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Foreword

Publishing information

This British Standard is published by BSI and came into effect on 30 November 2009. It was prepared by Panel ACE/61-/16, *Copper and miscellaneous alloys*, under the authority of Technical Committee ACE/61, *Metallic materials for aerospace purposes*. A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

Supersession

This British Standard supersedes BS 2B 32:2001, which is withdrawn.

Information about this document

This is a full revision of BS 2B 32 and introduces the following principal changes:

- a) requirements are stated in tabular format in accordance with EN 4500-1;
- b) references to parts have been deleted.

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1 Scope

This British Standard specifies requirements for copper-beryllium alloy supplied in the form of rods, bars and sections.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS B 100, *Procedure for inspection, testing and acceptance of wrought copper alloys*

BS EN 12163, *Copper and copper alloys – Rod for general purposes*

3 Technical requirements

3.1 Material to this standard shall conform Table 1.

NOTE The format and symbols used in Table 1 are derived from EN 4500-1.

3.2 For the purposes of this standard, a batch shall be material of the same nominal cross-sectional dimensions, from the same cast, manufactured by the same route and heat treated together.

Table 1 Technical requirements for Cu-Be alloy rods, bars and sections (solution treated and precipitation treated)

1	Material designation			BS B 32						
2	Chemical composition %	Element	Be	Co + Ni	Co + Fe + Ni	Al	Si	Others	Cu	
		Min.	1.80	0.20	—	—	—	—	Base	
		Max.	2.00	—	0.6	0.20	0.20	0.50		
3	Method of melting			—						
4.1	Form			Rods, bars and sections						
4.2	Method of production			Extruded, rolled or forged						
4.3	Limit dimension(s)	mm	D ≤ 200							
5	Technical specification			Sections 1 and 2 of BS B 100						
Characteristics										
6.1	Delivery condition			Solution treated						
	Heat treatment			775 °C ≤ θ ≤ 835 °C / Quench ¹⁾						
6.2	Delivery condition code			—						
7	Use condition			Solution treated + precipitation treated						
	Heat treatment			Delivery condition + 315 °C ≤ θ ≤ 335 °C / t = 3 h / AC						
8.1	Test sample(s)			See Section 2 of BS B 100						
8.2	Test piece(s)			See Section 2 of BS B 100						
8.3	Heat treatment			Delivery condition			Use condition			
9	Dimensions concerned	mm	D ≤ 200			D ≤ 200				
10	Thickness of cladding on each face	%	—							
11	Direction of test piece			L			L			
12	Temperature	θ	°C	Ambient			Ambient			
13	Proof stress	R _{p0.2}	MPa	—			≥ 890			
14	T	Strength	R _m	MPa	—			1 130 ≤ R _m ≤ 1 380		
15		Elongation	A	%	—			≥ 3		
16		Reduction of area	Z	%	—					
17		Hardness			90 ≤ HV ≤ 165			350 ≤ HV ≤ 405		
18	Shear strength	R _c	MPa	—						
19	Bending	κ	—	—						
20	Impact strength			—						
21	Temperature	θ	°C	—						
22	Time			h	—					
23	Stress	σ _a	MPa	—						
24	C	Elongation	a	%	—					
25		Rupture stress	σ _R	MPa	—					
26		Elongation at rupture	A	%	—					
27	Notes (see line 98)			¹⁾						

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EN 4500-1, *Metallic materials – Rules for the drafting and presentation of material standards – Part 1: General rules*¹⁾

¹⁾ Published as ASD-STAN Prestandard at the date of publication of this standard.

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