



## 70S-3 Mild Steel Welding Wire [AWS A5.18, Class ER70S-3]

AWS A5.18, Class 70S-3 wire formulated with higher levels of manganese and silicon than other standard grades of MIG wire. This provides better tolerance to rust, scale, and other plate contaminants. It is particularly well-suited for spray transfer and high-speed applications where good wetting and appearance are important. This is a premium mild steel solid wire.

### ER70S-3 SIZE AND PACKAGING OPTIONS

Package/size	.030	.035	.045	.052	1/16	3/32	1/8	5/32
2 lb Spool	✓	✓						
11 lb Spool	✓	✓						
33 lb Spool	✓	✓	✓					
44 lb Spool			✓					
550 lb Drum		✓	✓	✓				
1000 lb Drum			✓	✓				
36" Cut Length		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

### ER70S-3

Mild and Low Alloy Steel Bare Wire

**Application:** Frame fabrication, automotive structures, farm implements, construction equipment, pressure vessels, pipe fabrication, railcar construction and other general fabrication and repair. Used in high-speed robotic and automatic welding applications and semi-automatic applications. (For Mig welding use Carbon Dioxide or Argon + Co2 or Argon + 2% Oxygen as shielding gases. For Tig welding use 100% Argon.)

**Specifications:** Conforms to AWS A5.18

**Classification:** ER70S-3

### AWS CHEMICAL COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS

Elements	C	Cr (max)	Ni (max)	Mn	Si	P (max)	S (max)	Cu (max)	Mo (max)	V (max)
Typical %	0.06-15	0.15	0.15	0.9-1.4	0.45-0.75	0.025	0.035	0.5	0.15	0.03

### DEPOSITED CHEMICAL COMPOSITION % (TYPICAL)

C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cu
0.07	1.19	0.012	0.022	0.52	0.40

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

	Tensile Strength	Yield Strength	Elongation in 2"
Typical %	75,500 psi	61,500 psi	23 %

### DEPOSITED CHARPY-V-NOTCH IMPACT PROPERTIES %

35 ft. lbs. (at 0°F)



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# Typical Operating Procedures

Diameter, Polarity Shielding Gas	CTWD <sup>(1)</sup> mm (in)	Wire Feed Speed m/min (in/min)	Voltage (Volts)	Approx. Current (amps)	Melt-Off Rate kg/hr (lb/hr)
<b>0.030 in (0.8 mm), DC+</b>					
Short Circuit Transfer 100% CO <sub>2</sub>	9-12 (3/8-1/2)	1.9 (75)	17	35	0.4 (0.9)
		3.8 (150)	18	70	0.8 (1.8)
		7.6 (300)	22	130	1.6 (3.6)
<b>0.035 in (0.9 mm), DC+</b>					
Short Circuit Transfer 100% CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>(2)</sup>	9-12 (3/8-1/2)	2.5 (100)	18	80	0.7 (1.6)
		3.8 (150)	19	120	1.1 (2.4)
		6.4 (250)	22	175	1.8 (4.0)
Spray Transfer 90% Ar/10% CO <sub>2</sub>	12-19 (1/2-3/4)	9.5 (375)	23	195	2.7 (6.0)
		12.7 (500)	29	230	3.6 (8.0)
		15.2 (600)	30	275	4.4 (9.6)
<b>0.045 in (1.1 mm), DC+</b>					
Short Circuit Transfer 100% CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>(2)</sup>	12-19 (1/2-3/4)	3.2 (125)	19	145	1.5 (3.4)
		3.8 (150)	20	165	1.8 (4.0)
		5.1 (200)	21	200	2.5 (5.4)
Spray Transfer 90% Ar/10% CO <sub>2</sub>	12-19 (1/2-3/4)	8.9 (350)	27	285	4.2 (9.2)
		12.1 (475)	30	335	5.7 (12.5)
		12.7 (500)	30	340	6.0 (13.2)
<b>0.052 in (1.3 mm), DC+</b>					
Spray Transfer 90% Ar/10% CO <sub>2</sub>	12-19 (1/2-3/4)	7.6 (300)	30	300	4.8 (10.6)
		8.1 (320)	30	320	5.2 (11.5)
		12.3 (485)	32	430	7.8 (17.1)
<b>1/16 in (1.6 mm), DC+</b>					
Spray Transfer 90% Ar/10% CO <sub>2</sub>	12-25 (1/2-1)	2.3 (210)	25	325	4.8 (10.7)
		6.0 (235)	27	350	5.2 (12.0)
		7.4 (290)	28	430	6.7 (14.8)

<sup>(1)</sup> CTWD (Contact Tip to Work Distance). Subtract 1/4 in (6.4 mm) to calculate Electrical Stickout.

<sup>(2)</sup> Procedures in these areas are procedures for short circuiting mode using 100% CO<sub>2</sub>. When using 75% Argon, 25% CO<sub>2</sub> for short circuit transfer, reduce voltage by 1 to 2 volts.