



AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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Magnesium Alloy Castings, Sand
8.7Al - 0.70Zn (AZ91C-T6)
Solution Heat Treated and Aged
(Compositions similar to UNS M11914)

RATIONALE

AMS4437F revises Composition (3.1), Condition (3.2), Heat Treatment (3.5), Chemical Analysis Specimens (3.4.1), Sampling and Testing (4.3) and Protective Treatment (5.2), and is a Five Year Review and update of this specification.

1. SCOPE

1.1 Form

This specification covers a magnesium alloy in the form of sand castings.

1.2 Application

These products have been used typically for parts operating in service up to 300 °F (149 °C) but usage is not limited to such applications.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

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2.1 SAE Publications

Available from SAE International, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, Tel: 877-606-7323 (inside USA and Canada) or 724-776-4970 (outside USA), www.sae.org.

AMS2360 Room Temperature Tensile Properties of Castings

AMS2475 Protective Treatments, Magnesium Alloys

AMS2694 In-Process Welding of Castings

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AMS2768 Heat Treatment of Magnesium Alloy Castings

AMS2804 Identification, Castings

2.2 ASTM Publications

Available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Tel: 610-832-9585, www.astm.org.

ASTM B 557	Tension Testing Wrought and Cast Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products
ASTM B 557M	Tension Testing Wrought and Cast Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products (Metric)
ASTM B 660	Packaging/Packing of Aluminum and Magnesium Products
ASTM B 953	Sampling Magnesium and Magnesium Alloys for Spectrochemical Analysis
ASTM B 954	Analysis of Magnesium and Magnesium Alloys by Atomic Emission Spectrometry
ASTM E 155	Reference Radiographs for Inspection of Aluminum and Magnesium Castings
ASTM E 1417/E 1417M	Liquid Penetrant Testing
ASTM E 1742/E 1742M	Radiographic Examination

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Composition

Shall conform to the following percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined by spectrochemical methods in accordance with ASTM B 954 or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser:

TABLE 1 - COMPOSITION

Element	min	max
Aluminum	8.1	9.3
Zinc	0.40	1.0
Manganese	0.13	--
Silicon	--	0.30
Copper	--	0.10
Nickel	--	0.01
Other Elements, each	--	0.10
Other Elements, total	--	0.30
Magnesium	remainder	

3.2 Condition

Solution heat treated and aged in accordance with AMS2768 to the T6 Temper.

3.3 Casting

Castings shall be produced in lots from metal conforming to 3.1. Metal remelted from previously analyzed ingot may be poured directly into castings. Furnace or ladle additions of grain-refining elements or alloys are permissible. If grain-refining elements are not added, the molten metal shall be subjected to superheating or other grain-refining treatment. Molten metal taken from alloying furnaces, with or without additions of foundry operating scrap (gates, sprues, risers, and rejected castings), shall not be poured into castings unless first converted to ingot, analyzed, and remelted or unless the composition of a sample taken after the last addition to the melt conforms to 3.1.

3.3.1 A melt shall be the metal withdrawn from a batch-furnace charge of 2000 pounds (907 kg) or less as melted for pouring castings or, when permitted by purchaser, a melt shall be 4000 pounds (1814 kg) or less of metal withdrawn from one continuous furnace in not more than eight consecutive hours.

3.3.2 A lot shall be all castings poured from a single melt in not more than eight consecutive hours and solution heat treated and aged in the same heat treat batch.

3.4 Cast Test Specimens

Chemical analysis specimens and tensile specimens shall be cast as follows:

3.4.1 Chemical Analysis Specimens

Shall be cast from each melt after the last melt addition and shall be tested to qualify the melt lot as in 3.1

3.4.2 Tensile Specimens

Shall be cast with each lot of castings, shall be of standard proportions conforming to ASTM B 557 or ASTM B 557M with 0.500 inch (12.70 mm) diameter at the reduced parallel gage section, and shall be cast to size in molds made with the regular foundry mix of sand without using chills. Metal for the specimens shall be part of the melt which is used for the castings and shall be subjected to the same grain-refining or alloying treatment given the metal for the castings. The temperature of the metal during pouring of the specimens shall be not lower than that during pouring of the castings.

3.5 Heat Treatment

Castings and representative tensile specimens shall be solution heat treated and aged in accordance with AMS2867; at least one set of tensile specimens shall, during each stage of heat treatment, be put into a batch-type furnace with each load of castings or into a continuous furnace at intervals of not longer than three hours.

3.6 Properties

Castings and separately-cast tensile specimens shall conform to the following requirements:

3.6.1 Tensile Properties

Shall be as shown in Tables 2 and 3, determined in accordance with ASTM B 557 or ASTM B 557M; conformance to the requirements of 3.6.1.1 shall be used as the basis for acceptance of castings except when purchaser specifies that the requirements of 3.6.1.2 apply:

3.6.1.1 Separately-Cast Specimens

Specimens as in 4.3.2 shall have the following properties:

TABLE 2 – MINIMUM TENSILE PROPERTIES – SEPARATELY-CAST SPECIMENS

Properties	Values
Tensile Strength	34.0 ksi (234 MPa)
Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset	16.0 ksi (110 MPa)
Elongation in 4D	3.0%

3.6.1.2 Specimens Cut From Castings

Specimens as in 4.3.4 shall have the following properties:

TABLE 3 – MINIMUM TENSILE PROPERTIES – SPECIMENS CUT FROM CASTINGS

Properties	Values
Tensile Strength	17.0 ksi (117 MPa)
Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset	12.0 ksi (83 MPa)
Elongation in 4D	0.75%

3.6.1.2.1 When properties other than those specified in 3.6.1.2 are required, tensile specimens as in 4.3.4 machined from locations indicated on the drawing, from a casting or castings chosen at random to represent the lot, shall have the properties indicated on the drawing for such specimens. Property requirements may be designated in accordance with AMS2360.

3.7 Quality

3.7.1 Castings, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from imperfections detrimental to usage of the castings.

3.7.1.1 Castings shall have smooth surfaces and shall be sufficiently cleaned to permit fluorescent penetrant inspection.

3.7.1.2 Castings cleaned by blasting shall be pickled in a sulfuric or sulfuric-nitric acid solution to remove not less than 0.002 inch (0.05 mm) of metal.

3.7.1.3 Castings shall be produced under radiographic control. This control shall consist of radiographic examination of castings in accordance with ASTM E 1742/E 1742M, or other radiographic techniques acceptable to purchaser, until proper foundry technique, which will produce castings free from harmful internal imperfections, is established for each part number and of production castings as necessary to ensure maintenance of satisfactory quality.

3.7.2 When specified, castings shall be subjected to fluorescent penetrant inspection in accordance with ASTM E 1417/E 1417M.

3.7.3 Radiographic, fluorescent penetrant, and other quality standards shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor. ASTM E 155 may be used to define radiographic acceptance standards.

3.7.4 Castings shall not be reworked by peening, plugging, welding, or other methods without written permission from purchaser.

3.7.4.1 When permitted in writing by purchaser, castings may be welded in accordance with AMS2694.

3.7.5 Castings shall not be impregnated, chemically treated, or coated to prevent leakage unless specified or allowed by written permission of purchaser, designating the method to be used.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection

The vendor of castings shall supply all samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for the performance of all required tests. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the castings conform to specified requirements.

4.2 Classification of Tests

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests

Composition (3.1), tensile properties of separately-cast specimens (3.6.1.1) or, when specified, tensile properties of specimens cut from castings (3.6.1.2), and quality (3.7) are acceptance tests and shall be performed to represent each melt or lot as applicable.

4.2.1.1 Tensile properties of specimens cut from castings shall be determined only when specified by purchaser or when separately-cast specimens are not available. Tensile properties of separately-cast specimens need not be determined when tensile properties of specimens cut from castings are determined.

4.2.2 Preproduction Tests

All technical requirements of this specification are preproduction tests and shall be performed prior to or on the first-article shipment of a casting to a purchaser, when a change in material and/or processing requires approval as in 4.4.2, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

4.3 Sampling and Testing

Shall be in accordance with the following:

4.3.1 At least one chemical analysis specimen in accordance with 3.4.1 from each melt or a casting from each lot and ASTM B 953 from each melt for conformance to 3.1.

4.3.2 One separately-cast tensile specimen in accordance with 3.4.2 from each lot except when purchaser requires properties of specimens cut from castings.

4.3.3 Two preproduction castings in accordance with 4.4.1 of each part number.

4.3.4 One or more castings from each lot when tensile properties are required of specimens cut from castings. Specimens shall conform to ASTM B 557 or ASTM B 557M and shall be either 0.500 inch (12.70 mm) diameter at the reduced parallel gage section, sub-size specimens proportional to the standard, or standard sheet-type specimens. For determining conformance to the requirements of 3.6.1.2, if specimen locations are not shown on the drawing, not less than four tensile specimens, two from the thickest section and two from the thinnest section, shall be cut from a casting or castings from each lot.

4.4 Approval

4.4.1 Sample castings from new or reworked master patterns and the casting procedure shall be approved by purchaser before castings for production use are supplied, unless such approval be waived by purchaser.

4.4.2 Vendor shall establish, for production of sample castings of each part number, parameters for the process control factors which will produce acceptable castings; these shall constitute the approved casting procedure and shall be used for producing production castings. If necessary to make any change in parameters for the process control factors, vendor shall submit for reapproval a statement of the proposed changes in processing and, when requested, test specimens, sample castings, or both. Production castings incorporating the revised operations shall not be shipped prior to receipt of reapproval.

4.4.2.1 Control factors for producing castings include, but are not limited to, the following:

Type of furnace

Furnace atmosphere

Fluxing or oxide removal procedures

Gating and risering practices

Metal pouring temperature; variation of ± 50 °F (± 28 °C) from the established limit is permissible)

Solidification and cooling procedures

Solution heat treatment and aging cycles

Cleaning operations

Methods of inspection

4.4.2.1.1 Any of the above process control factors for which parameters are considered proprietary by the vendor may be assigned a code designation. Each variation in such parameters shall be assigned a modified code designation.