



Standard Specification for Copper-Cobalt-Beryllium, Copper-Nickel-Beryllium, and Copper-Nickel-Lead-Beryllium Rod and Bar (UNS Nos. C17500, C17510, and C17465)¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper-cobalt-beryllium alloy (UNS No. C17500), copper-nickel-beryllium alloy (UNS No. C17510), and copper-nickel-lead-beryllium alloy (UNS No. C17465) rod and bar in straight lengths.

1.2 *Units*—The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units, which are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 The following hazard caveat pertains only to the test method(s) described in this specification.

1.3.1 *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 to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[B193 Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials](#)

[B194 Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar](#)

[B249/B249M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Rod, Bar, Shapes and Forgings](#)

[B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys](#)

[E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials](#)

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² 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.

[E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials](#)

[E1004 Test Method for Determining Electrical Conductivity Using the Electromagnetic \(Eddy-Current\) Method](#)

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specification [B249/B249M](#) constitute a part of this specification:

3.1.1 Terminology,

3.1.2 Materials and Manufacture,

3.1.3 Dimensions and Permissible Variations,

3.1.4 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,

3.1.5 Sampling,

3.1.6 Number of Tests and Retests,

3.1.7 Specimen Preparation,

3.1.8 Test Methods,

3.1.9 Significance of Numerical Limits,

3.1.10 Inspection,

3.1.11 Rejection and Rehearing,

3.1.12 Certification,

3.1.13 Test Report,

3.1.14 Packaging and Package Marking, and

3.1.15 Supplementary Requirements.

3.2 In addition, when a section with a title identical to that referenced in 3.1, above, appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements that supplement those appearing in Specification [B249/B249M](#).

4. Terminology

4.1 For definition of terms related to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology [B846](#).

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Include the following specified choices when placing orders for product under this specification, as applicable:

5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue,

5.1.2 Copper [Alloy] UNS No. designation,

5.1.3 Temper (Section 7),

5.1.4 Form of product (cross section such as round, hexagonal, octagonal, rectangular, or square),

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

5.1.5 Dimensions (diameter or distance between parallel surfaces),

5.1.6 Edge contours,

5.1.7 Length,

5.1.8 Quantity—total weight, or total length, or number of pieces for each form, temper, size, and copper alloy,

5.1.9 Intended application.

5.2 The following options are available but may not be included unless specified at the time of placing of the order when required:

5.2.1 Heat identification or traceability details (Specification **B249/B249M**),

5.2.2 Tensile strength test (9.1),

5.2.3 Certification (Specification **B249/B249M**),

5.2.4 Mill Test Report (Specification **B249/B249M**),

5.2.5 When product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The material shall conform to the chemical composition requirements in **Table 1** for the copper [alloy] UNS No. designation specified in the ordering information.

6.1.1 These composition limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. By agreement between manufacturer and purchaser, limits may be established and analysis required for unnamed elements.

6.2 For the alloys in which copper is listed as the “remainder,” copper is the difference between the sum of results for all elements determined and 100 %. When all elements specified in **Table 1** are determined, the sum of results shall be 99.5 % min.

7. Temper

7.1 The standard tempers described in this specification are given in **Table 2**, **Table 3**, and **Table 4**.

7.1.1 TB00 (solution heat treated (A)),

7.1.2 TF00 (precipitation hardened (AT)),

7.1.3 TD04 (solution heat treated and cold worked: hard (H)),

7.1.4 TH04 (hard and precipitation heat treated (HT)).

NOTE 1—Although not produced under this specification, non-standard tempers are available by special order and the properties of such product are subject to negotiation between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

8. Physical Property Requirements

8.1 Electrical Conductivity:

8.1.1 The product furnished shall conform to the electrical conductivity requirement prescribed in **Table 2** and **Table 4** for the applicable temper, when tested in accordance with Test Method **E1004** for product equal to and greater than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) in nominal diameter or distance between parallel surfaces and other shapes having a nominal cross sectional area exceeding 0.141 in.² (91 mm²). For products with less than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) in nominal diameter or distance between parallel surfaces and other shapes having a nominal cross sectional area less than 0.141 in.² (91 mm²), electrical resistivity shall be measured in accordance with Test Method **B193** and converted to conductivity.

9. Mechanical Property Requirements

9.1 Tensile test results shall be the product acceptance criteria, when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E8/E8M** for product equal to or less than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) in nominal diameter or distance between parallel surfaces, and other shapes having a nominal cross sectional area equal to or less than 0.141 in.² (91 mm²).

9.1.1 Tensile strength requirements are given in **Table 2**.

9.2 Rockwell hardness is the product acceptance criteria, when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E18** for product larger than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) in nominal diameter or distance between parallel surfaces, and other shapes having a nominal cross sectional area larger than 0.141 in.² (91 mm²).

9.2.1 The referee product rejection criteria shall be tensile test results, when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E8/E8M**.

9.3 The tension test will be used for qualification of all material when specifically required by the purchaser, as in some government requirements.

10. Precipitation Heat-Treatment

10.1 The precipitation heat-treatment is performed on TB00 (A) and TD04 (H) tempers by the purchaser after forming.

10.2 Conformance to the TF00 (AT) and TH04 (HT) specification limits shown in **Table 2**, for products supplied in the TB00 (A) or the TD04 (H) tempers, shall be determined by testing test specimens heat-treated at a uniform temperature of 850 to 900°F for the times shown in **Table 3**.

10.3 End products may be heat-treated at other times and temperatures for specific applications. These special combinations of properties such as increased ductility, dimensional accuracy, and endurance strength may be obtained by special precipitation-hardening heat treatments. The mechanical requirements of **Table 2** do not apply to such special heat treatment. Specific test requirements as needed shall be agreed

TABLE 1 Chemical Composition

Element	Concentration, %		
	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17500	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17510	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17465
Beryllium	0.4–0.7	0.2–0.6	0.15–0.50
Cobalt	2.4–2.7	0.3 max	...
Nickel	...	1.4–2.2	1.0–1.4 ⁴
Iron, max	0.10	0.10	0.20
Aluminum, max	0.20	0.20	0.20
Silicon, max	0.20	0.20	0.20
Tin, max	0.25
Zirconium, max	0.50
Lead	0.20–0.6
Copper	remainder	remainder	remainder

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TABLE 2 Tensile Strength and Rockwell Hardness Requirements for Rod and Bar^A

Temper Designation		As Supplied		
Standard	Former	Tensile Strength, ksi ^B (MPa ^C)	Rockwell Hardness, B Scale	Electrical Conductivity IACS min, %
TB00	solution heat-treated (A)	35–55 (240–380)	50 max	20
TD04	solution heat-treated and cold-worked: hard (H)	65–80 (450–550)	60–80	20
After Precipitation Heat Treatment				
TF00	precipitation hardened (AT)	100–130 (690–895) ^D	92–100	45
TH04	hard and precipitation heat-treated (HT)	110–140 (760–965) ^D	95–102	48

^A These values apply to mill products. See Section 8 for exceptions in end products.

^B ksi = 1000 psi.

^C See Appendix.

^D The upper limits in the tensile strength column are for design guidance only.

TABLE 3 Precipitation Heat-Treatment Time for Acceptance Tests

Temper Designation		Copper Alloy UNS No. C17500 at 900°F (482°C), h	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17510 at 850°F (454°C) ^A or 900°F (482°C), ^A h
Standard	Former		
TB00	solution heat-treated (A)	3	3
TD04	solution heat-treated and cold-worked: hard (H)	2	2

^A Specific temperature used must conform with supplier's certification.

TABLE 4 Tensile Strength and Rockwell Hardness Requirements for Rod and Bar (C17465)^A

Temper Designation		As Supplied		
Standard	Former	Tensile Strength, ksi ^B (MPa ^C)	Rockwell Hardness, B Scale	Electrical Conductivity IACS min, %
TH04	hard and precipitation heat-treated (HT)	125–145 (860–1000) ^D	95 min	44

^A These values apply to mill products. See Section 8 for exceptions in end products.

^B ksi = 1000 psi.

^C See Appendix.

^D The upper limits in the tensile strength column are for design guidance only.

upon between the manufacturer or the supplier and the purchaser of the end product.

10.4 TF00 (AT) and TH04 (HT) tempers as standard mill-hardened products have been precipitation heat-treated and tested by the manufacturer. An appropriate time and temperature has been used to produce properties within the specification limits shown in Table 2. Table 3 does not apply. Further thermal treatment of these tempers is not normally required.

10.5 Material may be supplied with nonstandard properties. Table 2 values would not apply. Specific test requirements as needed shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer or the supplier and the purchaser of these end products.

11. Number of Tests and Retests

11.1 Retests:

11.1.1 Refer to Specification B249/B249M with the following additional requirements:

11.1.2 Material that fails to conform to the requirements of this specification due to inadequate heat-treatment may be heat-treated subsequently and submitted for test. Only two such subsequent treatments shall be permitted.

12. Test Methods

12.1 Chemical Analysis:

12.1.1 The chemical composition shall be determined, in case of dispute, in accordance with the applicable method in the Annex of Specification B194.

12.1.2 The test method(s) to be followed for the determination of element(s) resulting from contractual or purchase order agreement shall be as agreed upon between the supplier and the purchaser.

12.2 Mechanical Property Requirements:

12.2.1 In case of dispute over Rockwell hardness test results, the rejection criteria shall be tensile test results, when tested in accordance with Test Methods E8/E8M.

13. Keywords

13.1 beryllium copper bar; beryllium copper rod; UNS C17500 bar; UNS C17500 rod; UNS C17510 bar; UNS C17510 rod; UNS C17465 bar; UNS C17465 rod

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee B05 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (B441-04(2010)) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved Oct. 1, 2016.)

(1) There were no technical changes. The specification has had an editorial review and update.

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