

Alloy 6063, historically one of the most popular alloys in the 6000 series, provides good strength, very good corrosion resistance and is suitable for decorative anodising. Increasingly replaced by alloy 6060 with equal strength but improved surface finish. Used primarily for structures requiring good strength, good surface finish and good anodising response, such as profiles for windows, doors, entrance lots, ceilings and furniture. This is also a commonly used alloy for thermal applications such as heat sinks.

Typical Applications

- Architectural and building products
- Door and window frames
- Electrical components Heat sinks and conduit

- Railings and furniture
- Pipe and tube for irrigation systems
- Truck and trailer flooring
- Ladders

Chemical Composition¹

Si	Fe	Cu	Mn	Mg	Cr	Zn	Ti	Pb	Bi	Sn	Oth	ers
Min Max	Min Max	Min Max	Min Max	Min Max	Min Max	Min Max	Min Max	Min Max	Max	Max	Each	Tot
0.20 0.60	0.35	0.10	0.10	0.45 0.90	0.10	0.10	0.10				0.05	0.15

¹ Chemical composition in weight-% according to EN-573-3:2013, Darshan internal limits are tighter - different variants to fulfill T6 and T66 properties

Mechanical Properties ^{2,3}

Temper	Wall thickness t [mm]	R _{p0,2} [MPa]	R _m [MPa]	A [%]	A _{50mm} [%]	HBW	Vickers ^c TYPICAL VALUE
T4 ^a	t ≤ 25	65	130	14	12	50	56
T5	t ≤ 10	130	175	8	6	65	74
	10 < t ≤ 25	110	160	7	5	65	74
T6ª	t ≤ 10	170	215	8	6	75	86
	10 < t ≤ 25	160	195	8	6	75	86
T64 ^{a b}	t ≤ 15	120	180	12	10	65	74
T66ª	t ≤ 10	200	245	8	6	80	92
	10 < t ≤ 25	180	225	8	6	80	92

² Properties according to EN 755-2:2016 for extruded profile, minimum values unless else specified

³ If a profile cross section comprises different thickness which fall in more than one set of specified mechanical property values, the lowest specified value shall be considered as valid for the whole profile section

^a Properties may be obtained by press quenching

^b Bending quality

° Brinell hardness values for information only. Vickers converted from Brinell value and should be considered approximate

Temper Designations ⁴

T4	Solution heat treated and naturally aged
T5	Cooled from an elevated temperature shaping process and then artificially aged
Т6	Solution heat treated and then artificially aged
T64	Solution heat treated and then artificially aged in underageing conditions (between T6 and T61) to improve formability
Т66	Solution heat treated and then artificially aged – mechanical property level higher than T6 achieved through special control of the process

⁴ Temper designations according to EN 515:1993



Physical Properties ⁵

Temper	Modulus of Elasticity [GPa]	Rigidity	Melting Range [°C]	Density [g/cm³]	Thermal Conductivity [W/m·K]	Specific Heat Capacity [J/kg·K]	Electrical Resistivity [nΩm]	Coefficient of linear expansion [10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹]
	69	26	615 - 655	2.70		901		23.5
Т6					201		35	

⁵ Reference: MNC Handbok nr 12, version 2, SIS, 1989. Typical properties at room temperature 20°C

Comparative Characteristics of Related Alloys ⁶

Property	6060	6063	6005	6005A	6082
Tensile strength	1	2	3	3	4
Impact strength	2	2	1	3	4
Surface finish	5	4	3	3	2
Suitability for decorative anodizing	5	5	4	3	2
Corrosion resistance	5	5	4	4	4
Machinability	2	3	4	4	5
Coldforming	5	5	4	4	3
Weldability	5	5	5	5	4

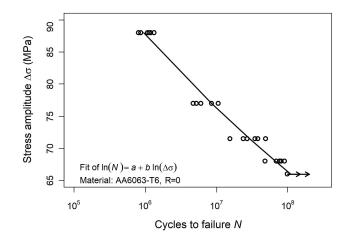
⁶ Relative grading, 5 = top grade

Fatigue Properties

Example of fatigue properties for 6063 in temper T6. Provided for informational purposes only, not to be considered as guaranteed properties. Results are valid for the investigated specimens taken from a specific sample.

Tests performed at 20 \pm 2 °C on 7 mm diameter cylindrical specimens parallel to the extrusion direction by Darshan Extrusions Pvt. Ltd., D&NH, INDIA

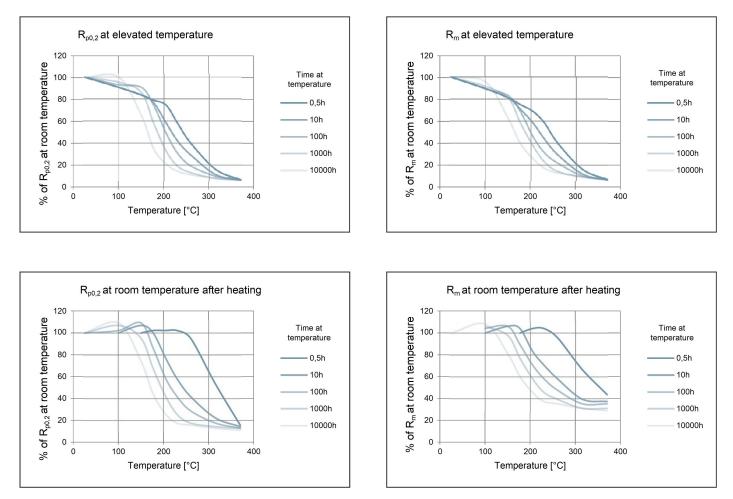
Axial testing, constant amplitude, sine wave loading at around 100 Hz test frequency. Load ratio (min. stress / max. stress) R = 0. Runouts after 10⁸ cycles are indicated by the arrows.





Tensile Data at Elevated Temperature ⁷

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⁷ Reference: J. Kaufman, Properties of Aluminium alloys -tensile, creep, and fatigue data at high and low temperatures, pp 176, ASM 1999



Heat Treatment Response⁸

Example of heat treatment response for alloy 6063-T6.

