

How Domestic Is It?

An in-depth look at the different domestic requirements

Whether you are looking for Mil-Spec wire rope, domestic wire rope, or wire rope which conforms to the Buy American Act, we have what you need. And just in case you aren't too sure which is which and what you need, we've created the following synopsis for you:

Domestic Wire Rope

The Committee of Domestic Steel Wire Rope and Specialty Cable defines domestic wire rope as that which is stranded and closed in the USA. This means that some of the material making up the rope may be imported. If you see the symbol to the right, you can be sure you are dealing with a Domestic Wire Rope certified manufacturer, like Loos and Company.



Buy American Act

The Buy American Act requires that the cost of supplies which are manufactured outside the U.S. may not exceed 5% of the total cost of the end product (the wire rope itself). This would mean that if the steel was melted overseas, the manufacturer's cost contribution must exceed 95% of the overall cost in order to conform to this requirement.

100% Domestic/Buy America Act

The Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 was established to help ease concerns over the surface transportation infrastructure (i.e., highways and bridges). Part of the Act includes the Buy America Act, which requires any federally funded transportation job to use domestic steel products.

The Buy America Act requires that all manufacturing processes occur within the United States. This means everything from the melting of the steel/stainless steel to the final stranding and closed must be performed within the US. Loos and Company most often sees requests for 100% domestic products when the Department of Transportation (DOT) or whenever federal funds are involved.

Military Specifications

Military Specification (Mil-Spec) standards are a set of product specifications established by the Department of Defense. These specifications dictate the requirements that must be met by manufacturers who are qualified to produce the products. A manufacturer interested in making a product to these specifications must be on the Qualified Producers List (QPL), as is Loos and Company. Many of Loos and Company's products are made and stocked to these exact specifications.

Not only does Loos and Company have experience with all of the above requirements, we are also able to certify our products to them as well so you can be sure you are getting exactly what you need. If you have any questions about the requirements on a product you are ordering from us, any one of our knowledgeable sales representatives will be able to help you.

