

# CU HARD DRAWN OVERHEAD CATENARY SYSTEMS MESSENGER WIRE

Messenger Wire for Transit Systems



Image not to scale. See Table 1 for dimensions.

### CONSTRUCTION:

This product can be made in variations of Hard Drawn or Medium-Hard Drawn Copper with concentric or unilay stranding options. Tinned coated copper and Proof Positive™ anti-theft conductors are also available upon request.

### APPLICATIONS AND FEATURES:

For use in Trolley and High Speed Rail applications as supports for contact and dropper wires in overhead catenary systems. Southwire’s messenger wire is designed for long service life with the ability to maintain rugged strength through sustained performance.

- Pure Copper
- Flexible to Wind and Vibration
- Durable and Reliable Support
- Mechanically Rugged
- High Tensile Strength and Breaking Load
- RoHS/Proposition 65 Compliant

### SPECIFICATIONS:

- ASTM B1 Hard-Drawn Copper
- ASTM B8 Concentric-Lay-Stranded Copper Conductors
- ASTM B33 Standard Specification for Tin-Coated Soft or Annealed Copper Wire
- ASTM B787 19 Wire Combination Unilay-Stranded Copper Conductors

Table 1 – Physical and Electrical Data

Stock Number	Cond. Size	Strand Class	Strand Count	Cond. Cmil	Cond. Shape	Approx. OD	Approx. Weight	DC Resistance @ 25°C	Rated Strength
	AWG/kcmil		No. of Strands	cmil		inch	lb/1000ft	Ω/1000ft	lb
588744	500	B	37	500000	HARD DRAWN OVERHEAD CATENARY SYSTEMS MESSENGER WIRE	0.813	1544	0.022	22510

All dimensions are nominal and subject to normal manufacturing tolerances  
◊ Cable marked with this symbol is a standard stock item

**Notes:**

+Ampacity based on 75°C conductor temperature 25°C ambient temperature 2 ft./sec. wind in sun. Numbers shown above are for concentrically stranded constructions and may vary slightly for combination unilay stranded constructions. Dimensions and weights shown above are nominal and subject to industry tolerances.

