



# AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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ALUMINUM ALLOY EXTRUSIONS  
5.6Zn - 2.5Mg - 1.6Cu - 0.23Cr (7075-T6510)  
Stress-Relief Stretched, Unstraightened

1. SCOPE:

- 1.1 Form: This specification covers an aluminum alloy in the form of extruded bars, rods, wire, shapes, and tubing.
- 1.2 Application: Primarily for parts subject to excessive warpage during machining and for parts requiring high strength and whose fabrication does not involve welding or forming. Certain design and processing procedures may cause these products to become susceptible to stress-corrosion cracking; ARP 823 recommends practices to minimize such conditions.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specifications (AMS) and Aerospace Recommended Practices (ARP) shall apply. The applicable issue of other documents shall be as specified in AMS 2350.

- 2.1 SAE Publications: Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2205 - Tolerances, Aluminum-Base and Magnesium-Base Alloy Extrusions  
AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods  
AMS 2355 - Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing of Aluminum-Base and Magnesium-Base Alloys, Wrought Products (Except Forgings and Forging Stock) and Flash Welded Rings  
AMS 2630 - Ultrasonic Inspection

2.1.2 Aerospace Recommended Practices:

ARP 823 - Minimizing Stress Corrosion Cracking in Wrought Heat Treatable Aluminum Alloy Products

- 2.2 Government Publications: Available from Commanding Officer, Naval Publications and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120.

2.2.1 Military Specifications:

MIL-H-6088 - Heat Treatment of Aluminum Alloys

2.2.2 Military Standards:

MIL-STD-649 - Aluminum and Magnesium Products, Preparation for Shipment and Storage

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### 3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Composition: Shall conform to the following percentages by weight, determined in accordance with AMS 2355:

|                         | min       | max  |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|
| Zinc                    | 5.1       | 6.1  |
| Magnesium               | 2.1       | 2.9  |
| Copper                  | 1.2       | 2.0  |
| Chromium                | 0.18      | 0.28 |
| Iron                    | --        | 0.50 |
| Silicon                 | --        | 0.40 |
| Manganese               | --        | 0.30 |
| Titanium                | --        | 0.20 |
| Other Impurities, each  | --        | 0.05 |
| Other Impurities, total | --        | 0.15 |
| Aluminum                | remainder |      |

3.2 Condition: Solution heat treated, stress relieved by stretching to produce a nominal permanent set of 1.5%, but not less than 1% nor more than 3%, and precipitation heat treated. Heat treatments shall be performed in accordance with MIL-H-6088.

3.2.1 Extrusions shall receive no straightening after stretching.

3.2.2 Extrusions shall be supplied with an as-extruded surface finish; light polishing to remove minor surface imperfections is permissible provided such imperfections can be removed within the dimensional tolerances.

3.3 Properties: Extrusions shall conform to the following requirements, determined in accordance with AMS 2355:

3.3.1 Tensile Properties:

3.3.1.1 Longitudinal: Shall be as specified in Table I and 3.3.1.3.

TABLE I

| Nominal Diameter or<br>Least Thickness, and Area<br>(bars, rods, wire, shapes) or<br>Nominal Wall Thickness and Area<br>(tubing)<br>Inches | Tensile<br>Strength<br>psi, min | Yield Strength<br>at 0.2% Offset<br>psi, min | Elongation<br>in 4D<br>%, min |
|--|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Up to 0.250, excl, all areas   | 78,000                          | 70,000                                       | 7                             |
| 0.250 to 0.499, incl, all areas  | 81,000                          | 73,000                                       | 7                             |
| Over 0.499 to 2.999, incl, all areas   | 81,000                          | 72,000                                       | 7                             |
| Over 2.999 to 4.499, incl  |                                 |  |                               |
| Area up to 20 sq in., incl   | 81,000                          | 71,000                                       | 7                             |
| Area over 20 to 32 sq in., incl  | 78,000                          | 70,000                                       | 6                             |
| Over 4.499 to 5.000, incl  |                                 |  |                               |
| Area up to 32 sq in., incl   | 78,000                          | 68,000                                       | 6                             |

TABLE I (SI)

| Nominal Diameter or<br>Least Thickness, and Area<br>(bars, rods, wire, shapes) or<br>Nominal Wall Thickness and Area<br>(tubing)<br>Millimetres | Tensile<br>Strength<br>MPa, min | Yield Strength<br>at 0.2% Offset<br>MPa, min | Elongation<br>in 4D<br>%, min |
|---|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Up to 6.35, excl, all areas   | 538                             | 483  | 7                             |
| 6.35 to 12.67, incl, all areas  | 558                             | 503  | 7                             |
| Over 12.67 to 76.17, incl, all areas  | 558                             | 496  | 7                             |
| Over 76.17 to 114.27, incl  |                                 |  |                               |
| Area up to 129 cm <sup>2</sup> , incl   | 558                             | 490  | 7                             |
| Area over 129 to 206 cm <sup>2</sup> , incl   | 538                             | 483  | 6                             |
| Over 114.27 to 127.00, incl   |                                 |  |                               |
| Area up to 206 cm <sup>2</sup> , incl   | 538                             | 469  | 6                             |

3.3.1.2 Long-Transverse: Bars, rods, and shapes, tested in the long-transverse direction, shall meet the requirements of Table II and 3.3.1.3.

TABLE II

| Nominal Diameter or<br>Thickness and Area<br>Inches | Tensile<br>Strength<br>psi, min | Yield Strength<br>at 0.2% Offset<br>psi, min | Elongation<br>in 4D<br>%, min |
|---|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Up to 0.250, excl                                   |                                 |  |                               |
| Area up to 20 sq in., incl                          | 76,000                          | 64,000                                       | 5                             |
| 0.250 to 0.499, incl                                |                                 |  |                               |
| Area up to 20 sq in., incl                          | 77,000                          | 66,000                                       | 5                             |
| Over 0.499 to 0.749, incl                           |                                 |  |                               |
| Area up to 20 sq in., incl                          | 73,000                          | 63,000                                       | 4                             |
| Over 0.749 to 1.499, incl                           |                                 |  |                               |
| Area up to 20 sq in., incl                          | 72,000                          | 62,000                                       | 3                             |
| Over 1.499 to 2.999, incl                           |                                 |  |                               |
| Area up to 20 sq in., incl                          | 66,000                          | 57,000                                       | 1                             |
| Over 2.999 to 4.499, incl                           |                                 |  |                               |
| Area up to 20 sq in., incl                          | 66,000                          | 56,000                                       | 1                             |
| Area over 20 to 32 sq in., incl                     | 65,000                          | 55,000                                       | 1                             |
| Over 4.499 to 5.000, incl                           |                                 |  |                               |
| Area up to 32 sq in., incl                          | 64,000                          | 54,000                                       | 1                             |

TABLE II (SI)

| Nominal Diameter or<br>Thickness and Area<br>Millimetres             | Tensile<br>Strength<br>MPa, min | Yield Strength<br>at 0.2% Offset<br>MPa, min | Elongation<br>in 4D<br>%, min |
|--|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Up to 6.35, excl<br>Area up to 129 cm <sup>2</sup> , incl            | 524                             | 441  | 5                             |
| 6.35 to 12.67, incl<br>Area up to 129 cm <sup>2</sup> , incl         | 531                             | 455  | 5                             |
| Over 12.67 to 19.02, incl<br>Area up to 129 cm <sup>2</sup> , incl   | 503                             | 434  | 4                             |
| Over 19.02 to 38.07, incl<br>Area up to 129 cm <sup>2</sup> , incl   | 496                             | 427  | 3                             |
| Over 38.07 to 76.17, incl<br>Area up to 129 cm <sup>2</sup> , incl   | 455                             | 393  | 1                             |
| Over 76.17 to 114.27, incl<br>Area up to 129 cm <sup>2</sup> , incl  | 455                             | 386  | 1                             |
| Area over 129 to 206 cm <sup>2</sup> , incl                          | 448                             | 379  | 1                             |
| Over 114.27 to 127.00, incl<br>Area up to 206 cm <sup>2</sup> , incl | 441                             | 372  | 1                             |

3.3.1.3 Tensile property requirements for product exceeding the size limits of 3.3.1.1 and 3.3.1.2 shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.3.2 **Hardness:** Should be not lower than 135 HB/10/500, 135 HB/14.3/1000, or 140 HB/10/1000 but the extrusions shall not be rejected on the basis of hardness if the applicable tensile property requirements are met.

3.4 **Quality:** Extrusions, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from internal and external imperfections detrimental to usage of the extrusions.

3.4.1 When specified, extrusions shall be subjected to ultrasonic inspection in accordance with AMS 2630. Standards for acceptance shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.5 **Tolerances:** Unless otherwise specified, tolerances shall conform to all applicable requirements of AMS 2205.

#### 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 **Responsibility for Inspection:** The vendor of extrusions shall supply all samples and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Results of such tests shall be reported to the purchaser as required by 4.4. Purchaser reserves the right to perform such confirmatory testing as he deems necessary to ensure that the extrusions conform to the requirements of this specification.

#### 4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 **Acceptance Tests:** Tests to determine conformance to requirements for composition (3.1), longitudinal tensile properties (3.3.1.1), ultrasonic inspection (3.4.1) when specified, and tolerances (3.5) are classified as acceptance tests and shall be performed on each lot.

4.2.2 **Periodic Tests:** Tests to determine conformance to requirements for transverse tensile properties (3.3.1.2) and hardness (3.3.2) are classified as periodic tests and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the vendor unless frequency of testing is specified by purchaser.