

Aluminium alloy 6061 is a medium to high strength heat-treatable alloy with a strength higher than 6005A. It has very good corrosion resistance and very good weldability although reduced strength in the weld zone. It has medium fatigue strength. It has good cold formability in the temper T4, but limited formability in T6 temper. Not suitable for very complex cross sections.

Applications

Alloy 6061 is typically used for heavy duty structures in:

- ~ Rail coaches
- ~ Truck frames
- ~ Ship building
- ~ Bridges and Military bridges
- ~ Aerospace applications including helicopter rotor skins
- ~ Tube
- ~ Pylons and Towers
- ~ Transport
- ~ Boilermaking
- ~ Motorboats
- ~ Rivets

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

Element	% Present
Manganese (Mn)	0.0 - 0.15
Iron (Fe)	0.0 - 0.70
Magnesium (Mg)	0.80 - 1.20
Silicon (Si)	0.40 - 0.80
Copper (Cu)	0.15 - 0.40
Zinc (Zn)	0.0 - 0.25
Titanium (Ti)	0.0 - 0.15
Chromium (Cr)	0.04 - 0.35
Aluminium (Al)	Balance

TEMPER TYPES

The most common temper for 6061 aluminium is:

- T6 - Solution heat treated and artificially aged

SUPPLIED FORMS

Alloy 6061 is typically supplied as

- Extrusions

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Property	Value
Density	2.70 g/cm ³
Melting Point	650 °C
Thermal Expansion	23.4 x10 ⁻⁶ /K
Modulus of Elasticity	70 GPa
Thermal Conductivity	166 W/m.K
Electrical Resistivity	0.040 x10 ⁻⁶ Ω .m

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Property	Value
Proof Stress	270 MPa
Tensile Strength	310 MPa
Elongation	12 %
Shear Strength	190 MPa
Hardness Vickers	100 HV

WELDABILITY

Weldability – Gas: Good
Weldability – Arc: Very Good
Weldability – Resistance: Good
Brazability: Good
Solderability: Good

FABRICATION

Workability – Cold: Good
Machinability: Acceptable

CONTACT

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REVISION HISTORY

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