Dear Mr. Macias,

The question that you submitted was reviewed by our Technical Committee on Product Standards. Your question and our response to it are as follows:

Your Question:

I would like to clarify which is the correct tolerance that applies for the angularity of an aluminum extrusion like the one represented in the picture below.

In the graphical representation in table 11.14 of ANSI H35.2, I have marked with red rectangles the 2 features that could be measured to determine the actual angularity between legs of an extrusion.
In the cross-section view of the example 90° angle extrusion below, I have marked with orange lines the internal surfaces of the extrusion and with blue lines the external sides.

- In this extrusion, shall the angularity tolerance be +/- 2° per column 3 measured either on the internal or the external faces of the legs?

Or,

- Shall the angle measured from the external surfaces meet the column 2 tolerance whilst the angle measured from the internal surfaces shall meet column 3 tolerance?
Our Response:

Assuming that the part is not in temper O or TX510.

Given thickness: 0.125” Tolerances up thru 0.187” apply.

Length of leg forming the angle: 0.875” – 0.125” = 0.750”

Ratio of leg length to leg thickness = 0.750/0.125 = 6

Col. 2 and col. 3 are not selected based on whether the measured angles lie on the inside or the outside of the extrusion. Col. 2 applies when the ratio of leg/surface length or leg/metal thickness is ≤ 1. Col. 3 applies when the ratio of leg/surface length or leg/metal thickness lies between > 1 and ≤ 40.

In the given illustration, col. 3 applies since the ratio is 6.

Therefore, the angularity tolerance is ±2°. This applies to both the internal angle indicated by orange lines and the external angle indicated by blue lines.

The Technical Committee on Product Standards would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide an interpretation of the angularity tolerance measurements in ANSI H35.2.

With best regards,

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