
**Magnesium and magnesium alloys —
Magnesium alloys for cast anodes**

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anodes coulées*

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 26202:2007), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared with the previous edition are as follows:

- a) a note has been added in [4.1](#);
- b) in [Clause 5](#), the compositions in [Tables 1](#) and [2](#) have been updated;
- c) in [Clause 5](#), EN-MBMgAl6Zn1 has been deleted and the designations “EN-” have been replaced with “ISO-”;
- d) “Sampling” has been included as [6.1](#);
- e) “Packaging and surface protection” has been added as [Clause 8](#);
- f) in [Annex C](#), cross-references of grade designations of this document to other standard grades of magnesium alloys for cast anodes have been added.

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Introduction

This document classifies magnesium alloys for cast anodes into a number of grades suitable for the applications for which they might be used. [Annexes A](#) and [B](#) describe methods for electrochemical tests with corresponding recommended values. [Annex C](#) gives cross-references of grade designations of this document to other standard grades of magnesium alloys for cast anodes.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the grades and the corresponding requirements for magnesium alloy ingots for anodes and for magnesium alloy cast anodes.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 80000-1:2009, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

EN 1559-1, *Founding — Technical conditions of delivery — Part 1: General*

EN 1559-5, *Founding — Technical conditions of delivery — Part 5: Additional requirements for magnesium alloy castings*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Designations

4.1 Material

The material shall be designated either by symbol or by number (see [Tables 1](#) and [2](#)).

NOTE Cross-references of grade designations of this document to other standard grades of magnesium alloys for cast anodes are given in [Annex C](#).

4.2 Casting process

The following symbols shall be used for the different casting processes:

- S: sand casting;
- K: permanent mould casting (gravity);
- C: continuous casting.

5 Requirements

5.1 General

The requirements for technical delivery conditions given in EN 1559-1 and EN 1559-5 shall apply, and/or any other technical requirements specified in the order agreed between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

5.2 Chemical composition

The chemical composition of magnesium alloy ingots for cast anodes shall conform to the requirements given in [Table 1](#). The chemical composition of magnesium cast anodes shall conform to the requirements given in [Table 2](#).

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Table 1 — Chemical composition of magnesium alloy ingots for anode castings

Alloy group	Material designation		Composition in percent (mass fraction)												
	Symbol	Number	Element	Al	Zn	Mn	Si	Fe	Cu	Ni	Others each	Others total	Mg		
MgAlZn	ISO-MBMgAl3Zn1	ISO-MB21130	min.	2,6	0,7	0,20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
			max.	3,5	1,4	1,0	0,08	0,004	0,02	0,001	0,05	0,30	Remainder		
MgAlZn	ISO-MBMgAl6Zn3	ISO-MB21150	min.	5,1	2,1	0,20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
			max.	7,0	4,0	1,0	0,08	0,004	0,02	0,001	0,05	0,30	Remainder		
MgMn	ISO-MBMgMn1	ISO-MB40010	min.	—	—	0,50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
			max.	0,01	0,05	1,3	0,05	0,01	0,02	0,001	0,05	0,30	Remainder		
MgMn	ISO-MBMgMn2	ISO-MB40020	min.	—	—	1,20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
			max.	0,01	0,05	2,5	0,05	0,01	0,02	0,001	0,05	0,30	Remainder		

Table 2 — Chemical composition of magnesium alloy anode castings

Alloy group	Material designation		Casting process ^a	Composition in percent (mass fraction)											
	Symbol	Number		Element	Al	Zn	Mn	Si	Fe	Cu	Ni	Others each	Others total	Mg	
MgAlZn	ISO-MAMgA3Zn1	ISO-MA21130	S, K, C	min.	0,6	0,2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Remainder
				max.	1,4	1,0	0,1	0,005	0,02	0,001	—	0,05	0,30	—	
MgMn	ISO-MAMgAl6Zn3	ISO-MA21150	S, K, C	min.	2,0	0,2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Remainder
				max.	4,0	1,0	0,1	0,005	0,02	0,002	—	0,05	0,30	—	
MgMn	ISO-MAMgMn1	ISO-MA40010	S, K, C	min.	—	0,5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Remainder
				max.	0,01	1,3	0,05	0,01	0,02	0,001	—	0,05	0,30	—	
MgMn	ISO-MAMgMn2	ISO-MA40020	S, K, C	min.	—	1,2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Remainder
				max.	0,01	2,5	0,05	0,01	0,02	0,001	—	0,05	0,30	—	

For anodes used in potable (drinking) water, the following specifications shall be met (all in mass fraction): (As + Pb + Cr(VI) + Ni) % ≤ 0,1 % and (Cd + Sb + Se + Hg) % ≤ 0,01 %.

^a S = sand casting, K = permanent mould casting (gravity), C = continuous casting

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