

AERONAUTICAL MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

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ALUMINUM ALLOY CASTINGS, PERMANENT MOLD 7Si - 0.3Mg (356-T51)

1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT: A vendor shall mention this specification number and its revision letter in all quotations and when acknowledging purchase orders.

2. COMPOSITION:

Silicon	6.5 - 7.5
Magnesium	0.20 - 0.40
Iron	0.6 max
Manganese	0.30 max
Zinc	0.30 max
Copper	0.20 max
Titanium	0.20 max
Other Impurities, each	0.05 max
Other Impurities, total	0.15 max
Aluminum	remainder

3. CONDITION: Artificially aged without prior solution heat treatment.

4. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

4.1 Casting: Castings shall be produced in lots from metal conforming to Section 2. Metal remelted from previously analyzed ingot may be poured directly into castings. Furnace or ladle additions of small amounts of grain refining elements or alloys are permissible. Unless otherwise agreed upon by purchaser and vendor, 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 until the composition of a sample taken after the last addition to the melt has been found to conform to Section 2.

4.1.1 A melt shall be the metal withdrawn from a batch furnace charge of 2000 lb or less as melted for pouring castings or, when permitted by purchaser, a melt shall be 4000 lb or less of metal withdrawn from one continuous furnace in not more than 8 consecutive hours.

4.1.2 A lot shall consist of castings poured from a single melt in not more than 8 consecutive hours.

4.2 Test Specimens: Tensile test specimens, and chemical analysis specimens when required, shall be cast as follows and, when requested, shall be supplied with the castings.

4.2.1 Tensile Test Specimens: Shall be cast with each lot of castings, shall be standard (0.5 in. diameter at the reduced parallel section), and shall be cast to size in permanent molds. Metal for the specimens shall be part of the melt which is used for the castings. If the metal for castings is given any treatment, such as fluxing or cooling and reheating, the metal for the specimens shall be a portion of the metal so treated, and during such treatment shall be heated to the same maximum temperature and held for approximately the same length of time as the molten metal for castings.

4.2.2 Chemical Analysis Specimens: When required by purchaser, shall be cast from each melt and shall be of size and shape agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

4.3 Heat Treatment: All castings and tensile test specimens shall be heat treated as follows:

4.3.1 Tensile test specimens from each lot, together with production castings, shall be heated to $440\text{ F} \pm 15$, held at heat for 7 - 9 hr, and cooled in air. At least one set of tensile test specimens shall be put into a batch-type furnace with each load of castings or into a continuous furnace at intervals of not longer than 3 hours.

4.4 Tensile Properties:

4.4.1 Cast Tensile Test Specimens:

Tensile Strength, psi 25,000 min

4.4.2 Tensile Properties of Castings:

4.4.2.1. When tensile properties of actual castings are determined for acceptance, not less than 4, and preferably 10, tensile test specimens shall be cut from thick and thin sections. The average value of all specimens selected shall conform to the following:

Tensile Strength, psi 18,800 min

4.4.2.1.1 Conformance to these requirements may be used as basis for acceptance of castings.

4.4.2.2 When specified on the order, tensile test specimens taken in locations indicated on the drawing, from a casting chosen at random to represent the lot, shall have the properties indicated on the drawing for each specimen.

4.5 Hardness of Castings: Except at sprues and risers, the castings shall have hardness not lower than Brinell 65 using 500 kg load and 10 mm ball or 1000 kg load and 9/16 in. ball, or not lower than Brinell 70 using 1000 kg load and 10 mm ball.

5. QUALITY:

5.1 Castings shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from internal and external imperfections detrimental to fabrication or to performance of parts. Castings shall have smooth surface and shall be well cleaned.

5.2 Radiographic and other quality standards shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.