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ALUMINUM ALLOY CASTINGS, SAND  
10Mg (Z20-T4)  
Solution Treated

1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT: A vendor shall mention this specification number and its revision letter in all quotations and when acknowledging purchase orders.

2. COMPOSITION:

Magnesium	9.5 - 10.6
Iron	0.3 max
Titanium	0.2 max
Copper	0.2 max
Silicon	0.2 max
Manganese	0.1 max
Zinc	0.1 max
Other Impurities, each	0.05 max
Other Impurities, total	0.15 max
Aluminum	remainder

3. CONDITION: Solution heat treated.

4. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

4.1 Casting:

4.1.1 All metal which is melted for castings shall be ingot conforming in composition to Section 2 above; gates, risers and rejected castings may be used but shall first be converted into such ingot. Furnace or ladle additions of small amounts of grain refining elements or alloys are permissible. When permitted by purchaser, molten metal may be taken from the alloying furnaces for pouring into castings without first casting into ingot and re-melting provided that a sample for chemical analysis is taken after the last addition of metal to the furnace prior to removal of the alloy to the holding furnace or pouring ladle.

4.1.2 A melt shall be the metal withdrawn from a batch furnace charge of 2000 pounds or less as melted for pouring castings, or when permitted by the purchaser, a melt shall be 3000 pounds or less of metal withdrawn from one continuous furnace in not more than 8 consecutive hours.

4.2 Test Specimens: Tensile test specimens, and chemical analysis specimens when required, shall be cast with each melt of metal for castings, and when requested, shall be supplied with the castings.

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4.2.1 Tensile Test Specimens: Shall be standard (0.5-inch diameter at the reduced parallel section) and shall be cast to size in molds made with the regular foundry mix of green sand, without using chills. Metal for the specimens shall be part of the melt which is used for the castings. If the metal for castings is given any treatment, such as fluxing or cooling and reheating, the metal for the specimens shall be a portion of the metal so treated, and during such treatment shall be heated to the same maximum temperature and held for approximately the same length of time as the molten metal for castings. The temperature of the metal during pouring of the specimens shall be not lower than the temperature of the metal during pouring of the castings.

4.2.2 Chemical Analysis Specimens: When required by purchaser, shall be of size and shape agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

4.3 Heat Treatment: All castings and tensile test specimens representing them shall be heat treated as follows:

4.3.1 Tensile test specimens from each melt, together with production castings, shall be heated to the proper temperature and for the proper time for solution treatment and quenched at a rate not faster than that produced by immersion in water which is boiling at the time of immersion. At least one set of tensile test specimens shall be put into a batch-type furnace with each load of castings or into a continuous furnace at intervals of not longer than 3 hours.

4.4 Tensile Properties:

4.4.1 Tensile Test Specimens:

Tensile Strength, psi	42,000 min
Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset or at 0.0083 in.	
in 2 in. Extension Under Load (E=10,300,000), psi	22,000 min
Elongation, % in 2 in.	12 min

4.4.2 Tensile Properties of Castings: When tensile properties of actual castings are determined for acceptance, not less than 4, and preferably 10, tensile test specimens shall be cut from thick and thin sections. The average value of all specimens selected shall conform to the following:

Tensile Strength, psi	31,500 min
Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset or at 0.0072 in.	
in 2 in. Extension Under Load (E=10,300,000), psi	16,500 min
Elongation (Round Specimens), % in 4D	3 min

4.4.2.1 Conformance to these requirements may be used as basis for acceptance of castings.

5. QUALITY:

5.1 Castings shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from internal and external defects detrimental to fabrication or to performance of parts. Castings shall have smooth surfaces and shall be well cleaned.