
**Implants for surgery — Metallic
materials —**

**Part 12:
Wrought cobalt-chromium-
molybdenum alloy**

Implants chirurgicaux — Matériaux métalliques —

*Partie 12: Alliage corroyé à base de cobalt, de chrome et de
molybdène*



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Introduction

No known surgical implant material has ever been shown to cause absolutely no adverse reactions in the human body. However, long-term clinical experience of the use of the material referred to in this document has shown that an acceptable level of biological response can be expected when the material is used in appropriate applications.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for two wrought cobalt 28-chromium 6-molybdenum alloys used for surgical implants. The properties apply specifically to wrought bar, rod and wire.

NOTE 1 The mechanical properties of a sample obtained from a finished product made of this alloy can differ from those specified in this document.

NOTE 2 The high carbon content of this alloy produces a structure containing a significant carbide distribution. This can be adjusted either in the production of the bar or in subsequent thermomechanical processing to produce the final device. Carbide distribution in the final device is not included as part of this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 643, *Steels — Micrographic determination of the apparent grain size*

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

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Chemical composition

The heat analysis of a representative sample of the alloy when determined in accordance with [Clause 7](#) shall be in accordance with the chemical composition specified in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Chemical composition

Element	Mass fraction %	
	Alloy 1 Low carbon	Alloy 2 High carbon
Chromium	26,0 to 30,0	26,0 to 30,0
Molybdenum	5,0 to 7,0	5,0 to 7,0
Iron	0,75 maximum	0,75 maximum