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Standard Specification for Aluminum Alloys in Ingot and Molten Forms for Castings from All Casting Processes¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification covers commercial aluminum alloys in ingot form for remelting and molten form for the manufacture of castings. The specific gravity of these alloys does not exceed 3.0 and they are designated as shown in Tables 1 and 2.

NOTE 1—Throughout this specification the use of “ingot” in a general sense includes sow, T-bar, T-ingot, and pig.

1.2 Alloy designations are in accordance with ANSI H35.1. The equivalent Unified Numbering System alloy designations are in accordance with Practice E 527.

NOTE 2—Supplementary data pertaining to the alloys covered by this specification when used in the form of castings are given in Specifications B 26/B 26M, B 85, B 108, B 618, and B 686.

1.3 For acceptance criteria for inclusion of new aluminum and aluminum alloys in this specification, see Annex A1.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

B 26/B26M Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Sand Castings²

B 85 Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Die Castings²

B 108 Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Permanent Mold Castings²

B 275 Practice for Codification of Certain Nonferrous Metals and Alloys, Cast and Wrought²

B 618 Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Investment Castings³

B 666/B 666M Practice for Identification Marking of Aluminum and Magnesium Products²

B 686 Specification for Aluminum Alloy Castings, High-Strength²

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications⁴

E 34 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Aluminum and Aluminum Base Alloys⁵

E 88 Practice for Sampling Nonferrous Metals and Alloys in Cast Form for Determination of Chemical Composition⁵

E 101 Test Method for Spectrographic Analysis of Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys by the Point-to-Plane Technique⁶

E 227 Test Method for Optical Emission Spectrometric Analysis of Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys by the Point-to-Plane Technique⁵

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)⁷

E 607 Test Method for Optical Emission Spectrometric Analysis of Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys by the Point-to-Plane Technique, Nitrogen Atmosphere⁸

E 716 Practices for Sampling Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys for Spectrochemical Analysis⁸

E 1251 Test Method for Optical Emission Spectrometric Analysis of Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys by the Argon Atmosphere, Point-to-Plane, Unipolar Self-Initiating Capacitor Discharge⁸

2.2 ANSI Standard:

H35.1 Alloy and Temper Designation Systems for Aluminum²

3. Ordering Information

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

3.1.1 This specification designation (which includes the number, the year, and the revision letter, if applicable),

3.1.2 Alloy (Section 6, Tables 1 and 2), and

3.1.3 The quantity in pieces or pounds.

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.02.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 04.07.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.05.

⁶ Discontinued. See 1995 Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.05.

⁷ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.01.

⁸ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.06.

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

NOTICE: This standard has either been superseded and replaced by a new version or discontinued.

TABLE 1 Chemical Composition Limits for Alloys Normally Used in Sand and Permanent Mold Casting Processes

NOTE 1—Where single units are shown, these indicate the maximum amounts permitted.

NOTE 2—Analysis shall be made for the elements for which limits are shown in this table.

NOTE 3—The following applies to all specified limits in this table: For purposes of determining conformance to these limits, an observed value or a calculated value obtained from analysis shall be rounded to the nearest unit in the last right-hand place of figures used in expressing the specified limit in accordance with the rounding-off method of Practice E 29.

Alloy ^A		Use ^B	Composition, %											Others ^C		Aluminum
			Silicon	Iron	Copper	Manganese	Magnesium	Chromium	Nickel	Zinc	Tin	Titanium	Each	Total ^D		
ANSI ^A	UNS															
201.2	A02012	S	0.10	0.10	4.0–5.2	0.20–0.50	0.20–0.55	...	...	...	...	0.15–0.35	0.05 ^E	0.10	remainder
204.2	A02042	S,P	0.15	0.10–0.20	4.2–4.9	0.05	0.20–0.35	...	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.15–0.25	0.05	0.15	remainder	
208.1	A02081	S,P	2.5–3.5	0.9	3.5–4.5	0.50	0.10	...	0.35	1.0	...	0.25	...	0.50	remainder	
208.2	A02082	S,P	2.5–3.5	0.8	3.5–4.5	0.30	0.03	...	...	0.20	...	0.20	...	0.30	remainder
222.1	A02221	S,P	2.0	1.2	9.2–10.7	0.50	0.20–0.35	...	0.50	0.8	...	0.25	...	0.35	remainder	
242.1	A02421	S,P	0.7	0.8	3.5–4.5	0.35	1.3–1.8	0.25	1.7–2.3	0.35	...	0.25	0.05	0.15	remainder	
242.2	A02422	S,P	0.6	0.6	3.5–4.5	0.10	1.3–1.8	...	1.7–2.3	0.10	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder	
A242.1	A12421	S	0.6	0.6	3.7–4.5	0.10	1.3–1.7	0.15–0.25	1.8–2.3	0.10	...	0.07–0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder	
A242.2	A12422	S	0.35	0.6	3.7–4.5	0.10	1.3–1.7	0.15–0.25	1.8–2.3	0.10	...	0.07–0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder	
295.1	A02951	S	0.7–1.5	0.8	4.0–5.0	0.35	0.03	...	...	0.35	...	0.25	0.05	0.15	remainder
295.2	A02952	S	0.7–1.2	0.8	4.0–5.0	0.30	0.03	...	...	0.30	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
296.1	...	P	2.0–3.0	0.9	4.0–5.0	0.35	0.05	...	0.35	0.50	...	0.25	...	0.35	remainder	
296.2	...	P	2.0–3.0	0.8	4.0–5.0	0.30	0.03	...	...	0.30	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
308.1	A03081	P	5.0–6.0	0.8	4.0–5.0	0.50	0.10	...	...	1.0	...	0.25	...	0.50	remainder
308.2	A03082	P	5.0–6.0	0.8	4.0–5.0	0.30	0.10	...	...	0.50	...	0.20	...	0.50	remainder
319.1	A03191	S,P	5.5–6.5	0.8	3.0–4.0	0.50	0.10	...	0.35	1.0	...	0.25	...	0.50	remainder	
319.2	A03192	S,P	5.5–6.5	0.6	3.0–4.0	0.10	0.10	...	0.10	0.10	...	0.20	...	0.20	remainder	
328.1	A03281	S	7.5–8.5	0.8	1.0–2.0	0.20–0.6	0.25–0.6	0.35	0.25	1.5	...	0.25	...	0.50	remainder	
332.1 ^F	A03321	P	8.5–10.5	0.9	2.0–4.0	0.50	0.6–1.5	...	0.50	1.0	...	0.25	...	...	remainder
332.2 ^F	A03322	P	8.5–10.0	0.6	2.0–4.0	0.10	0.9–1.3	...	0.10	0.10	...	0.20	...	0.15	remainder	
333.1	A03331	P	8.0–10.0	0.8	3.0–4.0	0.50	0.10–0.50	...	0.50	1.0	...	0.25	...	0.50	remainder	
336.1 ^F	A03361	P	11.0–13.0	0.9	0.50–1.5	0.35	0.8–1.3	...	2.0–3.0	0.35	...	...	...	0.30	remainder
336.2 ^F	A03362	P	11.0–13.0	0.9	0.50–1.5	0.10	0.9–1.3	...	2.0–3.0	0.10	...	...	...	0.50	remainder
354.1	A03541	P	8.6–9.4	0.15	1.6–2.0	0.10	0.45–0.6	...	...	0.10	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
355.1	A03551	S,P	4.5–5.5	0.50 ^G	1.0–1.5	0.50 ^G	0.45–0.6	0.25	...	0.35	...	0.25	0.05	0.15	remainder	
355.2	A03552	S,P	4.5–5.5	0.14–0.25	1.0–1.5	0.05	0.50–0.6	...	...	0.05	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
C355.2	A33552	S,P	4.5–5.5	0.13	1.0–1.5	0.05	0.50–0.6	...	...	0.05	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
356.1	A03561	S,P	6.5–7.5	0.50 ^G	0.25	0.35 ^G	0.25–0.45	...	...	0.35	...	0.25	0.05	0.15	remainder
356.2	A03562	S,P	6.5–7.5	0.13–0.25	0.10	0.05	0.30–0.45	...	...	0.05	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
A356.2	A13562	S,P	6.5–7.5	0.12	0.10	0.05	0.30–0.45	...	...	0.05	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
357.1	A03571	P	6.5–7.5	0.12	0.05	0.03	0.45–0.6	...	...	0.05	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
A357.2	A13570	P	6.5–7.5	0.12	0.10	0.05	0.45–0.7	...	...	0.05	...	0.04–0.20	0.03 ^H	0.10	remainder
359.2	A03592	P	8.5–9.5	0.12	0.10	0.10	0.55–0.7	...	...	0.10	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
443.1	A04431	S,P	4.5–6.0	0.6	0.6	0.50	0.05	0.25	...	0.50	...	0.25	...	0.35	remainder	
443.2	A04432	S,P	4.5–6.0	0.6	0.10	0.10	0.05	...	...	0.10	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
B443.1	A24431	S,P	4.5–6.0	0.6	0.15	0.35	0.05	...	...	0.35	...	0.25	0.05	0.15	remainder
A444.2	A14442	P	6.5–7.5	0.12	0.05	0.05	0.05	...	...	0.05	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
513.2 ^F	A05132	P	0.30	0.30	0.10	0.10	3.6–4.5	...	...	1.4–2.2	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
514.1	A05141	S	0.35	0.40	0.15	0.35	3.6–4.5	...	...	0.15	...	0.25	0.05	0.15	remainder
514.2	A05142	S	0.30	0.30	0.10	0.10	3.6–4.5	...	...	0.10	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
520.2	A05202	S	0.15	0.20	0.20	0.10	9.6–10.6	...	...	0.10	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
535.2	A05352	S,P	0.10	0.10	0.05	0.10–0.25	6.6–7.5	...	...	...	...	0.10–0.25	0.05 ^I	0.15	remainder
705.1	A07051	S,P	0.20	0.6	0.20	0.40–0.6	1.5–1.8	0.20–0.40	...	2.7–3.3	...	0.25	0.05	0.15	remainder	
707.1	A07071	S,P	0.20	0.6	0.20	0.40–0.6	1.9–2.4	0.20–0.40	...	4.0–4.5	...	0.25	0.05	0.15	remainder	
710.1 ^F	A07101	S	0.15	0.40	0.35–0.65	0.05	0.65–0.8	...	...	6.0–7.0	...	0.25	0.05	0.15	remainder
711.1 ^F	A07111	P	0.30	0.7–1.1	0.35–0.65	0.05	0.30–0.45	...	...	6.0–7.0	...	0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
712.2 ^F	A07122	S	0.15	0.40	0.25	0.10	0.50–0.65	0.40–0.6	...	5.0–6.5	...	0.15–0.25	0.05	0.20	remainder	
713.1	A07131	S,P	0.25	0.8	0.40–1.0	0.6	0.25–0.50	0.35	0.15	7.0–8.0	...	0.25	0.10	0.25	remainder	



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TABLE 1 Continued

Alloy ^A		Use ^B	Composition, %												
ANSI ^A	UNS		Silicon	Iron	Copper	Manganese	Magnesium	Chromium	Nickel	Zinc	Tin	Titanium	Others ^C		Aluminum
												Each	Total ^D		
771.2	A07712	S	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.85–1.0	0.06–0.20	...	6.5–7.5	...	0.10–0.20	0.05	0.15	remainder
850.1	A08501	S,P	0.7	0.50	0.7–1.3	0.10	0.10	...	0.7–1.3	5.5–7.0	0.20	...	...	0.30	remainder
851.1 ^F	A08511	S,P	2.0–3.0	0.50	0.7–1.3	0.10	0.10	...	0.30–0.7	5.5–7.0	0.20	...	...	0.30	remainder
852.1 ^F	A08521	S,P	0.40	0.50	1.7–2.3	0.10	0.7–0.9	...	0.9–1.5	5.5–7.0	0.20	...	...	0.30	remainder

^A ASTM alloy designations are recorded in Practice B 275.

^B S = sand cast. P = permanent mold cast.

^C "Others" includes listed elements for which no specific limit is shown as well as unlisted metallic elements. The producer may analyze samples for trace elements not specified in the specification. However, such analysis is not required and may not cover all metallic "Others" elements. Should any analysis by the producer or the purchaser establish that an "Others" element exceeds the limit of "Each" or that the aggregate of several "Others" elements exceeds the limit of "Total," the material shall be considered nonconforming.

^D Other Elements—Total shall be the sum of unspecified metallic elements 0.010 % or more, rounded to the second decimal before determining the sum.

^E Silver 0.40–1.0 %.

^F 336.1 formerly A332.1, 336.2 formerly A332.2, 332.1 formerly F332.1, 332.2 formerly F332.2, 513.2 formerly A514.2, 710.1 formerly A712.1, 711.1 formerly C712.1, 712.2 formerly D712.2, 851.1 formerly A850.1, 852.1 formerly B850.1.

^G If iron exceeds 0.45 %, manganese shall not be less than one half of the iron content.

^H Beryllium 0.04–0.07 %.

^I Beryllium 0.003–0.007 %, boron 0.002 % max.