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# Inspection method for structure of wrought aluminum and aluminum alloy products - Part 2: Inspection method for macrostructure

变形铝及铝合金制品组织检验方法

第2部分: 低倍组织检验方法

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# Foreword

GB/T3246 Inspection Method for Structure of Wrought Aluminum and Aluminum Alloy		
Products is divided into two parts:		
——Part 1: Inspection method for microstructure;		
——Part 2: Inspection method for macrostructure.		
This is part 2 of GB/T3246.		
This part is drafted in accordance with provisions in GB/T1.1—2009.		
This part replaces GB/T3246.2—2000 Inspection Method for Macrostructure of Wrought		
Aluminum and Aluminum Alloy Products.		
Compared with GB/T3246.2—2000, main changes of this part are as follows:		
——Increasing schematic diagram of cross section of ingot oxidation film test piece;		
——Amending macroscopic test piece taking and preparation methods of plate and strip		
material;		
——Increasing etching requirements of 8××× alloy;		
——Increasing requirements for etching degree;		
——Supplementing typical pictures of place oxidation film fracture structure, loose and		
non-metallic inclusion microstructure and feathery crystal fracture structure.		
This part uses redraft method and refers to ASTME3—2011 "Regulations on		
Metallographic Specimen Preparation" and ASTME340—2010(2006) "Test Method for		
Metal and Alloy Macroetching"; consistency with ASTME3—2011 and		
ASTME340—2010(2006) is not equivalent.		
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Previous versions that this part replace are as follows:

——GB/T 3246.2—2000;

----GB/T 3246--1982.

# Inspection Method for Structure of Wrought Aluminum and Aluminum Alloy Products

## **Part 2: Inspection Method for Macrostructure**

#### 1 Scope

This part of GB/T3246 specifies test solution for microstructure of aluminum and aluminum alloy ingot (or rough ingot), deformation aluminum and aluminum alloy plate, strip, foil, tube, bar, profile, wire and forging (hereinafter referred to as processed products), structure inspection, defects classification, test report, etc. This part applies to inspection for macrostructure of aluminum and aluminum alloy ingot (or rough ingot) and processed products.

#### 2 Test solution

- 2.1 Particularly strong mixed acid solution: mix volumes of hydrofluoric acid ( $\rho$  1.15g/mL), nitric acid ( $\rho$  1.40g/mL) and hydrochloric acid ( $\rho$  1.19g/mL) based on (1+5+15) and blend.
- 2.2 Strong mixed acid solution: mix volumes of hydrofluoric acid ( $\rho$  1.15g/mL), nitric acid ( $\rho$  1.40g/mL), hydrochloric acid ( $\rho$  1.19g/mL) and water based on (1+5+15+42) and blend.
- 2.3 Sodium hydroxide solution (150g/L~250g/L).
- 2.4 Mixed acid solution with high concentration: mix volumes of hydrofluoric acid ( $\rho$  1.15g/mL), nitric acid ( $\rho$  1.40g/mL), hydrochloric acid ( $\rho$  1.19g/mL) and water based on (2+1+1+76) and blend.
- 2.5 Nitric acid solution (1+4)~nitric acid solution (1+3).
- 2.6 Sodium hydroxide solution (80g/L~120g/L).

#### 3 Test piece preparation

3.1 Take rough specimen according to relevant standards or technical agreement and provisions in table 1.



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