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Standard Specification for Copper-Cobalt-Beryllium Alloy and Copper-Nickel-Beryllium Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for plate, sheet, strip, and rolled bar. The following alloys are included:²

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Previously Used Designation	Nominal Composition, %		
		Beryllium	Cobalt	Nickel
C17500	Alloy 10	0.6	2.5	...
C17510	Alloy 3 or 14	0.4	...	1.8

1.2 The intent is to provide a system of interchangeable alloys.

1.3 *Units*—Values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded standard. The values given in brackets are mathematical conversions to SI units, which are provided for information only.

1.4 The following safety hazard caveat pertains only to the test methods described in this specification:

1.5 *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 The following documents in the current issue of the *Book of Standards* forms a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 ASTM Standards:

B 194 Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar³

B 248 Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar³

B 601 Practice for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast³

B 846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys³

E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials⁴

E 18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials⁴

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)⁵

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 Dimensions and Permissible Variations,
- 3.1.4 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,
- 3.1.5 Sampling,
- 3.1.6 Number of Tests and Retests,
- 3.1.7 Specimen Preparation,
- 3.1.8 Test Methods,
- 3.1.9 Significance of Numerical Limits,
- 3.1.10 Inspection,
- 3.1.11 Rejection and Reheating,
- 3.1.12 Certification,
- 3.1.13 Mill Test Report,
- 3.1.14 Packaging and Package Marking, and
- 3.1.15 Heat Identification.

3.2 In addition, when a section with a title identical to that referenced in 3.1 appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements that supplement those appearing in Specification B 248.

4. Terminology

4.1 For terms relating to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology B 846.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Include the following information in orders for products:

- 5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue,
- 5.1.2 Quantity,

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² The UNS system for copper and copper alloys (see Practice E 527) is a simple expansion of the former standard designation system accomplished by the addition of a prefix “C” and a suffix “00.” The suffix can be used to accommodate composition variations of the base alloy.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 02.01.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.01.

- 5.1.3 Copper Alloy UNS Number designation (1.1),
- 5.1.4 Form of material: plate, sheet, strip, or rolled bar,
- 5.1.5 Temper (8.1),
- 5.1.6 Dimensions: thickness and width, and length if applicable,
- 5.1.7 How furnished: rolls, stock lengths with or without ends, specific lengths with or without ends, and
- 5.1.8 When material is ordered for agencies of the U.S. government.
- 5.2 The following options are available and should be specified in the contract or purchase order when required:
 - 5.2.1 Type of edge, if required: slit, sheared, sawed, square corners, rounded corners, rounded edges, or full-rounded edges (12.6),
 - 5.2.2 Type of width and straightness tolerances, if required: slit-metal tolerances, square-sheared-metal tolerances, sawed-metal tolerances, straightened or edge-rolled-metal tolerances (12.5),
 - 5.2.3 Special thickness tolerances, if required (12.2),
 - 5.2.4 Tension test or hardness as applicable (Section 10),
 - 5.2.5 Certification if required (see Specification B 248),
 - 5.2.6 Mill Test Report, if required (see Specification B 248),
 - 5.2.7 Specification number and year of issue, and
 - 5.2.8 Special tests or exceptions, if any.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 Material:

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be Copper Alloy No. C17500 or C17510, cast and worked, and of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the products prescribed herein.

6.1.2 Heat traceability shall be maintained and reported on the Mill Test Report or Certification.

6.2 Manufacture:

6.2.1 The product shall be produced with a combination of hot working, cold working, and thermal processing to produce a uniform wrought structure, and the specified temper.

7. Chemical Composition

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

7.2 These specification limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. Limits for unnamed elements may be established by agreement between manufacturer or supplier and purchaser.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

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

7.3 Copper may be given as remainder and may be taken as the difference between the sum of all elements analyzed and 100 %.

7.4 When all the elements in Table 1 are analyzed, their sum shall be 99.5 % minimum.

8. Temper

8.1 Standard tempers for product described in this specification are given in Tables 2-6. Tempers are TB00 (solution heat treated), or TD02 and TD04 (varying degrees of cold work), TF00 or TH02 and TH04 (precipitation heat treated from the appropriate tempers), or TM02 and TM04 (mill hardened).

9. Precipitation Heat Treatment

9.1 Solution-heat-treated or solution-heat-treated and cold-worked material is normally precipitation hardened by the purchaser after forming or machining. For the purpose of determining conformance to specified mechanical properties of Table 3, a sample of this material shall be heat treated as shown in Table 6. Other heat-treating temperatures and times may be preferred for end products of this material.

9.2 Special combinations of properties may be obtained by special precipitation heat-treating techniques. Mechanical property requirements of Table 3 do not apply to material so treated.

10. Property Requirements

10.1 Tensile Strength Requirements:

10.1.1 When specified, product furnished under this specification shall conform to the tensile requirements prescribed in Tables 2-4 when tested in accordance with Test Method E 8. Values in Table 2 are in the solution-heat-treated, and solution-heat-treated and cold-worked condition, in Table 3 after precipitation heat treatment and in Table 4 in the mill-hardened conditions. Precipitation heat treatment parameters are specified in Section 9.

10.1.2 Tension tests are required for material equal to or less than 0.050 in. (1.27 mm) in thickness.

10.2 Rockwell Hardness Requirements:

10.2.1 For material thicker than 0.050 in. (1.27 mm), and except when the tension test is specified by the purchaser at the

TABLE 2 Mechanical Property Requirements for Material in the Solution-Heat-Treated or Solution-Heat-Treated and Cold-Worked Condition

Temper Designation	Tensile Strength		Elongation ^A in 2 in. (50 mm), %	Rockwell Hardness ^B	
	Former	ksi ^D MPa ^E		B	30T
TB00	A	35–55 [240–380]	20–35	45 max	45 max
TD02	½H	60–75 [415–520]	5–10	65–77	60–68
TD04	H	70–85 [480–585]	2–8	78–88	69–75

^A Elongation requirement applies only to material 0.004 in. (0.102 mm) and thicker.

^B The thickness that may be tested in the case of the Rockwell hardness scales is as follows:

B Scale 0.045 in. (1.14 mm) and over.

30 T Scale 0.032 to 0.045 in. (0.812 to 1.14 mm), excl.

Hardness values shown apply only to direct determinations, not converted values.

^C Standard designations defined in Practice B 601.

^D ksi = 1000 psi.

^E See Appendix X1.