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**Magnesium and magnesium alloys —  
Unalloyed magnesium — Chemical  
composition**

*Magnésium et alliages de magnésium — Magnésium non allié —  
Composition chimique*



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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 8287:2011), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared with the previous edition are as follows:

- a) in the Introduction and [Clause 2](#), EN 12421:1998 has been replaced by EN 12421:2017;
- b) four new grades of cast unalloyed magnesium have been added in [Table 1](#), namely ISO Mg99,95C, ISO Mg99,995A, ISO Mg99,995B and ISO Mg99,995C.

## Introduction

This document classifies commercially available cast unalloyed magnesium into a number of grades suitable for the applications for which they might be used. The grades listed in this document are identical to those in EN 12421:2017.



# Magnesium and magnesium alloys — Unalloyed magnesium — Chemical composition

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the chemical composition of cast unalloyed magnesium. It specifies classification, designation, testing rules, marking, packing, transportation, storage, and information subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

This document applies to cast unalloyed magnesium produced by the silicon-thermo process or molten salt electrolysis process.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 80000-1:2009, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

EN 12421:2017, *Magnesium and magnesium alloys — Unalloyed magnesium*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### **unalloyed magnesium**

magnesium with a minimum purity of 99,0 % mass fraction

### 3.2

#### **cast unalloyed magnesium**

*unalloyed magnesium* (3.1) cast in a variety of shapes

## 4 Information to be supplied by the purchaser

The enquiry and order shall define the product required and shall contain the following information:

- a) material designation;
- b) product shape;
- c) quantity (for example number, mass, etc.);
- d) any requirements for declarations of conformity;
- e) any additional requirements agreed between the manufacturer and the purchaser.