



AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION	AMS2301™	REV. L
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Steel Cleanliness, Aircraft Quality Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure		

RATIONALE

AMS2301L results from a Five-Year Review and update of this document that allows periodic testing by adding 4.2.3, 4.2.3.1, 4.2.3.2, 4.2.3.3, and 8.6 that cover the process qualification, testing frequency, historical data, and melting-casting process controls.

1. SCOPE

1.1 Purpose

This specification covers steel cleanliness requirements in inch/pound units for aircraft-quality ferro-magnetic steels, other than hardenable corrosion resistant steels (refer to AMS2303), by magnetic particle inspection methods. This specification contains sampling, specimen preparation, inspection procedures and cleanliness rating criteria (see 8.5).

1.1.1 The metric version, MAM2301, has been cancelled. The SI units have been included in this specification, but the inch/pound units are primary (see 8.5).

1.2 Application

This procedure has been used typically for the cleanliness evaluation of blooms, billets, tube rounds, stock for forging or flash welded rings, slabs, bars, sheet, strip, plate, tubing, and extrusions used in fabricating parts subject to magnetic particle inspection, but may be used for qualification of a heat, melt, or lot of steel.

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ASTM E1444 Magnetic Particle Testing

2.3 ANSI Accredited Publications

Copies of these documents are available online at <http://webstore.ansi.org/>.

ANSI B46.1 Surface Texture

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Specimen Preparation

3.1.1 Heat Qualification

Sampling shall be in accordance with 4.3.1. Samples shall be converted into test specimens in accordance with 3.1.3.

3.1.2 Product Qualification

Product from a heat not qualified based on sampling as in 4.3.1 shall be sampled in accordance with 4.3.2. Samples shall be converted into test specimens in accordance with 3.1.3.

3.1.3 Working and Rough Machining

3.1.3.1 Solid Product 12 Inches (305 mm) and Over in Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides

A quarter-section shall be cut from each sample sufficiently oversized that the center of the original sample will be approximately on the surface of the specimen after generating to test size. The quarter-section shall then be forged to a 3 to 6 inch (76 to 152 mm) round or square, maintaining the axis of the forging approximately parallel to the original direction of rolling. As an alternate method, the full section may be rolled or forged to a 6-inch (152-mm) round or square and an oversize quarter obtained as in 3.1.3.3. Specimens shall be rough machined to a "one-step" straight cylinder nominally 5 inches (127 mm) long. Minimum stock removal shall be consistent with the machining allowance specified in 3.1.4.

3.1.3.2 Solid Product Over 6 to 12 Inches (152 to 305 mm), Exclusive, in Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Except Slabs and Plates

A quarter-section shall be cut from each sample sufficiently oversize that the center of the original sample will be approximately on the surface of the specimen after generating to test size. The quarter-section shall be converted into a test specimen by machining, or forging and machining, to a 3 to 6 inch (76 to 152 mm) round or square. Specimens shall be rough machined to a "one-step" straight cylinder nominally 5 inches (127 mm) long. Minimum stock removal shall be consistent with the machining allowance specified in 3.1.4.

3.1.3.3 Solid Product 6 Inches (152 mm) and Under in Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Except Flat Bars, Slabs, and Plates

A quarter-section shall be cut from each sample sufficiently oversize that the center of the original sample will be approximately on the surface of the specimen after generating to test size. The quarter-section shall be converted into a test specimen by machining to a "one-step" straight cylinder nominally 5 inches (127 mm) long. Minimum stock removal shall be consistent with the machining allowance specified in 3.1.4.

3.1.3.3.1 As an alternate method, a step-down specimen may be generated from the full cross-section in equal length circumferential steps as shown in Table 1, consistent with the machining allowance specified in 3.1.4.

Table 1A - Stepdown specimens, cylindrical, inch/pound units

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Inches	Step Length Inches	Step 1 Diameter	Step 2 Diameter	Step 3 Diameter	Step 4 Diameter	Step 5 Diameter
0.250 to 0.500, incl	5.000	D	--	--	--	--
Over 0.500 to 0.750, incl	2.500	D	2/3D	--	--	--
Over 0.750 to 1.000, incl	1.665	D	3/4D	1/2D	--	--
Over 1.000 to 1.500, incl	1.250	D	4/5D	3/5D	2/5D	--
Over 1.500	1.000	D	4/5D	3/5D	2/5D	1/5D

D = Original diameter or distance between parallel sides minus machining stock removed.

Table 1B - Stepdown specimens, cylindrical, SI units

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Millimeters	Step Length Millimeters	Step 1 Diameter	Step 2 Diameter	Step 3 Diameter	Step 4 Diameter	Step 5 Diameter
6.35 to 12.70, incl	127.00	D	--	--	--	--
Over 12.70 to 19.05, incl	63.50	D	2/3D	--	--	--
Over 19.05 to 25.40, incl	42.29	D	3/4D	1/2D	--	--
Over 25.40 to 38.10, incl	31.75	D	4/5D	3/5D	2/5D	--
Over 38.10	25.40	D	4/5D	3/5D	2/5D	1/5D

D = Original diameter or distance between parallel sides minus machining stock removed.

3.1.3.4 Flat Bars

The type of test and the location in the section shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and producer. A step-down specimen may be generated from the full cross-section in equal length steps as shown in Table 2.

Table 2A - Stepdown specimens, flat bar, (inch/pound units)

Nominal Thickness Inches	Step Length Inches	Step 1 Thickness	Step 2 Thickness	Step 3 Thickness	Step 4 Thickness	Step 5 Thickness
Up to 0.250, incl	5.000	T	--	--	--	--
Over 0.250 to 0.500, incl	2.500	T	2/3T	--	--	--
Over 0.500 to 1.000, incl	1.250	T	3/4T	1/2T	1/4T	--
Over 1.000	1.000	T	4/5T	3/5T	2/5T	1/5T

T = Original nominal thickness minus machining stock removed.