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Magnesium Alloy Castings, Sand
6.0Zn - 0.80Zr (ZK61A-T5)
Precipitation Heat Treated

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1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form:

This specification covers a magnesium alloy in the form of sand castings.

1.2 Application:

These castings have been used typically for parts requiring a combination of good yield strength and elongation, but usage is not limited to such applications.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:

The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of SAE publications shall apply. The applicable issue of other publications shall be the issue in effect on the date of the purchase order.

2.1 SAE Publications:

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

AMS 2360	Room Temperature Tensile Properties of Castings
AMS 2475	Protective Treatment, Magnesium Alloys
AMS 2635	Radiographic Inspection
AMS 2645	Fluorescent Penetrant Inspection
AMS 2694	Repair Welding of Aerospace Castings
AMS 2804	Identification, Castings

2.2 ASTM Publications:

Available from ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1187.

ASTM B 557	Tension Testing Wrought and Cast Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products
ASTM B 557M	Tension Testing Wrought and Cast Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products (Metric)
ASTM B 660	Packaging/Packing of Aluminum and Magnesium Products
ASTM E 10	Brinell Hardness of Metallic Materials
ASTM E 35	Chemical Analysis of Magnesium and Magnesium Alloys
ASTM E 155	Reference Radiographs for Inspection of Aluminum and Magnesium Castings

2.3 U.S. Government Publications:

Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Building 4D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.

MIL-M-6857	Magnesium Alloy Castings, Heat Treatment of
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3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Composition:

Shall conform to the percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E 35, by spectrochemical methods, or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser.

TABLE 1 - Composition

Element	min	max
Zinc	5.5	6.5
Zirconium, total	0.6	1.0
Zirconium, soluble (3.1.1)	0.6	--
Copper (3.1.2)	--	0.10
Nickel (3.1.2)	--	0.01
Other Impurities, each (3.1.2)	--	0.10
Other Impurities, total (3.1.2)	--	0.30
Magnesium	remainder	

3.1.1 Soluble zirconium is that portion of the zirconium which is soluble in 1:4 hydrochloric acid held below its boiling point.

3.1.2 Determination not required for routine acceptance.

3.2 Condition:

Precipitation heat treated.

3.3 Casting:

Castings shall be produced from metal conforming to 3.1. Furnace or ladle additions of grain-refining elements or alloys shall be added to the melt. 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 unless composition of a sample taken after the last addition to the melt conforms to 3.1.

3.3.1 A melt shall be the metal withdrawn from a batch-furnace charge of 2000 pounds (907 kg) or less as melted for pouring castings or, when permitted by purchaser, a melt shall be 4000 pounds (1814 kg) or less of metal withdrawn from one continuous furnace in not more than eight consecutive hours.