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# **ALLOY 29-17 (KOVAR®), UNS K94610**

Strip, Coil, Foil & Wire, ASTM F-15

# **Applications**

Alloy 29-17 (Kovar®) has been used for making hermetic seals with the harder Pyrex glasses and ceramic materials. This alloy has found wide use in application where high reliability is a necessity. In power tubes, microwave tubes, transistors, diodes, inter-grated circuits and has been used for the flat pack and the dual-in-line package.

# **Description**

Alloy 29-17 (Kovar®) is a vacuum melted, iron-nickel-cobalt, low expansion alloy whose chemical composition is controlled within narrow limits to assure precise uniform thermal expansion properties. Extensive quality controls are employed in the manufacture of this alloy to ensure uniform physical and mechanical properties for ease in deep drawing, coining, stamping and machining.

# **Chemistry Typical**

0.02 max

Silicon: 0.20 max Manganese: 0.30 max Nickel: 29.0 max \* Cobalt: 17.0 max \* Iron: Balance \*

# **Physical Properties**

Density: 0.302 lb/in³, 8.60 g/cm³

Thermal Conductivity: BTU-in/hr-ft²-°F (W/m•K)

At 68 °F (20 °C): 116 (16.7)

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<sup>\*</sup> The iron, nickel and cobalt requirements listed may be adjusted so that the alloy meets the specified requirements for coefficient of thermal expansion.

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Electrical Resistivity: ohm-cir-mil/ft, microhm-mm:
At 68 °F (20 °C): 259 (43)
At 212 °F (100 °C): 331 (55)
At 392 °F (200 °C): 433 (72)
At 572 °F (300 °C): 529 (88)
At 752 °F (400 °C): 602 (100)
At 932 °F (500 °C): 656 (109)
At 1112 °F (600 °C): 686 (114)
Mean Coefficient of Thermal Expansion: µin/in-°F (µm/m-°C)
68 - 212 °F (20 - 100 °C): 3.3 (6.0)
68 - 202 °F (20 - 150 °C): 3.2 (5.8)
68 - 392 °F (20 - 200 °C): 3.1 (5.5)
68 - 482 °F (20 - 250 °C): 2.9 (5.3)
68 - 572 °F (20 - 300 °C): 2.8 (5.1)
68 - 662 °F (20 - 350 °C): 2.7 (4.9)
68 - 752 °F (20 - 400 °C): 2.7 (4.9)
68 - 842 °F (20 - 450 °C): 2.9 (5.3)
68 - 932 °F (20 - 500 °C): 3.4 (6.2)
Modulus of Elasticity: ksi (MPa)
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Melting Range: 2640 °F (1450 °C)

#### **Forms**

Sheet, Strip, Plate – Inquiry with Ulbrich Stainless Steel Sales Wire – Profile, Round, Flats, Squares

# **Mechanical Properties at Room Temperature**

## **Properties: Annealed Typical**

Ultimate Tensile Strength: 75 KSI nom (517 MPa nom)

Yield Strength: 49 KSI nom ( 340 MPa nom )

Elongation: 42% min

## **Properties: Tempered**

Alloy 29-17 (Kovar®) can be cold worked to various tempers. Contact Ulbrich Technical Service for additional information.

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# **Additional Properties**

#### **Corrosion Resistance**

Refer to NACE (National Associate of Corrosion Engineers) for recommendations.

#### **Finishes**

#1 – Hot rolled annealed and descaled. It is available in strip, foil and ribbon. It is used for applications where a smooth decorative finish is not required.

#2D – Dull finish produced by cold rolling, annealing and descaling. Used for deep drawn parts and those parts that need to retain lubricants in the forming process.

#2B – Smooth finish produced by cold rolling, annealing and descaling. A light cold rolling pass is added after anneal with polished rolls giving it a brighter finish than 2D.

#BA - Bright annealed cold rolled and bright annealed

#CBA - Course bright annealed cold rolled matte finish and bright anneal

#2 – Cold Rolled

#2BA – Smooth finish produced by cold rolling and bright annealing. A light pass using highly polished rolls produces a glossy finish. A 2BA finish may be used for lightly formed applications where a glossy finish is desired in the formed part.

Polished – Various grit finish for specific polish finished requirements.

\* Not all finishes are available for all alloys – Consult Sales for applicable finishes.

### Wire Finishes

XC – Extra clean. Bright annealed or bright annealed and cold rolled
 Grease – Ultra bright finish for decorative applications
 Soap – Soap is not removed from tempered wire to act as a lubricant.

#### **Heat Treatment**

Alloy 29-17 (Kovar®) is non hardenable by heat treatment.

### Welding

For best results refer to: SSINA's "Welding of Stainless Steels and Other Joining Methods".

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