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Standard Specification for Pig Tin[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers refined tin in pig form recovered and cast from primary and secondary tin-bearing materials. One grade of tin metal is specified and is designated by the grade letter shown in Table 1.

1.2 The percent values of tin contained are to be regarded as the standard.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications[2]

E 46 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Lead- and Tin-Base Solder[3]

E 51 Method for Spectrographic Analysis of Tin Alloys by the Powder Technique[4]

E 57 Method for Chemical Analysis of White Metal Bearing Alloys[5]

E 88 Practice for Sampling Nonferrous Metals and Alloys in Cast Form for Determination of Chemical Composition[6]

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *pig*—an oblong or square mass of metal that has been cast while still molten into a mold that gives the metal its particular shape.

TABLE 1 Chemical Composition and Impurity Contents

Element	Composition, - wt%		
	Grade“ A”	Grade “A” for the Manufacture of Tinplate	Ultra Pure Grade
Tin, min	99.85	99.85	99.95
Antimony, max	0.04	0.04	0.005
Arsenic, max	0.05	0.05	0.005
Bismuth, max	0.030	0.030	0.015
Cadmium, max	0.001	0.001	0.001
Copper, max	0.04	0.04	0.005
Iron, max	0.010	0.010	0.010
Lead, max	0.05	0.010	0.001
Ni + Co, max	0.01	0.01	0.010
Sulfur, max	0.01	0.01	0.010
Zinc, max	0.005	0.005	0.005
Silver, max	0.01	0.01	0.010
Other impurities[A]		0.010	0.010

[A] Maximum per impurity not listed above.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material under this specification shall include the following information:

4.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue,

4.1.2 Quantity in weight, metric tons or kilograms,

4.1.3 Shape and size,

4.1.4 Method of manufacturing (Section 5),

4.1.5 Chemistry (Section 6),

4.1.6 Product marking (Section 16), and

4.1.7 Packaging (Section 17).

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 The refined tin shall be produced from primary, secondary, or a combination of tin-bearing materials to obtain the requirements of this specification.

5.2 The refined metal for Grade A tin may be manufactured by fire refining, vacuum refining, electrolytic or electrowinning refining methods, or a combination of these methods.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The tin shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition prescribed in Table 1.

7. Methods of Chemical Analysis

7.1 An analysis of each lot shall be made by the supplier. The analysis shall be made from representative test samples

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[2] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

[3] Discontinued—*See 1994 Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

[4] Discontinued—*See 1984 Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.06.

[5] Discontinued—*See 1987 Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

[6] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

obtained from the lot during pouring or from the final pig product. The chemical composition determined shall conform to the requirements of Table 1.

7.2 If a product analysis is desired by the purchaser, it shall be made in the purchaser's laboratory or elsewhere. Such analysis may be made by various methods including, but not limited to, wet chemical or spectrographic techniques.

8. Lot

8.1 All tin of Grade A produced and cast at one time shall constitute a lot for chemical analysis. Each pig of the lot shall bear a single identifying number that can be related to the manufacturing lot. This lot number can be cast, metal die stamped, or marked legibly upon each pig.

9. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

9.1 The manufacturer shall use care to have each lot of tin material as uniform in quality as possible.

9.2 The pigs shall be clean and reasonably free of adhering foreign material.

10. Sampling for Chemical Analysis

10.1 Care must be taken to ensure that the sample selected for testing is representative of the material. The method of sampling for chemical analysis shall be agreed upon mutually between the supplier and the purchaser and shall consist of one of the following methods:

10.1.1 Test samples taken from the lot during casting or

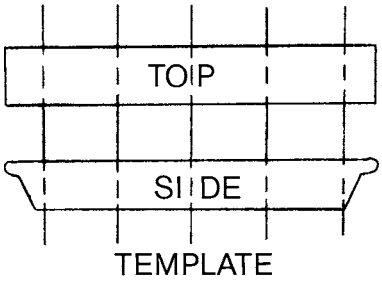
10.1.2 Test samples taken from the final solidified cast pig product.

10.2 *Sampling From the Lot During Casting*—The supplier may obtain representative chill cast samples from the lot of molten metal during casting. The shape of the cast sample shall be agreed upon by all parties concerned. The molten metal shall be mechanically stirred and dip samples taken. If the material is produced in a pot or kettle, the material shall be drossed, stirred, and dip samples taken. If the facility does not allow for dip sampling, the samples shall be taken at the beginning, at the middle, and at the end of the pour. The sampling ladle must be clean and heated and the molten metal cast into chilled molds which produce forms suitable for instrument use, drilling of cast sample, or sawing of cast sample. Samples drawn at the producers plant shall be from a clean bath of metal with all dross having been removed.

10.3 *Sampling of Cast Pig Product*:

10.3.1 If the pigs are of standard form (see Fig. 1), the sample for chemical analysis shall be taken in accordance with 10.3.3.1, 10.3.3.2, or 10.3.3.4. If the pigs differ in shape and size from those shown in Fig. 1, the supplier and purchaser should agree mutually as to the method to follow in sampling such pigs.

10.3.2 *Sampling*—A portion representative of the total shipment shall be selected at random for the final sample. For lots containing at least 55 115 lb (25 000 kg) of pig tin, one pig shall be taken for every 10 000 lb (4530 kg) or part thereof. For smaller lots, five pigs shall be taken at random. In case of shipment lots less than five pigs, each pig shall be sampled at least once or as many times as may be necessary to provide a sufficient sample for analysis. A minimum of five pigs is preferred for sampling. If a shipment is comprised of batches identified by heat numbers, each heat should be sampled as a separate lot.



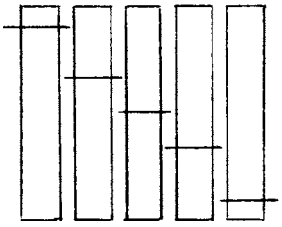


FIG. 1 Pig Tin Sampling Methods

10.3.3 *Sample Preparation*—Each pig should be cleaned thoroughly to rid the surface of dirt or adhering foreign material prior to sampling by one of the following methods: sawing, drilling, or melting.

10.3.3.1 *Sawing*—The pigs selected shall be sawed completely through as illustrated in Fig. 1 (one cut per pig) or shall be sawed half way across from both sides as illustrated in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 (two cuts on each pig). The sawings from all the pigs shall be mixed thoroughly and quartered, and the samples for analysis taken from the mixed material. The sawings must be free of extraneous material introduced from the saw blade. All sawings should be screened to remove any coagulated saw chips and treated with a strong magnet to remove iron introduced by sawing. No lubricant shall be used when sawing.

10.3.3.2 *Drilling*—The pigs shall be drilled all the way through the depth of pig as shown in Fig. 4 (one hole per pig) or drilled half way through the depth of pig from top and bottom as shown in Fig. 5 (two holes ½ depth per pig). A drill size of about ½ in. (12.7 mm) in diameter is preferred and in no instance shall the drill size be less than ⅜in. (9.5 mm) in diameter. A standing drill or bench drill should be used whenever possible, as hand held drills are normally high speed, therefore creating problems with drill breakage. In drilling, the holes shall be spaced along a diagonal line from one corner of

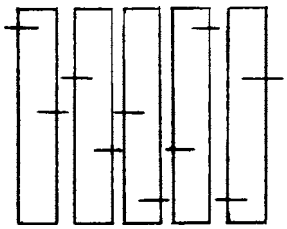


FIG. 2 Pigs Sampled in Sets of Five According to Template as Shown Above