



Standard Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper- Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the general requirements common to several wrought product specifications. Unless otherwise specified in the purchase order or in an individual specification, these general requirements shall apply to copper and copper-alloy plate, sheet, strip, and rolled bar supplied under each of the following product specifications issued by ASTM: **B36/B36M**, **B96/B96M**, **B103/B103M**, **B121/B121M**, **B122/B122M**, **B152/B152M**, **B169/B169M**, **B194**, **B422**, **B465**, **B534**, **B591**, **B592**, **B694**, **B740**, **B747**, **B768**, and **B888**.²

1.2 *Units*—This specification is the companion specification to SI Specification **B248M**; therefore, no SI equivalents are shown in this specification.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 The following documents of the issue in effect on date of material purchase form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 *ASTM Standards*:³

B36/B36M Specification for Brass Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B96/B96M Specification for Copper-Silicon Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar for General Purposes and Pressure Vessels

B103/B103M Specification for Phosphor Bronze Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B121/B121M Specification for Leaded Brass Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B122/B122M Specification for Copper-Nickel-Tin Alloy, Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloy (Nickel Silver), and Copper-Nickel Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B152/B152M Specification for Copper Sheet, Strip, Plate, and Rolled Bar

B169/B169M Specification for Aluminum Bronze Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B193 Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials

B194 Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B248M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar (Metric)

B422 Specification for Copper-Aluminum-Silicon-Cobalt Alloy, Copper-Nickel-Silicon-Magnesium Alloy, Copper-Nickel-Silicon Alloy, Copper-Nickel-Aluminum-Magnesium Alloy, and Copper-Nickel-Tin Alloy Sheet and Strip

B465 Specification for Copper-Iron Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B534 Specification for Copper-Cobalt-Beryllium Alloy and Copper-Nickel-Beryllium Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B591 Specification for Copper-Zinc-Tin and Copper-Zinc-Tin-Iron-Nickel Alloys Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B592 Specification for Copper-Zinc-Aluminum-Cobalt Alloy, Copper-Zinc-Tin-Iron Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B694 Specification for Copper, Copper-Alloy, Copper-Clad Bronze (CCB), Copper-Clad Stainless Steel (CCS), and Copper-Clad Alloy Steel (CAS) Sheet and Strip for Electrical Cable Shielding

B740 Specification for Copper-Nickel-Tin Spinodal Alloy Strip

B747 Specification for Copper-Zirconium Alloy Sheet and Strip

B768 Specification for Copper-Cobalt-Beryllium Alloy and Copper-Nickel-Beryllium Alloy Strip and Sheet

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² The UNS system for copper and copper alloys (see Practice E527) is a simple expansion of the former standard designation system accomplished by the addition of a prefix “C” and a suffix “00.” The suffix can be used to accommodate composition variations of the base alloy.

³ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard’s Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

- [B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys](#)
- [B888 Specification for Copper Alloy Strip for Use in Manufacture of Electrical Connectors or Spring Contacts](#)
- [E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials](#)
- [E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials](#)
- [E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications](#)
- [E50 Practices for Apparatus, Reagents, and Safety Considerations for Chemical Analysis of Metals, Ores, and Related Materials](#)
- [E53 Test Method for Determination of Copper in Unalloyed Copper by Gravimetry](#)
- [E54 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Special Brasses and Bronzes \(Withdrawn 2002\)⁴](#)
- [E62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys \(Photometric Methods\) \(Withdrawn 2010\)⁴](#)
- [E75 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Nickel and Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloys \(Withdrawn 2010\)⁴](#)
- [E106 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Beryllium Alloys \(Withdrawn 2011\)⁴](#)
- [E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size](#)
- [E118 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Chromium Alloys \(Withdrawn 2010\)⁴](#)
- [E121 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Tellurium Alloys \(Withdrawn 2010\)⁴](#)
- [E255 Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for the Determination of Chemical Composition](#)
- [E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys](#)
- [E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System \(UNS\)](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms related to copper and copper alloys, see Terminology [B846](#).

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *coil, n*—a length of the product wound into a series of connected turns. The unqualified term “coil” as applied to “flat product” usually refers to a coil in which the product is spirally wound, with the successive layers on top of one another. (Sometimes called a “roll.”)

3.2.2 *lengths, mill, n*—straight lengths, including ends, that can be conveniently manufactured in the mills. Full-length pieces are usually 8, 10, or 12 ft and subject to established length tolerances.

3.2.3 *lengths, stock, n*—straight lengths that are mill cut and stored in advance of orders. They are usually 8, 10, or 12 ft and subject to established length tolerances.

3.2.4 *rolled bar, n*—a rolled flat product over 0.188 in. thick and up to and including 12 in. wide, with sheared, sawed, or machined edges, in straight lengths or coils (rolls).

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 Materials:

⁴ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

4.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a cast bar, cake, or slab of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the products to the product specification listed in Section 1.

4.1.2 When specified in the contract or purchase order that heat identification or traceability is required, the purchaser shall specify the details desired.

4.2 Manufacture:

4.2.1 The product shall be manufactured by such hot-working, cold-working and annealing processes as to produce a uniform wrought structure in the finished product.

4.2.2 The product shall be hot or cold-worked to the finished size and subsequently annealed when required, to meet the temper properties specified.

4.3 *Edges*—The edges shall be slit, sheared, sawed, or rolled edges, as specified. Slit edges shall be furnished unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order. See [5.6](#) for edge descriptions and corresponding tables for tolerances.

5. Dimensions, Weights, and Permissible Variations

5.1 *General*—For the purpose of determining conformance with the dimensional requirements prescribed in this specification, any measured value outside the specified limiting values for any dimension may be cause for rejection.

NOTE 1—Blank spaces in the tolerance tables indicate either that the material is not available or that no tolerances have been established.

5.2 *Thickness*—The standard method of specifying thickness shall be in decimal fractions of an inch. For material 0.021 in. and under in thickness, it is recommended that the nominal thicknesses be stated not closer than the nearest half-thousandth. (For example, specify 0.006 or 0.0065 in., but not 0.0063 in.) For material over 0.021 in. in thickness, it is recommended that the nominal thicknesses be stated not closer than the nearest thousandth. (For example, specify 0.128 or 0.129 in., but not 0.1285 in.) A list of preferred thicknesses is shown in [Appendix X1](#). The thickness tolerances shall be those shown in [Tables 1-3](#) for the product specification indicated:

5.2.1 [Table 1](#)—Thickness tolerances applicable to Specifications [B36/B36M](#), [B103/B103M](#), [B121/B121M](#), [B152/B152M](#), [B465](#), [B591](#), [B592](#), [B747](#), and [B888](#).

5.2.2 [Table 2](#)—Thickness tolerances applicable to Specifications [B96/B96M](#), [B122/B122M](#), [B169/B169M](#), [B194](#), [B422](#), [B534](#), [B740](#), and [B768](#).

5.2.3 [Table 3](#)—Special thickness tolerances applicable to Copper Alloy UNS No. C72500 when ordered to Specification [B122/B122M](#), and to Specifications [B194](#), [B534](#), [B740](#), and [B768](#) as noted in the table.

5.3 *Width*—The width tolerances shall be those shown in [Tables 4-6](#), depending on the type of edge required (see [5.3.1](#), [5.3.2](#), and [5.3.3](#)):

5.3.1 [Table 4](#)—Width tolerances for slit metal and slit metal with rolled edges.

5.3.2 [Table 5](#)—Width tolerances for square-sheared metal.

5.3.3 [Table 6](#)—Width tolerances for sawed metal.

5.4 *Length*—The material shall be furnished in coils or straight lengths of plate, sheet, strip, or rolled bar as specified. The length tolerances for straight lengths shall be those shown

TABLE 2 Thickness Tolerances
(Applicable to Specifications B96/B96M, B122/B122M, B169/B169M, B194, B422, B534, B740, and B768)

Thickness, in.	Thickness Tolerances, Plus and Minus, ^A in.								
	Strip					Sheet			
	8 in. and Under in Width	Over 8 to 12 in., incl, in Width	Over 12 to 14 in., incl, in Width	Over 14 to 20 in., incl, in Width	Over 20 to 24 in., incl, in Width	Over 24 to 28 in., incl, in Width	Over 28 to 36 in., incl, in Width	Over 36 to 48 in., incl, in Width	Over 48 to 60 in., incl, in Width
0.004 and under	0.0004	0.0008	0.0008	...	...	...	...	...	...
Over 0.004 to 0.006, incl	0.0006	0.0010	0.0010	0.0015	...	...	...	...	...
Over 0.006 to 0.009, incl	0.0008	0.0013	0.0013	0.002	...	...	...	...	...
Over 0.009 to 0.013, incl	0.0010	0.0015	0.0015	0.0025	...	...	...	...	...
Over 0.013 to 0.017, incl	0.0013	0.002	0.002	0.0025	...	...	...	...	...
Over 0.017 to 0.021, incl	0.0015	0.0025	0.0025	0.003	...	...	...	...	...
Over 0.021 to 0.026, incl	0.002	0.0025	0.0025	0.003	0.004	0.004	0.005	0.006	0.007
Over 0.026 to 0.037, incl	0.0025	0.003	0.003	0.0035	0.005	0.005	0.006	0.007	0.008
Over 0.037 to 0.050, incl	0.003	0.0035	0.0035	0.004	0.006	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.010
Over 0.050 to 0.073, incl	0.0035	0.004	0.004	0.0045	0.007	0.007	0.008	0.010	0.012
Over 0.073 to 0.130, incl	0.004	0.0045	0.0045	0.005	0.008	0.008	0.010	0.012	0.014
Over 0.130 to 0.188, incl	0.0045	0.005	0.005	0.006	0.010	0.010	0.012	0.014	0.016
		Rolled Bar				Plate			
Over 0.188 to 0.205, incl	0.0045	0.005	0.005	0.006	0.010	0.010	0.012	0.014	0.016
Over 0.205 to 0.300, incl	0.005	0.006	0.006	0.007	0.012	0.012	0.014	0.016	0.018
Over 0.300 to 0.500, incl	0.006	0.007	0.007	0.008	0.015	0.015	0.017	0.019	0.023
Over 0.500 to 0.750, incl	0.008	0.010	0.010	0.012	0.019	0.019	0.021	0.024	0.029
Over 0.750 to 1.00, incl	0.010	0.012	0.012	0.015	0.023	0.023	0.026	0.030	0.037
Over 1.00 to 1.50, incl	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.032	0.037	0.045
Over 1.50 to 2.00, incl	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.038	0.045	0.055

^A When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

TABLE 3 Special Thickness Tolerances

Thickness, in.	Tolerances Applicable to Copper Alloy UNS No. C72500, Specification B122/B122M Tolerances, Plus and Minus, ^A in., for Strip 8 in. and Under in Width	Tolerances Applicable to Specifications B194, B534, B740, and B768 Tolerances, Plus and Minus, ^A in., for Strip 4 in. and Under in Width
0.004 and under	0.0002	0.0002
Over 0.004 to 0.006, incl	0.0003	0.0003
Over 0.006 to 0.009, incl	0.0004	0.0005
Over 0.009 to 0.013, incl	0.0005	0.0006
Over 0.013 to 0.017, incl	0.0007	0.0007
Over 0.017 to 0.021, incl	0.0008	0.0008
Over 0.021 to 0.026, incl	0.0010	0.0010
Over 0.026 to 0.032, incl	0.0013	0.0010
Over 0.032 to 0.050, incl	0.0015	...

^A If tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

TABLE 4 Width Tolerances for Slit Metal and Slit Metal with Rolled Edges
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1)

Width, in.	Width Tolerances, ^A Plus and Minus, in.			
	For Thicknesses 0.004 to 0.032 in.	For Thicknesses Over 0.032 to 0.125 in.	For Thicknesses Over 0.125 to 0.188 in.	For Thicknesses Over 0.188 to 0.500 in.
	2 and under	0.005	0.010	0.012	0.015
Over 2 to 8, incl	0.008	0.013	0.015	0.015
Over 8 to 24, incl	1/64	1/64	1/64	1/32
Over 24 to 50, incl	1/32	1/32	1/32	3/64

^A If tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

7.1.2 *Portion Size*—A portion shall be two representative samples taken from the product of one cast bar that has been continually processed to the finished temper and dimensions.

7.1.2.1 *Chemical Analysis*—A sample for chemical analysis shall be taken in accordance with Practice E255 for product in its final form. Unless otherwise required by the purchaser, at the time the order is placed, the manufacturer shall have the

weight shall not exceed 25 000 lb that has been continuously processed and subject to inspection at one time.

TABLE 5 Width Tolerances for Square-Sheared Metal
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1)

NOTE 1—All lengths up to 120 in., incl.

Width, in.	Width Tolerances, ^A Plus and Minus, in.		
	1/16 in. and Under in Thickness	Over 1/16 to 1/8 in., incl. in Thickness	Over 1/8 in. in Thickness
20 and under	1/32	3/64	1/16
Over 20 to 36, incl	3/64	3/64	1/16
Over 36 to 120, incl	1/16	1/16	1/16

^A If tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

TABLE 6 Width Tolerances for Sawed Metal
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1)

Width, in.	Width Tolerances, ^A Plus and Minus, in.		
	For Lengths Up to 10 ft, incl		For Lengths Over 10 ft.
	For Thicknesses Up to 1 1/2 in., incl	For Thicknesses Over 1 1/2 in.	All Thicknesses
Up to 12, incl	1/32	1/16	1/16
Over 12 to 120, incl	1/16	1/16	1/16

^A If tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

TABLE 7 Length Tolerances for Straight Lengths
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1 except B694)

NOTE 1—The following length tolerances are all plus; if all minus tolerances are desired, use the same values; if tolerances are desired plus and minus, halve the values given.

Length ft.	Length Tolerances in.
Specific lengths, mill lengths, multiple lengths, and specific lengths with ends 10 and under	1/4
Over 10 to 20, incl	1/2
Stock lengths and stock lengths with ends	1 ^A

^A As stock lengths are cut and placed in stock in advance of orders, departure from the tolerance is not practicable.

option of determining conformance to chemical composition by analyzing samples taken at the time the castings are poured or samples taken from the semi-finished product if heat identity can be maintained throughout all operations. If the manufacturer determines the chemical composition during manufacture, he shall not be required to sample and analyze the finished product. The minimum weight of the composite sample in accordance with Practice E255 shall be as follows:

ASTM Designation	Weight of Sample, min, g
B36/B36M, B96/B96M, B121/B121M, B122/B122M, B152/B152M, B169/B169M, B194, B422, B465, B534, B591, B592, B740, B747, B768, and B888	150

7.1.2.2 *Samples for All Other Tests*—Samples for all other tests shall be taken from the sample portion in 7.1.2 and be of a convenient size to accommodate the test and comply with the requirements of the appropriate ASTM standards and test methods.

8. Number of Tests and Retests

8.1 Chemical Requirements:

8.1.1 When samples are taken at the time the castings are poured, at least one sample shall be analyzed for each group of castings poured simultaneously from the same source of molten metal.

8.1.2 When samples are taken from the semi-finished or finished product, at least one sample representative of the product of each cast bar from a single melt charge continuously processed with heat identity maintained shall be analyzed.

8.1.3 When samples are taken from the semi-finished or finished product and heat identity has not been maintained, a single sample representative of each 10 000 lb lot, or fraction thereof, shall be analyzed. When the product piece is greater than 10 000 lb, one sample to be representative of the product piece shall be analyzed.

8.2 *Mechanical and Electrical Requirements and Grain Size*—Unless otherwise provided in the product specification, test specimens shall be taken from each of the two of the sample pieces selected in accordance with 7.1.2. The required tests shall be made on each of the specimens. In the case of copper alloy Specifications B194, B534, and B740, one specimen shall be tested without further treatment, and the other specimen shall be tested after precipitation hardening. In the case of the requirements in Table 4, Mill Hardened Tempers, in Specifications B194 and B740, the two specimens need to be tested, because the product is in the precipitation hardened temper as supplied. The reported value shall be the arithmetic average of the readings. In the case of hardness, three readings shall be taken and averaged for each sample.

8.3 Retests:

8.3.1 If the chemical analysis of the specimens prepared from samples selected in accordance with 7.1.2 fails to conform to the specified limits, analysis shall be made on a new composite sample prepared from the samples selected in accordance with 7.1.2.

8.3.2 If one of the two tests made to determine any of the mechanical or physical properties fails to meet a specified limit, this test shall be repeated on the remaining sample pieces, selected in accordance with 7.1.2, and the results of these tests shall comply with the specified requirements.

8.3.3 If any test specimen shows defective machining or develops flaws, it may be discarded and another specimen substituted.

8.3.4 If the percentage of elongation of any tension test specimen is less than that specified and any part of the fracture is outside the middle two thirds of the gage length or in a punched or scribed mark within the reduced section, a retest shall be allowed.

8.3.5 If a bend test specimen fails because of conditions of bending more severe than required by the specification, a retest shall be permitted, either on a duplicate specimen or on a remaining portion of the failed specimen.

8.3.6 After removal of defective specimens and correction of test methods, only one retest cycle is permitted. If after the retest the material fails to meet the requirements of this specification, it shall be rejected.

TABLE 8 Schedule of Minimum Length and Maximum Weight of Ends for Mill Lengths, Specific Lengths with Ends, and Stock Lengths with Ends
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1 except B694)

Nominal Length, ft	0.050 in. and Under in Thickness		Over 0.050 to 0.125 in., incl, in Thickness		Over 0.125 to 0.250 in., incl, in Thickness	
	Minimum Length of Shortest Piece, ft	Maximum Permissible Weight of Ends, % of Lot Weight	Minimum Length of Shortest Piece, ft	Maximum Permissible Weight of Ends, % of Lot Weight	Minimum Length of Shortest Piece, ft	Maximum Permissible Weight of Ends, % of Lot Weight
6 to 8, incl	4	20	4	25	3	30
8 to 10, incl	6	25	5	30	4	35
10 to 14, incl	7	30	6	35	5	40

TABLE 9 Length Tolerances for Square-Sheared Metal in All Widths 120 in. and Under
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1 except B694)

Length, in.	Length Tolerance, ^A Plus and Minus, in.		
	For Thicknesses Up to 1/16 in., incl	For Thicknesses Over 1/16 to 1/8 in., incl	For Thicknesses Over 1/8 in.
20 and under	1/32	3/64	1/16
Over 20 to 36, incl	3/64	3/64	1/16
Over 36 to 120, incl	1/16	1/16	1/16

^A If tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

TABLE 10 Length Tolerances for Sawed Metal
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1 except B694)

NOTE 1—The following tolerances are all plus; if all minus tolerances are desired, use the same values; if tolerances are desired plus and minus, halve the values given.

Width, in.	Length Tolerance, in.
Up to 120, incl	1/4

TABLE 11 Straightness Tolerances for Slit Metal or Slit Metal Either Straightened or Edge-Rolled
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1)

Width, in.	Maximum Edgewise Curvature (Depth of Arc) in any 72-in. Portion of the Total Length		
	Straightness Tolerance, in.		
	As Slit Only	As Slit and Either Straightened or Edge Rolled	
	Shipped in Rolls	Shipped Flat	Shipped Flat, in Rolls, or on Bucks
Over 1/4 to 3/8, incl	2	1 1/2	1/2
Over 3/8 to 1/2, incl	1 1/2	1	1/2
Over 1/2 to 1, incl	1	3/4	1/2
Over 1 to 2, incl	5/8	5/8	3/8
Over 2 to 4, incl	1/2	1/2	3/8
Over 4	3/8	3/8	3/8

9. Specimen Preparation

9.1 *Chemical Analysis*—A composite sample of the semi-finished or finished product shall be prepared in accordance with Practice E255, or as described in 7.1.2.1.

9.2 Specimens shall be prepared in accordance with the method prescribed in 10.3 for all other tests. Full cross-section specimens shall be used whenever possible. Samples shall be

TABLE 12 Straightness Tolerances for Square-Sheared Metal
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1)
(Not applicable to metal over 120 in. in length)

Thickness, in.	Maximum Edgewise Curvature (Depth of Arc) in any 72-in. Portion of the Total Length	
	Straightness Tolerances, in.	
	Up to 10 in., incl, in Width	Over 10 in., in Width
1/8 and under	1/16	1/32
Over 1/8 to 3/16, incl	1/8	3/64
Over 3/16	1/8	1/16

TABLE 13 Straightness Tolerances for Sawed Metal
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1)
(Not applicable to metal over 144 in. in length)

Width, in.	Maximum Edgewise Curvature (Depth of Arc) in any 72-in. Portion of the Total Length	
	Straightness Tolerances, in.	
3 and under	1/16	
Over 3	3/64	

TABLE 14 Tolerances for Radius of Commercially Square Corners of Rolled or Drawn Edges with Square Corners
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1 except B694)

Thickness, in.	Permissible Radius of Corners, max, in.
0.032 to 0.064, incl	0.010
Over 0.064 to 0.188, incl	0.016
Over 0.188 to 1, incl	1/32

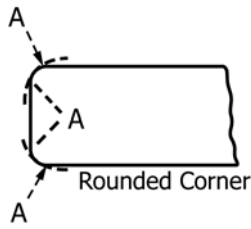
representative of the condition of the material, and particular specimen preparation techniques shall be stated in the specific product specification.

10. Test Methods

10.1 The test method used for routine chemical analysis for specification compliance and preparation of certifications and test reports, when required, shall be at the discretion of the reporting laboratory.

10.1.1 Commonly accepted technique for routine chemical analysis of copper and copper alloys include, but are not limited to, X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy, atomic absorption spectrophotometry, argon plasma spectroscopy, and emission spectroscopy.

10.2 In case of disagreement concerning chemical composition, an applicable test method for chemical analysis



Rounded Corner

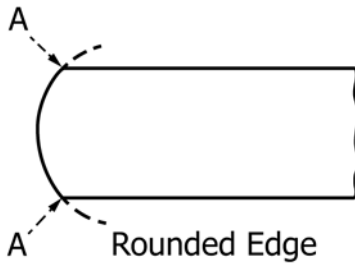
NOTE 1—The arc of the rounded corner shall not necessarily be tangent at points “A,” but the product shall be commercially free from sharp, rough, or projecting edges.

FIG. 1 Rounded Corners

TABLE 15 Tolerances for Radius on Corners of Rolled or Drawn Edges with Rounded Corners
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1 except B694)

Thickness, in.	Radius of Corners, in.	
	Min	Max
Up to 0.125, incl ^A	...	...
Over 0.125 to 0.188, incl	0.016	0.048
Over 0.188 to 1, incl	0.031	0.094
Over 1 to 2, incl	0.063	0.188

^A Not available.



Rounded Edge

NOTE 1—The arc of the rounded edge shall be substantially symmetrical with the axis of the product. The corners “A” will usually be sharp but shall not have rough or projecting edges.

FIG. 2 Rounded Edge

TABLE 16 Tolerances for Radius of Rolled or Drawn Rounded Edges
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1 except B694)

Thickness, in.	Radius of Edges ^A	
	Min	Max
Up to 0.188, incl	$\frac{3}{4} t$	$1\frac{3}{4} t$
Over 0.188	$1 t$	$1\frac{1}{2} t$

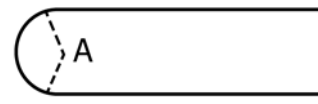
^A The t refers to the measured thickness of the test specimen.

may be found in Test Methods E53, E54, E62, E75, E106, E118, E121, or E478.

10.2.1 The specific test method(s) to be used will be stated in the particular product specification.

10.2.2 In case of disagreement concerning sulfur content, the test method described in the Annex shall be used.

10.3 The following test methods shall be used for determining the mechanical and physical properties required in the specifications listed in Section 1:



Full Rounded Edge

NOTE 1—The arc of the rounded edge shall not necessarily be tangent at points “A” but shall be substantially symmetrical with the axis of the product, and the product shall be commercially free from sharp, rough, or projecting edges.

FIG. 3 Full Rounded Edge

TABLE 17 Tolerances for Radius of Rolled or Drawn Full-Rounded Edges
(Applicable to all specifications listed in 1.1 except B694)

Thickness, in.	Radius of Edges ^A	
	Min	Max
All thicknesses	$\frac{1}{2} t$	$\frac{3}{4} t$

^A The t refers to the thickness of the test specimen.

TABLE 18 Lot Weight Tolerances for Hot-Rolled Sheet and Plate
(Applicable to Specifications B36/B36M, B96/B96M (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C65500), B103/B103M, B122/B122M, B152/B152M, and B591)

Thickness, in.	Weight Tolerances, Plus and Minus, Percentage of Theoretical Weight				
	48 in. and Under in Width	Over 48 to 60 in., incl. in Width	Over 60 to 72 in., incl. in Width	Over 72 to 90 in., incl. in Width	Over 90 to 110 in., incl. in Width
	$\frac{1}{8}$ and under	8	9.5	11	12.5	14
Over $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$, incl	6.5	8	9.5	11	12.5
Over $\frac{3}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$, incl	6	7.5	8.5	9	10
Over $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{5}{16}$, incl	5.5	7	8	8.5	9
Over $\frac{5}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$, incl	5	6	7	7.5	8
Over $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{7}{16}$, incl	4.5	5	6	7	7.5
Over $\frac{7}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$, incl	4	4.5	5.5	6	6.5
Over $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$, incl	3.5	4.5	5	5.5	6
Over $\frac{5}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$, incl	3	4	4.5	5	5.5
Over $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1, incl	2.75	3.5	4	4.5	5
Over 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$, incl	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5
Over $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2, incl	2.25	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.25

Tension	E8/E8M
Grain size	E112
Rockwell hardness	E18
Electrical resistivity	B193

10.3.1 The testing procedure used for a particular property is dependent upon alloy, temper, and configuration of the product. The manufacturer shall have the option of selecting the most representative procedure unless a specific procedure is specified at the time the contract is placed.

11. Significance of Numerical Limits

11.1 For the purposes of determining compliance with the specified limits for requirements of the properties listed in the following table, and for dimensional tolerances, an observed value or a calculated value shall be rounded as indicated in accordance with the rounding method of Practice E29:

Property	Rounded Unit for Observed or Calculated Value
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Chemical composition	
Hardness	nearest unit in the last right-hand significant digit used in expressing the limiting value
Electrical resistivity	
Electrical conductivity	
Tensile strength	nearest ksi
Yield strength	nearest ksi
Elongation:	nearest 1 %
Grain size:	
Under 0.060 mm	nearest multiple of 0.005 mm
0.060 mm and over	nearest 0.01 mm

12. Inspection

12.1 The manufacturer or supplier shall inspect and make tests necessary to verify that furnished product conforms to specification requirements.

12.2 Source inspection of the product by the purchaser may be agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser as part of the purchase order. In such case, the nature of the facilities needed to satisfy the inspector, representing the purchaser, that the product is being furnished in accordance with the specification shall be included in the agreement. All testing and the inspection shall be conducted so as not to interfere unnecessarily with the operation of the works.

12.3 When mutually agreed upon, the manufacturer, or supplier, and the purchaser, shall conduct the final inspection simultaneously.

13. Rejection and Rehearing

13.1 *Rejection:*

13.1.1 Product that fails to conform to the specification requirements when tested by the purchaser or purchaser's agent shall be subject to rejection.

13.1.2 Rejection shall be reported to the manufacturer or supplier promptly. In addition, a written notification of rejection shall follow.

13.1.3 In case of dissatisfaction with the results of the test, upon which rejection is based, the manufacturer or supplier shall have the option to make claim for a rehearing.

13.2 *Rehearing:*

13.2.1 As a result of product rejection, the manufacturer, or supplier, shall have the option to make claim for a retest to be conducted by the manufacturer, or supplier, and the purchaser. Samples of the rejected product shall be taken in accordance with the product specification and subjected to test by both parties using the test method(s) specified in the product specification, or alternately, upon agreement of both parties, an

independent laboratory may be selected for the test(s) using the test method(s) specified in the product specification.

14. Certification

14.1 When specified in the purchase order or contract, the purchaser shall be furnished certification that samples representing each lot have been either tested or inspected as directed in this specification and that requirements have been met.

14.2 When specified in the purchase order or contract that product is purchased for ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, certification to this specification is mandatory.

15. Test Report

15.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, a report of test results shall be furnished.

16. Product Identification

16.1 For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, the name or trademark of the manufacturer and the manufacturer's lot identification number shall be legibly stamped or stenciled on each finishing plate and sheet in two places not less than 12 in. from the edge. If the plate and sheet are too small to locate the markings as such, the marking may be placed near the center of the plate and sheet. In the case of butt straps, the markings may be placed 12 in. from the end. The plate number and type shall be legibly stamped on each plate and on each test specimen.

17. Packaging and Package Marking

17.1 *Packaging:*

17.1.1 The product shall be separated by size, composition, and temper and prepared for shipment by common carrier, in such a manner to afford protection from the normal hazards of transportation.

17.2 *Package Marking:*

17.2.1 Each shipping unit shall be legibly marked with the purchase order number, metal or alloy designation, temper, size, shape, gross and net weight, and name of supplier.

17.2.2 When specified in the contract or purchase order, the product specification number shall be shown.

18. Keywords

18.1 general requirements, plate; general requirements, sheet; general requirements, strip; general requirements, rolled bar; general requirements, wrought copper and copper alloys

SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

The following supplementary requirements shall apply only when specified by the purchaser in the inquiry, contract, or order, for agencies of the U.S. government.

S1. Referenced Documents

S1.1 The following documents of the issue in effect on date of material purchase form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

S1.1.1 *ASTM Standards:*

B900 Practice for Packaging of Copper and Copper Alloy Mill Products for U.S. Government Agencies³

S1.1.2 *Federal Standards:*⁵

Fed. Std. No. 102 Preservation, Packaging and Packing Levels

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)

Fed. Std. No. 185 Identification Marking of Copper and Copper-Base Alloy Mill Products

S1.1.3 *Military Standard:*⁵

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage

S2. Quality Assurance

S2.1 *Responsibility for Inspection:*

S2.1.1 Unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the manufacturer is responsible for the performance of all inspection and test requirements specified. Except as otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the manufacturer may use his own or any other suitable facilities for the performance of the inspection and test requirements

⁵ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://dodssp.daps.dla.mil>.

unless disapproved by the purchaser at the time the order is placed. The purchaser shall have the right to perform any of the inspections or tests set forth when such inspections and tests are deemed necessary to assure that the material conforms to prescribed requirements.

S3. Identification Marking

S3.1 All material shall be properly marked for identification in accordance with Fed. Std. No. 185 except that the ASTM specification number and the alloy number shall be used.

S4. Preparation for Delivery

S4.1 *Preservation, Packaging, Packing:*

S4.1.1 *Military Agencies*—The material shall be separated by size, composition, grade, or class and shall be preserved and packaged, Level A or C, packed, Level A, B, or C, as specified in the contract or purchase order, in accordance with the requirements of Practice B900.

S4.1.2 *Civil Agencies*—The requirements of Fed. Std. No. 102 shall be referenced for definitions of the various levels of packaging protection.

S4.2 *Marking:*

S4.2.1 *Military Agencies*—In addition to any special marking required by the contract or purchase order, marking for shipment shall be in accordance with MIL-STD-129.

S4.2.2 *Civil Agencies*—In addition to any special marking required by the contract or purchase order, marking for shipment shall be in accordance with Fed. Std. No. 123.

ANNEX

(Mandatory Information)

A1. TEST METHOD FOR SULFUR BY COMBUSTION AND INFRARED DETECTOR

A1.1 Scope

A1.1.1 This test method covers the determination of sulfur in electrolytic cathode copper.

A1.1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

A1.2 Summary of Test Method

A1.2.1 The sulfur is converted to sulfur dioxide (SO₂) by combustion in a stream of oxygen and the SO₂ is measured by infrared absorption.

A1.2.2 This test method is written for use with commercial analyzers equipped to carry out the above operations automatically.

A1.3 Interferences

A1.3.1 The elements ordinarily present do not interfere.

A1.4 Apparatus

A1.4.1 *Combustion and Analyzing Instrumentation*, capable of making the required measurements.

A1.5 Reagents and Materials

A1.5.1 *Reagents:*

A1.5.1.1 *Accelerator*—Use the accelerator recommended by the instrument manufacturer which, for copper, should be sulfur and tin free.

A1.5.1.2 *Oxygen*—Ultra high purity, 99.95 % min. Other grades of oxygen may be used if sulfur free, or the oxygen may be purified as described in Practices E50.

A1.5.2 *Materials:*

A1.5.2.1 *Crucibles*—Use crucibles recommended by the manufacturer, or equivalent.

A1.5.2.2 *Crucible Tongs*—Use tongs capable of handling recommended crucibles.

A1.6 Hazards

A1.6.1 For precautions to be observed in the use of certain reagents in this test method, refer to Practice E50.

A1.6.2 Use care when handling hot crucibles and operating the furnace to avoid burns and electrical shock.

A1.7 Preparation of Apparatus

A1.7.1 Assemble and test the apparatus according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

A1.8 Sample Preparation

A1.8.1 The sample should be uniform in size but not finer than 40 mesh.

A1.9 Calibration

A1.9.1 *Calibration Reference Materials*—Select a minimum of two reference materials with sulfur content near the mid point and high limit.

A1.9.2 *Instrument Calibration*—Calibrate according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

A1.10 Procedure

A1.10.1 Stabilize the furnace and analyzer according to the manufacturer’s instruction.

A1.10.2 Transfer the weight of sample recommended by the manufacturer into a crucible and add the same amount of accelerator used in the calibration. Proceed as directed by the manufacturer’s instructions.

A1.11 Calculation

A1.11.1 Since most commercially available instruments calculate percent concentrations directly, including corrections for blank and sample weight, calculations by the analyst are not required.

A1.11.2 If the analyzer does not compensate for blank and sample weight values, use the following equation:

$$\text{Sulfur, \%} = \frac{(A - B) \times C}{D}$$

where:

- A = Digital voltmeter (DVM) reading for specimen,
- B = DVM reading for blank,
- C = weight compensator setting, and
- D = specimen weight, g.

A1.12 Precision and Bias

A1.12.1 *Precision*—The precision of this test method is dependent upon sample preparation care and preciseness of calibration.

A1.12.2 *Bias*—The accuracy of this test method is dependent to a large extent upon the accuracy of the methods used to determine the sulfur concentration in the calibration standards as well as their homogeneity.

APPENDIXES

(Nonmandatory Information)

X1. PREFERRED THICKNESSES FOR UNCOATED WROUGHT COPPER AND COPPER ALLOY PLATE, SHEET, STRIP AND ROLLED BAR, UNDER 0.250 IN.

X1.1 It is recommended that wherever possible material purchased to these specifications be ordered in thicknesses listed as follows:

in.	in.	in.	in.
0.004	0.014	0.040	0.112
0.005	0.016	0.045	0.125
0.006	0.018	0.050	0.140
0.007	0.020	0.056	0.160
0.008	0.022	0.063	0.180
0.009	0.025	0.071	0.200
0.010	0.028	0.080	0.224
0.011	0.032	0.090	
0.012	0.036	0.100	

X2. STANDARD DENSITIES

X2.1 For purposes of calculating weights, cross sections, and so forth, the densities of the copper alloys covered by the specifications listed in the Scope section shall be taken as follows:

ASTM Designation	Material	Copper Alloy UNS No.	Density, lb/in. ³
B36/B36M	copper-zinc alloy (brass)	C21000	0.320
		C22000	0.318
		C22600	0.317
		C23000	0.316
		C24000	0.313
		C26000	0.308
		C26800	0.306
		C27200	0.305
		C28000	0.303
		B96/B96M	copper-silicon alloy	C65100	0.316
C65400	0.309		
C65500	0.308		
B103/B103M	copper-tin alloy	C51000	0.320
		C51100	0.320
	copper-tin-iron-nickel alloy	C51180	0.320
		C51900	0.319
	copper-tin alloy	C52100	0.318
		C52180	0.318
		C52400	0.317
		C53400	0.322
B121/B121M	copper-tin-lead alloy	C54400	0.320
		C33500	0.306
	copper-tin-lead-zinc alloy	C34000	0.306
		C34200	0.307
	copper-zinc-lead alloy	C35000	0.305
		C35300	0.306
		C35600	0.307
		C70600	0.323
		C70620	0.323
		C71000	0.323
B122/B122M	copper-nickel alloy	C71500	0.323
		C71520	0.323
		C72200	0.323
		C72500	0.321
		C73500	0.319
		C74000	0.314
		C74500	0.313
		C75200	0.316
		C76200	0.310
		C77000	0.314
B152/B152M	copper	C10100, C10200,	0.323
		C10300, C10400,	
		C10500, C10700,	
		C10800, C10910,	
		C1200, C12200	
	copper	C12300, C11000,	0.322
		C11300, C11400,	
		C11600, C14200,	
		C14530	
		C14420	
B169/B169M	copper	C61300	0.285
		C61400	0.285
		C17000	0.297
B194	copper-beryllium alloy	C17200	0.297
		C19002	0.322
B422	copper-nickel-silicon-tin alloy	C19010	0.322
		C19015	0.322
		C19020	0.322
		C19025	0.322
		C63800	0.299
		C64715	0.320
		C70250	0.318
		C70260	0.320
		C70265	0.320
		C70310	0.319
		C19200	0.320
		B465	copper-nickel-silicon-magnesium alloy	C70250	0.318
C70260	0.320		
B465	copper-nickel-silicon-tin alloy	C70265	0.320
		C70310	0.319
B465	copper-nickel-silicon-silver-zirconium alloy	C70310	0.319
		C19200	0.320
B465	copper-iron alloy	C19200	0.320

ASTM Designation	Material	Copper Alloy UNS No.	Density, lb/in. ³
		C19210	0.323
		C19400	0.322
		C19500	0.322
		C19700	0.319
		C19720	0.319
B534	copper-cobalt-beryllium alloy	C17500	0.316
	copper-nickel-beryllium alloy	C17510	0.317
B591	copper-zinc-tin alloys	C40500	0.319
	copper-zinc-tin-nickel alloy	C40810	0.320
		C40850	0.320
		C40860	0.320
	copper-zinc-tin alloys	C41100	0.318
		C41300	0.318
		C41500	0.318
		C42200	0.318
		C42500	0.316
	copper-zinc-tin-nickel alloy	C42520	0.318
	copper-zinc-tin alloys	C43000	0.316
		C43400	0.316
B592	copper-zinc-aluminum-cobalt alloy	C66300	0.317
		C68800	0.296
B694	copper	C11000	0.323
	copper-iron alloy	C19400	0.322
	copper-zinc alloy	C22000	0.318
		C23000	0.316
	copper-zinc-iron-cobalt alloy	C66400	0.318
	copper-zinc-iron alloy	C66410	0.318
	copper-zinc-iron-tin alloy	C66430	0.317
	copper-nickel alloy	C71000	0.323
B740	copper-nickel-tin alloys	C72700	0.321
		C72900	0.323
		C72650	0.320
B747	copper-zirconium alloy	C15100	0.323
B768	copper-cobalt-beryllium alloy	C17410	0.318
	copper-nickel-beryllium alloy	C17450	0.323
		C17460	0.318
B888	copper-tin-tellurium alloy	C14530	0.323
	copper-zirconium alloy	C15100	0.323
	copper-silver bearing alloy	C15500	0.322
	copper-beryllium alloy	C17000	0.304
		C17200	0.302
	copper-cobalt-beryllium alloy	C17410	0.318
	copper-nickel-beryllium alloy	C17450	0.318
		C17460	0.318
	copper-cobalt-beryllium alloy	C17500	0.319
	copper-nickel-beryllium alloy	C17510	0.319
	copper-nickel-tin alloy	C19002	0.322
	copper-nickel-silicon alloy	C19010	0.322
	copper-nickel-silicon-magnesium alloy	C19015	0.322
	copper-nickel-silicon alloy	C19025	0.322
	copper-iron alloy	C19210	0.322
		C19400	0.322
		C19500	0.322
		C19700	0.319
	copper-zinc alloy	C23000	0.316
		C26000	0.308
	copper-zinc-tin-nickel alloy	C40810	0.320
		C40850	0.320
		C40860	0.320
	copper-zinc-tin alloy	C42200	0.318
		C42500	0.317
	copper-zinc-tin-iron-nickel alloy	C42520	0.318
		C42600	0.318
	copper-tin-iron-nickel alloy	C50580	0.321
		C50780	0.320
	copper-tin alloy	C51000	0.320
	copper-tin-iron-nickel alloy	C51080	0.320
	copper-tin alloy	C51100	0.320
	copper-tin-iron-nickel alloy	C51180	0.321
		C51980	0.319
	copper-tin alloy	C52100	0.318
	copper-tin-iron-nickel alloy	C52180	0.318
		C52480	0.317
	copper-aluminum-silicon-cobalt alloy	C63800	0.299
	copper-nickel-zinc-tin-silicon alloy	C64725	0.320
	copper-silicon-tin alloy	C65400	0.309

ASTM Designation	Material	Copper Alloy UNS No.	Density, lb/in. ³
	copper-zinc-aluminum-cobalt alloy	C68800	0.296
	copper-nickel-silicon-magnesium alloy	C70250	0.318
	copper-nickel-silicon alloy	C70260	0.320
	copper-nickel-silicon-tin alloy	C70265	0.320
	copper-nickel-silicon-silver-zirconium alloy	C70310	0.319
	copper-nickel-zinc alloy	C75200	0.316
		C76200	0.310

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee B05 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (B248 - 07) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved April 1, 2012.)

- (1) Specification B543 was removed from the Scope and all other sections in this document, as this specification is a tube product not a flat product.
- (2) Specification B888 was added to the Scope and all other pertinent sections.
- (3) In section 7.1.2.1, Specification B103/B103M was moved from needing a 225 g sample to a 150 g sample to agree with the product document.

- (4) Moved Specification B740 in the heading of the left column in Table 3 to the heading in the right column. According to the producer, this is where this specification belongs.
- (5) Added specifications and alloys to the X2 Standard Densities table.

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