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Standard Specification for Refined Lead¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the Department of Defense.

1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers refined lead in pig, block, or hog form.

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

1.3 *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 The following documents of the issue in effect on the date of material purchase form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein.

2.2 *ASTM Standards:*

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications²

E 37 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Pig Lead³

E 88 Practice for Sampling Nonferrous Metals and Alloys in Cast Form for Determination of Chemical Composition³

3. Ordering Information

3.1 Orders for refined lead under this specification shall include the following information:

- 3.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue,
- 3.1.2 Quantity (weight),
- 3.1.3 Name of material (for example, pure lead),
- 3.1.4 Size and shape (see Section 6),
- 3.1.5 Grade (see Table 1 and accompanying notes), and
- 3.1.6 Certification or test report if specified (Section 13).

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 Lead shall be supplied in commercial standard forms or shapes requested by the purchaser in the following grades:

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

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements^{A,B}

Grade	Composition (Weight Percent)			
	Low Bismuth Low Silver Pure Lead, max ^C	Refined Pure Lead, max ^D	Pure Lead, max	Chemical-Copper Lead ^E
Sb	0.0005	0.0005	0.001	0.001 max
As	0.0005	0.0005	0.001	0.001 max
Sn	0.0005	0.0005	0.001	0.001 max
Sb As and Sn	0.002	0.002 max
Cu	0.0010	0.0010	0.0015	0.040–0.080
Ag	0.0010	0.0025	0.005	0.020 max
Bi	0.0015	0.025	0.05	0.025 max
Zn	0.0005	0.0005	0.001	0.001 max
Te	0.0001	0.0001
Ni	0.0002	0.0002	0.001	0.002 max
Fe	0.0002	0.001	0.001	0.002 max
Lead (min) by difference	99.995	99.97	99.94	99.90
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^A The following applies to all specified limits in Table 1: For the purpose of determining conformance with this specification, an observed value obtained from the analysis shall be rounded off "to the nearest unit" in the last right hand place of figures used in expressing the limiting value, in accordance with the rounding method of Practice E 29.

^B By agreement between the purchaser and the supplier, analyses may be required and limits established for elements or compounds not specified in Table 1.

^C This grade is intended for chemical applications where low silver and low bismuth contents are required.

^D This grade is intended for lead acid battery applications.

^E This grade is intended for applications requiring corrosion protection and formability.

4.1.1 Low bismuth low silver pure lead,

4.1.2 Refined pure lead,

4.1.3 Pure lead, and

4.1.4 Chemical copper lead.

4.2 The grades of lead listed in 4.1.1-4.1.4 shall be produced by any smelting and refining process from ore or recycled materials to meet the chemical requirements of this specification.

5. Composition

5.1 The lead shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Table 1 and accompanying notes.

6. Sizes and Shapes

6.1 Pigs shall weigh up to a nominal 110 lb (50 kg).

6.2 Blocks or hogs shall be square or oblong and weigh up to 2530 lb (1150 kg).