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National flag of Canada (outdoor use)

1 Scope

This standard applies to the design, colour, materials, construction and performance requirements of the National flag of Canada intended for outdoor use.

The testing and evaluation of a product against this standard may require the use of materials and equipment that could be hazardous. This standard does not purport to address all the safety aspects associated with its use. Anyone using this standard has the responsibility to consult the appropriate authorities and to establish appropriate health and safety practices in conjunction with any applicable regulatory requirements prior to its use.

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2.1 Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB)

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No. 2 — Conditioning Textile Materials for Testing

No. 5.1 — Unit Mass of Fabrics

No. 9.1 — Breaking Strength of Fabrics — Strip Method — Constant-time-to-break Principle

No. 9.4 — Breaking Strength of Yarns — Single Strand Method

No. 12.1 — Tearing Strength — Single-Rip Method

No. 18.3/ISO 105-B02 — Textiles — Tests for Colourfastness — Part B02: Colourfastness to Artificial light: Xenon Arc Fading Lamp Test (withdrawn in December 2016)

No. 19.1 — Colourfastness to Washing — Accelerated Tests — Launder-Ometer

No. 21 — Colourfastness to Sea Water

No. 22 — Colourfastness to Rubbing (Crocking)

No. 25.1 — Dimensional Change in Wetting

No 26.2/ISO 4920 — Textile Fabrics — Determination of Resistance to Surface Wetting (Spray Test) (withdrawn in October 2017)

No. 69 — Weather Resistance — Xenon Arc Radiation

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40-GP-1 — Methods of Sampling and Testing Cordage (withdrawn in October 2011)

CAN/CGSB-54.1 Part 1 ISO 4915 — Stitches and Seams — Part 1: Textiles — Stitch Types — Classification and Terminology.

2.1.1 Source

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2.2 **ASTM International**

ASTM D2244 — Standard Practice for Calculation of Color Tolerances and Color Differences from Instrumentally Measured Color Coordinates

ASTM E308 — Standard Practice for Computing the Colors of Objects by Using the CIE System

ASTM E1331 — Standard Test Method for Reflectance Factor and Color by Spectrophotometry using Hemispherical Geometry.

2.2.1 **Source**

The above may be obtained from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, U.S.A., telephone 610-832-9585, fax 610-832-9555, Web site www.astm.org, or from IHS Markit, 200-1331 MacLeod Trail SE, Calgary, Alberta T2G 0K3, telephone 613-237-4250 or 1-800-267-8220, fax 613-237-4251, Web site www.global.ihs.com.

2.3 American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC)

AATCC Evaluation Procedure 6 — Instrumental Color Measurement.

2.3.1 Source

The above may be obtained from the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, P.O. Box 12215, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, U.S.A. Telephone 919-549-8141. Fax (919) 549-8933.

2.4 International Commission on Illumination (CIE)

CIE S014-1/E2006 / ISO 11664-1 Colorimetry — Part 1: CIE Standard Colorimetric Observers

CIE S014-2/E2006/ ISO 11664-2 Colorimetry — Part 2 : CIE Standard Illuminants

CIE 15:2004 Colorimetry.

2.4.1 Source

The above may be obtained from the CIE Central Bureau, Kegelgasse 27, A-1030 Vienna, Austria. Telephone +43 1 71432870. Fax: +45 1 714318718. Web site: www.cie.co.at.

2.5 US Department of Defence

A-A-59826 - Thread, Nylon

A-A-59963 — Thread, Polyester.

2.4.1 Source

The above may be obtained from DLA Document Services, Building 4/D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094. Address questions to ASSIST Help Desk at 215-697-6396 [DSN: 442-6396], Website: http://quicksearch.dla.mil/.

3 Classification

The flag shall be supplied in the following types and sizes as specified (see 8.1).

3.1 Types

Туре	Subtype	In accordance with figures
1- Header with open-sleeve	1A Integral header	6, 8
	1B Separate header	6, 9
2- Header with open-sleeve and tie tapes	2A Integral header	7, 8
	2B Separate header	7, 9
3- Header with rope and clip	3A Integral header	10, 12, 15, 21, 22, 23
	3B Separate header	10, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23
4- Header with rope and toggle	4A Integral header	11, 12, 16, 22, 23, 24
	4B Separate header	11, 13, 14, 16, 22, 23, 24
5- Header with headstick	5A Integral header	17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25
	5B Separate header	17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25

3.2 Sizes

Size 1 — 20 x 40 cm

Size 2 — 30 x 60 cm

Size 3 — 45 x 90 cm

Size 4 — 65 x 130 cm

Size 5 — 90 x 180 cm

Size 6 — 115 x 230 cm

Size 7 — 135 x 270 cm

Size 8 — 180 x 360 cm

Size 9 — 230 x 460 cm

Size 10 — 1500 x 3000 cm

4 General requirements

The flag shall be free of defects in materials and workmanship that may affect its appearance or serviceability.

5 Detailed requirements

5.1 Design

The flag shall be of the proportions two by length and one by width, containing in its centre a white square the depth of the flag, with a single red maple leaf centred therein, in accordance with Figure 1.

5.2 Colours

The colours shall be uniform with no differences between like-coloured panels on either face of the flag.

Cautionary note — When conducting colour measurements and evaluating colourfastness (see 5.3), users of this standard should be aware that the red colour may be thermochromic, i.e., may undergo rapid reversible colour change with a change in temperature. Thermochromism is a well-known property of contemporary textile dyestuffs.

5.2.1 Colour requirements

The red and white colours shall have CIE (International Commission on Illumination) colour chromaticity coordinates or equivalent CIELAB space units when calculated in accordance with ASTM E308, using Illuminant D65 and either the 1964 (10°) or 1931 (2°) Standard Colorimetric Observers, as given in Table 1, where the choice of appropriate Observer conditions follows CIE recommendations (CIE 15:2004):

a) the 2° Standard Observer colorimetric specifications should be used for flag dimensions and viewing conditions that provide a visual field between 1° and 4°;

NOTE: A 2° visual field is a sample size of at least 17 mm at a viewing distance of 0.5 m.

b) the 10° Standard Observer should be used for flag dimensions and viewing conditions that provide a visual field greater than 4°.

NOTE: A 4° visual field is a sample size of at least 34 mm at a viewing distance of 0.5 m.

Table 1 — Equivalent chromaticity coordinates

	Chromaticity coordinates		CIELAB space units		its	
	Х	У	Υ	L *	a *	b *
Red	0.576	0.315	9.5	36.93	55.61	28.98
White	0.328	0.344	78.0	90.78	0.50	7.97

5.2.1.1 Colour measurement

Colour measurement shall be in accordance with ASTM E308, ASTM E1331 and AATCC Evaluation Procedure 6, par. A1.3 under the following conditions:

- Use a hemispherical spectrophotometer or spectrocolorimeter¹ with 0°/d or d/0° geometry or with 8°/d or d/8° geometry with the specular (mirror reflection) component excluded.
- For the red colour measurements, for each location, use four layers of fabric with the same face over a matte black² (Y or luminous reflectance of no more than 4%) opaque background.
- For the white colour measurements, for each location, use eight layers of fabric with the same face over a matte black² (Y or luminous reflectance of no more than 4%) opaque background.
- For the red colour sampling, on the same flag face, measure, at two locations, each of the three red areas (panels), making two measurements (at 0° and 90°) at each location. Calculate the average of the twelve measurements.
- For the white colour sampling, on the same surface, measure four locations of the white area, making two measurements (at 0° and 90°) at each location. Calculate the average of the eight measurements.

5.2.1.2 Colour tolerance

The variation from Table 1 of the averaged measurements for each colour (see 5.2.1), calculated in accordance with ASTM D2244 and expressed in commercial factor (cf), shall be no more than 3.0 units $\triangle E_{CMC(2:1)}$.

5.2.2 Colour difference between faces

5.2.2.1 Colour measurement of the two faces of the flag

Measurement of the difference in colour between the two faces of the flag shall be the same as in 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.1, except that one layer of sample over a matte black² (Y or luminous reflectance of no more than 4%) opaque background is used during measurement of both red and white areas.

5.2.2.2 Colour tolerance between the two faces of the flag

The variation in the white and red colours between the two faces of the flag (see 5.2.2.1), calculated in accordance with ASTM D2244 and expressed in commercial factor (cf), shall be no more than 1.5 units $\triangle E_{\text{CMC}(2:1)}$ and the change in hue angle (h) shall be no more then 3.0° for both colours.

5.3 Colourfastness

The colourfastness of the flag shall be in accordance with the requirements of Table 2. Colourfastness to seawater is optional (see Table 2 and 8.1).

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¹ A simulated D65 source should be used for polychromatic illumination.

² A test mask for colourfastness to light is available from Atlas Electric Devices Company, 4114 North Ravenswood Ave., Chicago IL 60613, U.S.A. (Ref: No. SL-8A or CD-3).

Table 2 — Finished flag fabric requirements

Property	Requirement	Test method CAN/CGSB-4.2
Weave	Plain, 1 x 1	_
Mass, g/m²,		No. 5.1
— min.	60	
— max.	70	
Breaking strength, N, min.a		No. 9.1
Initial ^ы — warp	725	
— weft	630	
Weathered ^c		
— warp	400	
— weft	350	
Tearing strength, N, min.		No. 12.1
Initial — warp	22	
— weft	22	
Dimensional change in wetting, % limit		No. 25.1
— warp	2	
— weft	2	
Colourfastness, min.		
to light (red and white)	L7, Grey Scale 4	No. 18.3/ISO 105-B02 ^{e, f}
to washing (red and white)d	Grey Scale 4	No. 19.1. Test No.1
 — colour change for red portion 		
 — staining for white portion 		
to sea water ^{g, h}	Grey Scale 4	No. 21
 colour change for red portion 		
 staining for white portion 		
to crocking, dry and wet (water)	Grey Scale 5	No. 22
— staining (red)		
Water resistance, min.		No. 26.2
— initial	100	
— after two launderings ^j in	80	
accordance with care labelling		

a Samples to be tested: 2 red; 2 white; 1 half red and half white; calculate the average of the five samples.

ь To satisfy 5.6.1, indicate which yarn direction lies along the length of the flag.

^{° 160} h in accordance with CAN/CGSB-4.2 No. 69, Option 4.

^d Sample shall be half red and half white.

^e Soda-lime/borosilicate system.

^f In this standard, the multi-fibre is not evaluated.

^g Sample of red and white sandwiched together.

^h Test for colourfastness to seawater is optional (see 8.1).

Repeat dry and wet crocking tests for each coloured section of the flag, rubbing half-red and half-white each time. There shall be no observable streaking, smearing or staining onto the half-white rubbed parts.

Rinse thoroughly after each washing to ensure no detergent remains in fabric.

5.4 Dimensions³

The flag dimensions shall be as specified in 3.2 and Tables 3 and 4. They shall be the averages of the following measurements:

5.4.1 Length (L)

The two outside edges and one additional horizontal measurement equally spaced across the flag.

5.4.2 Width (X)

The two outside edges and three additional vertical measurements equally spaced across the flag.

Table 3 — National flag dimensions

All dimensions are in centimetres.

Flag size ^a	Width X⁵	Length L⁵	Red Y [⊳]	White Z ^b
1	20 ± 0.3	40 ± 0.5	10.0 ± 0.2	20 ± 0.3
2	30 ± 0.5	60 ± 1.0	15.0 ± 0.3	30 ± 0.5
3	45 ± 0.7	90 ± 1.4	22.5 ± 0.3	45 ± 0.7
4	65 ± 1.0	130 ± 2.0	32.5 ± 0.5	65 ± 1.0
5	90 ± 1.4	180 ± 2.7	45.0 ± 0.7	90 ± 1.4
6	115 ± 1.7	230 ± 3.5	57.5 ± 0.9	115 ± 1.7
7	135 ± 2.0	270 ± 4.0	67.5 ± 1.0	135 ± 2.0
8	180 ± 2.7	360 ± 5.4	90.0 ± 1.4	180 ± 2.7
9	230 ± 3.5	460 ± 6.9	115 ± 1.7	230 ± 3.5
10	1500 ± 8.0	3000 ± 15.0	750 ± 4.0	1500 ± 8.0

^a See 3.2.

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^b See Figures 2, 3 and 4.

³ In the case of dispute, flags shall be conditioned in accordance with CAN/CGSB-4.2 No. 2 before they are measured.

Table 4 — Header dimensions

All dimensions are in centimetres.

Flag size [♭]	Header dimension W ^a cm ± 2%			
	Type 1, 2° V ^d	Type 3, 4 or 5° Z°		
1	4.0	6.5		
2-10	6.5	6.5		

^a See Figures 2, 3 and 4, W = V in Figures 8 and 9; W = Z in Figures 12, 13, 14, 18 and 19.

5.5 Materials

5.5.1 Flag

The flag shall be made of woven fabric in accordance with Table 2.

5.5.2 Header

The header material shall be white fabric in accordance with Table 2.

5.5.3 Sewing thread

The flag shall be sewn with red and/or white thread in accordance with A-A-59826 and A-A-59963, as specified (see 8.1).

5.5.4 Tie tapes (Type 2 only)

There shall be two 16 x 400 mm woven or braided white tapes, with a mass of 3.50 ± 0.25 g/m when tested in accordance with CAN/CGSB-4.2 No. 5.1. The free length of the tie tape shall be approximately 18 cm.

5.5.5 Cordage (Types 3, 4 and 5 only)

The cordage shall be plaited or braided nylon rope of plied filament yarns with properties in accordance with Table 5, the specimen length determination being made after 2 min under force F.

^b See 3.2.

^c See 3.1.

d See Figures 8 and 9.

^e See Figures 12, 13 and 14 or 18 and 19.

Table 5 —	Cordage	requirements
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Flag size ^a	Nominal diameter mm	Tolerance ± mm	Linear density bktex (g/m) ± 5%	Force <i>F</i> ∘ daN	Minimum breaking strength ^d daN
3, 4 and 5	5	0.5	15	3.5	356
6 and up	8	1.5	35	9	900

^a See 3.2.

5.5.6 Rope ends (Types 3, 4 and 5 only)

The rope ends shall be solid brass or yellow zinc dichromate plated steel set without rough edges or burrs in accordance with Figure 23 or as specified (see 8.1).

5.5.7 Spur grommets and washers (Types 3, 4 and 5 only)

Spur grommets and washers shall be Type No. 2, 11.11 ± 0.4 mm inside diameter in accordance with Figure 22.

5.5.8 Clips (Type 3 only)

The clips shall be brass or yellow zinc dichromate plated steel flag clips in accordance with Figure 21 or as specified (see 8.1).

5.5.9 Toggles (Type 4 only)

The toggles shall be in accordance with Figure 24 and shall be made from birch or maple, free of all imperfections (see 8.1).

5.5.10 Headstick (Type 5 only)

The headstick shall be in accordance with Figure 25 and shall be made from birch or maple, free of all imperfections (see 8.1).

5.5.11 Lashing twine (Type 5 only)

The lashing twine shall be 3-ply, 420 tex, heat-set and white waxed nylon twine with a breaking strength of not less than 265 N when tested in accordance with CAN/CGSB-4.2 No. 9.4.

5.6 Construction

5.6.1 General

The flag shall be dye-printed. The tolerance for bowing of the vertical red panel edges is:

- a) Size 1 (20 x 40 cm): 6 mm
- b) Size 2 (30 x 60 cm) through size 5 (90 x 180 cm): 15 mm

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^b When tested in accordance with 40-GP-1, Method 4.

^c Force to be applied when determining diameter and linear density.

^d When tested in accordance with CAN/CGSB-4.2 No. 9.4.

c) Size 6 (115 x 230 cm) through size 10 (1500 x 3000 cm): 18 mm

For all flags, the length of the flag, exclusive of header and seams, shall have a minimum breaking strength before weathering of 725 N.

Construction of the flag shall be in accordance with the following:

- a) One-piece flag Figures 2 and 5 (Sections A-A and B-B)
- b) Three-piece flag Figures 3 and 5 (Sections A-A, B-B and C-C)
- Four-piece flag Figures 4 and 5 (Sections A-A, B-B and C-C).

5.6.2 Stitch type

All stitching shall be lockstitch or chain stitch (Type 301 or Type 401, respectively, in accordance with CAN/CGSB-54.1, Part 1 ISO 4915) with not less than 2.5 and not more than 3.6 stitches per centimetre. The ends of all stitchings and any breaks in the sewing thread during stitching shall be securely backstitched.

5.6.3 Grommets (Types 3, 4 and 5 only)

Grommets shall be inserted in the headers of all size 8, 9 and 10 flags in accordance with Figures 10, 11 or 17 (according to flag type) and Table 6. They shall be inserted in the headers of size 3 through 7 flags in accordance with Table 6 when specified (see 8.1).

Flag size ^a	Number of grommets
3	1
4	1
5	2
6	2
7	3
8	4
9	5
10	5
^a See 3.2.	

Table 6 — Number of grommets

5.6.4 Rope and clip assembly (Type 3 only)

The rope and clip assembly shall be in accordance with Figure 15 and Table 7.

5.6.5 Rope and toggle assembly (Type 4 only)

The rope and toggle assembly shall be in accordance with Figure 16 and Table 7.

5.6.6 Headstick assembly (Type 5 only)

The headstick rope and clip assembly shall be in accordance with Figure 20 and Table 7.

6 Preparation for delivery

6.1 Packaging and packing

Unless otherwise specified (see 8.1), packaging and packing shall conform to normal commercial practice.

6.2 Labelling

The flag shall have stamped legibly on its header in indelible red or black ink in characters no larger than 12 mm in height:

Mark identifying that the flag has met the requirements of CAN/CGSB-98.1

Date of manufacture

Size

The flag shall have affixed to its package a label upon which at least the following information, in both English and French, is printed in a type height not less than 6 mm and not more than 12 mm:

Manufacturer's name and mailing address or CA number

"CANADA"

"National Flag of Canada (outdoor use)"

Cleaning and drying instructions.4

Nom et adresse du fabricant ou le numéro d'identification CA

- « Canada »
- « Drapeau national du Canada (pour utilisation à l'extérieur) »

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⁴ Cleaning and drying instructions may be printed separately and enclosed in the package.

Table 7 — Rope assemblies — Length⁵ of rope component

Flag size ^a	Rope and clip ^b cm ± 3%	Rope and toggle ^b cm ± 3%	Headstick ^b cm ± 3%
2	70	95	_
3	90	110	_
4	110	135	_
5	135	160	_
6	_	185	_
7	180	205	165
8	225	250	210
9	270	295	255

^a See 3.2.

7 Inspection

7.1 Sampling

Sampling for inspection and testing shall be left to the discretion of the inspection authority, unless a specific sampling plan is specified (see 8.1).

8 Options

- **8.1** The following options shall be specified in the application of this standard:
- a) Types and sizes of flag (see 3.1 and 3.2)
- b) Colourfastness to seawater (see 5.3 and Table 2)
- c) Colour and type of sewing thread (see 5.5.3)
- d) Rope ends (see 5.5.6)
- e) Clips (see 5.5.8)
- f) Toggles (see 5.5.9)
- g) Headstick (see 5.5.10)
- h) Grommets (see 5.6.3)
- i) Packaging and packing, if other than as specified (see 6.1)
- j) Sampling, if a specific plan is specified (see 7.1).

^b Component No. 5 in Figures 15 and 16, Component No. 4 in Figure 20.

⁵ When measured before assembly, i.e., from cut end to cut end.

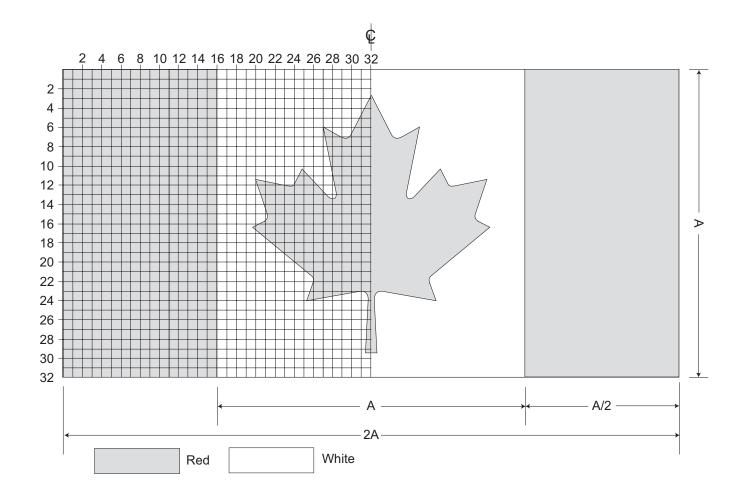


Figure 1 — Design of the National Flag of Canada

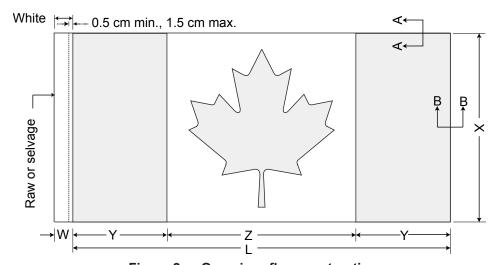


Figure 2 — One-piece flag construction Flag sizes 1 to 7: 20 x 40 cm to 135 x 270 cm

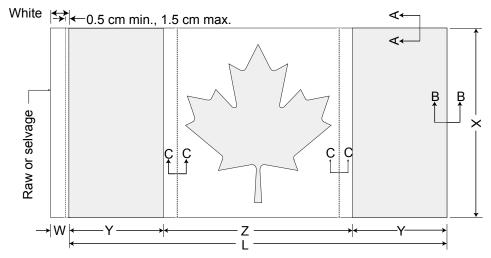
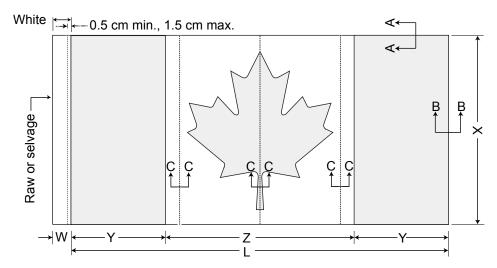


Figure 3 — Three-piece flag construction Flag size 8: 180 x 360 cm



Flag sizes 9 and 10: 230 x 460 cm to 1500 x 3000 cm

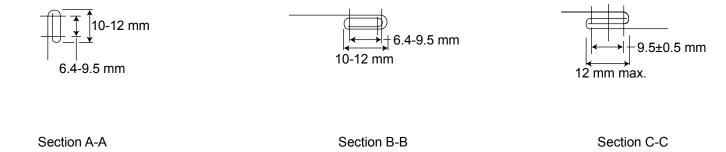


Figure 5 — Construction details (for Figures 2, 3 and 4)

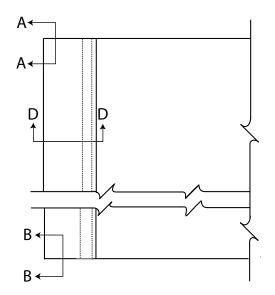


Figure 6 — Type 1 — Header, open-sleeve

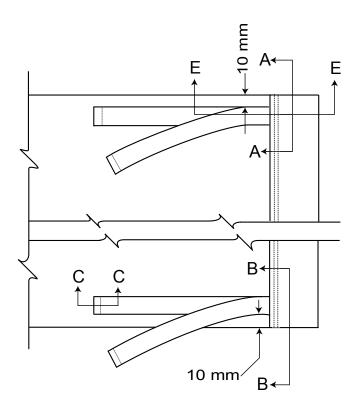


Figure 7 — Type 2 — Header, open-sleeve with tie tapes

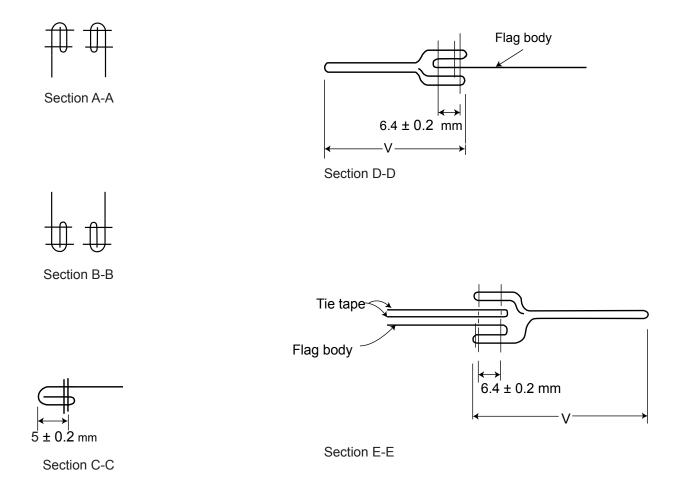


Figure 8 — Construction details — Subtypes 1A and 2A flags

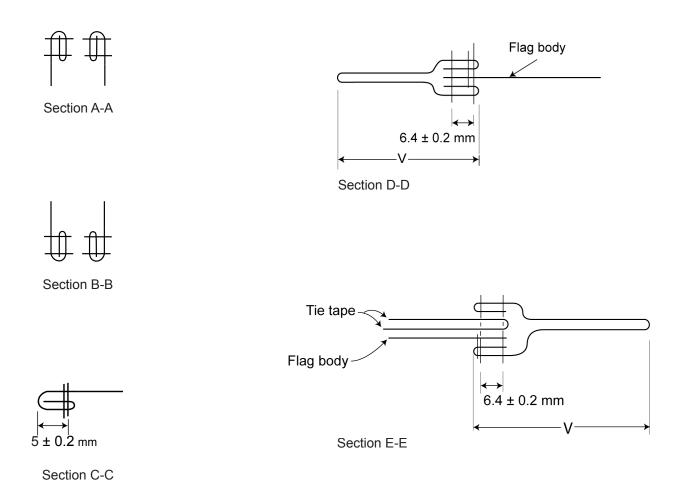


Figure 9 — Construction details — Subtypes 1B and 2B flags

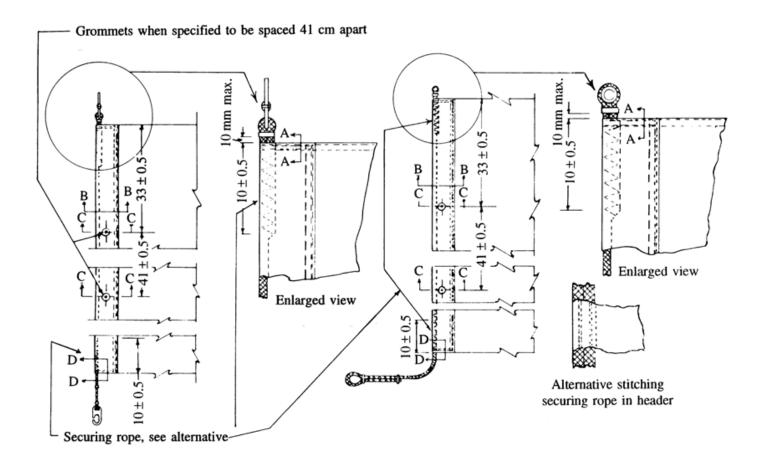


Figure 10 — Type 3 — Header with rope and clip

Figure 11 — Type 4 — Header with rope and toggle

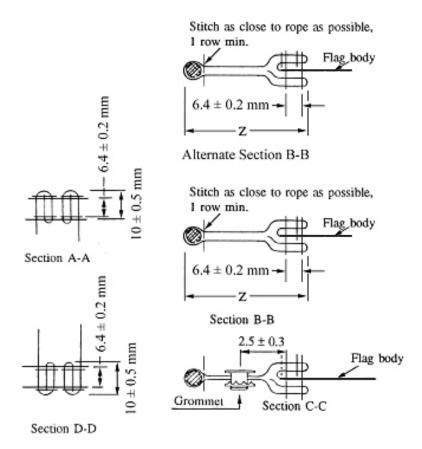


Figure 12 — Construction details — Subtypes 3A and 4A flags

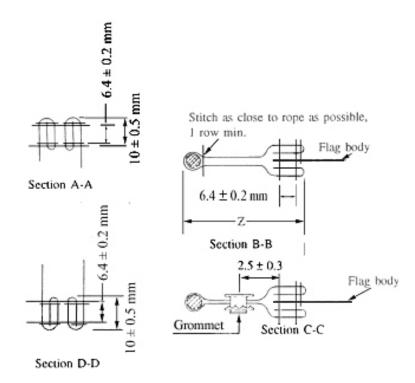


Figure 13 — Construction details — Subtypes 3B and 4B flags

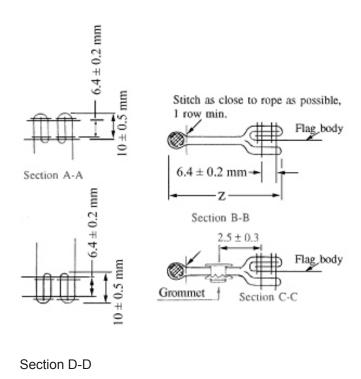


Figure 14 — Construction details — Subtypes 3B and 4B flags

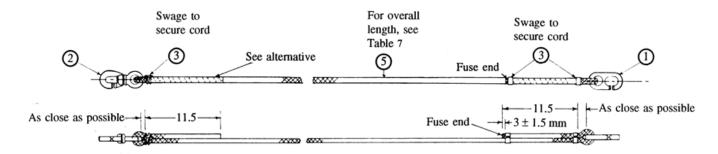
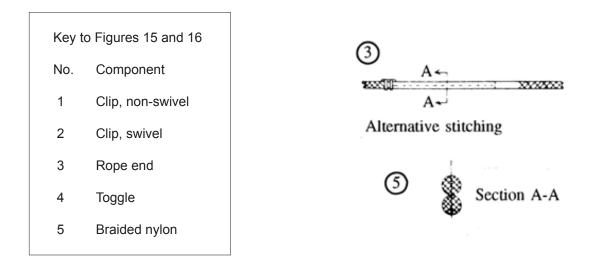


Figure 15 — Rope and clip assembly — Type 3 flags



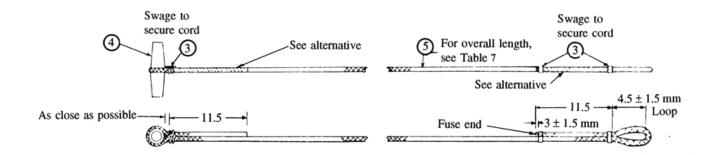
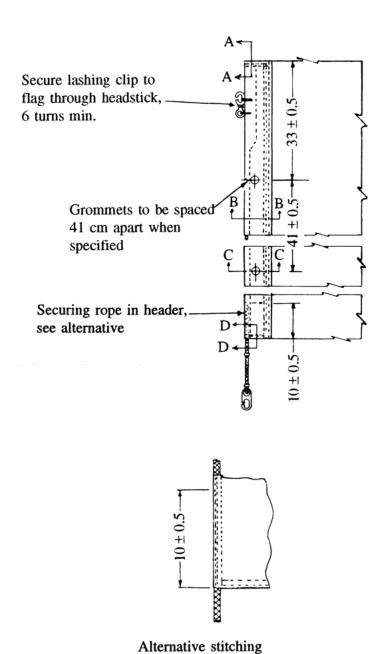
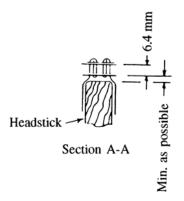


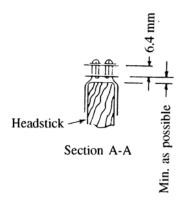
Figure 16 — Rope and toggle assembly — Type 4 flags



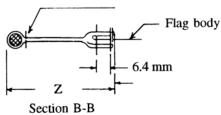
securing rope in header

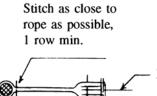
Figure 17 — Type 5 — Header with headstick

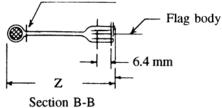


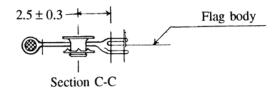


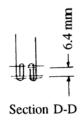
Stitch as close to rope as possible, 1 row min.











2.5 ± 0.3 Flag body

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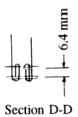


Figure 18 — Construction details – Subtype 5A flags

Figure 19 — Construction details – Subtype 5B flags

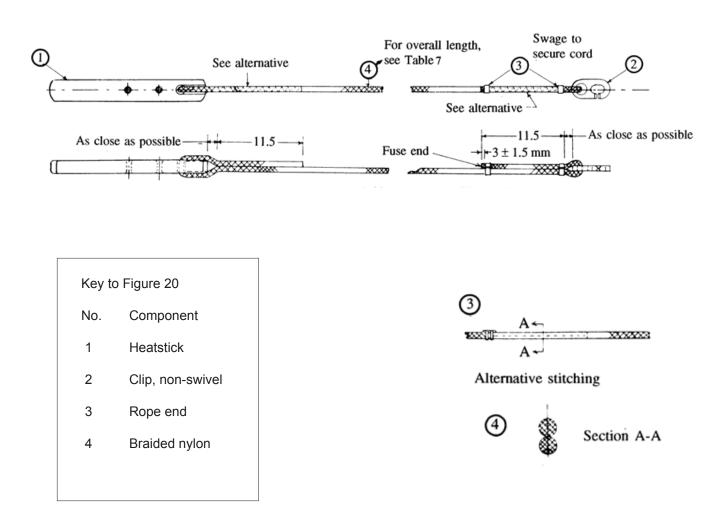
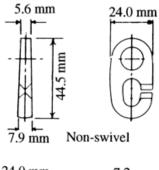


Figure 20 — Headstick assembly — Type 5 flags



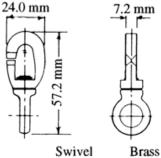


Figure 21 — Clips — Type 3 flags



Spur grommet #2 — 11.11 ± 0.4 mm inside diam.

Figure 22 — Spur grommet — Types 3, 4 and 5 flags

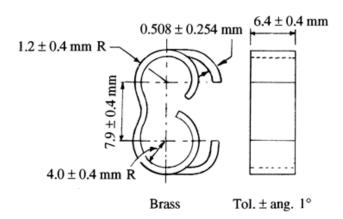


Figure 23 — Rope end — Types 3, 4 and 5 flags

Tolerance on all dimensions is ± 1.0 mm.

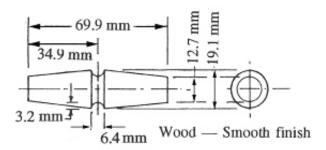


Figure 24 — Toggle — Type 4 flags

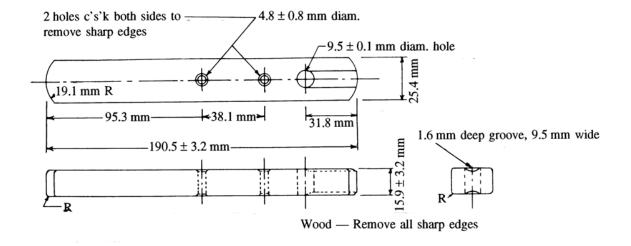


Figure 25 — Headstick — Type 5 flags

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