



Standard Specification for Zinc - Copper - Aluminum Alloy in Ingot Form for Die Castings¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers a commercial zinc-copper-aluminum alloy in ingot form (UNS Z46540*) for remelting for the manufacture of die castings.

1.2 *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 become familiar with all hazards including those identified in the appropriate Material Data Sheet for this product/material as provided by the manufacturer, to establish appropriate safety and health practices, and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 The following documents of the issue in effect on date of order acceptance form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 *ASTM Standards:*

B 899 Terminology Relating to Nonferrous Metals and Alloys²

B 908 Practice for the Use of Color Codes for Zinc Casting Alloy Ingot²

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications³

E 47 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Zinc Die Casting Alloys⁴

E 88 Practice for Sampling Nonferrous Metals and Alloys in Cast Form for Determination of Chemical Composition⁵

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys⁶

E 536 Test Method for Chemical Analysis of Zinc and Zinc Alloys⁷

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*See Table 1, footnote A

² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.04.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁴ Discontinued; see 1997 Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.05.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.05.

⁶ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.01.

⁷ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.06.

E 634 Practice for Sampling of Zinc and Zinc Alloys for Optical Emission Spectrometric Analysis⁷

3. Terminology

3.1 Terms shall be defined in accordance with Terminology B 899B 899.

4. Ordering Information

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

4.1.1 Quantity in pounds,

4.1.2 Chemical composition,

4.1.3 Size, if not manufacturer's standard,

4.1.4 Source inspection (Section 9), and

4.1.5 Marking (Section 11).

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 The alloys may be made by any approved process.

5.2 The material covered by this specification shall be of uniform quality and shall be free of harmful contamination.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The ingots shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition prescribed in Table 1. Conformance shall be determined by the manufacturer by analyzing samples taken at the time the ingots are poured or samples taken from the ingots. Unless otherwise agreed in the contract or purchase order, sampling procedure will be the manufacturer's choice.

7. Sampling for Determination of Chemical Composition

7.1 In the event of a dispute, if the ingots are shipped in carload lots of the same alloy, not less than five ingots shall be taken at random from the carload for sampling. If the shipment is less than a carload lot, one sample ingot shall be taken for each 10 000 lb (4500 kg) or fraction thereof. Either party may request that a sample be taken from each melt of 1000 lb (450 kg) or more.

7.2 The sample for chemical analysis shall be taken by sawing, milling, or drilling in such a manner as to be representative of the average cross section of the ingot. The weight of a prepared sample shall be not less than 75 g in accordance with Practice E 88.E 88