

Specification for

# Ingots and castings of aluminium-silicon- magnesium alloy —

(Solution treated and precipitation  
treated)

(Si 7, Mg 0.3)

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## 1 Inspection and testing procedure

The ingots and castings shall be inspected and tested in accordance with the relevant requirements of BS L 101 as follows:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Ingots                                 | Sections 1 and 2 |
| Castings not subject to cut-up testing | Sections 1 and 3 |
| Castings subject to cut-up testing     | Sections 1 and 4 |

## 2 Chemical composition

### 2.1 Ingots

2.1.1 The chemical composition of the ingots shall be:

| Element          | %           |                      |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------|
|                  | min.        | max.                 |
| Copper           | —           | 0.10                 |
| <b>Magnesium</b> | <b>0.25</b> | <b>0.45</b>          |
| <b>Silicon</b>   | <b>6.5</b>  | <b>7.5</b>           |
| Iron             | —           | 0.15                 |
| Manganese        | —           | 0.10                 |
| Nickel           | —           | 0.10                 |
| Zinc             | —           | 0.10                 |
| Lead             | —           | 0.05                 |
| Tin              | —           | 0.05                 |
| Titanium         | —           | 0.20                 |
| Others each      | —           | 0.05                 |
| Others total     | —           | 0.15                 |
| <b>Aluminium</b> | —           | <b>The remainder</b> |

2.1.2 The ingot shall be grain refined with titanium or with titanium and boron. The ingot maker shall declare the grain refining element(s) used.

2.2 Castings. The chemical composition of the castings shall be:

| Element                | %           |                      |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
|                        | min.        | max.                 |
| Copper                 | —           | 0.10                 |
| <b>Magnesium</b>       | <b>0.20</b> | <b>0.45</b>          |
| <b>Silicon</b>         | <b>6.5</b>  | <b>7.5</b>           |
| Iron                   | —           | 0.20                 |
| Manganese <sup>a</sup> | —           | 0.10                 |
| Nickel <sup>a</sup>    | —           | 0.10                 |
| Zinc <sup>a</sup>      | —           | 0.10                 |
| Lead <sup>a</sup>      | —           | 0.05                 |
| Tin <sup>a</sup>       | —           | 0.05                 |
| Titanium <sup>a</sup>  | —           | 0.20                 |
| <b>Aluminium</b>       | —           | <b>The remainder</b> |

<sup>a</sup> The proportion of casts in which this element is determined may be reduced, subject to the discretion of the Inspecting Authority, to not less than one in five of those analysed.

NOTE Specific modifying elements may be added in sufficient quantities to provide the necessary casting material quality.

## 3 Heat treatment

3.1 The castings and test samples shall be heat treated together as follows:

- 1) Heat at a temperature of  $540 \pm 5$  °C for not less than 12 hours.
  - 2) Quench into water at a temperature of not less than 65 °C or in a polymer quenchant at a temperature not greater than 30 °C.
- NOTE The use of a polymer quenchant as an alternative to water should be agreed by the purchaser.
- 3) Re-heat at a temperature of  $155 \pm 5$  °C for not less than 4 hours.
  - 4) Cool in air.

3.2 Where a polymer quenchant has been used in 3.1 2) the nature of the quenchant shall be defined on the certificate of conformity for the castings.

## 4 Mechanical properties

### 4.1 Tensile test

NOTE The tensile test values specified for test pieces machined from separately cast test samples may not be realized in certain portions of castings.

**4.1.1 Separately cast test samples.** The mechanical properties obtained from separately cast test samples, selected and prepared in accordance with the relevant requirements of BS L 101, shall be not less than the following values:

| Test sample | 0.2 % proof stress | Tensile strength  | Elongation |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
|             | N/mm <sup>2</sup>  | N/mm <sup>2</sup> | %          |
| Sand cast   | 185                | 230               | 2          |
| Chill cast  | 200                | 280               | 5          |

**4.1.2 Cut-up test samples.** Unless otherwise agreed between the supplier and the purchaser and stated in the Inspection Schedule in accordance with BS L 101, the mechanical properties obtained from cut-up test samples, selected and prepared in accordance with the relevant requirements of BS L 101, shall be not less than the following values:

| Position of test samples | 0.2 % proof stress | Tensile strength  | Elongation |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
|                          | N/mm <sup>2</sup>  | N/mm <sup>2</sup> | %          |
| Designated locations     | 200                | 260               | 5          |
| Other locations          | 180                | 225               | 3          |

NOTE 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup> = 1 MN/m<sup>2</sup> = 0.102 kgf/mm<sup>2</sup> = 0.1 hbar = 0.065 tonf/in<sup>2</sup>. Information on SI units is given in BS 3763, "The International System of units (SI)"; see also BS 350, "Conversion factors and tables".

**4.2 Hardness test.** The hardness of castings heat treated with unrelated test samples, in accordance with clause 3, shall be not less than the following values:

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Sand cast  | 75 HB |
| Chill cast | 80 HB |



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