

AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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ALUMINUM ALLOY EXTRUSIONS
1.0Mg - 0.60Si - 0.28Cu - 0.20Cr (6061-T4)
Solution Heat Treated and Naturally Aged

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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 requiring moderate strength, especially where such parts require brazing or welding during fabrication.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of SAE publications shall apply. The applicable issue of other publications shall be the issue in effect on the date of the purchase order.

2.1 SAE Publications: Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2205 - Tolerances, Aluminum Alloy and Magnesium Alloy Extrusions

MAM 2205 - Tolerances, Metric, Aluminum Alloy and Magnesium Alloy Extrusions

AMS 2355 - Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing of Aluminum Alloys and Magnesium Alloys, Wrought Products (Except Forgings and Forging Stock) and Flash Welded Rings

MAM 2355 - Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing of Aluminum Alloys and Magnesium Alloys, Wrought Products (Except Forgings and Forging Stock) and Flash Welded Rings, Metric (SI) Units

AMS 2770 - Heat Treatment of Aluminum Alloy Parts

AMS 2811 - Identification, Aluminum and Magnesium Alloy Wrought Products

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- 2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1187.

ASTM B 594 - Ultrasonic Inspection of Aluminum-Alloy Products for Aerospace Applications

ASTM B 660 - Packaging/Packing of Aluminum and Magnesium Products

- 2.3 U.S. Government Publications: Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Building 4D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.

- 2.3.1 Military Specifications:

MIL-H-6088 - Heat Treatment of Aluminum Alloys

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

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

	min	max
Magnesium	0.8	1.2
Silicon	0.40	0.8
Copper	0.15	0.40
Chromium	0.04	0.35
Iron	--	0.7
Zinc	--	0.25
Manganese	--	0.15
Titanium	--	0.15
Other Impurities, each	--	0.05
Other Impurities, total	--	0.15
Aluminum	remainder	

- 3.2 Condition: Solution heat treated in accordance with MIL-H-6088 and naturally aged.

- 3.2.1 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 or MAM 2355:

- 3.3.1 As Solution Heat Treated and Naturally Aged:

- 3.3.1.1 Tensile Properties: Shall be as follows:

Tensile Strength, minimum	26.0 ksi (179 MPa)
Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset, minimum	16.0 ksi (110 MPa)
Elongation in 2 inches (50.8 mm) or 4D, minimum	16%

3.3.1.2 Hardness: Should be not lower than 55 HB/10/500 or 60 HB/10/1000, or equivalent, but the extrusions shall not be rejected on the basis of hardness if the tensile property requirements are met.

3.3.2 After Precipitation Heat Treatment: Extrusions, precipitation heat treated in accordance with AMS 2770, shall have the following properties:

3.3.2.1 Tensile Properties: Shall be as specified in Table I.

TABLE I

Nominal Diameter or Least Thickness (bars, rods, wire, shapes) or Nominal Wall Thickness (tubing) Inches	Tensile Strength ksi, min	Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset ksi, min	Elongation in 2 Inches or 4D %, min
Up to 0.250, excl	38.0	35.0	8
0.250 and over	38.0	35.0	10

TABLE I (SI)

Nominal Diameter or Least Thickness (bars, rods, wire, shapes) or Nominal Wall Thickness (tubing) Millimeters	Tensile Strength MPa, min	Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset MPa, min	Elongation in 50.8 mm or 4D %, min
Up to 6.35, excl	262	241	8
6.35 and over	262	241	10

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

3.4.1 When specified, extrusions shall be subjected to ultrasonic inspection in accordance with ASTM B 594. Standards for acceptance shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.5 Tolerances: Shall conform to all applicable requirements of AMS 2205 or MAM 2205.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of extrusions shall supply all samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the extrusions conform to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Tests for composition (3.1), tensile properties as solution heat treated (3.3.1.1), ultrasonic inspection (3.4.1) when specified, and tolerances (3.5) are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each lot.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests: Tests for hardness as solution heat treated and naturally aged (3.3.1.2) and tensile properties after precipitation heat treatment (3.3.2.1) are periodic tests 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 AMS 2355 or MAM 2355.

4.4 Reports: The vendor of extrusions shall furnish with each shipment a report stating that the extrusions conform to the chemical composition and other technical requirements. This report shall include the purchase order number, lot number, AMS 4161E, size or section identification number, and quantity.

4.5 Resampling and Retesting: Shall be in accordance with AMS 2355 or MAM 2355.

5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY:

5.1 Identification: Shall be in accordance with AMS 2811.

5.2 Packaging:

5.2.1 Extrusions shall be prepared for shipment in accordance with commercial practice and in compliance with applicable rules and regulations pertaining to the handling, packaging, and transportation of the extrusions to ensure carrier acceptance and safe delivery.

5.2.2 For direct U.S. Military procurement, packaging shall be in accordance with ASTM B 660, Commercial Level, unless Level A is specified in the request for procurement.

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

7. REJECTIONS: Extrusions not conforming to this specification, or to modifications authorized by purchaser, will be subject to rejection.

8. NOTES:

8.1 Marginal Indicia: The phi (Ø) symbol is used to indicate technical changes from the previous issue of this specification.