

Magnesium Alloy Welding Wire
4.0Y - 2.3Nd - 0.7Zr (WE43B)

(Composition similar to UNS M18432)

RATIONALE

AMS4393 is a new specification for magnesium alloy welding wire for composition WE43B.

1. SCOPE

1.1 Form

This specification covers a magnesium alloy in the form of welding wire.

1.2 Application

This wire has been used typically as filler metal for gas-metal-arc and gas-tungsten-arc welding of magnesium alloys of similar composition, but usage is not limited to such applications.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

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2.1 SAE Publications

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AMS2355	Quality Assurance, Sampling and Testing, Aluminum Alloys and Magnesium Alloy, Wrought Products (Except Forging Stock), and Rolled, Forged, or Flash Welded Rings
AMS2813	Packaging and Marking of Packages of Welding Wire, Standard Method
ARP1876	Weldability Test for Weld Filler Metal Wire
ARP4926	Alloy Verification and Chemical Composition, Inspection of Welding Wire

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3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Composition

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

TABLE 1- COMPOSITION

Element	min	max
Yttrium	3.7	4.3
Neodymium	2.0	2.5
Zirconium	0.40	1.0
Other Rare Earths (3.1.1)	--	1.9
Zinc + Silver	--	0.20
Lithium	--	0.2
Manganese	--	0.03
Copper	--	0.02
Iron	--	0.010
Nickel	--	0.005
Other Elements, each (3.1.2)	--	0.01
Magnesium	remainder	

3.1.1 Other Rare Earths shall be principally Heavy Rare Earths (e.g., gadolinium, dysprosium, erbium, ytterbium) (See 8.2).

3.1.2 Determination not required for routine acceptance.

3.1.3 Chemical analysis of initial ingot, bar, or rod stock is acceptable provided the processes used for manufacture and cleaning are controlled to ensure conformance to composition requirements, and the facility employs procedures to ensure traceability of wire to the originally analyzed ingot.

3.2 Condition

Wire for cut lengths shall be extruded and for spooled wire shall be extruded and sized. Drawn wire may be supplied if acceptable to purchaser.

3.3 Fabrication

3.3.1 Butt welding is permissible provided both ends to be joined are identified by chemical analysis or the repair is made at the wire processing station. The butt weld shall not interfere with uniform, uninterrupted feeding of the wire in machine welding equipment.

3.3.2 Oxides, dirt, and extruding compounds shall be removed by cleaning processes which will neither result in pitting nor cause gas absorption by the wire or deposition of substances harmful to welding operations.

3.4 Weldability

Melted wire shall flow smoothly and evenly during welding and shall produce acceptable welds. ARP1876 may be used to resolve disputes.

3.5 Quality

Wire, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from imperfections detrimental to welding operations, operation of welding equipment, or properties of the deposited weld metal.

3.6 Sizes and Tolerances

Wire shall be supplied in the sizes and to the tolerances as shown in 3.6.1 and 3.6.2.

3.6.1 Diameter

Shall conform to the tolerances shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2A - TOLERANCES, INCH-POUND UNITS

Form	Nominal Diameter	Tolerance, Inch	
	Inch	plus	minus
Cut Lengths	0.062 to 0.250, incl	0.007	0.007
Spools	0.040 to 0.125, incl	0.003	0.004
	Over 0.125 to 0.187, incl	0.007	0.007

TABLE 2B - TOLERANCES, SI UNITS

Form	Nominal Diameter	Tolerance, Millimeter	
	Millimeters	plus	minus
Cut Lengths	1.57 to 6.35, incl	0.18	0.18
Spools	1.00 to 3.17, incl	0.076	0.10
	Over 3.17 to 4.75, incl	0.18	0.18

3.6.2 Length

Cut lengths shall be furnished in 36-inch (914-mm) lengths, or as ordered, and shall not vary more than +0, -1 inch (-25 mm).

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection

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

4.2 Classification of Tests

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests

Composition (3.1) and sizes and tolerances (3.6) are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each lot.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests

Weldability (3.4.1) is a periodic test and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the vendor unless frequency of testing is specified by purchaser.

4.3 Sampling and Testing

Shall be in accordance with AMS2355.

4.4 Reports

The vendor of wire shall furnish with each shipment a report stating that the wire conforms to the composition and other technical requirements of this specification. This report shall include the purchase order number, lot number, AMS44393, nominal size, and quantity.