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O. FOREWORD

- **0.1** This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 29 January 1969, after the draft finalized by the Hand Tools Sectional Committee had been approved by the Mechanical Engineering Division Council.
- 0.2 This standard lays down the requirements for non-sparking tools. These tools are made of non-ferrous alloy having a low sparking hazard and a low magnetic permeability. These tools are used in the presence of flammable gases, dust and explosives and other applications where low magnetic permeability is essential.
- 0.3 While preparing this standard, assistance has been derived from GGG-W-642 a 'Wrench, bung (non-sparking and non-magnetic)' issued by USA Federal Supply Service.
- 0.4 For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS:2-1960*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard covers the general requirements for non-sparking tools.

2. MATERIAL

2.1 Non-sparking safety tools shall be manufactured from any suitable non-sparking material. The chemical composition of one of such non-sparking materials is given below:

Constituent	Percent	
Aluminium	8.5 to 10.5	
Iron	3.5 to 5.5	
Nickel	4.5 to 6.5	
Manganese	1.5, Max	
Copper	Remainder	

[•]Rules for rounding off numerical values (revised).

2.1.1 The content of the impurities in the non-sparking material, the composition of which is indicated in 2.1, shall not exceed the limits given below:

Constituent	`	Percent
Tin		0.10
Lead		0.05
Silicon		0.25
Magnesium		0.05

The total content of impurities shall not exceed 0.30 percent.

2.1.2 The material shall have a minimum ultimate tensile strength of 70 kgf/mm².

3. HARDNESS

3.1 The working edges of non-sparking tools shall have a hardness value within the hardness range of 190 to 230 HV (see IS: 1810-1961*).

4. SHAPES AND SIZES

4.1 The shapes, sizes and dimensions of various types of non-sparking hand tools shall be as specified in the relevant specifications.

5. WORKMANSHIP AND FINISH

5.1 The non-sparking safety hand tools shall be free from defects, such as fins, scales, cracks, seams, burrs, or any other defect which may adversely affect the proper functioning of the product. Flash lines shall be removed sufficiently to blend smoothly with adjacent surfaces.

6. MARKING

- 6.1 The tools shall be marked with the manufacturer's name or trademark. The year of manufacture shall also be stamped, if required by the purchaser.
- 6.1.1 The tools shall also be marked with the name, abbreviation or chemical symbol of the alloy used in the manufacture of the tool.
 - 6.1.2 The tools may also be marked with the ISI Certification Mark.

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^{*}Method for Vickers hardness test for light metals and their alloys.

7. PACKING

7.1 The tools shall be suitably wrapped in paper and packed in cardboard cartons. The cardboard cartons shall be marked with designation, size of the tool and the manufacturer's name or trade-mark.

8. SAMPLING

8.1 Unless otherwise agreed to between the supplier and the purchaser, the sampling plan and criteria for conformity given in Appendix A shall be followed.

9. TESTS

9.1 Sparking Test

- 9.1.1 Apparatus The sparking test shall be conducted in an explosion chamber having a volume of 127.4 dm3. The chamber shall be furnished with a hot plate for vaporizing gasoline, a means of admitting gasoline and oxygen at atmospheric pressure, a fan for mixing the gasoline vapour and oxygen, two electrodes or other suitable means for providing electric spark, a 75 mm diameter by 6 mm thick metal wheel having coarsely knurled surface on the circumference and rotating at a speed of 10 000 revolutions per minute and a fixture for holding the test specimen against the circumference of the metal wheel while applying pressure from the outside of the chamber. The metal wheel shall be made of carbon tool steel conforming to T90 of IS: 1570-1961* with a maximum sulphur and phosphorus content of 0.025 percent each and heat-treated to a hardness value of 700 to 820 HV (see IS: 1501-1959†). The gasoline used during these tests shall be aviation gasoline conforming to grade 100/130 of IS: 1604-1960t. An oxygen analyzer shall be used to determine the percentage of oxygen in the chamber.
- 9.1.2 Procedure A test specimen approximately 6 mm in diameter by 50 mm in length shall be made from the material used in the manufacture of the tools, and shall be subjected to the sparking test. The specimen shall be mounted in the holder fixture and the chamber shall be sealed. Oxygen shall be admitted into the chamber until the oxygen content in the air reaches 50 percent. A pan resting on the hot plate shall then be filled in with 20 cm³ of gasoline through an opening of the top of the chamber. The opening shall be sealed and the fan turned on and the gasoline evaporated. After the gas is completely evaporated, the fan shall be turned off and the specimen held against the rotating wheel with a

^{*}Schedules for wrought steels for general engineering purposes.

[†]Method for Vickers hardness test for steel.

¹Specification for aviation gasoline.

force of 1.134 kgf. If no explosion occurs before 5 seconds, the mixture shall be exploded by means of the electric spark to demonstrate the presence of an explosive mixture. Three runs shall be made with the test specimen and if the specimen explodes the gasoline and oxygen-enriched air mixture during any of these runs, the tool represented by the specimen tested shall be disapproved for use as a non-sparking tool.

9.2 Magnetic Permeability Test — The magnetic permeability of the manufacturing material shall not exceed 1.02 and shall be determined by any suitable method.

APPENDIX A

(Clause 8.1)

SAMPLING OF NON-SPARKING TOOLS AND CRITERIA FOR CONFORMITY

A-1. SCALE OF SAMPLING

- **A-1.1 Lot** In any consignment all the non-sparking tools of the same type, shape and size, and manufactured from the same material under essentially uniform conditions of manufacture shall be grouped together to constitute a lot.
- A-1.2 For ascertaining the conformity of the lot to the requirements of the relevant specification, tests shall be carried out for each lot separately. The number of non-sparking tools to be selected at random for this purpose shall be in accordance with col 1 and 2 of Table 1.

TABLE 1 SCALE OF SAMPLING AND PERMISSIBLE NUMBER OF DEFECTIVES

(Clauses A-1.2, A-1.3 and A-2.1.1)

No. of Non-spa Tools in the		SAMPLE SIZE	Permissible Defectiv	
N		n		
(1)		(2)	(3)	rei di
Up to	25	5	0	
26 "	50	8	0	
51 ,, 1	00	13	0	
101 " 3	300	20	1	
301 " 5	500	32	1	
501 " 10	000	50	2	1 2
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- A-1.3 To ensure the randomness of selection, random number tables shall be used. In case they are not available, one of the following procedures is recommended:
 - a) If all the tools are packed in one box, then starting from any tool in the lot, count them in one order as 1, 2, 3,, etc, up to r and so on, where r is the integral part of N/n (N being the number of tools in the lot and n being the number of tools to be selected). Every rth tool thus counted shall be withdrawn to constitute the sample.
 - b) If the tools are packed in different cartons, then a suitable number of cartons (at least 20 percent of the total in the lot subject to a minimum of 2) shall be selected at random and as far as possible equal number of tools shall be drawn from each carton to get the required number specified in col 2 of Table 1.

A-2. NUMBER OF TESTS AND CRITERIA FOR CONFORMITY

- A-2.1 The tools selected according to A-1.3 shall be examined for hardness, shapes and sizes, and workmanship and finish. Any tool failing to meet the requirements for any one or more of the characteristics shall be considered as defective.
- A-2.1.1 If the number of defective tools is less than or equal to the corresponding number given in col 3 of Table 1, the lot shall be declared in conformity to the requirements of the characteristics mentioned in A-2.1.
- A-2.2 If so desired by the purchaser, one test specimen from every batch or melt of the material shall be supplied by the manufacturer for subjecting it to each of the tests, namely, chemical analysis, tensile strength, sparking and magnetic permeability.
- A-2.2.1 The lot shall be declared conforming to the requirements of the above characteristics if all the test specimens satisfy the relevant requirements.
- A-2.3 The lot shall be declared conforming to the requirements of the relevant specification if it is found satisfactory according to A-2.1.1 and A-2.2.1.

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Quantity	Unit	Symbol	
Length	metre	m	
Mass	kilogram	kg	
Time	second	S	
Electric current	ampere	A	
Thermodynamic temperature	kelvin	K	
Luminous intensity	candela	cd	
Amount of substance	mole	mot	
Supplementary Units			
Quantity	Unit	Symbol	
Plane angle	radian	rad	
Solid angle	steradian	sr	
Derived Units			
Quantity	Unit	Symbol	Conversion
Force	newton	N	1 N = 1 kg.1 m/s1
Energy	Joule	J	1 J = 1 N.m
Power	watt	. W	1 W = 1 J/s
Flux	weber	Wb	1 Wb = 1 V.s
Flux density	tesla	T	1 T = 1 Wb/m*
Frequency	hertz	Hz	1 Hz = 1 c/s (s-1
Electric conductance	slemens	S	1 S-1 A/V
Pressure, stress	pascal	Pa	1 Pa = 1 N/m1

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