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DETAIL SPECIFICATION SHEET

WIRE, ELECTRICAL, POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) INSULATED, 105
DEGREE C, 3000 VOLTS (NOT FOR NAVY SHIPBOARD USE)

Inactive for new design after 08 December 2014. For new design, use
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) HP 7.

This specification is approved for use by all Departments and Agencies of
the Department of Defense.

The requirements for acquiring the product described herein shall consist of this specification sheet
and MIL-DTL-16878.

REQUIREMENTS.

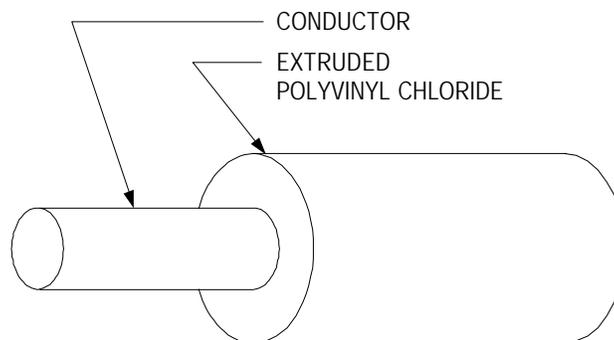


FIGURE 1. Wire configuration.

Note: Not for Navy shipboard use or use in aerospace applications.



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TABLE I. Wire configuration and dimensions.

PIN ^{1/}	Wire size	Stranding	Conductor		Conductor diameter (nominal) (inch)	Finished wire diameter (inch)	
			Material ^{2/, 3/}	Coating		Min	Max
M16878/3BAA*	32	1 X 32	Copper	Tin	.0080	.024	.030
M16878/3BEA*	24	1 X 24	Copper	Tin	.0201	.071	.086
M16878/3DEA*	24	1 X 24	H.S.C.A	Silver	.0201	.071	.086
M16878/3CEA*	24	1 X 24	C.C. steel	Tin	.0201	.071	.086
M16878/3BEB*	24	7 X 32	Copper	Tin	.0240	.075	.090
M16878/3DEB*	24	7 X 32	H.S.C.A	Silver	.0240	.075	.090
M16878/3BEE*	24	19 X 36	Copper	Tin	.0260	.075	.090
M16878/3DEE*	24	19 X 36	H.S.C.A	Silver	.0260	.075	.090
M16878/3BFA*	22	1 X 22	Copper	Tin	.0254	.075	.091
M16878/3DFA*	22	1 X 22	H.S.C.A	Silver	.0254	.076	.091
M16878/3CFA*	22	1 X 22	C.C. steel	Tin	.0254	.076	.091
M16878/3BFB*	22	7 X 30	Copper	Tin	.0300	.081	.096
M16878/3DFB*	22	7 X 30	H.S.C.A	Silver	.0300	.081	.096
M16878/3BFE*	22	19 X 34	Copper	Tin	.0320	.081	.096
M16878/3DFE*	22	19 X 34	H.S.C.A	Silver	.0320	.081	.096
M16878/3BGA*	20	1 X 20	Copper	Tin	.0320	.083	.098
M16878/3DGA*	20	1 X 20	H.S.C.A	Silver	.0320	.083	.098
M16878/3BGB*	20	7 X 28	Copper	Tin	.0380	.089	.104
M16878/3DGB*	20	7 X 28	H.S.C.A	Silver	.0380	.089	.104
M16878/3BGE*	20	19 X 32	Copper	Tin	.0410	.089	.104
M16878/3DGE*	20	19 X 32	H.S.C.A	Silver	.0410	.089	.104
M16878/3BHA*	18	1 X 18	Copper	Tin	.0403	.091	.106
M16878/3BHB*	18	7 X 26	Copper	Tin	.0490	.100	.115
M16878/3BHE*	18	19 X 30	Copper	Tin	.0510	.100	.115
M16878/3BJA*	16	1 X 16	Copper	Tin	.0508	.102	.117
M16878/3BJE*	16	19 X 29	Copper	Tin	.0590	.110	.125
M16878/3BJF*	16	26 X 30	Copper	Tin	.0620	.113	.128
M16878/3BKA*	14	1 X 14	Copper	Tin	.0641	.115	.130
M16878/3BKE*	14	19 X 27	Copper	Tin	.0720	.123	.138
M16878/3BKH*	14	41 X 30	Copper	Tin	.0800	.131	.146
M16878/3BLA*	12	1 X 12	Copper	Tin	.0808	.145	.159
M16878/3BLE*	12	19 X 25	Copper	Tin	.0920	.156	.171
M16878/3BLG*	12	37 X 28	Copper	Tin	.0890	.153	.168
M16878/3BLJ*	12	65 X 30	Copper	Tin	.0980	.062	.177
M16878/3BMA*	10	1 X 10	Copper	Tin	.1019	.166	.181
M16878/3BMG*	10	37 X 26	Copper	Tin	.1110	.175	.190
M16878/3BMK*	10	105 X 30	Copper	Tin	.1270	.191	.206

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TABLE I. Wire configuration and dimensions - Continued.

PIN ^{1/}	Wire size	Stranding	Conductor		Conductor diameter (nominal) (inch)	Finished wire diameter (inch)	
			Material ^{2/, 3/}	Coating		Min	Max
M16878/3BNL*	8	133 X 29	Copper	Tin	.1690	.241	.256
M16878/3BPL*	6	133 X 27	Copper	Tin	.2130	.286	.301
M16878/3BRL*	4	133 X 25	Copper	Tin	.2680	.348	.368
M16878/3BSP*	2	665 X 30	Copper	Tin	.3420	.422	.442
M16878/3BTR*	1	817 X 30	Copper	Tin	.3820	.472	.492
M16878/3BUS*	0	1045 X 30	Copper	Tin	.4310	.525	.545

Notes:

- 1/ PIN stands for part or identifying number (see figure 2).
- 2/ H.S.C.A. stands for high-strength copper alloy.
- 3/ C.C. stands for copper-clad.

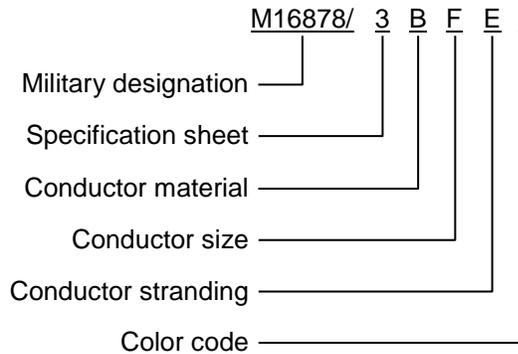


FIGURE 2. Example of PIN (see MIL-DTL-16878).

Configuration and dimensions:	See figure 1 and table I
Operating voltage:	Up to 3000 volts
Operating temperature:	Up to 105 degrees C
Insulation:	Extruded polyvinyl chloride
Spark test voltage:	8.0 kV
Impulse dielectric test voltage:	12.0 kV or 8.5 kV using the 3.0 kHz spark test
Dielectric withstanding voltage:	6.0 kV
Insulation resistance:	IR = K log ₁₀ D/d
	Where: IR = Minimum insulation resistance in megohms-1000 feet at 20 degrees C
	K = 2,000
	D = Maximum average diameter of finished wire
	d = Conductor diameter
Cold bend:	Condition 4 hours at -54±1 degrees C (see table II)

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TABLE II. Cold bend mandrel sizes.

Wire size	Cold bend mandrel diameter (inches, maximum)
32, 24, 22	2
20 through 14	3
12, 10	4.5
8	6
6, 4	10
2, 1, 0	18

Surface resistance: Not required
Heat resistance: Condition at 150 degrees C
Heat aging: 25 percent change (maximum) in 96 hours at 135 degrees C
Insulation tensile strength: 1800 pounds force per square inch (minimum)
Insulation elongation: 100 percent (minimum)

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Referenced documents: This document references MIL-DTL-16878.

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