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Standard Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Structural Pipe and Tube¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers aluminum-alloy extruded structural pipe and tube in those selected alloys shown in [Table 1](#) and tempers shown in [Table 2](#), and in those standard sizes shown in [Tables 3-5](#), as well as in other nonstandard sizes as agreed upon between the purchaser and supplier. Such pipe and tube is intended for use in structural applications such as highway and bridge rails, chain-link fence posts, handrails, sign structures, awning supports, lighting brackets, etc. Structural pipe and tube is not intended for fluid-carrying applications involving pressure.

NOTE 1—For drawn seamless tube used in pressure applications see Specifications [B210/B210M](#), for seamless pipe and seamless extruded tube used in pressure applications see Specifications [B241/B241M](#), and for drawn tube and pipe for general purpose applications see Specification [B483/B483M](#).

1.2 Alloy and temper designations are in accordance with ANSI H35.1/H35.1M. The equivalent Unified Numbering System alloy designations are those of [Table 1](#) preceded by A9 (for example, A96061 for alloy 6061 in accordance with Practice [E527](#)).

1.3 For acceptance criteria for inclusion of new aluminum and aluminum alloys in this specification, see [Annex A2](#).

1.4 *Units*—The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.4.1 *Metric Sizes*—While this is a combined SI and inch-pound units specification, there are no standard equivalent metric designations for pipe. Metric sizes are converted and shown only for user convenience.

1.4.2 While this is a combined SI and inch-pound units specification, standard pipe sizes are not applicable to SI units, therefore non-rationalized SI units (soft conversions) are shown for reader convenience. Rationalized [hard converted] SI units are shown in brackets while non-rationalized (soft converted) SI units are shown in parentheses.

1.5 *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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- [B210/B210M Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Drawn Seamless Tubes](#)
- [B241/B241M Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Seamless Pipe and Seamless Extruded Tube](#)
- [B483/B483M Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Drawn Tube and Drawn Pipe for General Purpose Applications](#)
- [B557 Test Methods for Tension Testing Wrought and Cast Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products](#)
- [B557M Test Methods for Tension Testing Wrought and Cast Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products \(Metric\)](#)
- [B660 Practices for Packaging/Packing of Aluminum and Magnesium Products](#)
- [B666/B666M Practice for Identification Marking of Aluminum and Magnesium Products](#)
- [B807/B807M Practice for Extrusion Press Solution Heat Treatment for Aluminum Alloys](#)

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² 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.

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

TABLE 1 Chemical Composition Limits^{A,B,C,D}

Alloy Designation	Si	Fe	Cu	Mn	Mg	Cr	Zn	Ti	Other Elements ^E		Al
									Each	Total ^F	
6005	0.6–0.9	0.35	0.10	0.10	0.40–0.6	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.05	0.15	rem
6005A ^G	0.50–0.9	0.35	0.30	0.50	0.40–0.7	0.30	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.15	rem
6061	0.40–0.8	0.7	0.15–0.40	0.15	0.8–1.2	0.04–0.35	0.25	0.15	0.05	0.15	rem
6063	0.20–0.6	0.35	0.10	0.10	0.45–0.9	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.05	0.15	rem
6082	0.7–1.3	0.50	0.10	0.40–1.0	0.6–1.2	0.25	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.15	rem
6105	0.6–1.0	0.35	0.10	0.15	0.45–0.8	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.05	0.15	rem

^A Limits are in percent maximum unless shown as a range.

^B Analysis shall be made for the elements for which limits are shown in this table.

^C To determine conformance to these limits, an observed value or a calculated value obtained from analysis shall be rounded-off to the nearest unit in the last right-hand place of the figures used in expressing the specified limit, in accordance with the rounding method of Practice E29.

^D In case there is a discrepancy in the values listed in this table with those listed in the International Alloy Designations and Chemical Composition Limits for Wrought Aluminum and Wrought Aluminum Alloys (commonly known as the “Teal Sheets,” the composition limits registered with the Aluminum Association and published in the “Teal Sheets” should be considered the controlling composition. The “Teal Sheets” are available at <http://www.aluminum.org/tealsheets>.

^E Includes all unlisted metallic elements. The producer may analyze samples for trace elements not specified in the specification. However, such analysis is not required and may not cover all metallic *Other Elements*. Should any analysis by the producer or the purchaser establish that an *Other Element* exceeds the limit of *Each* or that the aggregate of several *Other Elements* exceeds the limit of *Total*, the material shall be considered nonconforming.

^F Total shall be the sum of unspecified metallic elements 0.010 % or more, rounded to the second decimal before determining the sum.

^G 0.12–0.50 Mn+Cr.

B881 Terminology Relating to Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products

B918/B918M Practice for Heat Treatment of Wrought Aluminum Alloys

B945 Practice for Aluminum Alloy Extrusions Press Cooled from an Elevated Temperature Shaping Process for Production of T1, T2, T5 and T10–Type Tempers

B985 Practice for Sampling Aluminum Ingots, Billets, Castings and Finished or Semi-Finished Wrought Aluminum Products for Compositional Analysis

E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

E34 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Aluminum and Aluminum-Base Alloys (Withdrawn 2017)³

E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)

E607 Test Method for Atomic Emission Spectrometric Analysis Aluminum Alloys by the Point to Plane Technique Nitrogen Atmosphere (Withdrawn 2011)³

E716 Practices for Sampling and Sample Preparation of Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys for Determination of Chemical Composition by Spark Atomic Emission Spectrometry

E1251 Test Method for Analysis of Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys by Spark Atomic Emission Spectrometry

E3061 Test Method for Analysis of Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys by Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry (Performance Based Method)

2.2 ANSI Standards:⁴

H35.1/H35.1M Alloy and Temper Designations Systems for Aluminum

H35.2 Dimensional Tolerance for Aluminum Mill Products

H35.2M Dimensional Tolerance for Aluminum Mill Products [Metric]

2.3 Military Standard:⁵

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage

2.4 Federal Standard:⁵

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 Refer to Terminology **B881** for definitions of product terms used in this specification.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Purchase orders (Orders) for material to this specification shall include the following information:

4.1.1 This specification designation (which includes the number, the year, and the revision letter, if applicable),

4.1.2 Quantity in pieces, pounds, or feet,

4.1.3 Size and schedule number for pipe; outside diameter and wall thickness for extruded tube (see **Tables 3–5**), and length in feet, and

4.1.4 Alloy (Section 8) and temper (Section 9).

4.2 Additionally, orders for material to this specification shall include the following information when required by the purchaser:

4.2.1 Whether inspection or witness of inspection and tests by the purchaser’s representative is required prior to material shipment (Section 13),

4.2.2 Whether certification of the material by the manufacturer is required (Section 15),

4.2.3 Whether marking for identification is required and whether marking in accordance with Practice **B666/B666M** is required (Section 16),

4.2.4 Whether Practices **B660** applies and, if so, the levels of preservation, packaging, and packing required (Section 17), and

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

⁴ Available from Aluminum Association, 1400 Crystal Dr., Suite 430, Arlington, VA 22202, <http://www.aluminum.org>.

⁵ Available from DLA Document Services, Building 4/D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, <http://quicksearch.dla.mil>.