



Standard Specification for Copper Sheet and Strip for Building Construction¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for rolled copper sheet and strip in flat lengths or coils in ounce-weight thicknesses for roofing, flashing, gutters, downspouts, and general sheet metal work in building construction.

1.1.1 Products produced to this specification are not intended for electrical applications.

1.2 Values given in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. Values given in parentheses are provided for information only.

NOTE 1—Specification B 101 is a companion specification for lead-coated copper sheets.

1.3 *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:

B 101 Specification for Lead-Coated Copper Sheets and Strip for Building Construction²

B 248 Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar²

B 601 Practice for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast²

B 846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys²

E 3 Methods of Preparation of Metallographic Specimens³

E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials³

E 53 Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper⁴

E 112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size³

E 255 Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for Determination of Chemical Composition⁴

E 478 Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys⁵

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.05.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.06.

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specification B 248 constitute a part of this specification:

3.1.1 Terminology,

3.1.2 Materials and Manufacture,

3.1.3 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,

3.1.4 Specimen Preparation,

3.1.5 Test Methods,

3.1.6 Significance of Numerical Limits,

3.1.7 Inspection,

3.1.8 Certification,

3.1.9 Mill Test Report,

3.1.10 Packaging and Package Marking, and

3.1.11 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, which supplement those appearing in Specification B 248.

4. Terminology

4.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms related to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology B 846.

4.1.1 *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”).

4.1.2 *lengths, mill, n*—straight lengths, including ends, that can be manufactured conveniently in the mills. Full length pieces usually are 8 or 10 ft (2.4 or 3.0 m) and subject to established length tolerances.

4.1.3 *lengths, specific, n*—straight lengths that are uniform in length, as specified, and subject to established length tolerances.

4.1.4 *length, stock, n*—straight lengths that are mill cut and stored in advance of orders. They usually are 8 or 10 ft (2.4 or 3.0 m) and subject to established length tolerances.

4.1.5 *sheet, for building construction, n*—a rolled flat product over 24 in. (610 mm) in width and of ounce-weight thickness from 8 to 48 oz (225 to 1360 g).

4.1.6 *strip, for building construction, n*—a rolled flat product up to 24 in. (610 mm), inclusive, in width and of ounce-weight thickness from 8 to 48 oz (225 to 1360 g).

4.1.7 *ounce-weight, n*—the weight of copper sheet or strip

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

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expressed in ounces per square foot.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Contracts or purchase orders for products supplied under this specification should include the following information:

- 5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue (for example, B 370-XX),
- 5.1.2 Temper (Section 8),
- 5.1.3 Dimensions: tolerances (Section 12),
- 5.1.4 How furnished: flat lengths or coils (4.1.1-4.1.4),
- 5.1.5 Quantity: total weight or number of pieces of each form and size, and
- 5.1.6 When product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government (Section 11).

5.2 The following are options available under this specification and should be specified in the contract or purchase order when required:

- 5.2.1 Heat identification or traceability details,
- 5.2.2 Certification, and
- 5.2.3 Mill test report.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Materials*—

6.1.1 The material shall be any copper conforming with the chemical composition requirements (Section 7).

6.2 *Manufacture*:

6.2.1 *Sheet*—The product shall be manufactured in flat sheets.

6.2.2 *Strip*—The product may be manufactured in flat lengths or in coils (rolls) of one single continuous length not less than 25 ft (7.5 m) wound into a cylindrical spiral.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The material may be any copper with a minimum copper content, including silver, of 99.5 %.

7.1.1 Limits may be established and analysis required for unnamed elements by agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

8. Temper

8.1 Copper sheet and strip produced to this specification is available in the following tempers as defined in Specification B 601: O60 (soft annealed), H00 (1/8 hard), H01 (1/4 hard), H02 (1/2 hard), H03 (3/4 hard), and H04 (hard).

NOTE 2—The purchaser should confer with the manufacturer or supplier concerning the availability of a specific temper and form.

9. Physical Properties

9.1 *Grain Size*—Although no grain size has been established for temper O60, the product shall be recrystallized fully as determined by Test Method E 112.

10. Mechanical Properties Requirements

10.1 *Tensile and Yield Strength Requirements*:

10.1.1 The product shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 1 for the specific temper when subjected to test in accordance with Test Methods E 8.

10.1.2 Acceptance or rejection for mechanical properties shall be based upon the results of the tensile and yield strength tests.

10.2 *Rockwell Hardness*:

10.2.1 The approximate Rockwell values are given in Table 1 for general information and assistance in testing and shall not be a basis for rejection.

NOTE 3—The Rockwell hardness test offers a quick and convenient method of checking for general conformity to the specification requirements for temper and tensile strength.

11. Purchases for U.S. Government Agencies

11.1 When identified in the contract or purchase order, product purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government shall conform to the special government requirements stipulated in the Supplemental Requirements.

12. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

12.1 The product shall conform to the following requirements:

12.1.1 *Thickness*:

12.1.1.1 *Tolerances of Sheet and Strip*—The standard method for specifying thickness shall be by ounce-weight. The theoretical thickness for standard ounce-weights and the minimum thickness, measured at any point, shall be as specified in Table 2.

12.1.2 *Weight*:

12.1.2.1 Weight tolerances shall be as specified in Table 2.

12.1.3 *Width*:

12.1.3.1 *Tolerances for Slit Metal*—Table 3.

12.1.3.2 *Tolerance for Square-Sheared Metal*—Table 4.

12.1.4 *Length*.

12.1.4.1 *Tolerances for Specific and Stock*—Table 5.

12.1.4.2 *Tolerances for Square-Sheared Metal*—Table 6.

12.1.5 *Straightness*.

12.1.5.1 *Tolerances or Slit Metal*—Table 7.

TABLE 1 Mechanical Properties

Temper Designation		Tensile Strength, ksi ^A (MPa)		Yield Strength, at 0.5 % Extension Under Load, min ksi ^A (MPa)	Approximate Rockwell Hardness ^B (For Information Only)	
Standard	Former	Min	Max		F Scale	Superficial 30 T
O60	soft	30 (205)	38 (260)	. . .	up to 65	up to 31
H00	cold-rolled	32 (220)	40 (275)	20 (135)	54-82	15-49
H01	cold-rolled, high yield	34 (235)	42 (290)	28 (190)	60-84	18-51
H02	half hard	37 (255)	46 (315)	30 (205)	77-89	43-57
H03	three-quarter hard	41 (285)	50 (345)	32 (220)	82-91	47-59
H04	hard	43 (295)	52 (360)	35 (240)	86-93	54-62

^Aksi = 1000 psi.

^B Rockwell hardness values apply as follows: The F scale applies to metal 0.020 in. (0.508 mm) and over in thickness; the superficial 30T scale applies to metal 0.12 in. (0.305 mm) to 0.020 in. (0.508 mm) in thickness.