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Standard Practice for Color Codes on Zinc and Zinc Alloy Ingot for Use in Hot-Dip Galvanizing of Steel¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This standard is published with the following objectives:

1.1.1 To establish standard color codes for zinc, zinc alloy and zinc master alloy ingot used by the Hot-Dip Galvanizing industry, and

1.1.2 To standardize the use and application of these color codes.

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 Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) 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:*²

[B6 Specification for Zinc](#)
[B275 Practice for Codification of Certain Nonferrous Metals and Alloys, Cast and Wrought](#)

[B750 Specification for GALFAN \(Zinc-5 % Aluminum-Mischmetal\) Alloy in Ingot Form for Hot-Dip Coatings](#)

[B852 Specification for Continuous Galvanizing Grade \(CGG\) Zinc Alloys for Hot-Dip Galvanizing of Sheet Steel](#)

[B860 Specification for Zinc Master Alloys for Use in Hot Dip Galvanizing](#)

[B899 Terminology Relating to Non-ferrous Metals and Alloys](#)

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

[E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System \(UNS\)](#)

2.3 *ISO Standard:*

[ISO 752 Zinc and Zinc Alloys—Primary Zinc](#)³

2.4 *CEN Standard:*

[EN 1179 Zinc and Zinc Alloys—Primary Zinc](#)⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 Terms shall be defined in accordance with Terminology B899.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 The purpose of these color codes is to allow for quick identification of ingot bundles or jumbo ingots of alloys used for hot-dip galvanizing. Other than jumbo ingots, this standard is not intended to imply that each ingot will be color-coded but only that each ingot bundle be color coded.

4.2 Each ingot bundle or jumbo ingot shall be identified with the appropriate color code listed in [Table 1](#).

4.3 The color will be applied as a stripe, or stripes, on two adjacent sides of the ingot bundle or jumbo ingot. The color stripes will be applied to include the ingot bundle foot.

4.4 When using multiple stripes, the colored stripes will be applied from left to right as indicated in [Table 1](#).

4.5 In the absence of a written agreement to the contrary between the supplier and end user, the North American color code will be the standard for all North American transactions; for all other transactions the International Color Code will be used.

5. Keywords

5.1 aluminum-zinc alloys; color; color code; GALFAN; GALVALUME; galvanizing; hot-dip; non-ferrous metals; zinc; zinc alloys; zinc-aluminum alloys

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

⁴ Available from Global Engineering Documents, 15 Inverness Way, East Englewood, CO 80112-5704, <http://www.global.ihs.com>.