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# Standard Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Forgings and Extrusions (UNS Nos. C17500, C17510, and C17540)<sup>1</sup>

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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
C17540	0.50	1.5	1.5

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 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, 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*:<sup>2</sup>

[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](#)

[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](#)

[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 Terminology,

3.1.2 Material and Manufacture,

3.1.3 Sampling,

3.1.4 Number of Tests and Retests,

3.1.5 Specimen Preparation,

3.1.6 Significance of Numerical Limits,

3.1.7 Inspection,

3.1.8 Rejection and Rehearing,

3.1.9 Certification,

3.1.10 Test Reports, and

3.1.11 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 [B249/B249M](#).

## 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 *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 that are round, oval,

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

half round, geometric custom-ordered cross-sections, and asymmetrical metal shapes. This is to differentiate products supplied in accordance with this specification as opposed to forged and extruded “Rod and Bar” in Specification B441.

## 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. (Section 1);
- 5.1.3 Temper (Section 8) or condition (Section 11);
- 5.1.4 Dimensions, including thickness, width, length, and edges for flat products or diameter, distance between flat surfaces, and edges for round products. Dimensions may be specified on a drawing;
- 5.1.5 Dimensional tolerances shall be as agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and purchaser; and
- 5.1.6 Quantity: number of pieces or pounds.

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

- 5.2.1 Tension test or hardness (Section 10),
- 5.2.2 Special marking or packaging,
- 5.2.3 Inspection Report,
- 5.2.4 Certification,
- 5.2.5 Test report,
- 5.2.6 Finish (Section 13), and
- 5.2.7 If product 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 edition of Specification B249/B249M.

## 6. Materials and Manufacture

### 6.1 Materials:

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall 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 forging 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 requirements in Table 1 for the copper alloy UNS No. specified in the ordering information.

7.1.1 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.

7.1.2 Copper, given as “remainder,” is the difference between the sum of results of all elements determined and 100 %. When all elements in Table 1 are determined, the sum of results shall be 99.5 % minimum.

**TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements**

Element	Composition, %		
	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17500	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17510	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17540
Beryllium	0.4–0.7	0.2–0.6	0.4–0.7
Cobalt	2.4–2.7	0.3 max	0.8–1.3
Nickel	...	1.4–2.2	0.8–1.3
Iron, max	0.10	0.10	0.20
Aluminum, max	0.20	0.20	...
Silicon, max	0.20	0.20	0.20
Copper	Remainder	Remainder	Remainder

## 8. Tempers

8.1 The standard tempers 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 Requirement:

9.1.1 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 Rockwell Hardness Requirements:

10.1.1 The product furnished under this specification shall conform to the hardness requirements prescribed in Table 3, unless tensile properties are required by the purchase order. Rockwell hardness shall be determined in accordance with Test Methods E18.

### 10.2 Tensile Strength Requirements:

10.2.1 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.

10.2.2 The tensile properties in Table 3 shall be measured in the longitudinal direction.

10.2.3 When tensile properties are specified in the contract or purchase order, acceptance or rejection based upon mechanical properties shall depend on tensile strength and yield strength requirements of Table 3.

## 11. Heat Treatment

11.1 When product is purchased in the TB00 (A) temper, it should be heat treated to a uniform temperature in the range from 800 °F to 900 °F (427 °C to 482 °C) for 3 h and then air cooled.

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

**TABLE 2 Electrical Conductivity**

Temper	IACS, min, %
TF00 (AT)	45