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Standard Specification for Factory-Made Wrought Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Welding Fittings¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers only factory-made wrought aluminum and aluminum-alloy welding fittings in contrast to field-made fittings. The term “welding fittings” applies to butt-welding or socket-end parts, such as 45° elbows, 180° return bends, 90° short radius elbows, and other types made to the dimensional standards specified by ASME B16.9 and B16.11.

NOTE 1—Throughout this specification use of the term *alloy* in the general sense includes aluminum as well as aluminum-alloy.

1.2 For acceptance criteria for inclusion of new aluminum and aluminum alloys in this specification, see [Annex A1](#).

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

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 establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental 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 material purchase form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 *ASTM Standards:*²

[B209 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate \(Metric\) B0209_B0209M](#)

[B210 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Drawn Seamless Tubes \(Metric\) B0210_B0210M](#)

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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 Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

[B211 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Rolled or Cold-Finished Bar, Rod, and Wire \(Metric\) B0211_B0211M](#)

[B221 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Bars, Rods, Wire, Profiles, and Tubes](#)

[B234 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Drawn Seamless Tubes for Surface Condensers, Evaporators, and Heat Exchangers](#)

[B241/B241M Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Seamless Pipe and Seamless Extruded Tube](#)

[B247 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Die Forgings, Hand Forgings, and Rolled Ring Forgings](#)

[B660 Practices for Packaging/Packing of Aluminum and Magnesium Products](#)

[B881 Terminology Relating to Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products](#)

[D3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging](#)

2.3 *ANSI Standards:*

[H35.1/H35.1\(M\) Alloy and Temper Designation Systems for Aluminum](#)³

2.4 *ASME Standards:*

[B16.9 Factory-Made Wrought Butt-Welding Fittings](#)⁴

[B16.11 Forged Fittings, Socket-Welding and Threaded Section VIII Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code](#)⁴

[Section IX Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code](#)⁴

2.5 *AWS Standards:*

[AWS D10.7M/D10.7 Recommended Practices for Gas Shielded-Arc Welding of Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Pipe](#)⁵

2.6 *Manufacturers’ Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry:*

[MSS SP 25 Standard Marking System for Valves, Fittings, Flanges and Unions](#)⁶

³ Available from Aluminum Association, Inc., 1400 Crystal Drive Suite 430, Arlington, VA 22202, <http://www.aluminum.org>.

⁴ Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Three Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

⁵ Available from American Welding Society (AWS), 550 NW LeJeune Rd., Miami, FL 33126, <http://www.aws.org>.

⁶ Available from Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS), 127 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180-4602, <http://www.mss-hq.com>.

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

2.7 *Federal Standards:*

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)⁷

2.8 *American Society for Nondestructive Testing Standard:*
ASNT Recommended Practice No. SNT-TC-1A Personnel Qualification and Certification in Nondestructive Testing⁸

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions: Refer to ASTM Terminology **B881** for definitions of product terms used in this specification.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *capable of*—The term *capable of* as used in this specification means that the test need not be performed by the producer of the material. However, should testing by the purchaser establish that the material does not meet these requirements, the material shall be subject to rejection.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material to this specification shall include the following information:

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

4.1.2 Size, shape, and dimensions (8.1),

4.1.3 Quantity in number of pieces,

4.1.4 Alloy (Section 5),

4.1.5 Temper (Section 5),

4.1.6 Class WP***S and WP***W (seamless or welded) shall be specified.

4.2 Additionally, orders for material to this specification shall include the following information when required by the purchaser:

4.2.1 Whether tension tests of finished fittings are required (9.1),

4.2.2 Whether hydrostatic tests are required (10.2),

4.2.3 Whether inspection or witness of inspection and tests by the purchaser's representative is required prior to material shipment (Section 11),

4.2.4 Whether Practices **B660** applies and, if so, the levels of preservation, packaging, and packing required (14.3), and

4.2.5 Whether certification is required (Section 15).

4.2.6 For civil agencies, whether marking for shipment shall be in accordance with Fed. Std. No. 123 or ASTM Practice **D3951**.

5. Material

5.1 The aluminum or aluminum-alloy material used in the manufacture of the fittings shall be in accordance with the alloy and temper specified in the order. The material shall be in the form of rod, bar, forgings, sheet, plate, seamless pipe or seamless tube, each of which conforms to all requirements of the applicable ASTM specifications for the particular form and alloy involved. The applicable ASTM specifications and alloy designations are listed in **Table 1**.

⁷ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://www.dodssp.daps.mil>.

⁸ Available from American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT), P.O. Box 28518, 1711 Arlingate Ln., Columbus, OH 43228-0518, <http://www.asnt.org>.

6. Manufacture

6.1 Forging or shaping operations may be performed by hammering, pressing, piercing, rolling, extruding, upsetting, bending, fusion welding, machining, or by a combination of two or more of these operations. The forming procedure shall be so applied that it will not produce injurious defects in the fittings.

6.2 Fittings ordered as Class WP***S shall be of seamless construction and meet all requirements of ASME B16.9.

6.3 Fittings ordered as Class WP***W shall meet the requirements of ASME B16.9 and shall have full penetration fusion welds radiographically examined throughout their entire length in accordance with Paragraph UW-51 of Section VIII, Division 1, of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. The radiography of this class of fittings may be done either prior to or after forming at the option of the manufacturer.

6.3.1 All welds shall be made in accordance with procedures by welders or welding operators qualified under the requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IX.

6.3.2 Personnel performing NDE examinations shall be qualified in accordance with SNT-TC-1A.

6.4 For welds made in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IX, the joint shall be reinforced at the center of the weld by at least 1/16 in. (1.6 mm) but not more than 1/8 in. (3.2 mm). Unless otherwise agreed upon between the producer and the purchaser, this reinforcement may be removed at the producer's option. The contour of the reinforcement shall be smooth, with no valley or groove along the edge or in the center of the weld, and the deposited metal shall be fused smoothly and uniformly into the surface of the original material. The finish of the welded joint shall be reasonably smooth and free of irregularities, grooves, or depressions.

7. Responsibility for Quality Assurance

7.1 *Responsibility for Inspection and Tests*—Unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the producer is responsible for the performance of all inspection and test requirements specified herein. Except as otherwise specified in the contract or order, the producer may use his own or any other suitable facilities for the performance of the inspection and test requirements specified herein, unless disapproved by the purchaser. The purchaser shall have the right to perform any of the inspections and tests set forth in this specification where such inspections are deemed necessary to assure that material conforms to prescribed requirements.

7.2 *Lot Definition*—An inspection lot shall consist of all fittings of the same alloy, size, shape, and dimensions subjected to inspection at one time.

8. General Quality

8.1 The sizes, shapes, and dimensions, and, unless otherwise specified, the end preparation (**Note 2**), shall be as specified for fittings covered by ASME B16.9 and B16.11.

NOTE 2—Other types of end preparations have been developed such as