AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

AMS4078™	REV. L

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Superseding AMS4078K

Aluminum Alloy Sheet and Plate
5.6Zn - 2.5Mg - 1.6Cu - 0.23Cr
7075: (-T73 Sheet, -T7351 Plate)
Solution Heat Treated and Overaged
(Composition similar to UNS A97075)

RATIONALE

AMS4078L results from a Five-Year Review and update of this specification with changes to add provisions for use of AS6279 (see 3.7), update wording to prohibit unauthorized exceptions (see 3.3.1.1, 3.6, and 8.5), update Applicable Documents (see Section 2), and relocate Definitions (see 2.4).

1. SCOPE

1.1 Form

This specification covers an aluminum alloy in the form of sheet and plate over 0.039 to 4.000 inches (over 0.991 to 101.60 mm), inclusive, in thickness (see 8.6).

1.2 Application

This product has been used typically for parts requiring high strength and resistance to stress-corrosion cracking, but usage is not limited to such applications.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The issue of the following documents in effect on the date of the purchase order forms a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The supplier may work to a subsequent revision of a document unless a specific document issue is specified. When the referenced document has been cancelled and no superseding document has been specified, the last published issue of that document shall apply.

2.1 SAE Publications

Available from SAE International, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, Tel: 877-606-7323 (inside USA and Canada) or +1 724-776-4970, www.sae.org.

AMS2355 Quality Assurance, Sampling and Testing, Aluminum Alloys and Magnesium Alloy, Wrought Products (Except Forging Stock), and Rolled, Forged, or Flash Welded Rings

AMS2772 Heat Treatment of Aluminum Alloy Raw Materials

TO PLACE A DOCUMENT ORDER: **Tel: 877-606-7323 (inside USA and Canada)**
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https://www.sae.org/standards/content/AMS4078L

AS6279 Standard Practice for Production, Distribution, and Procurement of Metal Stock

AS7766 Terms Used in Aerospace Metals Specifications

2.2 ANSI Accredited Publications

Copies of these documents are available online at https://webstore.ansi.org/.

ANSI H35.1/H35.1M Standard Alloy and Temper Designation System for Aluminum

ANSI H35.2 Dimensional Tolerances for Aluminum Mill Products

ANSI H35.2M Dimensional Tolerances for Aluminum Mill Products (Metric)

2.3 ASTM Publications

Available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Tel: 610-832-9585, www.astm.org.

ASTM B594 Ultrasonic Inspection of Aluminum-Alloy Wrought Products

ASTM B660 Packaging/Packing of Aluminum and Magnesium Products

ASTM B666/B666M Identification Marking of Aluminum Products

2.4 Definitions

Terms used in AMS are defined in AS7766.

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Composition

Shall conform to the percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined in accordance with AMS2355.

Table 1 - Composition

Element	Min	Max
Silicon	--	0.40
Iron	--	0.50
Copper	1.2	2.0
Manganese	--	0.30
Magnesium	2.1	2.9
Chromium	0.18	0.28
Zinc	5.1	6.1
Titanium	--	0.20
Other Elements, each	--	0.05
Other Elements, total	--	0.15
Aluminum	remainder	

3.2 Condition

3.2.1 Sheet

Solution heat treated, and precipitation heat treated to T73 temper (refer to ANSI H35.1/H35.1M). Heat treatment shall be performed in accordance with AMS2772.

3.2.2 Plate

Solution heat treated, stretched to produce a nominal permanent set of 2%, but not less than 1-1/2% nor more than 3%, and precipitation heat treated to T7351 temper (refer to ANSI H35.1/H35.1M). Heat treatment shall be performed in accordance with AMS2772.

3.2.2.1 Plate shall receive no straightening operations after stretching.

3.3 Properties

Sheet and plate shall conform to the following requirements, determined in accordance with AMS2355 on the mill produced size:

3.3.1 Tensile Properties

Shall be as specified in Table 2.

Table 2A - Minimum tensile properties, inch/pound units

Nominal Thickness Inches	Tensile Strength ksi	Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset ksi	Elongation in 2 Inches or 4D %
Over 0.039 to 0.249, incl	67.0	56.0	8
Over 0.250 to 1.000, incl	69.0	57.0	7
Over 1.000 to 2.000, incl	69.0	57.0	6
Over 2.000 to 2.500, incl	66.0	52.0	6
Over 2.500 to 3.000, incl	64.0	49.0	6
Over 3.000 to 3.500, incl	63.0	49.0	6
Over 3.500 to 4.000, incl	61.0	48.0	6

Table 2B - Minimum tensile properties, SI units

Nominal Thickness Millimeters	Tensile Strength MPa	Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset MPa	Elongation in 50.8 mm or 4D %
Over 0.991 to 6.32, incl	462	386	8
Over 6.35 to 25.40, incl	476	393	7
Over 25.40 to 50.80, incl	476	393	6
Over 50.80 to 63.50, incl	455	359	6
Over 63.50 to 76.20, incl	441	338	6
Over 76.20 to 88.90, incl	434	338	6
Over 88.90 to 101.60, incl	421	331	6

3.3.1.1 Mechanical property requirements for product outside of the range covered by 1.1 shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and producer and reported per 4.4.1 (see 8.6).

3.3.2 Corrosion Resistance

Resistance to stress-corrosion cracking and to exfoliation-corrosion shall be acceptable if the product conforms to 3.3.2.1 or 3.3.2.2.

3.3.2.1 If electrical conductivity is not lower than 40.0% IACS (International Annealed Copper Standard) (23.2 MS/m), determined on the surface of specimens used for tensile testing.

3.3.2.2 If electrical conductivity is 38.0 to 39.9% (22.0 to 23.1 MS/m), inclusive, and yield strength does not exceed the specified minimum by more than 11.9 ksi (82 MPa).

3.3.2.3 If the requirements of 3.3.2.1 or 3.3.2.2 are not met, the product may be given additional precipitation heat treatment or reheat treated. If, after such treatment, all specified properties are met, the product is acceptable.

3.3.2.4 If the conductivity is below 38.0% IACS (22.0 MS/m), the product is not acceptable and must be reprocessed, regardless of tensile properties.

3.3.3 Stress-Corrosion Resistance

Specimens cut from plate 0.750 inch (19.05 mm) and over in nominal thickness shall show no evidence of stress-corrosion cracking when stressed in the short-transverse direction to 75% of the applicable minimum yield strength specified in 3.3.1.

3.4 Quality

Sheet and plate, as received by the purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from imperfections detrimental to usage of the plate.

3.4.1 When specified, each plate 0.500 inch (12.70 mm) and over in nominal thickness shall be ultrasonically inspected in accordance with ASTM B594 and shall meet the requirements of 3.4.1.1 as applicable.

3.4.1.1 Plates shall meet the requirements for ultrasonic class shown in Table 3.

Table 3 - Ultrasonic class

Nominal Thickness Inches	Nominal Thickness Millimeters	Ultrasonic Class
Over 0.500 to 1.500, excl	Over 12.70 to 38.10, excl	B
Over 1.500 to 3.000, incl	Over 38.10 to 76.20, incl	A
Over 3.000 to 4.000, incl	Over 76.20 to 101.60, incl	B

3.5 Tolerances

Shall conform to all applicable requirements of ANSI H35.2 or ANSI H35.2M.

3.6 Exceptions

Any exceptions shall be authorized by the purchaser and reported as in 4.4.1.

3.7 Production, distribution, and procurement of metal stock shall comply with AS6279. This requirement becomes effective 18 months after publication of AMS4078L.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection

The vendor of sheet and plate shall supply all samples for the vendor's tests and shall be responsible for the performance of all required tests. The purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the plate conforms to specified requirements.

4.2 Classification of Tests

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests

Composition (see 3.1), tensile properties (see 3.3.1), conductivity (see 3.3.2), tolerances (see 3.5), and, when specified, ultrasonic soundness (see 3.4.1) are acceptance tests and, except for composition, shall be performed on each lot.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests

Stress-corrosion resistance (see 3.3.3) is a periodic test and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the vendor unless frequency of testing is specified by the purchaser.