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SPECIFICATION**

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**BEARINGS, SILVER PLATED
Steel Back**

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers bearings of low-carbon steel plated on one or both faces with silver.

1.2 Application: Primarily for shims, thrust washers, bushings, and bearings.

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) shall apply. The applicable issue of other documents shall be as specified in AMS 2350.

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

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2259 - Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels

AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods

AMS 2370 - Quality Assurance Sampling of Carbon and Low-Alloy Steels, Wrought Products Except Forgings and Forging Stock

AMS 2800 - Identification, Finished Parts

2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

ASTM B571 - Adhesion of Metallic Coatings

ASTM E350 - Chemical Analysis of Carbon Steel, Low-Alloy Steel, Silicon Electrical Steel, Ingot Iron, and Wrought Iron

ASTM E378 - Spectrographic Analysis of Silver by the Powder Technique

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2.3 U. S. Government Publications: Available from Commanding Officer, Naval Publications and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120.

2.3.1 Federal Standards:

Federal Test Method Standard No. 151 - Metals; Test Methods

2.3.2 Military Standards:

MIL-STD-794 - Parts and Equipment, Procedures for Packaging and Packing of

2.4 ANSI Publications: Available from American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

ANSI B46.1 - Surface Texture

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Composition:

3.1.1 Basis Steel: Shall conform to the following percentages by weight, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E350, by spectrographic methods in accordance with Federal Test Method Standard No. 151, Method 112, or by other analytical methods approved by purchaser:

	min	max
Carbon	0.10	0.25
Manganese	0.30	1.00
Phosphorus	--	0.040
Sulfur	--	0.050

3.1.1.1 Check Analysis: Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS 2259.

3.1.2 Plate: Shall be plated silver having a minimum purity of 99.9%, determined by spectrographic methods in accordance with ASTM E378 or by other methods agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.2 Condition: Shall be a composite material produced by electrodeposition of silver to one or both faces of a carbon-steel backing.

3.3 Procedure:

3.3.1 Preparation:

3.3.1.1 Unless otherwise specified, texture of surfaces to be plated prior to cleaning, shall be not rougher than 80 microin. (2.0 μm), determined in accordance with ANSI B46.1.

3.3.1.2 Bearings have hardness higher than 55 HRC in any area which is ground before plating shall be suitably stress relieved between grinding and cleaning for plating.

3.3.1.3 Bearings shall be clean when immersed in plating solutions.

3.3.2 Plating:

3.3.2.1 Electrical contacts shall be made in such manner as will ensure that no chemical or immersion deposition will occur.

3.3.2.2 Unless otherwise specified, plating of bearings shall be conducted in the following sequence: nickel strike, unless copper strike is specified by purchaser, silver strike, and silver plate.

3.3.3 Heating: Unless otherwise specified, bearings shall be heated as follows after plating.

3.3.3.1 Nickel Strike: Bearings shall be heated to 940° - 960°F (505° - 515°C) and held at heat for 20 - 60 minutes. Temperature of the bearings shall not be over 400°F (205°C) for more than 7 hr; above 400°F (205°C) the heating and cooling medium shall be either a neutral or reducing atmosphere or a neutral or non-oxidizing molten salt bath.

3.3.3.2 Copper Strike: Bearings shall be heated to 325° - 500°F (165° - 260°C) and held at heat for not less than 2 hr, unless such heating would reduce hardness below drawing limits, in which case heating shall be at the highest practicable temperature which will maintain specified properties. Heating medium shall be such as will prevent harmful oxidation.

3.4 Properties: Bearings shall withstand, before and after heating, a shear or chisel test to indicate quality of bond, conducted in accordance with ASTM B571. Silver shall shear away with no parting of plate and basis metal.

3.5 Quality: Bearings, 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 bearings.

3.5.1 Plate shall be firmly and continuously bonded to the steel backing. Bearings, after heating as in 3.3.3, shall show no blisters or other indications of poor bond.

- 3.5.2 Silver plate which is not subsequently machined shall be smooth, continuous, uniform in color, and free from blisters and other defects. Boundaries between plated and unplated areas shall be sharply defined.
- 3.5.3 Silver plate which is to be machined shall be sound and free from excessive nodulation or treeing at edges, visible pits, excessive porosity, and other defects.
- 3.5.4 Inspection standards and procedures shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of bearings shall supply all samples for vendor's test and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Results of such tests shall be reported to the purchaser as required by 4.5. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the bearings conform to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Tests to determine conformance to requirements for basis steel composition (3.1.1) and quality (3.5) are classified as acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests: Tests to determine conformance to requirements for plate composition (3.1.2) and bond properties (3.4) are classified as periodic tests and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the vendor unless frequency of testing is specified by purchaser.

4.2.3 Preproduction Tests: Tests to determine conformance to all technical requirements of this specification are classified as preproduction tests and shall be performed on the first-article shipment of a bearing to a purchaser, when a change in material and/or processing requires reapproval as in 4.4.2, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

4.2.3.1 For direct U.S. Military procurement, substantiating test data and, when requested, preproduction test material shall be submitted to the cognizant agency as directed by the procuring activity, the contracting officer, or the request for procurement.

4.3 Sampling: Shall be in accordance with the following; a lot shall be all bearings of one size and configuration made from a single heat of steel backing processed in one run and submitted for vendor's inspection at one time.

4.3.1 Steel Backing: AMS 2370.