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Standard Specification for Fine Aluminum—1 % Magnesium Wire for Semiconductor Lead-Bonding¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers aluminum-1% magnesium alloy wire for internal connections in semiconductor devices and is limited to wires of diameter up to and including 0.002 in. (0.051 mm). For diameters larger than 0.0020 in. (0.051 mm), the specifications are to be agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

F 16 Test Methods for Measuring Diameter or Thickness of Wire and Ribbon for Electronic Devices and Lamps²

F 72 Specification for Gold Wire for Semiconductor Lead Bonding²

F 205 Test Method for Measuring Diameter of Fine Wire by Weighing²

F 219 Test Methods of Testing Fine Round and Flat Wire for Electron Devices and Lamps

F 584 Practice for Visual Inspection of Semiconductor Lead Bonding Wire²

2.2 Military Standard:

MIL-STD-105 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes³

3. Ordering Information

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

3.1.1 Quantity,

3.1.2 Composition (see Section 7),

3.1.3 Size (diameter) (see Section 5),

3.1.4 Breaking load and elongation (see Section 4),

3.1.5 Spooling, packaging, and marking (see Section 11),

3.1.6 Buyer part number, and

3.1.7 Special requirements such as for certificate of compliance (see Section 10).

4. Physical Requirements

4.1 Elongation and breaking load ranges for the wire shall be specified by the purchaser. The maximum ranges of the mechanical properties are listed in Table 1.

4.2 Mechanical property requirements in ranges smaller than those listed in Table 1 may be specified upon agreement between the purchaser and the supplier.

NOTE 1—The nature of aluminum-1 % magnesium alloy is such that the mechanical properties of both as-drawn and annealed wires overlap considerably. It is also possible to vary the properties of the hard wire by changing manufacturing parameters and procedures. For these reasons, no distinction is made in this specification between the two types.

5. Dimensions, Weights, and Permissible Variations

5.1 Wire size shall be expressed as wire diameter in decimal fractions of an inch (or millimetres) or as weight per unit length.

5.2 Tolerances for various size ranges are specified in Table 2.

5.3 When wire size is expressed in terms of weight, the following values shall be used:

5.3.1 *Density of Aluminum-1 % Magnesium*—2.7 g/cm³

5.3.2 *Weight of a 200-mm Length of Wire 0.0254 mm in Diameter*—0.274 mg.

6. Surface Finish

6.1 The wire surface shall be clean and free of finger oils, lubricant residues, stains, and particulate matter.

6.2 Mechanical damage to the wire surface such as nicks, scratches, and kinks shall be held to a minimum.

6.3 The nature and the extent of defects permitted to be present on the surface of the wire shall be agreed between the supplier and the purchaser.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 10.04.

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