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Standard Specification for Copper-Nickel-Tin Spinodal Alloy Strip[1]

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes requirements for copper-nickel-tin alloy strip for Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C72700, C72900, and C72650 in the following alloys:

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Nominal Composition Weight %		
	Copper	Nickel	Tin
C72700	85	9	6
C72900	77	15	8
C72650	87.5	7.5	5

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 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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *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 Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

B248 Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B248M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar (Metric)

B598 Practice for Determining Offset Yield Strength in Tension for Copper Alloys (Withdrawn 2019)[3]

B601 Classification for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast

B820 Test Method for Bend Test for Determining the Formability of Copper and Copper Alloy Strip

B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

E3 Guide for Preparation of Metallographic Specimens

E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E75 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Nickel and Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloys (Withdrawn 2010)[3]

E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size

E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specification B248 constitute a part of this specification:

3.1.1 Terminology

3.1.2 Materials and Manufacture

3.1.3 Sampling

3.1.4 Number of Tests and Retests

3.1.5 Dimensions and Permissible Variations

3.1.6 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

3.1.7 Significance of Numerical Limits

3.1.8 Inspection

3.1.9 Rejection and Rehearing

3.1.10 Certification

3.1.11 Test Reports

3.1.12 Packaging and Package Marking

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 B248.

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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**

4. Terminology

4.1 For definitions 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.;

5.1.3 Quantity;

5.1.4 Temper (8.1);

5.1.5 Dimensions: thickness and width, and length, if applicable;

5.1.6 How furnished: rolls or coils, stock lengths with or without ends, specific lengths with or without ends; and

5.1.7 Type of edge other than slit, for example, rounded corners, rounded edges, or full-rounded edges.

5.2 The following options are available and, when required, shall be specified at the time of placing of the order.

5.2.1 Certification,

5.2.2 Test report, and

5.2.3 If product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government, see the Supplementary Requirements Section of Specification B248 or Specification B248M.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Materials:*

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be strip of Copper Alloy UNS No. C72650, C72700, or C72900 of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for the products prescribed herein.

6.2 *Manufacture:*

6.2.1 The product shall be manufactured by such hot working, cold working, and thermal treatment processes as to produce a uniform wrought structure in the finished product.

6.2.2 Solution-heat-treatment or solution-heat-treated and cold-worked material is normally spinodal hardened by the purchaser after forming or machining.

6.2.3 Mill-hardened products have been spinodal heat treated by the manufacturer. Further thermal treatment is not normally required.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The material shall conform to the chemical composition requirements specified in Table 1 for the copper alloy UNS No. specified in the ordering information.

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

7.3 For alloys in which copper is listed as "remainder," copper is the difference between the sum of results of all elements determined and 100 %. When all the elements in Table 1 are determined, the sum of results shall be 99.7 % min.

8. Temper

8.1 The standard tempers for products described in this specification are given in Table 2, Table 3, and Table 4.

8.1.1 TB00 (Solution Heat Treated).

8.1.2 TD01 to TD12 (Solution Heat Treated with varying degrees of cold working).

8.1.3 TX00 (Spinodal Hardened).

8.1.4 TS01 to TS12 (Hard and Spinodal Hardened).

8.1.5 TM00 to TS08 (Mill Hardened).

8.2 Special combinations of properties may be obtained by special heat treatments. These requirements shall be agreed upon by the manufacturer or supplier and purchaser.

9. Grain Size for Annealed Tempers

9.1 Grain size shall be the standard requirement for product over 0.010 in. (0.25 mm) in thickness for tempers TB00, TX00, and TM00.

9.2 Acceptance or rejection based upon grain size shall depend only on the average grain size of a test specimen taken from each of two sample portions, and each specimen shall not exceed the limits prescribed in Table 5 when tested in accordance with Test Methods E112.

9.3 Grain size shall be determined in a plane perpendicular to the surface.

10. Mechanical Property Requirements

10.1 *Tensile Strength Requirements:*

10.1.1 The solution heat-treated or solution heat-treated and cold-worked material shall conform to the tensile property requirements specified in Table 2, when tested in accordance with Test Methods E8/E8M.

10.1.2 The spinodal heat-treated material shall conform to the tensile property requirements specified in Table 3.

10.1.2.1 Special combinations of properties such as increased ductility, electrical conductivity, dimensional accuracy, endurance life, improved stress relaxation resistance, resistance to elastic drift, and hysteresis in springs may be obtained by

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Previous Designation	Composition, % Copper, incl. Silver	Lead,[A] max	Iron,[A] max	Zinc,[A] max	Nickel, incl. Cobalt	Tin	Manganese,[A] max	Niobium,[A] max	Magnesium,[A] max
C72650	Cu-7.5Ni-5Sn	remainder	0.01	0.10	0.10	7.0–8.0	4.5–5.5	0.10	...	...
C72700	Cu-9Ni-6Sn	remainder	0.02[B]	0.50	0.50	8.5–9.5	5.5–6.5	0.05-0.30	0.10	0.15
C72900	Cu-15Ni-8Sn	remainder	0.02[B]	0.50	0.50	14.5–15.5	7.5–8.5	0.30	0.10	0.15

[A] The total of the elements Pb, Fe, Zn, Mn, Nb, and Mg not to exceed 0.7 %.
[B] 0.005 % Pb, max for hot rolling.

TABLE 2 Tensile Property Requirements

Tempers: Solution Heat-Treated
Solution Heat-Treated and Cold Worked

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Temper Designations		Tensile Strength, ksi[A] (MPa)[B] min–max[C]	Yield[D] Strength (0.05 % Offset), ksi[A] (MPa)[B] min–max[C]	Elongation in 2 in., %
	Code	Name			
C72650	TB00	Solution HT	55–70 (380–480)	21–32 (145–220)	32
C72650	TD01	Solution HT and Cold Worked ¼ Hard	60–75 (415–515)	45–60 (310–415)	18
C72650	TD02	Solution HT and Cold Worked ½ Hard	75–85 (515–585)	55–75 (380–515)	5
C72650	TD03	Solution HT and Cold Worked ¾ Hard	80–90 (550–620)	68–82 (470–565)	4
C72650	TD04	Solution HT and Cold Worked Hard	85–95 (585–655)	77–90 (530–620)	2
C72700	TB00	Solution HT	60–80 (415–550)	23–33 (160–230)	30
C72700	TD01	Solution HT and Cold Worked ¼ Hard	72–95 (500–660)	48–64 (330–440)	12
C72700	TD02	Solution HT and Cold Worked ½ Hard	82–108 (570–740)	57–80 (390–550)	6
C72700	TD04	Solution HT and Cold Worked Hard	97–125 (670–860)	77–100 (530–690)	3
C72700	TD08	Solution HT and Cold Worked Spring	110–140 (760–970)	95–115 (660–790)	2
C72700	TD12	Solution HT and Cold Worked Special Spring	115–150 (790–1030)	105–125 (720–860)	...
C72900	TB00	Solution HT	64–85 (440–585)	24–40 (165–275)	32
C72900	TD01	Solution HT and Cold Worked ¼ Hard	75–100 (515–690)	50–66 (345–455)	18
C72900	TD02	Solution HT and Cold Worked ½ Hard	85–110 (585–760)	65–84 (450–580)	8
C72900	TD03	Solution HT and Cold Worked ¾ Hard	95-120 (655-825)	80-100 (550-690)	3
C72900	TD04	Solution HT and Cold Worked Hard	100–130 (690–895)	85–108 (585–745)	...
C72900	TD08	Solution HT and Cold Worked Spring	122–145 (840–1000)	100–125 (690–860)	...
C72900	TD12	Solution HT and Cold Worked Special Spring	135–155 (930–1070)	110–130 (760–895)	...

[A] 1 ksi = 1000 psi.
[B] See Appendix X1.
[C] Max for reference.
[D] In accordance with Practice B598.

special spinodal-hardening treatments. The mechanical requirements of Table 3 do not apply to such special heat treatments.

10.1.3 The mill-hardened material shall conform to the tensile property requirements specified in Table 4.

11. Performance Requirements

11.1 *Bend Test:*

11.1.1 The bend test is a method for evaluating the ductility of mill-hardened copper-nickel-tin spinodal alloy strip in thicknesses of 0.004 in. to 0.020 in. (0.102 mm to 0.508 mm), inclusive.

11.1.2 Material in tempers TM00, TM02, TM04, and TM06 shall conform to the bend test requirements specified in Table 4 when tested in accordance with 15.2.1.

11.1.3 To pass the test, all three specimens tested from a lot must withstand the 90° bend without visible cracks of fracture when observed at the convex surface of the bend at a magnification of ×10.

12. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

12.1 The dimensions and tolerances for product described by this specification shall be as specified in Specification B248.

13. Retests

13.1 If any lot of material fails to conform to the requirements of this specification due to inadequate heat treatment, new samples of material may be resubmitted for test after heat treatment. Only two such reheat treatments shall be permitted.

13.2 If any lot of material fails to conform to the bend test requirements of this specification, one retest is permitted if only one of the three specimens fails the test. No retest is permitted if two or more specimens fail the test.

14. Specimen Preparation

14.1 For the purpose of determining conformance to the mechanical properties of Table 3, a sample of the non-spinodally hardened strip of alloys C72700 and C72900

TABLE 3 Tensile Property Requirements

Tempers: Solution Heat Treated and Spinodally Hardened;[A]
Solution Heat Treated, Cold Worked and Spinodally Hardened[A]

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Temper Designations		Tensile Strength, ksi[B] (MPa)[C] min–max[D]	Yield[E] Strength (0.05 % Offset), ksi[B] (MPa)[C] min–max[D]	Elongation in 2 in., %
	Code	Name			
C72650	TX00	Spinodal HT	120–140 (825–965)	60–95 (415–655)	6
C72650	TS01	¼ Hard and Spinodal HT	130–140 (900–965)	90–115 (620–790)	8
C72650	TS02	½ Hard and Spinodal HT	135–145 (930–1000)	100–125 (690–860)	6
C72650	TS03	¾ Hard and Spinodal HT	140–150 (965–1035)	105–130 (725–895)	6
C72650	TS04	Hard and Spinodal HT	140–155 (965–1070)	110–135 (760–930)	4
C72700	TX00	Spinodal HT	100–130 (690–900)	55–99 (380–680)	15
C72700	TS01	¼ Hard + Spinodal HT	115–140 (790–965)	85–112 (590–770)	10
C72700	TS02	½ Hard + Spinodal HT	125–150 (860–1030)	100–123 (690–850)	6
C72700	TS04	Hard + Spinodal HT	135–160 (930–1100)	115–135 (790–930)	4
C72700	TS08	Spring + Spinodal HT	145–179 (1000–1230)	125–150 (860–1030)	3
C72700	TS12	Special Spring + Spinodal HT	150–180 (1030–1240)	130–160 (900–1100)	2
C72900	TX00	Spinodal HT	120–150 (825–1035)	95–120 (655–825)	6
C72900	TS01	¼ Hard + Spinodal HT	130–160 (895–1105)	105–130 (725–895)	4
C72900	TS02	½ Hard + Spinodal HT	145–175 (1000–1205)	125–150 (860–1035)	3
C72900	TS03	¾ Hard + Spinodal HT	155–185 (1070–1275)	135–160 (930–1105)	2
C72900	TS04	Hard + Spinodal HT	165–195 (1140–1345)	145–170 (1005–1170)	2
C72900	TS08	Spring + Spinodal HT	175–205 (1205–1415)	155–185 (1070–1275)	...
C72900	TS12	Special Spring + Spinodal HT	180–225 (1240–1550)	160–200 (1105–1380)	...

[A] 660 °F ± 10 °F (350 °C ± 5 °C) for 1½ h ± 5 min (C72700, C72900); 725 °F ± 10 °F (385 °C ± 5 °C) for 2 h ± 5 min (C72650).
[B] 1 ksi = 1000 psi.
[C] See Appendix X1.
[D] Max for reference.
[E] In accordance with Practice B598.

material shall be heat treated at 660 °F ± 10 °F (350 °C ± 5 °C) for 1½ h ± 5 min and a sample of the as-supplied strip of alloy C72650 shall be heat treated at 725 °F ± 10 °F (385 °C ± 5 °C) for 2 h ± 5 min. Other heat-treating temperatures and times may be preferred for end products of this material.

14.2 Specimens for the determination of grain size shall be prepared in accordance with Guide E3.

14.3 For bend testing, three specimens, ½ in. ± 1/16 in. (12.70 mm ± 1.59 mm) in width of any convenient length, with the rolling direction perpendicular to the ½ in. dimension, shall be prepared and tested in accordance with Test Method B820.

15. Test Methods

15.1 *Chemical Analyses:*

15.1.1 In case of disagreement, test methods for chemical analysis shall be subject to agreement between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser. The following table is a list of published methods, some of which may no longer be viable, which along with others not listed, may be used subject to agreement.

Element	Test Methods
Copper	E75
Nickel	E478
Tin	E75
Lead	E75
Iron	E75
Zinc	E75
Manganese	E75

15.1.2 Test methods to be followed for the determination of elements resulting from contractual or purchase order agreement shall be as agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and purchaser.