



Standard Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Forgings and Extrusions Alloys (UNS Nos. C17500 and C17510)¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper-beryllium alloy forgings and extrusions. The following alloys are specified:

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Nominal Composition, %		
	Beryllium	Cobalt	Nickel
C17500	0.50	2.6	
C17510	0.40		1.8

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 that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 The following safety hazard caveat pertains to Sections 10 and 11 of this specification: *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

[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

[B441](#) Specification for Copper-Cobalt-Beryllium, Copper-Nickel-Beryllium, and Copper-Nickel-Lead-Beryllium Rod and Bar (UNS Nos. C17500, C17510, and C17465)

[B601](#) Classification for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast

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

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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.

[B950](#) Guide for Editorial Procedures and Form of Product Specifications for Copper and Copper Alloys

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

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

[E527](#) Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)

[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](#) form a part of this specification:

3.1.1 Material and Manufacture,

3.1.2 Sampling,

3.1.3 Number of Tests and Retests,

3.1.4 Specimen Preparation,

3.1.5 Significance of Numerical Limits,

3.1.6 Inspection,

3.1.7 Rejection and Rehearing,

3.1.8 Certification,

3.1.9 Test Reports, and

3.1.10 Packaging and Package Marking.

4. Terminology

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

4.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard*:

4.2.1 *extrusion, n*—a uniform metal shape, long in relation to its cross-sectional dimensions, produced by forcing a suitably preheated billet or pre-formed shape through an orifice (die) of the desired cross section.

4.2.2 *forging, n*—a metal part worked to a predetermined shape by one or more such processes as hammering, upsetting, pressing, rolling, and so forth.

NOTE 1—Forged and extruded shapes in the context of this specification are generally construed to be large section products; round, oval, half round, geometric custom-ordered cross-sections, and asymmetrical metal shapes. This is to generally differentiate products supplied according to this document as opposed to forged and extruded “Rod and Bar” in Specification [B441](#).

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

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Include the following information 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. (Section 1),
- 5.1.3 Temper (Section 8) or condition (Section 11),
- 5.1.4 Drawing, when required, and
- 5.1.5 Quantity: number of pieces or pounds.

5.2 The following requirements are optional under this specification and shall be included in the contract or purchase order, when specified.

- 5.2.1 Tension tests (Section 10),
- 5.2.2 Special marking or packaging (Specification B249/B249M),
- 5.2.3 Inspection (Specification B249/B249M),
- 5.2.4 Certification (Specification B249/B249M),
- 5.2.5 Mill test report (Specification B249/B249M),
- 5.2.6 Finish (Section 14), and
- 5.2.7 When material is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government, this shall be specified in the contract or purchase order, and the material shall conform to the supplementary requirements as defined in the current issue of Specification B249/B249M.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Materials:*

6.1.1 The material of manufacture should be a cast billet conforming to the chemical composition requirements for the alloy specified in the ordering information and shall be of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the product prescribed herein.

6.2 *Manufacture:*

6.2.1 The product shall be manufactured by hot working or extrusion, solution heat-treating, precipitation hardening, and straightening as may be necessary to meet the properties specified.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The material shall conform to the chemical composition in Table 1 for the alloy specified.

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

7.1.2 Copper, given as the remainder, is the difference between the sum of results of all elements determined and 100 %.

7.1.3 When all elements listed in Table 1 for the alloy specified in the ordering information are determined the sum of results shall be 99.5 % minimum.

8. Temper

8.1 The standard temper designations available under this specification and as prescribed in Classification B601 are solution heat treated TB00 (A) and precipitation heat treated TF00 (AT).

9. Physical Property Requirements

9.1 *Electrical Conductivity*—Product supplied under this specification shall conform to the conductivity requirements prescribed in Table 2 after precipitation heat-treatment when tested in accordance with Test Method E1004.

10. Mechanical Property Requirements

10.1 *Hardness*—The product furnished under this specification shall conform to the hardness requirements prescribed in Table 3, when tested in accordance with Test Methods E18.

10.2 *Tensile*—When specified in the contract or purchase order, the product furnished shall conform to the tensile properties in Table 3, when tested in accordance with Test Methods E8/E8M.

11. Heat Treatment

11.1 The majority of the product supplied under this specification is in the TF00 (AT) temper. When product is purchased in the TB00 (A) temper, it should be heat treated to a uniform temperature in the range from 800 to 900°F (454 to 482°C) for 3 h and then air cooled.

NOTE 2—Special combination of properties may be obtained by special heat treatments. These requirements shall be agreed upon by the manufacturer or supplier and purchaser.

12. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

12.1 The dimensions and tolerances for these product forms shall be those shown on the drawing that forms a part of each order or as agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

13. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

13.1 The product forms shall be of uniform quality and condition and shall not have laps, cracks, bursts, or other injurious defects that interfere with normal applications.

13.2 The purchaser shall specify in the order the condition or finish required, such as, hot worked, hot worked and cleaned by blasting, pickling, or machining.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Concentration, %	
	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17500	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17510
Beryllium	0.4–0.7	0.2–0.6
Cobalt	2.4–2.7	0.3 max
Nickel	...	1.4–2.2
Iron, max	0.10	0.10
Aluminum, max	0.20	0.20
Silicon, max	0.20	0.20
Copper	Remainder	Remainder

TABLE 2 Electrical Conductivity

Temper	IACS, min, %
TF00 (AT)	45

TABLE 3 Mechanical Properties

Temper Designation		Size	Tensile Strength, ksi (MPa)	Yield Strength, ksi (MPa)	Rockwell Hardness B Scale
Standard	Former				
TB00	(A)	All	30–55 (207–380)	10–30 (69–207)	50 max
Solution Heat-Treated					
TF00	(AT)	Up to 4 in. incl.	100–130 ^A (690–897)	80–100 ^A (550–690)	92 min
Precipitation Hardened		Over 4 in. to 6 in. incl.	95–125 ^A (655–863)	75–95 ^A (517–656)	92 min
		Over 6 in. to 8 in. incl.	90–120 ^A (620–828)	70–90 ^A (483–620)	92 min
		Over 8 in.	80–100 ^A (550–690)	60–80 ^A (414–550)	90 min

^A The upper limits are for design guidance only.

14. Test Methods

14.1 Chemical Composition:

14.1.1 The chemical composition shall, in case of disagreement, be determined in accordance with the applicable method in the Annex of Specification **B194**.

14.1.2 Test methods to be followed for the determination of element(s) resulting from contractual or purchase-order agreement shall be as agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

15. Keywords

15.1 copper beryllium extrusions; copper beryllium forgings; UNS Alloy C17500; UNS Alloy C17510

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee B05 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (B870 - 02) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved April 1, 2008)

- (1) Under section **1.1** revised Beryllium entry for C17500.
- (2) Document was revised to meet the requirements of *Form and Style for ASTM Standards* (Guide **B950**).

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