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Standard Practices for Packaging/Packing of Aluminum and Magnesium Products¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 These practices describe methods of packaging/packing aluminum and magnesium products, in preparation for storage or shipment, both foreign and domestic. Assuming proper and normal handling in transit, these practices are designed to deliver the products to their destination in good condition. For DoD redistribution, see Supplementary Requirements.

1.2 Aluminum and magnesium products must be preserved and packed so as to be adequately protected from possible damage during shipment and storage. Major damage types are:

1.2.1 Mechanical, including bending, crushing, denting, scratching, or gouging during handling and storage; and abrasions resulting from vibration during transport of the material.

1.2.2 Corrosion, or water stain, resulting from exposure of packed material to water, either externally applied, or as condensate caused by temperature variations in a humid atmosphere.

NOTE 1—A complete metric companion to Practices B 660 is being developed—Practices B 660M; therefore, no metric equivalents are presented in these practices.

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 ASTM Standards:

- D 779 Test Method for Water Resistance of Paper, Paperboard, and Other Sheet Materials by the Dry-Indicator Method²
- D 1732 Practices for Preparation of Magnesium Alloy Surfaces for Painting³
- D 3950 Specification for Strapping, Nonmetallic (and Joining Methods)²

D 3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging²

D 3953 Specification for Strapping, Flat Steel and Seals²

2.2 ANSI Standard:

ANSI/AHA A135.4 Basic Hardboard⁴

2.3 Federal Specifications:⁵

FF-N-105 Nail, Brads, Staples and Spikes, Wire, Cut and Wrought

NN-P-530 Plywood, Flat Panel

UU-P-553 Paper, Wrapping, Tissue

VV-L-800 Lubricating Oil, General Purpose Preservative

PPP-B-566 Box, Folding, Paperboard

PPP-B-636 Box, Shipping, Fiberboard

PPP-B-640 Box, Fiberboard, Corrugated, Triple Wall

PPP-C-96 Can, Metal, 28 Gage and Lighter

PPP-D-705 Drum, Shipping and Storage: Steel 16 and 30 Gallon Capacity

PPP-D-723 Drum, Fiber

PPP-D-729 Drum, Shipping and Storage: Steel, 55 Gallon

PPP-F-320 Fiberboard, Corrugated and Solid, Sheet Stock (Container Grade) and Cut Shapes

PPP-P-704 Pails, Metal: (Shipping, Steel, 1 through 12, Gallons)

PPP-T-45 Tape, Gummed Paper, Reinforced and Plain, For Sealing and Securing

PPP-T-60 Tape, Packaging, Waterproof

PPP-T-76 Tape, Pressure-sensitive Adhesive Paper (For Carton Sealing)

PPP-T-495 Tubes, Mailing, and Filing

PPP-V-205 Veneer, Paper Overlaid, Container Grade

2.4 Federal Standards:⁵

Fed. Std. No. 101 Preservation, Packaging and Packing Materials: Test Procedure

PS 1-74 U.S. Product Standard (For Construction and Industrial Plywood)

2.5 Military Specifications:⁵

MIL-L-7870 Lubricating Oil, General Purpose, Low Temperature

MIL-C-11796 Corrosion Preventive Compound, Petroleum, Hot Application

¹ These practices are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee B07 on Light Metals and Alloys and are the direct responsibilities of Subcommittee B07.03 on Aluminum Alloy Wrought Products.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.09.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 02.05.

⁴ Available from American National Standards Institute, 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

⁵ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, Attn: NPODS.

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