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Elektron AZ91E

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ELEKTRON AZ91E is a general purpose gravity sand casting alloy containing aluminium, zinc and manganese. Good properties may be achieved particularly with the use of chills in the mould. Corrosion resistance is excellent.

APPLICATIONS

The alloy may be used in aerospace casting applications particularly where there is no high temperature requirement or a requirement for pressure tightness.

SPECIFICATIONS

ASTM B80 AZ91E
BS2970 MAG7/3
DIN MgAl/19 Zn1
AFNOR G-A9Z1
BS2L125

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

Aluminium	8.1-9.3%
Zinc	0.4-1.0%
Manganese	0.17-0.35%
Magnesium	Balance

HEAT TREATMENT

For optimum properties the alloy should be used in the T6 condition i.e. 16 to 24 hours at 400°C-420°C, aircool, and then 8 to 16 hours at 180°C to 210°C. Alternatively it may be used in the T4 condition i.e. 16 to 24 hours at 400°C to 420°C.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Specific gravity	1.81
Coefficient of thermal expansion	$27 \times 10^{-6} \text{K}^{-1}$
Thermal conductivity	$84 \text{ Wm}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$
Specific heat	$1000 \text{ Jkg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$
Electrical resistivity	141 nΩm
Modulus of elasticity	$44 \times 10^3 \text{ MPa}$
Poisson's ratio	0.35
Melting range	470-595°C
Damping Index	0.2
Brinell hardness	75

DESIGN DATA

Minimum specification
tensile properties
ASTM B80 AZ91E
T6 condition

0.2% Proof stress	83 MPa
Tensile strength	117 MPa
Elongation	2%

OTHER PROPERTIES

CASTABILITY

Good castability.

PATTERN MAKERS SHRINKAGE FACTOR

1.3%

WELDABILITY

Sand castings are weldable by the tungsten arc inert gas process (TIG) with a filler rod of a similar composition. Castings should be welded in the T4 or T6 condition and heat treated after welding. This may either be for 30mins at 415°C plus 4 hours at 215°C or 16 hours at 170°C.

SURFACE TREATMENT

All the normal chromating, anodising and finishing treatments are applicable. If large grains are present at the surface there may be some colour variation with chromated coatings.

CORROSION RESISTANCE

ASTM B117 salt spray test

Corrosion rate 0.05-0.18 mg/cm²/day
4-14 mpy

AMBIENT TEMPERATURE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

TYPICAL TENSILE PROPERTIES

T4

0.2% Proof stress	125 MPa
Tensile strength	260 MPa
Elongation	9%

T6

0.2% Proof stress	170 MPa
Tensile strength	270 MPa
Elongation	4.5%

TYPICAL COMPRESSIVE PROPERTIES

0.2% Proof stress	130 MPa
Ultimate strength	400 MPa

TYPICAL SHEAR PROPERTIES

Ultimate stress	140 MPa
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FRACTURE TOUGHNESS

K_{IC}	13.2 MPa m ^{1/2}
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FATIGUE PROPERTIES

Rotating Bend (5×10^7 cycles)	70 MPa
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