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Standard Specification for Copper-Zinc-Silicon Alloy Rod¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense.

1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper-zinc-silicon alloy rod produced in Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C69240, C69300, C69400, C69410, C69430, C69700, C69710, and C69850.

1.1.1 If the purchaser does not specify the alloy to be supplied, product is permitted to be furnished in any of the alloys named in 1.1.

1.2 *Units*—The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.3 The following safety hazard caveat pertains only to the test methods described in 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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory requirements prior to use.*

1.4 **Warning**—Mercury has been designated by many regulatory agencies as a hazardous substance that can cause serious medical issues. Mercury, or its vapor, has been demonstrated to be hazardous to health and corrosive to materials. Use caution when handling mercury and mercury-containing products. See the applicable product Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for additional information. The potential exists that selling mercury or mercury-containing products, or both, is prohibited by local or national law. Users must determine legality of sales in their location.

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recom-*

mendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

B154 Test Method for Mercurous Nitrate Test for Copper Alloys

B249/B249M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Rod, Bar, Shapes and Forgings

B858 Test Method for Ammonia Vapor Test for Determining Susceptibility to Stress Corrosion Cracking in Copper Alloys

E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E54 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Special Brasses and Bronzes (Withdrawn 2002)³

E62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods) (Withdrawn 2010)³

E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specification **B249/B249M** constitutes 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 Sampling;
- 3.1.5 Number of Tests and Retests;
- 3.1.6 Specimen Preparation;
- 3.1.7 Test Methods;
- 3.1.8 Significance of Numerical Limits;
- 3.1.9 Inspection;
- 3.1.10 Rejection and Rehearing;
- 3.1.11 Certification;
- 3.1.12 Test Report;

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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.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

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

3.1.13 Packaging and Package Marking; and
 3.1.14 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 B249/B249M.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Include the following information when placing orders for product under this specification, as applicable:

- 4.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue;
- 4.1.2 Copper alloy UNS No. designation;
- 4.1.3 *Form*—Cross section such as round, hexagon, and so forth;

4.1.4 *Temper*—(Section 7);

4.1.5 *Dimensions*—Diameter or distance between parallel surfaces, nominal specific or stock length;

4.1.6 *Quantity*—Total weight, footage, or number of pieces; and

4.1.7 If product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government (see Supplementary Requirements section of Specification B249/B249M).

4.2 The following options are available and should be specified at the time of placing the order, when required:

4.2.1 Residual Stress Test (Performance Requirements section, Section 9),

4.2.1.1 Ammonia Vapor Test or Mercurous Nitrate Test,

4.2.1.2 For the Ammonia Vapor Test, pH value other than 10.

4.2.2 Certification (Specification B249/B249M), and

4.2.3 Mill test report (Specification B249/B249M).

5. Material and Manufacture

5.1 *Material*—The material of manufacture shall be cast billets, logs, or rods of Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C69240, C69300, C69400, C69410, C69430, C69700, C69710, or C69850 of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the product prescribed herein.

5.2 *Manufacture*—The product shall be manufactured by hot extrusion and finished by such cold working, annealing, straightening, and cutting to length as may be necessary to meet the properties specified.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The material shall conform to the chemical compositional requirements specified in Table 1 for the Copper Alloy UNS No. designation specified in the ordering information.

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

6.2 For alloys in which zinc is listed as “remainder,” either copper or zinc may be taken as the difference between the sum of results of all other elements determined and 100 %.

6.3 When all elements in Table 1 are determined, the sum of results shall be 99.5 % min.

7. Temper

7.1 The standard temper for products under this specification is H02 (Half Hard) for UNS Nos. C69240, C69300, and C69850 and H04 (Hard) for UNS Nos. C69400, C69430, C69700, and C69710.

8. Mechanical Property Requirements

8.1 *Tensile Strength Requirements*—Product furnished under this specification shall conform to the tensile requirements prescribed in Table 2 when tested in accordance with Test Methods E8/E8M.

9. Performance Requirements

9.1 Residual Stress Test:

9.1.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, the product shall be tested for residual stress according to the requirements of Test Method B154 or Test Method B858, and show no signs of cracking. (**Warning**—Mercury is a definite health hazard. With the Mercurous Nitrate Test, equipment for

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, %															
	Copper Alloy UNS No.															
	C69240		C69300		C69400		C69410		C69430		C69700		C69710		C69850 ^{A, B}	
	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max
Copper ^C	71.0	72.5	73.0	77.0	80.0	83.0	81.0	...	80.0	83.0	75.0	80.0	75.0	80.0	67.5	69.0
Silicon	1.8	2.2	2.7	3.4	3.5	4.5	3.5	4.5	3.5	4.5	2.5	3.5	2.5	3.5	1.53	2.0
Lead	...	0.25	...	0.09	...	0.30	...	0.09	...	0.30	0.50	1.5	0.50	1.5	...	0.09
Iron	...	0.20	...	0.10	...	0.20	...	0.20	...	0.20	...	0.20	...	0.20	...	0.10
Tin	...	0.30	...	0.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.20
Nickel ^D	0.10	0.50	...	0.10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.10
Manganese	0.6	1.2	...	0.10	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.40	...	0.40	...	0.10	
Arsenic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.03	0.06	...	...	0.03	0.06	...	...
Antimony	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phosphorus	0.06	0.12	0.04	0.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.04	0.15
Zinc	remainder		remainder		remainder		11.0	15.0	remainder		remainder		remainder		remainder	

^A Copper value does not include Silver.

^B Nickel value does not include Cobalt.

^C Includes Silver.

^D Ni value includes Co.