



# AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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## Peening Media for Ultrasonically Activated Shot Peening

### RATIONALE

AMS2585B results from a Five-Year Review and update of this specification with changes to the Title and Material Type and Properties (see 3.2), Common peening ball materials (see Table 1), and Usable sizes updated to current industry standards (see Tables 4A and 4B).

#### 1. SCOPE

##### 1.1 Purpose

The complete requirements for procuring the product shall consist of this document and the latest Issue of the basic specification, AMS2431.

##### 1.2 Application

Peening balls conforming to this specification are typically intended for use in ultrasonically activated shot peening of metal surfaces to impart compressive stresses to these surfaces, thereby increasing resistance to fatigue and stress-corrosion cracking. These balls can also be used in the peen forming process.

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AMS2431 Peening Media, General Requirements

AMS7766 Terms Used in Aerospace Metals Specifications

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ASTM A751 Standard Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products

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DIN 5401 Rolling bearings - Balls for rolling bearings and general industrial use

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ISO 3290 Rolling Bearings - Balls

## 2.7 Definitions

Terms used in AMS are defined in AS7766.

## 3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Peening balls shall conform to AMS2431 and the requirements specified herein.

### 3.2 Material Type and Properties

3.2.1 Material type of peening balls shall conform to Table 1 or an alternative composition approved by the cognizant engineering organization. Any proposed alternatives shall conform to an AISI, SAE, ASTM, DIN, or ISO standard.

**Table 1 - Common peening ball materials**

| Material             | Alloy                                                               | AFNOR/ISO/DIN equivalent | Hardness     |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Steel                | 52100                                                               | 100C6                    | 60-67 HRC    |
|                      | M50                                                                 |                          | 60-66 HRC    |
|                      | 1010/1015                                                           | XC10/XC15                | 60-66 HRC    |
|                      | 1055/1065/1085                                                      |                          | 60-66 HRC    |
| Stainless Steel      | 440C                                                                | Z100CD17                 | 58-65 HRC    |
|                      | 304                                                                 | Z7CN18-09                | 25-39 HRC    |
|                      | 304L                                                                | Z2CN18-10                | 25-39 HRC    |
|                      | 316                                                                 | Z6CND17-12               | 25-39 HRC    |
|                      | 316L                                                                | Z2CND17-12               | 25-39 HRC    |
| Tungsten Carbide     | n/a                                                                 | BNAE NFL 06-834          | 1400-1800 HV |
| Ceramic High Density | ZrO <sub>2</sub> + HfO <sub>2</sub> + Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> |                          | 1100-1400 HV |

- 3.2.2 The percentage variation by weight ranges of the main constituents of ceramic ball shall conform to requirements in Table 2:

**Table 2 - Ceramic balls composition**

| Constituent                     | Min | Max |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Zirconium Oxide + Hafnium Oxide | 90  | 95  |
| Yttrium Oxide                   | 3   | 7   |
| Others                          |     | 3   |

- 3.2.3 The surface finish, shape, and tolerances for steel, stainless steel, and tungsten carbide media shall conform to a grade of ANSI/ABMA/ISO 3290 or ISO 3290 or DIN 5401 defined in Table 3.

**Table 3 - Required grades of peening balls**

| Standard           | Grade           |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| AISI/ABMA/ISO 3290 | up to 200       |
| ISO 3290           | up to 200       |
| DIN 5401           | up to class III |

- 3.2.4 Ceramic media shall be predominantly spherical in shape, and 90% of media shall have sphericity higher than 0.8. Balls with sharp angle, twins, tear drop, or satellite are classified as defective media.
- 3.2.5 Hardness of peening balls shall conform to Table 1, unless otherwise agreed upon by the user and manufacturer.
- 3.2.6 Density of ceramic media shall be not less than 5.90 g/cc.
- 3.2.7 Contamination
- 3.2.7.1 Balls shall be clean and free of dust, grit, oil, and grease.
- 3.2.7.2 Surface discolorations shall be determined microscopically using magnification per 4.1.5. Not more than 5% of ceramic media shall show foreign discolorations. A particle shall be considered objectionable for foreign discoloration when more than 25% of its surface area is discolored.

### 3.3 Size

For metal alloy or carbide media, peening balls shall conform to the size requirements in Table 4. Ceramic media shall conform to the size requirements of Table 5.

**Table 4A - Usable sizes (inch)<sup>(1)</sup>**

| Nominal diameter<br>(inch) | Nominal diameter<br>(inch) | Nominal diameter<br>(inch) |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1/64                       | 1/8                        | 1/4                        |
| 1/32                       | 9/64                       | 17/64                      |
| 3/64                       | 5/32                       | 9/32                       |
| 1/16                       | 11/64                      | 5/16                       |
| 5/64                       | 3/16                       | 11/32                      |
| 3/32                       | 7/32                       | 3/8                        |
| 7/64                       | 15/64                      | 25/64                      |

<sup>(1)</sup> Most commonly used sizes are shaded in gray.

**Table 4B - Usable sizes (mm)<sup>(1)</sup>**

| Nominal diameter<br>(mm) | Nominal diameter<br>(mm) | Nominal diameter<br>(mm) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0.3                      | 1.8                      | 3.3                      |
| 0.4                      | 1.9                      | 3.4                      |
| 0.5                      | 2                        | 3.5                      |
| 0.6                      | 2.1                      | 4                        |
| 0.7                      | 2.2                      | 4.5                      |
| 0.8                      | 2.3                      | 5                        |
| 0.9                      | 2.4                      | 5.5                      |
| 1.0                      | 2.5                      | 6                        |
| 1.1                      | 2.6                      | 6.5                      |
| 1.2                      | 2.7                      | 7                        |
| 1.3                      | 2.8                      | 7.5                      |
| 1.4                      | 2.9                      | 8                        |
| 1.5                      | 3                        | 8.5                      |
| 1.6                      | 3.1                      | 9                        |
| 1.7                      | 3.2                      | 9.5                      |

<sup>(1)</sup> Most commonly used sizes are shaded in gray.

**Table 5 - Ceramic media for shot peening - sizes and sphericity**

| Designation | Nominal<br>Sizes,<br>Millimeters | Nominal<br>Sizes,<br>Inch | Sieve<br>Size,<br>Millimeters<br>Maximum<br>0.5%<br>Retained | Sieve<br>Size,<br>Millimeters<br>Maximum<br>5%<br>Retained | Sieve<br>Size,<br>Millimeters<br>Maximum<br>5%<br>Passing | Sieve<br>Size,<br>Millimeters<br>Maximum<br>0.5%<br>Passing |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| CB 1.1      | 1.0/1.2                          | 0.039/0.047               | 1.40                                                         | 1.18                                                       | 1.00                                                      | 0.9                                                         |
| CB 1.5      | 1.4/1.6                          | 0.055/0.062               | 1.70                                                         | 1.60                                                       | 1.40                                                      | 1.18                                                        |
| CB 1.9      | 1.8/2.0                          | 0.070/0.078               | 2.24                                                         | 2.00                                                       | 1.80                                                      | 1.70                                                        |
| CB 2.2      | 2.0/2.5                          | 0.078/0.098               | 2.80                                                         | 2.50                                                       | 2.00                                                      | 1.80                                                        |
| CB 3.0      | 2.6/3.3                          | 0.102/0.129               | 3.55                                                         | 3.35                                                       | 2.80                                                      | 2.36                                                        |