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**FLUID, DEICING/ANTI-ICING, RUNWAYS AND TAXIWAYS  
Potassium Acetate Base**

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## 1. SCOPE:

### 1.1 Form:

This specification covers a potassium-acetate base deicing/anti-icing fluid in the form of a concentrated liquid.

### 1.2 Application:

This fluid has been used typically on airport runways and taxiways for the prevention and removal of frozen deposits of frost and ice, but usage is not limited to such usage.

### 1.3 Precautions:

Airport authorities should ascertain the friction coefficient of the runway after application of the deicing/anti-icing fluid.

### 1.4 Safety - Hazardous Materials:

While the materials, methods, applications, and processes described or referenced in this specification may involve the use of hazardous materials, this specification does not address the hazards which may be involved in such use. It is the sole responsibility of the user to ensure familiarity with the safe and proper use of any hazardous materials and to take necessary precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of all personnel involved.

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## 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:

The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of SAE publications shall apply. The applicable issue of other publications shall be the issue in effect on the date of the purchase order.

### 2.1 SAE Publications:

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

- AMS 2470 Anodic Treatment of Aluminum Alloys, Chromic Acid Process
- AMS 2475 Protective Treatments, Magnesium Alloys
- AMS 2825 Material Safety Data Sheets
- AMS 4037 Aluminum Alloy Sheet and Plate, 4.4Cu - 1.5Mg - 0.60Mn, (2024; -T3 Flat Sheet, -T351 Plate), Solution Heat Treated
- AMS 4041 Aluminum Alloy Sheet and Plate, Alclad, 4.4Cu - 1.5Mg - 0.60Mn, (Alclad 2024 and 1-1/2% Alclad 2024-T3 Flat Sheet; 1-1/2% Alclad 2024-T351 Plate)
- AMS 4045 Aluminum Alloy Sheet and Plate, 5.6Zn - 2.5Mg - 1.6Cu - 0.23Cr, (7075; -T6 Sheet, -T651 Plate), Solution and Precipitation Heat Treated
- AMS 4049 Aluminum Alloy Sheet and Plate, Alclad, 5.6Zn - 2.5Mg - 1.6Cu - 0.23Cr, (Alclad 7075; -T6 Sheet, -T651 Plate), Solution and Precipitation Heat Treated
- AMS 4376 Magnesium Alloy Plate, 3.0Al - 1.0Zn, (AZ31B-H26), Cold Rolled and Partially Annealed
- AMS 4911 Titanium Alloy Sheet, Strip, and Plate, 6Al - 4V, Annealed
- MAM 4911 Titanium Alloy Sheet, Strip, and Plate, 6Al - 4V, Annealed
- AMS 5045 Steel Sheet and Strip, 0.25 Carbon maximum, Hard Temper

### 2.2 ASTM Publications:

Available from ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1187.

- ASTM C 672 Scaling Resistance of Concrete Surfaces Exposed To Deicing Chemicals
- ASTM D 56 Flash Point by Tag Closed Tester
- ASTM D 891 Specific Gravity of Liquid Industrial Chemicals
- ASTM D 1177 Freezing Point of Aqueous Engine Coolant Solution
- ASTM D 1193 Reagent Water
- ASTM D 1568 Sampling and Chemical Analysis of Alkylbenzene Sulfonates
- ASTM D 4057 Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products
- ASTM D 4177 Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products
- ASTM E 70 pH of Aqueous Solutions with the Glass Electrode
- ASTM F 483 Total Immersion Corrosion Test for Aircraft Maintenance Chemicals
- ASTM F 484 Stress Cracking of Acrylic Plastics in Contact with Liquid or Semi-Liquid Compounds
- ASTM F 485 Effects of Cleaners on Unpainted Aircraft Surfaces
- ASTM F 502 Effects of Cleaning and Chemical Maintenance Materials on Painted Aircraft Surfaces

## 2.2 ASTM Publications (Continued):

- ASTM F 519 Mechanical Hydrogen Embrittlement Testing of Plating Processes and Aircraft Maintenance Chemicals
- ASTM F 945 Stress-Corrosion of Titanium Alloys by Aircraft Engine Cleaning Materials
- ASTM F 1105 Preparing Aircraft Cleaning Compounds, Liquid Type, Solvent Based, for Storage Stability Testing
- ASTM F 1110 Sandwich Corrosion Test
- ASTM F 1111 Corrosion of Low-Embrittling Cadmium Plate by Aircraft Maintenance Chemicals

## 2.3 U.S. Government Publications:

Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Building 4D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.

- MIL-P-25690 Plastic, Sheets and Parts, Modified Acrylic Base, Monolithic, Crack Propagation Resistant
- MIL-P-83310 Plastic Sheet, Polycarbonate, Transparent
- MIL-STD-290 Packaging of Petroleum and Related Products

## 2.4 APHA Publications:

Available from American Public Health Association, 1015 Eighteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Waste Water

## 3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

### 3.1 Material:

The composition of the fluid shall be a potassium acetate-base and shall otherwise be optional with the manufacturer. The fluid may contain corrosion inhibitors, etc, as required to produce a product meeting the requirements of 3.2.

3.1.1 Biodegradability: The fluid shall be not less than 90% biodegradable. Results of biodegradability studies conducted in accordance with "APHA Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Waste Water," for biodegradability and bioassays shall, when requested by purchaser, be provided by the fluid manufacturer to purchaser and shall contain not less than the following information:

3.1.1.1 A statement of ecological behavior of the fluid.

3.1.1.2 The total oxygen demand (TOD) of the fluid, expressed in pounds of oxygen per pound of fluid.

3.1.1.3 Percent of the fluid degraded in five days.

3.1.1.4 Presence, in percent by weight, of nitrate.

3.1.2 This formulation is not intended for use in combination with urea.

### 3.2 Properties:

The fluid shall conform to the following requirements; tests shall be performed in accordance with specified test methods on the product in concentrated form, unless otherwise specified herein:

- 3.2.1 Flash Point: Shall be not lower than 100 °C (212 °F), determined in accordance with ASTM D 56.
- 3.2.2 Specific Gravity: Shall be within  $\pm 0.015$  of the preproduction value established in 4.2.3, determined in accordance with ASTM D 891.
- 3.2.3 pH: Shall be within  $\pm 0.5$  units of the preproduction value established in 4.2.3, determined in accordance with ASTM E 70.
- 3.2.4 Freezing Point:
- 3.2.4.1 Shall not exceed -23 °C (-10 °F), determined in accordance with ASTM D 1177.
- 3.2.4.2 Shall be not greater than +4 °C (+7 °F) from the preproduction value established in 4.2.3, determined in accordance with ASTM D 1177.
- 3.2.5 Corrosion of Metal Surfaces:
- 3.2.5.1 Sandwich Corrosion: Specimens of AMS 4045 and AMS 4049 aluminum alloy, after test, shall either show corrosion not worse than one, or not worse than that on control panels treated with ASTM D 1193, Type IV, water, determined in accordance with ASTM F 1110.
- 3.2.5.2 Total Immersion Corrosion: The fluid shall neither show evidence of corrosion nor cause a weight change of any test panel greater than shown in Table 1, determined in accordance with ASTM F 483 on product in concentrated form and on product diluted 1:1 with ASTM D 1193, Type IV, water.

TABLE 1 - Total Immersion Corrosion

Test Panel	Weight Change mg/cm <sup>2</sup> per 24 hours
AMS 4037 Aluminum Alloy, anodized as in AMS 2470	0.3
AMS 4041 Aluminum Alloy	0.3
AMS 4049 Aluminum Alloy	0.3
AMS 4376 Magnesium Alloy, dichromate treated as in AMS 2475	0.2
AMS 4911 or MAM 4911 Titanium Alloy	0.1
AMS 5045 Carbon Steel	0.8

- 3.2.5.3 Low-Embrittling Cadmium Plate: Test panels, coated with low-embrittling cadmium plate, shall not show a weight change greater than  $0.3 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  per 24 hours, determined in accordance with ASTM F 1111.
- 3.2.5.4 Stress-Corrosion Resistance: The fluid shall not cause cracks in AMS 4911 or MAM 4911 titanium alloy, determined in accordance with ASTM F 945.
- 3.2.6 Hydrogen Embrittlement: The fluid shall be non-embrittling, determined in accordance with ASTM F 519, Type 1a, 1c, or 2a.
- 3.2.7 Effect on Transparent Plastic: The fluid, heated to  $65 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 5$  ( $149 \text{ }^\circ\text{F} \pm 9$ ), shall not craze, stain, or discolor MIL-P-25690 stretched acrylic plastic, determined in accordance with ASTM F 484. The fluid shall not craze, stain, or discolor MIL-P-83310 polycarbonate plastic, determined in accordance with ASTM F 484 except that specimens shall be stressed for 30 minutes  $\pm 2$  to an outer fiber stress level of 13 MPa (2000 psi).
- 3.2.8 Effect on Painted Surfaces: The fluid, heated to  $65 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 5$  ( $149 \text{ }^\circ\text{F} \pm 9$ ), shall neither decrease the paint film hardness by more than two pencil hardness levels nor shall it produce any streaking, discoloration, or blistering of the paint film, determined in accordance with ASTM F 502.
- 3.2.9 Effect on Unpainted Surfaces: The fluid, tested in accordance with ASTM F 485, shall neither produce streaking nor leave any stains requiring polishing to remove.
- 3.2.10 Rinsibility: The fluid shall be completely rinsible in tap water, determined in accordance with 3.2.10.1.
- 3.2.10.1 A 75 x 200 mm (3 x 8 inch) panel of clear glass shall be cleaned to provide a surface free of waterbreak, dried, and coated with the deicer/anti-icer fluid by pouring the fluid over the panel while it is held in a horizontal position. The coated panel shall be inclined at an angle of approximately 45 degrees for 10 minutes  $\pm 0.5$ , then placed in a horizontal position for 24 hours  $\pm 0.25$  at room temperature. After the 24-hour exposure, the panel shall be rinsed in tap water for 5 - 6 minutes, followed by a rinse with ASTM D 1193, Type IV, water, allowed to air dry at ambient temperature, and examined for visible traces of the deicer/anti-icer fluid.
- 3.2.11 Pavement Scaling Resistance: The condition of the surface shall have a rating not greater than 2, determined in accordance with ASTM C 672, except that a 25% by volume solution of the deicer/anti-icer fluid in tap water shall be substituted for calcium chloride.
- 3.2.12 Storage Stability: The fluid, when stored for at least one year in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, shall meet all technical requirements of this specification. In addition, when tested in accordance with ASTM F 1105, the fluid shall neither show separation from exposure to heat or cold nor show an increase in turbidity greater than a control sample equally diluted 1:1 with ASTM D 1193, Type III, water.

3.2.13 Performance: The fluid, used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, shall remove accumulated frozen deposits of frost and ice from airport taxiways and runways. Acceptance criteria and method of test shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

### 3.3 Quality:

The fluid, as received by purchaser, shall be homogeneous, uniform in color, and free from skins, lumps, and foreign materials detrimental to usage of the fluid.

## 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

### 4.1 Responsibility for Inspection:

The vendor of the fluid shall supply all samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the fluid conforms to the requirements of this specification.

### 4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Tests for flash point (3.2.1), specific gravity (3.2.2), and pH (3.2.3) are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each lot.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests: Tests for freezing point (3.2.4), corrosion of metal surfaces (3.2.5), hydrogen embrittlement (3.2.6), effect on transparent plastic (3.2.7), effect on painted surfaces (3.2.8), effect on unpainted surfaces (3.2.9), rinsibility (3.2.10), and pavement scaling resistance (3.2.11) are periodic tests and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the vendor unless frequency of testing is specified by purchaser, but in no case less frequently than once per year.

4.2.3 Preproduction Tests: Tests for all technical requirements are preproduction tests and shall be performed prior to or on the initial shipment of fluid to a purchaser, when a change in ingredients and/or processing has been made, when reapproval is required as in 4.4.2, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

4.2.3.1 For direct U.S. Military procurement, substantiating test data and, when requested, preproduction test material shall be submitted to the cognizant agency as directed by the procuring activity, contracting officer, or request for procurement.

### 4.3 Sampling and Testing:

Shall be in accordance with all applicable requirements of 4.3.1 or 4.3.2; a lot shall be all fluid produced in one continuous manufacturing operation from the same batches of raw materials and presented for vendor's inspection at one time:

4.3.1 Drum Shipments: ASTM D 1568.