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Standard Practice for the Use of Color Codes for Zinc Casting Alloy Ingot¹

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1. Scope*

- 1.1 This standard is published with the following objectives:
- 1.2 To establish standard color codes for the Zinc Die Casting and Foundry industry, and
- 1.3 To standardize the use and application of these color codes.
- 1.4 *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

[B240 Specification for Zinc and Zinc-Aluminum \(ZA\) Alloys in Ingot Form for Foundry and Die Castings](#)

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

[B327 Specification for Master Alloys Used in Making Zinc Die Casting Alloys](#)

[B792 Specification for Zinc Alloys in Ingot Form for Slush Casting](#)

[B793 Specification for Zinc Casting Alloy Ingot for Sheet Metal Forming Dies and Plastic Injection Molds](#)

[B892 Specification for ACuZinc5](#)

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

[B952 Specification for Zinc Alloys in Ingot Form for Spin Casting](#)

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

2.3 *ISO Standard:* [ISO 301 Zinc alloy ingots intended for casting, 1981-05-15](#)³

2.4 *CEN Standard:*

[EN 1774 Zinc and zinc alloys—Alloys for foundry purposes—Ingot and liquid, September 1997](#)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 zinc casting alloys. 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](#).

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [B02](#) on Nonferrous Metals and Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [B02.04](#) on Zinc and Cadmium.

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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~~ standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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

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

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard