



# Alloy 46, UNS K94600

Shaped, Flat, Square, Round, Fine Wire, Plated and Un-plated  
Specifications: ASTM F-30

## Alloy 46 Wire Description

Containing 46% nickel this alloy considered a controlled expansion alloy. It has a fairly constant coefficient of thermal expansion from room temperature up to 932°F (500°C).



## Applications

Glass and ceramic to metal seals  
Electrical resistors

## Chemistry Typical

Carbon: 0.05 max  
Silicon: 0.30 max  
Manganese: 0.80 max  
Nickel: 46 nom  
Chromium: 0.25 nom  
Iron: Balance  
Phosphorus: 0.025 max  
Sulfur: 0.025 max  
Aluminum: 0.10 max

## Physical Properties

Density: 0.295 lb/in<sup>3</sup>, 8.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Electrical Resistivity: ohm-cir-mil/ft, microhm-cm:

At 68°F (20°C): 277(47)

Thermal Conductivity: BTU-in/hr-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F (W/m•K):

77-212°F (25-100°C): 79.2(11)

Mean Coefficient of Thermal Expansion:  $\mu\text{in/in-}^\circ\text{F}$  ( $\mu\text{m/m-}^\circ\text{C}$ ):

Contact Ulbrich Wire for information

Melting Point: 2600°F (1430°C)

## **Mechanical Properties at Room Temperature**

### **Properties: Annealed Typical**

Ultimate Tensile Strength: 74 KSI nom (510 MPa nom)

Yield Strength: 36 KSI nom (247 MPa nom)

Elongation: 30% nom

Hardness: Rb73 nom

### **Properties Tempered**

Alloy 46 can be cold rolled to achieve the temper properties required by specific customers and/or manufacturing requirements. Contact Ulbrich Wire for details.

## **Additional Properties**

### **Corrosion Resistance**

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

### **Standard Wire Finishes**

Extra Clean: (XC) Extra clean is also referred to as “bright annealed” or “bright annealed and cold rolled”

Grease (round wire only): Drawn in a heavy grease produces an “Ultra bright” finish for decorative applications

Soap (round wire only): Soap is used as a lubricant in the drawing process and is not removed. It acts as a lubricant during customer part forming operation. A soap finish is available in tempered products.

Plated: Many plating options are available.

\*Special finishes are available: Contact Ulbrich Wire Sales with special finish and plating requests.

## **Forms**

Continuous Coils

Cut to lengths

Precision cutting

## **HeatTreatment**

Alloy 46 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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