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## ALUMINUM BRONZE CASTINGS, SAND 85Cu - 11Al - 3.6Fe Solution Heat Treated and Tempered

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### 1. SCOPE:

- 1.1 Form: This specification covers one type of aluminum bronze in the form of sand castings.
- 1.2 Application: Primarily for parts, such as bearings or gears, requiring strength and corrosion resistance at moderate temperatures.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specification 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 2350 - Standards and Test Methods  
AMS 2360 - Room Temperature Tensile Properties of Castings  
AMS 2635 - Radiographic Inspection  
AMS 2645 - Fluorescent Penetrant Inspection  
AMS 2646 - Contrast Dye Penetrant Inspection  
AMS 2694 - Repair Welding of Aerospace Castings  
AMS 2804 - Identification, Castings

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

ASTM E8 - Tension Testing of Metallic Materials  
ASTM E10 - Brinell Hardness of Metallic Materials  
ASTM E272 - Reference Radiographs for High Strength-Copper-Base and Nickel-Copper Alloy Castings  
ASTM E478 - Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

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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 Military Standards:

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

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Composition: Shall conform to the following percentages by weight,  
 Ø determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E478 or by spectrochemical or other analytical methods approved by purchaser:

|                                   | min  | max    |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------|
| Copper                            | 83.5 | --     |
| Aluminum                          | 10.3 | - 11.5 |
| Iron                              | 3.0  | - 4.3  |
| Manganese                         | --   | 0.50   |
| Nickel + Cobalt                   | --   | 0.50   |
| Copper plus Sum of Named Elements | 99.5 | --     |

3.1.1 Limits may be established and analysis required for elements not listed in 3.1 when agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.2 Condition: Solution heat treated and tempered.

3.3 Castings: Castings shall be produced in lots from metal conforming to 3.1. Metal remelted from previously analyzed ingot may be poured directly into castings. Furnace or ladle additions of grain-refining elements or alloys are permissible. Molten metal taken from alloying furnaces, with or without additions of foundry operating scrap (gates, sprues, risers, and rejected castings), shall not be poured into castings unless first converted to ingot, analyzed, and remelted or unless the composition of a sample taken after the last addition to the melt conforms to 3.1.

3.3.1 A melt shall be the metal withdrawn from a batch furnace charge of 2000 lb (900 kg) or less as melted for pouring castings or, when permitted by purchaser, a melt shall be 4000 lb (1800 kg) or less of metal withdrawn from one continuous furnace is not more than eight consecutive hours.

3.3.2 A lot shall be all castings poured from a single melt in not more than  
 Ø eight consecutive hours and solution heat treated and tempered in the same heat treatment batch.

3.4 Cast Test Specimens: Chemical analysis specimens and tensile specimens shall be cast as follows and, when requested, shall be supplied with the castings:

3.4.1 Chemical Analysis Specimens: Shall be cast from each melt and shall be of  
 Ø any convenient size, shape, and form.

3.4.2 Tensile Specimens: Shall be cast with each lot of castings, shall be of standard proportions conforming to ASTM E8 with 0.500 in. (12.50 mm) diameter at the reduced parallel gage section, and shall be cast to size in molds made of the regular foundry mix of sand without using chills. Metal for the specimens shall be part of the melt which is used for the castings and shall be subjected to the same grain-refining or alloying treatment given the metal for the casting. The temperature of the metal during pouring of the specimens shall be not lower than that during pouring of the castings.

3.5 Heat Treatment: Castings and representative tensile specimens shall be solution heat treated and tempered in accordance with the following; at least one set of tensile coupons shall, during each stage of heat treatment, be put into a batch-type furnace with each load of castings or into a continuous furnace at intervals of not longer than three hours:

3.5.1 Castings and tensile specimens shall be heated to not lower than 1600°F (870°C), held at heat for the proper time for solution heat treatment, and quenched.

3.5.2 Castings and tensile specimens shall be heated to not lower than 1100°F (595°C), held at heat for the proper time for tempering, and cooled in air.

3.6 Properties: Castings and representative tensile specimens produced in accordance with 3.4.2 shall conform to the following requirements:

3.6.1 Tensile Properties: Shall be as follows, determined in accordance with ASTM E8; conformance to the requirements of 3.6.1.1 shall be used as the basis for acceptance of castings except when purchaser specifies that the requirements of 3.6.1.2 apply:

3.6.1.1 Separately-Cast Specimens:

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Tensile Strength, min              | 85,000 psi (585 MPa) |
| Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset, min | 45,000 psi (310 MPa) |
| Elongation in 4D, min              | 5%                   |

3.6.1.2 Specimens Cut From Castings: The average of not less than four, and preferably 10, specimens shall be as in 3.6.1.1 for sections of castings 1 in. (25 mm) and under in nominal thickness. Tensile properties of castings over 1 in. (25 mm) in nominal thickness shall be as follows:

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Tensile Strength, min              | 72,000 psi (495 MPa) |
| Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset, min | 36,000 psi (250 MPa) |
| Elongation in 4D, min              | 5%                   |

3.6.1.2.1 When properties other than those specified in 3.6.1.2 are required, specimens as in 4.3.4 machined from locations indicated on the drawing from a casting or castings chosen at random to represent the lot, shall have the properties indicated on the drawing for such specimens. Property requirements may be designated in accordance with AMS 2360.

3.6.2 Hardness of Castings: Castings, except at sprue and riser locations, should have hardness of 200 - 235 HB, or equivalent, determined in accordance with ASTM E10, but castings shall not be rejected on the basis of hardness if the tensile property requirements of 3.6.1.2 are met.

3.7 Quality:

3.7.1 Castings, 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 castings.

3.7.1.1 Castings shall have smooth surfaces and shall be well cleaned.

3.7.2 Castings shall be produced under radiographic control. This control shall consist of radiographic examination of castings in accordance with AMS 2635 until proper foundry technique, which will produce castings free from harmful internal imperfections, is established for each part number and of production castings as necessary to ensure maintenance of satisfactory quality.

3.7.3 When specified, castings shall be subjected to fluorescent penetrant inspection in accordance with AMS 2645, to contrast dye penetrant inspection in accordance with AMS 2646, or to both.

3.7.4 Radiographic, fluorescent penetrant, contrast dye penetrant, and other quality standards shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor. ASTM E272 may be used to define radiographic acceptance standards.

3.7.5 Castings shall not be repaired by peening, plugging, welding, or other methods without written permission from purchaser.

3.7.5.1 When permitted in writing by purchaser, defects in castings may be removed and the castings repaired by welding in accordance with AMS 2694.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of castings shall supply all samples for vendor's tests 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 castings conform to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Except as specified in 4.2.1.1, tests to determine conformance to all technical requirements of this specification are classified as acceptance tests and shall be performed on each melt or lot as applicable.

- 4.2.1.1 Tensile properties of specimens cut from castings shall be determined only when specified by purchaser or when separately-cast specimens are not available. Tensile properties of separately-cast specimens need not be determined when tensile properties of specimens cut from castings are determined.
- 4.2.2 Preproduction Tests: Tests to determine conformance to all technical requirements of this specification are classified as preproduction tests and shall be performed prior to or on the first-article shipment of a casting to a purchaser, when a change in material, processing, or both requires reapproval as in 4.4.2, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.
- 4.2.2.1 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:
- 4.3.1 At least one chemical analysis specimen in accordance with 3.4.1 from each melt or a casting from each lot.
- 4.3.2 Three separately-cast tensile specimens in accordance with 3.4.2 from each lot except when purchaser requires properties of specimens cut from castings.
- 4.3.3 Two preproduction castings in accordance with 4.4.1 of each part number.
- 4.3.4 One or more castings selected at random from each lot when tensile properties of specimens cut from castings are required. Specimens shall conform to ASTM E8 and shall be either 0.500 in. (12.50 mm) diameter at the reduced parallel gage section, subsize specimens proportional to the standard, or standard sheet-type specimens. For determining conformance to the requirements of 3.6.1.2.1, if specimen locations are not shown on the drawing, not less than four tensile specimens, two from the thickest section and two from the thinnest section, shall be cut from a casting or castings from each lot.
- 4.4 Approval:
- 4.4.1 Sample castings from new or reworked patterns and the casting procedure shall be approved by purchaser before castings for production use are supplied, unless such approval be waived by purchaser.
- 4.4.2 Vendor shall establish for production of sample castings of each part number parameters for the process control factors which will produce acceptable castings; these shall constitute the approved casting procedure and shall be used for producing production castings. If necessary to make any change in parameters for the process control factors, vendor shall submit for reapproval a statement of the proposed changes in processing and, when requested, sample castings, test specimens, or both. Production castings incorporating the revised operations shall not be shipped prior to receipt of reapproval.