



Standard Specification for Magnesium-Alloy Die Castings¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers magnesium-alloy die castings. Current alloy compositions are specified under the designations shown in [Table 1](#).²

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are standard. The SI values in parentheses are provided for information only.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 The following documents of the issue in effect on date of order acceptance form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 *ASTM Standards*:³

[B93/B93M Specification for Magnesium Alloys in Ingot Form for Sand Castings, Permanent Mold Castings, and Die Castings](#)

[B557 Test Methods for Tension Testing Wrought and Cast Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products](#)

[B660 Practices for Packaging/Packing of Aluminum and Magnesium Products](#)

[B951 Practice for Codification of Unalloyed Magnesium and Magnesium-Alloys, Cast and Wrought](#)

[B953 Practice for Sampling Magnesium and Magnesium Alloys for Spectrochemical Analysis](#)

[B954 Test Method for Analysis of Magnesium and Magnesium Alloys by Atomic Emission Spectrometry](#)

[E23 Test Methods for Notched Bar Impact Testing of Metallic Materials](#)

[E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications](#)

[E88 Practice for Sampling Nonferrous Metals and Alloys in Cast Form for Determination of Chemical Composition](#)

[E505 Reference Radiographs for Inspection of Aluminum and Magnesium Die Castings](#)

[E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System \(UNS\)](#)

2.3 *American Die Casting Institute*:³

[“E” Series Product Standards](#)

2.4 *Federal Standards*:⁴

[FED-STD-123 Marking for Shipment \(Civil Agencies\)](#)

[SAE AMS-STD-184 Identification Marking of Aluminum, Magnesium and Titanium](#)

2.5 *Military Standard*:⁴

[MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*:

3.1.1 *die casting*—a metal object produced by the introduction of molten metal under substantial pressure into a metal die and characterized by a high degree of fidelity to the die cavity.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for die castings shall include the following basic information:

4.1.1 This specification number and date,

4.1.2 Quantity and delivery schedule, as required,

4.1.3 Part name and number,

4.1.4 Alloy ([Table 1](#)), and

4.1.5 Drawing of die casting, when required, giving all necessary dimensions and showing latest revisions and allowances for machining, if any. Location of ejector pin marks or parting lines shall be at the option of the producer, unless specifically designated on the drawing.

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² SAE specifications No. 501 and 501A conform to the requirements for Alloy AZ91A and AZ91B respectively.

³ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

⁴ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://www.dodssp.daps.mil>.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements^{A,B,C,D}

Alloy		Composition, %										
Designation ^B	UNS	Aluminum	Manganese	Rare Earth	Strontium	Zinc	Copper, max	Iron, max	Silicon	Nickel	Other Metallic Impurities, max, each	Magnesium
AS41A	M10410	3.5-5.0	0.20-0.50	...	...	0.12	0.06	...	0.50-1.5	0.03	...	remainder
AS41B	M10412	3.5-5.0	0.35-0.7 ^E	...	...	0.12	0.02	0.0035 ^E	0.50-1.5	0.002	0.02	remainder
AM50A	M10500	4.4-5.4	0.26-0.6 ^E	...	...	0.22	0.010	0.004 ^E	0.10	0.002	0.02	remainder
AM60A	M10600	5.5-6.5	0.13-0.6	...	...	0.22	0.35	...	0.50	0.03	...	remainder
AM60B	M10602	5.5-6.5	0.24-0.6 ^E	...	...	0.22	0.010	0.005 ^E	0.10	0.002	0.02	remainder
AZ91A	M11910	8.3-9.7	0.13-0.50	...	...	0.35-1.0	0.10	...	0.50	0.03	...	remainder
AZ91B	M11912	8.3-9.7	0.13-0.50	...	...	0.35-1.0	0.35	...	0.50	0.03	...	remainder
AZ91D	M11916	8.3-9.7	0.15-0.50 ^E	...	...	0.35-1.0	0.030	0.005 ^E	0.10	0.002	0.02	remainder
AJ52A ^F	M17520	4.5-5.5	0.24-0.6 ^E	...	1.7-2.3	0.22	0.010	0.004 ^E	0.10	0.001	0.01	remainder
AJ62A ^F	M17620	5.5-6.6	0.24-0.6 ^E	...	2.0-2.8	0.22	0.010	0.004 ^E	0.10	0.001	0.01	remainder
AS21A	M10210	1.8-2.5	0.18-0.7	...	...	0.20	0.01	0.005	0.7-1.2	0.001	0.01	remainder
AS21B ^F	M10212	1.8-2.5	0.05-0.15	0.06-0.25	...	0.25	0.008	0.0035	0.7-1.2	0.001	0.01	remainder

^A 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 the course of routine analysis, further analysis shall be made to determine that these other elements are not in excess of 0.3 %.

^B 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 in accordance with the rounding procedure prescribed in Section 3 of Practice E29.

^C Where single units are shown, these indicate the maximum amounts permitted.

^D ASTM alloy designations were established in accordance with Practice B951, UNS designations were established in accordance with Practice E527.

^E In alloys AS41B, AM50A, AJ52A, AM60B, AJ62A, and AZ91D, if either the minimum manganese limit or the maximum iron limit is not met, then the iron/manganese ratio shall not exceed 0.010, 0.015, 0.015, 0.021, 0.021, and 0.032, respectively.

^FAlloys AJ52A, AJ62A, and AS21B are patented compositions for elevated temperature applications. Interested parties are invited to submit information regarding the identification of alternatives to these compositions to ASTM International. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee, which you may attend. ASTM International takes no position respecting the validity of any patent rights asserted in connection with any item mentioned in this standard. Users of this standard are expressly advised that determination of the validity of any such patent rights, and the risk of infringement of such rights, are entirely their own responsibility.

4.2 Additional tests, options, and special inspection requirements as provided below should be justified only on the basis of need. These shall be specified in the contract or purchase order, as additional procedures and extended delivery time may be involved.

4.2.1 Chemical analysis (7.1.1),

4.2.2 Quality assurance (Section 6),

4.2.3 Special proof tests or mechanical properties (Section 8),

4.2.4 General quality options for internal soundness or for finish (Section 10),

4.2.5 Source inspection (Section 11),

4.2.6 Certification (Section 12),

4.2.7 Marking for identification (Section 14), and

4.2.8 Special packaging (Section 15).

5. Materials

5.1 The magnesium alloys used for the manufacture of die castings shall be such that the die castings produced will conform to the chemical composition requirements of this specification. Ingot in accordance with Specification B93/B93M may be used but is not restricted to this source.

6. Quality Assurance

6.1 *Responsibility for Inspection*—When specified in the contract or purchase order, the producer or supplier is respon-

sible for the performance of all inspection and test requirements specified herein. Except as otherwise specified in the contract or order, the producer or supplier may use his own or any other suitable facilities for the performance of the inspection and test requirements specified herein, unless disapproved by the purchaser. The purchaser shall have the right to perform any of the inspections and tests set forth in this specification. Quality assurance standards shall be agreed upon between the producer or supplier and purchaser at the time a contract or order is placed.

6.2 *Lot Definition*—An inspection lot shall be defined as follows:

6.2.1 An inspection lot shall consist of the production from each die or compound die on each machine for each 24 h during the first week of normal operation and the production for each 48 h thereafter of normal operation. Any significant change in the machine, composition, die, or continuity of operation shall be considered as the start of a new lot. Die castings inspected by this method shall be so marked or handled during the finishing operations as not to lose their identity.

6.2.2 Each die casting of a randomly selected sample shall be examined to determine conformance to the requirements with respect to general quality, dimensions, and identification