

# MIL-W-81381/9D

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## MILITARY SPECIFICATION SHEET

WIRE, ELECTRIC, FLUOROCARBON/POLYIMIDE INSULATED, LIGHT WEIGHT,  
 SILVER COATED HIGH STRENGTH COPPER ALLOY CONDUCTOR, 500 VOLTS, 200° C,  
 NOMINAL 5.8 MIL WALL

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

The complete requirements for procuring the wire described herein shall consist of this document and the issue in effect of Specification MIL-W-81381.

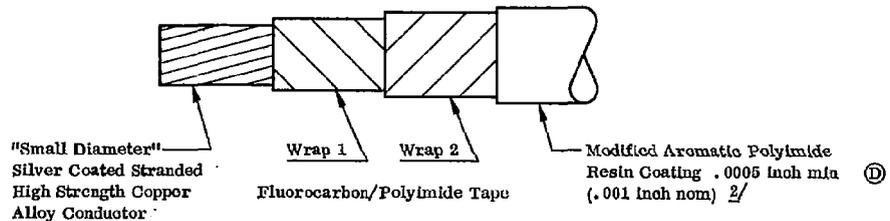


TABLE I. Construction details.

Part Number 1/	Wire Size	Conductor		Finished Wire			Insulation Tapes				
		Stranding (Number of Strands X AWG gage of strands)	Diameter (inches)		Resistance at 20°C (68°F) (ohms/1000 ft) (max)	Diameter (inches) (min-max)	Weight (lbs/1000 ft) (max)	Wrap 1		Wrap 2	
			(min)	(max)				Tape Code 3/	Over- lap (%) (min)	Tape Code 3/	Over- lap (%) (min)
① M81381/9-30-*	30	7 x 38	.011	.012	117.4	.023-.026	0.6	.1/1/.1	50	.1/1/.1	50
① M81381/9-28-*	28	7 x 36	.014	.015	74.4	.026-.029	0.9				
M81381/9-26-*	26	19 x 38	.013	.020	44.8	.031-.034	1.3				
M81381/9-24-*	24	19 x 36	.023	.024	28.4	.034-.037	1.9				
M81381/9-22-*	22	19 x 34	.029	.031	17.5	.041-.044	2.9				
M81381/9-20-*	20	19 x 32	.037	.039	10.7	.049-.052	4.4				

1/ Part Number: The asterisks in the part number column, Tables I and II, shall be replaced by color code designators in accordance with MIL-STD-681, except that opaque dark yellow as defined in MIL-W-81381 shall be designated by the letter "N" and unpigmented polyimide resin coating shall be designated by the letter "C". Examples: Size 20, opaque dark yellow - M81381/9-20-N; same with orange stripe - M81381/9-20-N3.

2/ Nominal values are for information only. Nominal values are not requirements.

3/ Tape Code: .1/1/.1 0.1 mil FEP fluorocarbon resin/1 mil polyimide film/0.1 mil FEP fluorocarbon resin

FEP = Fluorinated Ethylene Propylene

① denotes changes.

TABLE II. Performance details.

Part Number	Durability Test Load for		Abrasion Resistance				Bend Testing				
	Color Markings (grams)	Insulation Coatings (lbs)	Weight Support Bracket	Weight (lbs)	Tension Load (lbs)	Resistance (inches of tape) (min)	Mandrel Diameter (inches) (±3%)			Test Load (lbs) (±3%)	
							Life Cycle (Oven & bend tests) <sup>1/</sup>	Cold Bend Test	Wrap Test	Wrinkle Test <sup>ⓓ</sup>	Life Cycle (Oven & bend tests) <sup>1/</sup>
ⓓ M81381/9-30-*	50	.25	A	.125	1.0	21	.250	.125	.125	.50	
ⓓ M81381/0-28-*	50	.25	A	.125	1.0	21	.250	.125	.125	.50	
M81381/9-28-*	75	.50	A	.125	1.0	24	.250	.125	.125	.50	
M81381/9-24-*	75	.75	A	.125	1.0	24	.250	.125	.125	.50	
M81381/9-22-*	100	1.00	A	.125	1.0	24	.250	.125	.156	.50	
M81381/9-20-*	100	1.00	A	.125	1.0	24	.250	.125	.188	.75	

<sup>1/</sup> Also for bend tests after immersion

WIRE RATINGS AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- TEMPERATURE RATING: 200°C (392°F) max conductor temperature
- VOLTAGE RATING: 600 volts (rms) at sea level
- BLOCKING: Oven temperature, 200 ± 2°C (392 ± 3.6°F)
- COLOR: As specified in contract or order in accordance with MIL-W-81381
- FLAMMABILITY: 3 sec (max) after flame  
3.0 inches (max) flame travel  
No flaming of tissue paper
- HUMIDITY RESISTANCE: 5 megohms-1000 ft, min insulation resistance after humidity exposure
- IDENTIFICATION OF PRODUCT: Required for sizes 22 and larger
- IDENTIFICATION, STRIPING, OR BANDING DURABILITY: 125 cycles (250 strokes); see Table II for test load
- IMPULSE DIELECTRIC TEST: 100% test; impulse voltage as specified in MIL-W-81381
- INSULATION RESISTANCE: 2500 megohms-1000 ft (min)
- LAMINATION SEALING: Oven temperature, 230 ± 2°C (446 ± 3.6°F)
- LIFE CYCLE: Oven temperature, 230 ± 2°C (446 ± 3.6°F) for 500 hours
- MINIMUM WALL THICKNESS: 5.0 mils
- POLYIMIDE CURE TEST: Applicable
- PROPELLANT RESISTANCE: Test not required
- RESIN COATING DURABILITY: 250 cycles (500 strokes); see Table II for test load
- SHRINKAGE: 0.031 inch (max) at 230 ± 2°C (446 ± 3.6°F)
- SURFACE RESISTANCE: 5 megohms-inches (min), initial and final readings
- THERMAL SHOCK: Oven temperature, 200 ± 2°C (392 ± 3.6°F) Change in measurement, 0.031 inch (max)
- WET DIELECTRIC TEST: 2500 volts (rms)

ⓓ WRINKLE TEST: There shall be no wrinkles visible in the insulation at 3X magnification (3 diameters) after bending the wire one full turn around the mandrel specified in Table II. (The wire may be examined on the mandrel or after removal of the mandrel leaving the coil intact.) This test shall be included in the MIL-W-81381 quality conformance inspection as a Group II characteristic, one specimen to be tested from each sample unit.

Intended use note: The wire of this specification sheet is intended for hookup applications in electronic chassis. It is also intended for use in bundles under a protective jacket for inter-connecting applications; e. g., in airframes.

Caution: This wire should not be subjected to physical contact with missile propellants.

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Army - EL	Army - MI	(Project No. 6145-0705-3)
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User activities:	NSA	
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