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Standard Specification for Tin Mill Products, General Requirements[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers a group of common requirements which, unless otherwise specified in the purchase order or in an individual specification, shall apply to tin mill products.

1.2 In case of any conflict in requirements, the requirements of the purchase order, the individual material specification, and this general specification shall prevail in the sequence named.

NOTE 1—A complete metric companion to Specification A 623 has been developed—Specification A 623M; therefore no metric equivalents are presented in this specification.

1.3 The following safety caveat pertains to Annex A3 through Annex A10 of this specification: *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 *ASTM Standards:*

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products[2]

A 700 Practices for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Domestic Shipment[3]

A 987 Test Method for Measuring Shape Characteristics of Tin Mill Products[4]

D 1125 Test Methods for Electrical Conductivity and Resistivity of Water[5]

E 18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials[6]

E 112 Test Methods for Determining the Average Grain Size[6]

2.2 *U.S. Military Standards:*

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage[7]

MIL-STD-163 Steel Mill Products, Preparation for Marking and Storage[7]

2.3 *U.S. Federal Standard:*

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)[7]

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *base box*, *n*—a unit of area equivalent to 112 sheets 14 by 20 in. or 31 360 in.^{2} (217.78 ft^2) (see Annex A1).

3.1.2 *base weight*, *n*—a term used to describe the thickness of tin mill products. The designated base weight multiplied by a factor of 0.00011 is the nominal decimal thickness, in inches of the material. Although it is customary industry-wide to use the term "pound" (for example, 75 lb), following the base weight designation, base weight is correctly used only to define nominal material thickness, and is not a measure of the weight of a base box.

3.1.3 *black plate*, *n*—light-gage, low-carbon, cold-reduced steel intended for use in the untinned state or for the production of other tin mill products. It is supplied only in a dry or oiled condition.

3.1.4 *box annealing*, *n*—a process involving slow heating of coils to a subcritical temperature, holding, and cooling therefrom, to soften the strip and relieve stresses produced during cold reduction. It is accomplished in a sealed container. By introducing and maintaining an inert or slightly reducing atmosphere during the cycle, a relatively bright surface is obtained.

3.1.5 *bright finish*, *n*—a surface that has a melted tin coating.

3.1.6 *bundle*, *n*—a unit containing two or more packages of a cut size, supported by a platform, generally consisting of ten or more packages. (Also commonly referred to as a multiple-package lift containing two or more packages.)

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[2] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.03.

[3] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.05.

[4] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.06.

[5] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 11.01.

[6] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.

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