MATERIAL DATA SHEET

# Aluminum 5052-H38 sheet/plate (MIL-HDBK-5H)

Historical public-release S-basis 5052-H38 sheet/plate reference.

| Field | Value |
|---|---|
| Material ID | milhdbk-5052-h38-sheet-plate |
| Category | Metal |
| Condition | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm) \| sheet and plate |
| Unit system | Common SI |
| Unit contract | Material properties stored in SI engineering units. |
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## Source and Validity

| Field | Value |
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| Quality | Catalog record |
| Design release allowed | No |
| Source family | Government materials handbook |
| Confidence | Reference-grade |
| License | Open |
| Source note | Independent transcription from an official public-release U.S. government handbook. |
| Citation | U.S. Department of Defense, MIL-HDBK-5H, Metallic Materials and Elements for Aerospace Vehicle Structures, 1 December 1998, Table 3.5.1.0(b1) and (b2), PDF page(s) 505-506 (handbook page(s) 3-209 to 3-210); official DLA document record https://quicksearch.dla.mil/qsDocDetails.aspx?ident_number=53876. The official PDF carries Distribution Statement A: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. |
| Valid temperature | 21 ... 21 degC (Room-temperature historical handbook values. Applicability is limited to the exact alloy, temper/condition, product form, size band, material axis, statistical basis, and specification identified by the cited table.) |
| Valid pressure | Pressure dependence is not represented by these solid-material reference values. |
| Valid phase / condition | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm) |
| Uncertainty | Values are historical handbook table transcriptions with explicit SI conversion. They are not a substitute for a current material specification, supplier certificate, drawing allowable, or project approval. |
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| Review status | Checked |
| Review scope | Checked official DLA document identity, Distribution Statement A, PDF hash, table/page location, alloy/condition/form/size scope, basis semantics, and SI conversions. |

| Field | Value |
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| Notes | Historical reference only; design release is explicitly disabled. |
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## Material Condition

| Field | Value |
|---|---|
| Condition | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm) |
| Temper | H38 |
| Heat treatment | strain hardened to H38 |
| Product form | sheet and plate |
| Thickness / diameter range | 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm) |
| Test direction | L and LT where listed; elongation L |
| Processing route | wrought non-heat-treatable aluminum-magnesium sheet/plate |
| Temperature range | 21 ... 21 degC |
| Notes | Room-temperature historical handbook values. Applicability is limited to the exact alloy, temper/condition, product form, size band, material axis, statistical basis, and specification identified by the cited table. Historical reference only; confirm the current procurement specification and material test report. |

## Properties

### Physical

| Property | Value | Unit | Type | Applies to |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Density | 2685 | kg/m^3 | Historical Nominal | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm); Static values are from Table 3.5.1.0(b1); elongation is the lowest listed longitudinal value over this card's Table 3.5.1.0(b2) thickness range. |

## Mechanical

| Property | Value | Unit | Type | Applies to |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ultimate tensile strength, L | 268.896 | MPa | Historical Public Release Table Value | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm); Static values are from Table 3.5.1.0(b1); elongation is the lowest listed longitudinal value over this card's Table 3.5.1.0(b2) thickness range.; L direction |
| Tensile yield strength, L | 220.632 | MPa | Historical Public Release Table Value | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm); Static values are from Table 3.5.1.0(b1); elongation is the lowest listed longitudinal value over this card's Table 3.5.1.0(b2) thickness range.; L direction |
| Ultimate tensile strength, LT | 268.896 | MPa | Historical Public Release Table Value | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm); Static values are from Table 3.5.1.0(b1); elongation is the lowest listed longitudinal value over this card's Table 3.5.1.0(b2) thickness range.; LT direction |
| Tensile yield strength, LT | 220.632 | MPa | Historical Public Release Table Value | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm); Static values are from Table 3.5.1.0(b1); elongation is the lowest listed longitudinal value over this card's Table 3.5.1.0(b2) thickness range.; LT direction |
| Ultimate shear strength | 158.579 | MPa | Historical Public Release Table Value | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm); Static values are from Table 3.5.1.0(b1); elongation is the lowest listed longitudinal value over this card's Table 3.5.1.0(b2) thickness range. |
| Elongation, L | 2 | % | Historical Public Release Table Value | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm); Static values are from Table 3.5.1.0(b1); elongation is the lowest listed longitudinal value over this card's Table 3.5.1.0(b2) thickness range.; L direction |

| Property | Value | Unit | Type | Applies to |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Young's modulus | 69.637 | GPa | Historical Nominal | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm); Static values are from Table 3.5.1.0(b1); elongation is the lowest listed longitudinal value over this card's Table 3.5.1.0(b2) thickness range. |
| Compression modulus | 70.327 | GPa | Historical Nominal | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm); Static values are from Table 3.5.1.0(b1); elongation is the lowest listed longitudinal value over this card's Table 3.5.1.0(b2) thickness range. |
| Shear modulus | 26.545 | GPa | Historical Nominal | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm); Static values are from Table 3.5.1.0(b1); elongation is the lowest listed longitudinal value over this card's Table 3.5.1.0(b2) thickness range. |
| Poisson's ratio | 0.33 | - | Historical Nominal | 5052-H38; sheet/plate; 0.006-0.128 in (0.152-3.251 mm); Static values are from Table 3.5.1.0(b1); elongation is the lowest listed longitudinal value over this card's Table 3.5.1.0(b2) thickness range. |

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