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# Standard Specification for Magnesium-Alloy Sheet and Plate<sup>1</sup>

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# 1. Scope \*

- 1.1 This specification covers magnesium alloys in sheet and plate form designated as shown in Table 1.
- 1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound or SI units are to be regarded separately as standards. The SI units are shown in brackets or in separate tables or columns. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independent of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.
- 1.3 Unless the order specifies the "M" specification designation, the material shall be furnished to the inch-pound units.

#### 2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 The following documents of the issue in effect on date of material purchase form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:
  - 2.2 ASTM Standards:
  - B 275 Practice for Codification of Certain Nonferrous Metals and Alloys, Cast and Wrought<sup>2</sup>
  - B 296 Practice for Temper Designations of Magnesium Alloys, Cast and Wrought<sup>2</sup>
  - B 557 Test Methods of Tension Testing Wrought and Cast Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products<sup>2</sup>
  - B 557M Test Methods of Tension Testing Wrought and Cast Aluminum- and Magnesium Alloy Products [Metric]<sup>2</sup>
  - B 660 Practices for Packaging/Packing of Aluminum and Magnesium Products<sup>2</sup>
  - B 661 Practice for Heat Treatment of Magnesium Alloys<sup>2</sup>
  - E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specification<sup>3</sup>
  - E 35 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Magnesium and Magnesium Alloys<sup>4</sup>
  - E 55 Practice for Sampling Wrought Nonferrous Metals and Alloys for Determination of Chemical Composition<sup>4</sup>
- <sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee B-7 on Light Metals and Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee B07.04 on Magnesium Alloy Cast and Wrought Products.
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  - <sup>2</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.02.
  - <sup>3</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.
  - <sup>4</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.05.

# 2.3 Federal Standards:<sup>5</sup>

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)Fed. Std. No. 184 Identification Marking of Aluminum,Magnesium and Titanium

2.4 Military Standards:<sup>5</sup>

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage MIL-M-3171 Magnesium Alloy, Processes for Pretreatment and Prevention of Corrosion on

# 3. Terminology

- 3.1 Definitions:
- 3.1.1 *plate*—a rolled product rectangular in cross section and form, of thickness 0.250 in., or more, [over 6.30 mm], either sheared or sawed edges.
- 3.1.2 *sheet*—a rolled product rectangular in cross section and form, of thickness of 0.006 through 0.249 in. [over 0.15 through 6.30 mm] with sheared, slit, or sawed edges.

#### 4. Ordering Information

- 4.1 Orders for sheet and plate to this specification shall include the following information:
  - 4.1.1 Quantity in pieces, pounds, or [kilograms]
  - 4.1.2 Alloy (Section 5 and Table 1),
  - 4.1.3 Temper (Section 6 and Table 2),
  - 4.1.4 Thickness, width, and length,
  - 4.1.5 Surface treatment (see 8.2),
- 4.1.6 Whether inspection is required at the manufacturer's works (see 13.1), and
- 4.1.7 Whether certification of the material by the vendor is required (Section 15).

#### 5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The sheet and plate shall conform to the chemical requirements in Table 1.

# 6. Tensile Properties

6.1 The sheet and plate shall conform to the tensile requirements in Table 2 [Table 3] unless other agreement is made between seller and purchaser. Properties for sizes and tempers not shown in Table 2 [Table 3] shall be as agreed upon by seller and purchaser.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.



## TABLE 1 Chemical Composition Limits<sup>A</sup>

Note 1—Analysis shall regularly be made only for the elements specifically mentioned in this table. If, however, the presence of other elements is suspected or indicated in amounts greater than the specified limits, further analysis shall be made to determine that these elements are not present in excess of the specified limits.

Note 2—The following applies to all specified limits in this table: For purposes of acceptance and rejection, an observed value or a calculated value obtained from analysis should be rounded to the nearest unit in the last right-hand place of figures used in expressing the specified limit.

	Composition % <sup>A</sup>												
	Al	Mn	R.E.	Zn	Zr	Ca	Cu	Fe	Ni	Si	Each	Total	Mg
AZ31B	2.5-3.5	0.20-1.0		0.6-1.4		0.04	0.05	0.005	0.005	0.10		0.30	Remainder

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Limits are in weight percent maximum unless shown as a range.

## **TABLE 2 Tensile Requirements**

Note 1—For purposes of determining conformance with this specification, each value for tensile strength and yield strength shall be rounded to the nearest 0.1 ksi, and each value for elongation shall be rounded to the nearest 0.5 %, both in accordance with the rounding method of Practice E 29.

Alloy and Temper	Specified Thickness, in.	Tensile Strength, min, ksi	Yield Strength (0.2 % Offset), min, ksi	Elongation in 2 in. or $4 \times \text{dia min}$ , %
AZ31B-O	0.016-0.500	32.0 <sup>A</sup>		12
	0.501-2.000	32.0 <sup>A</sup>		10
	2.001-3.000	32.0 <sup>A</sup>		9
AZ31B-H24	0.016–0.249	39.0	29.0	6
	0.250-0.374	38.0	26.0	8
	0.375-0.500	37.0	24.0	8
	0.501-1.000	36.0	22.0	8
	1.001-2.000	34.0	20.0	8
	2.001–3.000	34.0	18.0	8
AZ31B-H26	0.250-0.374	39.0	27.0	6
	0.375-0.500	38.0	26.0	6
	0.501-0.750	37.0	25.0	6
	0.751-1.000	37.0	23.0	6
	1.001-1.500	35.0	22.0	6
	1.501-2.000	35.0	21.0	6

A Tensile strength shall be 40.0 ksi max.

TABLE 3 Tensile Requirements [Metric1<sup>A</sup>

Alloy and	Specified Thickness, mm			nsile h, MPa <sup>B</sup>	Yield Strength (0.2 % offset), MPa	Elongation, min %	
Temper	Over	Through	Min	Max	Min	in 50 mm <sup>C</sup>	in 5 × dia (5.65 V <i>A</i>
AZ31B-O	0.40	12.50	221	275		12	
	12.50	50.00	221	275			9
	50.00	80.00	221	275			8
AZ31B-H24	0.40	6.30	269		200	6	
	6.30	10.00	262		179	8	
	10.00	12.50	255		165	8	
	12.50	25.00	248		152		7
	25.00	50.00	234		138		7
	50.00	80.00	234		124		7
AZ31B-H26	6.30	10.00	269		186	6	
	10.00	12.50	262		179	6	
	12.50	20.00	255		172		5
	20.00	25.00	255		159		5
	25.00	40.00	241		152		5
	40.00	50.00	241		148		5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> The basis for establishment of mechanical property limits as shown in Appendix X1.

# 7. Dimensional Tolerances

- 7.1 Variations from the specified thickness shall not exceed the amounts prescribed in Table 4 [Table 5].
- 7.2 Variations from the specified width shall not exceed the amounts prescribed in Table 6 [Table 7], Table 8 [Table 9], and Table 10 [Table 11].
- 7.3 Variations from the specified length shall not exceed the amounts prescribed in Table 12 [Table 13].
- 7.4 Squareness of sheet and plate shall conform to the requirements of Table 14 [Table 15].
- 7.5 Flatness of sheet and plate shall conform to the requirements of Table 16 [Table 17].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> To determine conformance to this specification each value for tensile strength shall be rounded to the nearest 1 MPa and each value for elongation to the nearest 0.5 %, both in accordance with the rounding-off method of Practice E 29.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>C</sup> Elongation in 50 mm apply for thicknesses up through 12.50 mm and in 5 × diameter (5.65 V A) for thicknesses over 12.50 mm where A is the cross-sectional area of the specimen.

TABLE 4 Thickness Tolerances for Magnesium Flat and Coiled Sheet and Plate<sup>A</sup>

-		Thickness tolerance, in. ±							
Specified Thickness, in.	Specified Widths up to 18, incl	Over 18 through 36	Over 36 through 48	Over 48 through 54	Over 54 through 60	Over 60 through 66	Over 66 through 72		
0.016-0.028	0.0015	0.002	0.0025	0.0035	0.004	0.004	0.004		
0.029-0.036	0.002	0.002	0.0025	0.004	0.005	0.005	0.005		
0.037-0.045	0.002	0.0025	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.005	0.005		
0.046-0.068	0.0025	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.006	0.006	0.006		
0.069-0.076	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.006	0.006	0.006		
0.077-0.096	0.0035	0.0035	0.004	0.005	0.006	0.006	0.006		
0.097-0.108	0.004	0.004	0.005	0.005	0.007	0.007	0.007		
0.109-0.125	0.0045	0.0045	0.005	0.005	0.007	0.007	0.007		
0.126-0.140	0.0045	0.0045	0.005	0.005	0.007	0.010	0.012		
0.141-0.172	0.006	0.006	0.008	0.008	0.009	0.012	0.014		
0.173-0.203	0.007	0.007	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.014	0.016		
0.204-0.249	0.009	0.009	0.011	0.011	0.013	0.016	0.018		
0.250-0.320	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.015	0.018	0.020		
0.321-0.438	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.020	0.020	0.023		
0.439-0.625	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025		
0.626-0.875	0.030	0.030	0.030	0.030	0.030	0.030	0.030		
0.876-1.125	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035		
1.126-1.375	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040		
1.376-1.625	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045		
1.626-1.875	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052		
1.876-2.250	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060		
2.251-2.750	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075		
2.751-3.000	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090		
3.001-4.000	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110		
4.001-5.000	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125		
5.001-6.000	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> When a dimension tolerance is specified other than as an equal bilateral tolerance, the value of the standard tolerance is that applying to the mean of maximum and minimum dimensions permissible under the tolerance.

TABLE 5 Thickness Tolerances for Magnesium Flat and Coiled Sheet and Plate [Metric]<sup>A</sup>

			Thickne	ess tolerance, mm±			
Specified Thickness, mm Over Through	Specified Widths up to 450, incl.	Over 450 Through 900	Over 900 Through 1200	Over 1200 Through 1350	Over 1350 Through 1500	Over 1500 Through 1650	Over 1650 Through 1850
0.40-0.70	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10
0.70-0.90	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.12
0.90-1.15	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.12
1.15-1.70	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.15	0.15
1.70-1.90	0.07	0.07	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.15	0.15
1.90-2.40	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.15	0.15
2.40-2.76	0.10	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.18	0.18	0.18
2.76-3.17	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.18	0.18	0.18
3.17-3.55	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.18	0.25	0.30
3.55-4.35	0.15	0.15	0.20	0.20	0.22	0.30	0.35
4.35-5.15	0.18	0.18	0.25	0.25	0.27	0.35	0.40
5.15-6.30	0.23	0.23	0.28	0.27	0.33	0.40	0.45
6.30-8.00	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.38	0.45	0.50
8.00-11.10	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.50	0.50	0.58
11.10-15.75	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
15.75-22.20	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
22.20-28.50	0.89	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88
28.50-34.90	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
34.90-41.25	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14
41.25-47.60	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32
47.60-57.15	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.52
57.15-69.85	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
69.85-76.20	2.28	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
76.20-100.00	2.79	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
100.00-125.00	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15
125.00-150.00	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> When a dimension tolerance is specified other than as an equal bilateral tolerance, the value of the standard tolerance is that applying to the mean of maximum and minimum dimensions permissible under the tolerance.

<sup>7.6</sup> Lateral bow of sheet and plate shall conform to the requirements of Table 18 [Table 19] and Table 20 [Table 21].

TABLE 6 Width Tolerances—Magnesium Flat Sheet<sup>A</sup>

Width tolerances, in. $\pm$						
Specified	Specified	Over 4	Over 18	Over 36	Over 54	
Thickness, in.	Widths up	through	through	through	through	
	through 4	18	36	54	72	
0.016-0.064	1/32	1/16	3/32	1/8	5/32	
0.065-0.102	1/16	1/16	3/32	1/8	5/32	
0.103-0.249	1/8	3/32	1/8	3/16	3/16	

A 0.016-0.099 sheared to above tolerances.

TABLE 7 Width Tolerances, Magnesium Flat Sheet [Metric]<sup>A</sup>

		Width tolerances, mm±						
Specified	Specified	Over	Over	Over	Over			
Thickness, mm	Widths up	100	450	900	1350			
Over Through	Through	Through	Through	Through	Through			
	100	450	900	1350	1850			
0.40-1.60	1.0	1.5	2.5	3	4			
1.60-2.60	1.5	1.5	2.5	3	4			
2.60-6.30	3.0	2.5	3.0	5	5			

A Over 0.40 through 2.50 sheared to above tolerances. Over 2.50 through 6.30 sawed or sheared to above tolerances.

TABLE 8 Width and Length Tolerances—Magnesium Sawed Flat Plate

Specified	Tolerance	Tolerances, in. $\pm$ specified width <sup>A</sup> or length, in.					
Thickness, in.	Up through 10	Over 10 through 48	Over 48 through 84	Over 84			
0.250-6.000	3/32	3/16	1/4	5/16			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Maximum width = 72 in.

TABLE 9 Width and Length Tolerances, Magnesium Sawed Flat Plate [Metric]

	Tolerand	Tolerances, mm ± specified width <sup>A</sup> or length							
Specified	Lle	Over	Over						
Thickness, mm	Up Through	250	1200	Over					
Over Through	250	Through	Through	2000					
	250	1200	2000						
6.30–150.0	2.5	5	6.5	8	_				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Maximum width = 1850 mm.

TABLE 10 Width Tolerances—Magnesium Coiled Sheet

		Width Tolerances, in. $\pm$					
Specified	Specified	Over 6	Over 12	Over 24	Over 48		
Thickness, in.	Widths up	through	through	through	through		
	through 6	12	24	48	60		
0.016-0.125	0.010	0.016	1/32	3/64	1/16		

TABLE 11 Width Tolerances, Magnesium Coiled Sheet [Metric]

		Width Tolerances, mm±						
Specified	Specified	Over	Over	Over	Over			
Thickness, mm	Widths Up	150	300	600	1200			
Over Through	Through	Through	Through	Through	Through			
	150	300	600	1200	1525			
0.40-3.10	0.25	0.5	1	1	1.5			

# 8. Workmanship, Finish and Appearance

- 8.1 All sheet and plate shall be commercially flat and free of buckles, shall be free of injurious surface defects, and have a workmanlike finish.
- 8.2 The sheet or plate shall be supplied in the finish specified by the purchaser. One of the following finishes should be specified:
  - 8.2.1 Mill finish,
  - 8.2.2 Mill finish and oiled,

TABLE 12 Length Tolerances—Magnesium Sheet<sup>A</sup>

	Length tolerances, in. ±						
Specified	Specified	Over 18	Over 48	Over 120	Over 180		
Thickness, in.	Lengths up	through	through	through	through		
	through 18	48	120	180	540		
0.016-0.249	1/16	3/32	1/8	5/32	1/4		

A 0.016-0.099 sheared to above tolerances.

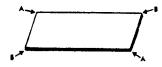
TABLE 13 Length Tolerances-Magnesium Sheet [Metric]<sup>A</sup>

	Length tolerance, mm±							
Specified	Specified	Over	Over	Over	Over			
Thickness, mm	Lengths up	450	1200	3000	4550			
Over Through	Through	Through	Through	Through	Through			
	450	1200	3000	4550	14,000			
0.40-6.30	1.5	3	3	4	7			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Over 0.40 through 2.50 sheared to above tolerances. Over 2.50 through 6.30 sawed or sheared to above tolerances.

TABLE 14 Squareness Tolerances—Magnesium Sheet and Plate

Specified Width,<sup>A</sup> ft
Up through 3 Over 3
Allowable Difference in Length of Diagonals, in.<sup>B</sup>



Specified Length, ft	Maximum Difference Between AA and BB					
Up through 12	3/32  imes width, ft	$5/64  imes  ext{width, ft}$				
Over 12	$9/64 \times width, ft$	$7/64 \times \text{width, ft}$				

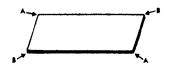
 $<sup>^{</sup>A}$  If specified width is other than an exact multiple of 12 in., tolerance is determined by using the next largest exact multiple. For example, if specified width is 53 in. and specified length is 72 in. the tolerance is 5/64 in.  $\times$  5 = 25/64 in. This result is then rounded to 7/16 in. in accordance with next footnote.

TABLE 15 Squareness Tolerances, Magnesium Sheet and Plate [Metric]

Up through 1000 Over 1000

ALLOWABLE DIFFERENCE IN LENGTH OF

DIAGONALS<sup>®</sup>, mm



Maximum difference between AA and BB

Specified Length, mm	Up through 1000	Over 1000
Up through 3500	0.8 × each 100 mm <sup>A</sup>	0.7 × each 100 mm <sup>A</sup>
Over 3500	$1.2 \times \text{each } 100 \text{ mm}^A$	$1.0 \times \text{each } 100 \text{ mm}^A$

 $<sup>^</sup>A$  Above figures are for each 100 mm segment of width. If specified width is other than an exact multiple of 100 mm, tolerance is determined by using the next largest exact multiple. For example, if specified width is 750 mm and specified length is 2800 mm the tolerance is 0.8 mm  $\times$  8 = 6.4 mm. This result, if not a whole mm, is rounded upward to the nearest mm.

- 8.2.3 Chrome pickled, or
- 8.2.4 Chrome pickled and oiled.

# 9. Sampling for Chemical Analysis

9.1 *Ingot*—At least one sample shall be taken for each group of ingots of the same alloy poured from the same source

<sup>0.100-0.249</sup> sawed or sheared to above tolerances.

<sup>0.100-0.249</sup> sawed or sheared to above tolerances.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> Use values for calculating only. Round result upward to nearest 1/16 in.

TABLE 16 Flatness Tolerances—Magnesium Flat Sheet and Plate

		Maximum Variation from Flat, <sup>A</sup>							
Specified Thickness, in.	AZ31B (-0 and -H24 tempers)			3 (-H26 per)	HK31A and HM21A (all tempers)				
	In any 1 ft <sup>B</sup>	In any 3 ft <sup>B</sup>	In any 1 ft <sup>B</sup>	In any 3 ft <sup>B</sup>	In any 6 ft or less				
Under 0.126		со							
0.126-0.250	0.020	0.030	0.020	0.030					
0.251-0.500	0.024	0.036	0.025	0.038	0.250				
0.501-1.000	0.030	0.045	0.050	0.075	0.250				
1.001-2.000	0.040	0.060	0.050	0.075	0.250				

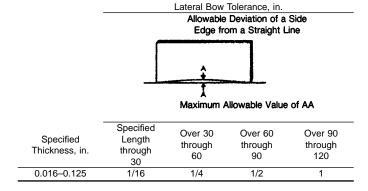
As measured with the plate resting on a flat surface, concave side upward, using a straightedge and a feeler gage, dial gage, or scale.

TABLE 17 Flatness Tolerances, Magnesium Flat Sheet and Plate [Metric]

		[INICTIO]			
		Maximum \	/ariation fro	m Flat <sup>A</sup> mn	n
Specified Thickness, mm Over Through	(-O ar	31B nd H24 pers)	AZ3 (-H26 1		HK31A and HM21A (all Tempers)
	In Any 300 mm <sup>B</sup>	In Any 900 mm <sup>B</sup>	In Any 300 mm <sup>B</sup>	In Any 900 mm <sup>B</sup>	In Any 1850 mm or Less
0–3.20					
3.20-6.30	0.50	0.75	0.50	0.75	6.35
6.30-12.50	0.60	0.90	0.63	0.95	6.35
12.50-25.00	0.75	1.10	1.25	1.90	6.35
25.00-50.00	1.00	1.50	1.25	1.90	6.35

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> As measured with the plate resting on a flat surface, concave side upward, using a straightedge and a feeler gage, dial gage, or scale.

TABLE 18 Lateral Bow Tolerances—Magnesium Coiled Sheet



of molten metal and analyzed to determine conformance to Table 1. Ingots not conforming shall be rejected.

9.2 Finished Product—Unless compliance is established by 9.1, sampling of the finished product shall be according to Method E 55. One sample shall be taken for 4000 lb [1815 kg] or less of material comprising the lot, except that not more than one analysis shall be required per piece.

TABLE 19 Lateral Bow Tolerances, Magnesium Coiled Sheet
[Metric]

#### ALLOWABLE DEVIATION OF A SIDE EDGE FROM A



Maximum allowable value of AA

1500

6

Specifi	ed Length-m	ım		
Specified	Over	Over	Over	
Length	750	1500	2250	
Through	Through	Through	Through	

2250

13

3000

25

# 10. Sampling for Tensile Properties

750

1.55

Specified

Thickness, mm

Over Through

0.40 - 3.20

10.1 *Number of Tests*—One tension test specimen shall be taken from a sheet representing 1000 lb [455 kg] sheet or from a plate representing each 2000 lb [905 kg] of plate of the same alloy, temper, and thickness in the shipment or such other quantity as may be agreed upon by the seller and purchaser.

10.2 Location of Specimens—Tension test specimens shall be taken parallel to the direction of rolling. The specimen shall be taken midway between the two plate surfaces for plate in thicknesses of 0.500 through 1.500 in. [12.50 though 40 mm] and midway between the center and the surface of plate over 1.500 in. [40 mm] in thickness.

10.3 Types of Specimens—For sheet and plate less than 0.500 in. [12.50 mm] thick, the standard sheet-type specimen shown in Fig. 6 or for plate 0.500 in. [12.5 mm] or over those in Fig. 8 of Test Methods B 557 [Test B 557M] shall be used. If it is necessary to use specimens smaller than the standard specimens, they shall have dimensions proportional to those of Fig. 8 but not less than the following dimensions: reduced section, ½-in. [41.25 mm] diameter by 1-in. [20.00 mm] gage length; grip ends, ¾-in. [9.5 mm] diameter; total length, 2¾in. [60.3 mm] with shouldered ends, 3 in. [76.2 mm] with threaded ends, and 4 in. [101.6 mm] if tested with plain cylindrical ends. If material less than ¾ in. [19.0 mm] in width is tested in full section because the specimens in Fig. 9 cannot be used, the elongation shall not be determined.

## 11. Methods of Chemical Analysis

11.1 Any suitable method of chemical analysis may be used. In case of dispute, the analysis shall be made by methods given in Methods E 35 or any other standard methods of analysis approved by ASTM unless some other method is agreed upon.

#### 12. Methods of Tension Testing

12.1 *Tension Tests*—The tension tests shall be made in accordance with Test Methods B 557 [B 557M].

Note 1—The values obtained for the tensile properties covered by this specification are not seriously affected by variations in speed of testing. A considerable range of testing speed is permissible; however, the rate of stressing to the yield strength should not exceed 100 ksi/min [690 MPa], and above the yield strength, the movement per minute of the head under load should not exceed 0.5 in./in. [mm/mm] of gage length (or distance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> Standard measurement is on the 3-ft basis. Widths and lengths less than 3 ft, but more than 1 ft, have tolerances proportionately less than those for 3 ft, but not smaller than for any 1 ft. Widths and lengths less than 1 ft have tolerances proportionately less than those for any 1 ft.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> Standard measurement is on the 900 mm basis. Widths and lengths less than 900 mm but more than 300 mm have tolerances proportionately less than those for 900 mm, but not smaller than for any 300 mm. Widths and lengths less than 300 mm have tolerances proportionately less than those for any 300 mm.

TABLE 20 Lateral Bow Tolerances—Magnesium Flat Sheet and Plate

			A	Allowable Deviat	ion of a Side E	Edge from a St	raight Line					
Specified	Specified		Specified Length, in.									
Width, in.	Thickness, in.	Through 30	Over 30 through 60	Over 60 through 90	Over 90 through 120	Over 120 through 150	Over 150 through 180	Over 180 through 210	Over 210 through 240 4 2 9/16 4 1			
			To	olerance, in.								
Under 4	0.016-0.125	1/16	1/4	1/2	1	1 1/2	2	3	4			
4-34.99	0.016-0.249	1/32	1/16	3/32	1/8	3/16	1	1 1/2	2			
35–72	0.016-0.249	1/32	1/16	3/32	1/8	3/16	5/16	7/16	9/16			
Under 10.01	0.250-6.000	1/16	1/4	1/2	1	1 1/2	2	3	4			
10.01–18	0.250-6.000	1/32	1/16	1/8	1/4	13/32	19/32	25/32	1			
Over 18	0.250-6.000	1/32	1/16	3/32	1/8	3/16	5/16	7/16	9/16			

TABLE 21 Lateral Bow Tolerances, Magnesium Flat Sheet and Plate [Metric]

				Allowable Deviation of a Side Edge from a Straight Line, mm							
Specif	ied Width	Spe	ecified	Specified Length, mm							
Over	mm Through	Thickr Over	ness, mm Through	Through 750	Over 750	Over 1500	Over 2250	Over 3000	Over 3750	Over 4550	Over 5250
Ovei	mougn	Ovei	mougn	730	Through 1500	Through 2250	Through 3000	Through 3750	Through 4550	Through 5250	Through 6000
0	100	0.40	3.20	1.55	6.35	12.50	25.00	38.00	50.00	75.00	100.00
100	900	3.20	6.30	0.75	1.50	2.30	3.10	4.75	25.00	38.00	50.00
900		3.20	6.30	0.75	1.50	2.30	3.10	4.75	7.90	11.00	14.25
0	250	6.30	150	1.50	6.35	12.50	25.00	38.00	50.00	75.00	100.00
250	450	6.30	150	0.75	1.50	3.10	6.35	10.25	15.00	19.75	25.00
450		6.30	150	0.75	1.50	2.30	3.10	4.75	7.90	11.00	14.25

between grips for specimens not having reduced sections). Care must be exercised, especially when making yield strength determinations, that the speed of testing does not exceed the ability of the strain and load-indicating equipment to function satisfactorily.

12.2 Retests—If any tension specimen fails to conform to the requirements prescribed in Table 2 [Table 3], two additional specimens shall be selected and tested from other sheet or plate in the lot. If either of these specimens fails to conform to the applicable requirements, the material may be rejected. If, however, the failure of the specimens to conform to the requirements is the result of an inadequate thermal treatment, the material may be reheat treated and resampled in accordance with Section 9. Only one such reworking of the material shall be permitted.

## 13. Inspection

- 13.1 If the purchaser desires that his representative inspect or witness the inspection of material prior to shipment, such agreement shall be made by the purchaser and producer as part of the purchase contract.
- 13.2 When such inspection or witness of inspection and testing is agreed upon, the producer shall afford the purchaser's representative all reasonable facilities to satisfy him that the material meets the requirements of this specification. Inspection and tests shall be conducted so there is no unnecessary interference with the producer's operations.

## 14. Rejection

14.1 Material that fails to conform to this specification may be rejected, and if rejected, the producer's responsibility shall be limited to replacing the rejected material. The full weight of the rejected material shall be returned to the manufacturer.

## 15. Certification

15.1 When agreed in writing by the purchaser and seller, the seller shall certify that the material has been sampled, tested, and inspected in accordance with the provisions of the specification. Each certificate so furnished shall be signed by an authorized agent of the producer or seller.

# 16. Packaging and Package Marking

- 16.1 The material shall be packaged in such a manner as to prevent damage in ordinary handling and transportation. The type of packaging and gross weight of individual containers shall be left to the discretion of the producer unless otherwise agreed upon. Packaging methods and containers shall be so selected as to permit maximum utility of mechanical equipment in unloading and subsequent handling. Each package or container shall contain only one size, alloy or condition of material when packed for shipment unless otherwise agreed upon.
- 16.2 Each package or container shall be marked with the purchase order number, size of material, specification number, alloy and condition, gross and net weights, and name of the producer.
- 16.3 Packages or containers shall be such as to ensure acceptance by common or other carriers for safe transportation at the lowest rate to the point of delivery.
- 16.4 When specified in the contract or purchase order, material shall be preserved, packaged, and packed in accordance with the requirements of Practice B 660. The applicable levels shall be as specified in the contract or order. Marking for shipment of such material shall be in accordance with Fed. Std.



No. 123 for civil agencies and MIL-STD-129 for military agencies.

16.5 When specified in the contract or purchase order, material shall be marked in accordance with Fed. Std. No. 184.

#### **APPENDIX**

(Nonmandatory Information)

#### X1. EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### X1.1 General Information

X1.1.1 Alloy AZ31B is a general-purpose alloy with good weldability, high strength, and the best cold formability.

# X1.2 Specific Gravity

X1.2.1 All of the alloys have a specific gravity of about 1.8.

#### X1.3 Protection

X1.3.1 Either the chrome pickle or the oil finish affords a measurable protection against tarnish and corrosion during shipment and storage of the sheet. The oil finish is frequently preferred by purchasers intending to perform forming or drawing operations on the sheet or plate. If desired, MIL-M-3171 can be used for the chrome pickle.

# TABLE X1.1 Unit Deformation Values [includes Metric]

Note 1—The yield strength of magnesium-base alloys is defined as the stress at which the stress-strain curve deviates 0.2 % from the modulus line. It may be determined by the "Offset Method" or the "Extension-Under-Load Method" (the latter is often referred to as the "Approximate Method Without the Stress-Strain Diagram") as described in Test Methods B 557 [B 557M]. In case of dispute, the "Offset Method" shall be used.

Note 2—The unit deformation values given in Table X1.1 for use with the "Extension-Under-Load Method" are based on a modulus of elasticity, E = 6,500,000 psi [4.48 GPa].

Alloy and Temper	Yield Strength (0.2 % offset), min, ksi (MPa)	Unit Defor- mation, in./in. (mm/mm) of gage length
AZ31B-H24	29.0 (200)	0.0065
	26.0 (179)	0.0060
	24.0 (165)	0.0057
	22.0 (152)	0.0054
	20.0 (138)	0.0051
	18.0 (124)	0.0048
AZ31B-H26	27.0 (186)	0.0062
	26.0 (179)	0.0060
	25.0 (172)	0.0058
	23.0 (159)	0.0055
	22.0 (152)	0.0054
	21.0 (145)	0.0052

#### SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This section identifies the location of changes that have been incorporated since the last issue.

(1) Alloys AZ31C, HK31A, HM21A, LA141A, and ZE10A were deleted from the standard.

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