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# *Indian Standard*

## SPECIFICATION FOR ALUMINIUM CHANNELS

### ( *First Revision* )

#### 0. FOREWORD

**0.1** This Indian Standard ( First Revision ) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 20 December 1985, after the draft finalized by the Structural Sectional Committee had been approved by the Structural and Metals Division Council.

**0.2** Aluminium because of its lightness, strength and better resistance atmospheric corrosion has gained popularity in structures especially for use in hilly areas and in defence installations.

**0.3** A large number of variety of aluminium sections are being produced in the country. In order to standardize these sections for their economic production, the Sectional Committee had formulated an Indian Standard series covering angles, channels, beams and tee sections for structural use and other applications.

**0.4** This Indian Standard was first published in 1966. In this revision alloys with new designations as covered in IS : 733-1983\* have been used.

**0.5** In the preparation of this standard, the Sectional Committee kept in view manufacturing and trade practices followed in the country in this field.

**0.6** A code of practice for use of aluminium alloys in structures, namely, IS : 8147-1976† has already been published which covers provisions for the design of structures ( except bridges and pressure vessels ) using aluminium alloys.

**0.7** For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS : 2-1960‡. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

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\*Specification for wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy bars, rods and sections ( for general engineering purposes ) ( *third revision* ).

†Code of practice for use of aluminium alloys in structure.

‡Rules for rounding off numerical values ( *revised* ).

## 1. SCOPE

**1.1** This standard covers the material, dimensions and sectional properties of aluminium channels for structural use and other applications.

## 2. TERMINOLOGY

**2.0** For the purpose of this standard the following definitions shall apply.

**2.1 Y-Y Axis** — A line parallel to the axis of the web and passing through the centre of gravity of the profile of the section.

**2.2 X-X Axis** — A line passing through the centre of gravity of the profile of the section, and at right angles to the Y-Y axis.

## 3. SYMBOLS

**3.1** Letter symbols used in the standard have been indicated in the figure appearing along with Table 1. The letter symbols used in Table 1 shall have the meaning indicated against each as given below:

$a$  = sectional area,

$M$  = mass of the section, per unit length,

$I_x$  = moment of inertia about the X-X axis,

$I_y$  = moment of inertia about the Y-Y axis,

$e_x$  = distance of extreme fibre from the X-X axis =  $C_x$ ,

$e_y$  = distance of extreme fibre from the Y-Y axis =  $b - C_y$ ,

$Z_x = I_x/e_x$  = modulus of section about the X-X axis,

$Z_y = I_y/e_y$  = modulus of section about the Y-Y axis,

$r_x = \sqrt{\frac{I_x}{a}}$  = radius of gyration about the X-X axis, and

$r_y = \sqrt{\frac{I_y}{a}}$  = radius of gyration about the Y-Y axis.

## 4. DESIGNATION

**4.1** Aluminium channels shall be designated as ALC followed by the depth of channel in mm, flange width in mm and mass of the section in kg/m,

*Example:* ALC 80 × 40 — 3.21

## 5. MATERIAL

**5.1** Aluminium sections covered in this standard shall be manufactured from the following alloys in appropriate temper: 19000, 24345, 24534, 52C00, 53000, 63400, 64423, 64430, 65032 and 74530.



**5.1.1** Aluminium alloys and temper selected shall conform to the provisions of IS : 733-1983\*.

## 6. DIMENSIONS AND SECTIONAL PROPERTIES

**6.1** Dimensions and mass of Indian Standard aluminium channels shall be as given in Table 1. For convenience of reference sectional properties are also given in Table 1.

**6.1.1** Sections of dimensions other than those included in Table 1 may also be manufactured subject to the agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

**6.1.2** Sections without root radius ( square fillet ) may also be manufactured subject to the agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

**6.2** Dimensional tolerances for the sections shall be as specified in IS : 3965-1981†.

## 7. PACKING

**7.1** Aluminium channels shall be securely bundled and wrapped in bitumanized hessian cloth or in wooden boxes or as mutually agreed. Weight of each bundle may be as agreed to between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

## 8. MARKING

**8.1** Aluminium channels shall be clearly marked with the designation, alloy and temper, manufacturer's name and lot number/year of manufacture.

**8.2** Channels may also be marked with the ISI Certification Mark.

**NOTE** — The use of the ISI Certification Mark is governed by the provisions of the Indian Standards Institution ( Certification Marks ) Act and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. The ISI Mark on products covered by an Indian Standard conveys the assurance that they have been produced to comply with the requirements of that standard under a well-defined system of inspection, testing and quality control which is devised and supervised by ISI and operated by the producer. ISI marked products are also continuously checked by ISI for conformity to that standard as a further safeguard. Details of conditions under which a licence for the use of the ISI Certification Mark may be granted to manufacturers or processors, may be obtained from the Indian Standards Institution.

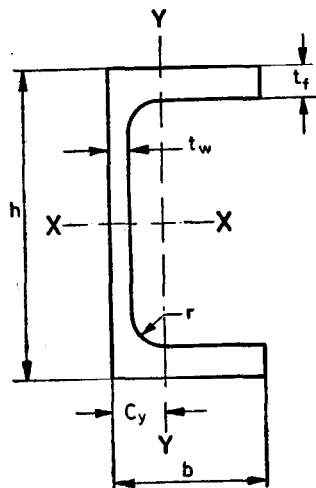
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\*Specification for wrought aluminium and aluminium alloys bars, rods and sections ( for general engineering purposes ) ( *third revision* ).

†Dimensions for wrought aluminium and aluminium alloys, bars, rods and sections ( *first revision* ).

TABLE 1 INDIAN STANDARD ALUMINIUM CHANNELS

(Clauses 3.1, 6.1 and 6.1.1)



DESIGNATION	MASS* PER METRE (M)	SEC- TIONAL AREA (a)	DEPTH OF SECTION h	WIDTH OF FLANGE b	THICK- NESS OF WEB t <sub>w</sub>	THICK- NESS OF FLANGE t <sub>f</sub>	RADIUS AT ROOT r	CENTRE OF GRAVITY C <sub>y</sub>	MOMENT OF INERTIA		RADIUS OF GYRATION		MODULUS OF SECTION	
	kg/m	cm <sup>2</sup>	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	cm	I <sub>x</sub> cm <sup>4</sup>	I <sub>y</sub> cm <sup>4</sup>	r <sub>x</sub> cm	r <sub>y</sub> cm	Z <sub>x</sub> cm <sup>3</sup>	Z <sub>y</sub> cm <sup>3</sup>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
ALC 40×20-0.44	0.44	1.63	40	20	2.0	2.0	5.0	0.56	3.98	0.58	1.56	0.60	1.99	0.40
ALC 40×20-0.63	0.63	2.33	40	20	3.0	3.0	5.0	0.60	5.37	0.81	1.52	0.59	2.69	0.58
ALC 50×30-0.88	0.88	3.27	50	30	3.0	3.0	6.0	0.91	12.75	2.79	1.97	0.92	5.10	1.33
ALC 50×30-1.14	1.14	4.23	50	30	4.0	4.0	6.0	0.95	15.80	3.52	1.93	0.91	6.32	1.72

ALC 60×30-1·13	1·13	4·17	60	30	3·0	4·0	7·0	0·94	23·62	3·59	2·38	0·93	7·87	1·75
ALC 60×30-1·55	1·55	5·73	60	30	4·0	6·0	7·0	1·03	31·10	4·89	2·33	0·92	10·37	2·48
ALC 60×30-1·95	1·95	7·21	60	30	5·0	8·0	7·0	1·09	37·14	6·05	2·27	0·92	12·39	3·17
ALC 60×40-1·87	1·87	6·93	60	40	4·0	6·0	7·0	1·46	39·88	11·05	2·90	1·26	13·29	4·35
ALC 60×40-2·38	2·38	8·81	60	40	5·0	8·0	7·0	1·53	48·04	13·76	2·84	1·25	16·01	5·37
ALC 80×40-2·10	2·10	7·79	80	40	4·0	6·0	8·0	1·32	79·19	12·22	3·19	1·25	19·80	4·56
ALC 80×40-2·67	2·67	9·87	80	40	5·0	8·0	8·0	1·40	96·72	15·28	3·13	1·24	24·18	5·87
ALC 80×40-3·21	3·21	11·87	80	40	6·0	10·0	8·0	1·45	111·67	18·09	3·07	1·23	27·91	7·11
ALC 100×40-2·95	2·95	10·95	100	40	5·0	8·0	9·0	1·29	166·03	16·52	3·89	1·23	33·21	6·09
ALC 100×40-3·55	3·55	13·15	100	40	6·0	10·0	9·0	1·35	193·29	19·60	3·83	1·22	38·66	7·39
ALC 100×50-3·39	3·39	12·55	100	50	5·0	8·0	9·0	1·70	199·97	31·06	3·99	1·57	39·99	9·40
ALC 100×50-4·09	4·09	15·15	100	50	6·0	10·0	9·0	1·76	233·96	37·01	3·93	1·56	46·79	11·44
ALC 100×50-4·98	4·98	18·43	100	50	8·0	12·0	9·0	1·78	267·54	43·34	3·18	1·53	53·51	13·45
ALC 120×50-3·68	3·68	13·63	120	50	5·0	8·0	10·0	1·59	308·82	33·07	4·76	1·56	51·47	9·69
ALC 120×50-4·43	4·43	16·43	120	50	6·0	10·0	10·0	1·65	363·14	39·48	4·70	1·55	60·52	11·80
ALC 120×60-4·98	4·98	18·43	120	60	6·0	10·0	10·0	2·07	423·81	66·04	4·80	1·89	70·63	16·80
ALC 120×60-6·08	6·08	22·51	120	60	8·0	12·0	10·0	2·08	489·62	77·97	4·66	1·86	81·60	19·87
ALC 150×60-5·51	5·51	20·42	150	60	6·0	10·0	12·0	1·90	722·88	71·41	5·95	1·87	96·38	17·43
ALC 150×60-6·77	6·77	25·10	150	60	8·0	12·0	12·0	1·91	843·19	84·30	5·80	1·83	112·42	20·60
ALC 150×80-6·59	6·59	24·42	150	80	6·0	10·0	12·0	2·74	919·22	159·60	6·14	2·56	122·56	30·34
ALC 150×80-8·07	8·07	29·90	150	80	8·0	12·0	12·0	2·73	072·29	190·37	5·99	2·52	142·97	36·09
ALC 150×80-10·26	10·26	38·02	150	80	10·0	16·0	12·0	2·87	311·20	233·10	5·87	2·50	174·83	46·41
ALC 200×80-9·28	9·28	34·38	200	80	8·0	12·0	16·0	2·43	140·69	210·38	7·89	2·47	214·07	37·80
ALC 200×80-11·74	11·74	43·50	200	80	10·0	16·0	16·0	2·58	638·55	268·98	7·79	2·46	263·86	48·72
ALC 200×100-13·47	13·47	49·90	200	100	10·0	16·0	16·0	3·40	181·61	495·96	7·99	3·15	318·16	75·20
ALC 200×100-15·33	15·33	56·78	200	100	12·0	18·0	18·0	3·41	499·65	552·64	7·85	3·12	349·97	83·84

\*Based on density of 2·7 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

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