

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

**MATERIAL SPECIFICATION**  
**MS-213: “STEEL REINFORCEMENT”**

213.1 SCOPE

This specification governs the quality of steel reinforcement for reinforced concrete.

213.2. QUALITY

Reinforcing steel shall be free from rust, oil grease, paint or other deleterious matter.

Steel bars for concrete reinforcement requiring bends shall be deformed billet-steel bars conforming to ASTM Specification A-615, Grade 40 or Grade 60.

Straight steel bars shall be deformed bars conforming to one of the following specifications:

Deformed Billet-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement (Grade 40 or Grade 60) - ASTM Designation A-615.

Rail-Steel Deformed Bars for Concrete Reinforcement (Grade 50 or Grade 60) - ASTM Designation A-616.

Axle-Steel Deformed Bars for Concrete Reinforcement (Grade 40 or Grade 60) - ASTM Designation A-617.

Fabricated steel bar mats shall conform to the requirements of ASTM Specification A-184.

Welded steel wire fabric reinforcement shall conform to the requirements of ASTM Specification A-185.

Welded deformed steel wire fabric for concrete reinforcement shall conform to the requirements of ASTM Specification A0497.

Cold-drawn steel wire reinforcement shall conform to the requirements of ASTM Specification A-82.

Deformed steel wire for concrete reinforcement shall conform to the requirements of ASTM Specification A-496.

213.3 DIMENSION OF WELDED WIRE FABRIC

Gauges, spacing and arrangement of wires in welded steel wire fabric shall be as defined in ACI Standard 315 of the American Concrete Institute for the specified style designations.

213.4 STORAGE

Steel reinforcement stored at the site of the work shall be stored above the ground surface on platforms, skids, or other supports and shall be protected from mechanical injury and corrosion.