener material	Good	Good	Good
6. Uniformity	Good	Good	Good
7. Resistance to chipping and peeling	Good	Good	Good
8. Resistance to abrasion	Good	Good	Good
9. Resistance to impact	Good	Good	Good
10. Resistance to heat	Good	Good	Good
11. Resistance to cold	Good	Good	Good
12. Resistance to salt water	Good	Good	Good
13. Resistance to acid	Good	Good	Good
14. Resistance to alkali	Good	Good	Good
15. Resistance to oil	Good	Good	Good
16. Resistance to grease	Good	Good	Good
17. Resistance to dirt	Good	Good	Good
18. Resistance to dust	Good	Good	Good
19. Resistance to moisture	Good	Good	Good
20. Resistance to humidity	Good	Good	Good
21. Resistance to UV radiation	Good	Good	Good
22. Resistance to ozone	Good	Good	Good
23. Resistance to sulfur dioxide	Good	Good	Good
24. Resistance to nitrogen dioxide	Good	Good	Good
25. Resistance to carbon dioxide	Good	Good	Good
26. Resistance to hydrogen sulfide	Good	Good	Good
27. Resistance to ammonia	Good	Good	Good
28. Resistance to hydrogen chloride	Good	Good	Good
29. Resistance to hydrogen fluoride	Good	Good	Good
30. Resistance to hydrogen bromide	Good	Good	Good
31. Resistance to hydrogen iodide	Good	Good	Good
32. Resistance to sulfuric acid	Good	Good	Good
33. Resistance to nitric acid	Good	Good	Good
34. Resistance to hydrochloric acid	Good	Good	Good
35. Resistance to acetic acid	Good	Good	Good
36. Resistance to formic acid	Good	Good	Good
37. Resistance to phosphoric acid	Good	Good	Good
38. Resistance to sulfuric acid	Good	Good	Good
39. Resistance to nitric acid	Good	Good	Good
40. Resistance to hydrochloric acid	Good	Good	Good
41. Resistance to acetic acid	Good	Good	Good
42. Resistance to formic acid	Good	Good	Good
43. Resistance to phosphoric acid	Good	Good	Good
44. Resistance to sulfuric acid	Good	Good	Good
45. Resistance to nitric acid	Good	Good	Good
46. Resistance to hydrochloric acid	Good	Good	Good
47. Resistance to acetic acid	Good	Good	Good
48. Resistance to formic acid	Good	Good	Good
49. Resistance to phosphoric acid	Good	Good	Good
50. Resistance to sulfuric acid	Good	Good	Good