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Standard Specification for Copper-Zinc-Aluminum-Cobalt Alloy, Copper-Zinc-Tin-Iron Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification covers the requirements for plate, sheet, strip, and rolled bar in alloys C66300 and C68800.²

NOTE 1—Since alloy C68800 is frequently used in a variety of applications where yield strength and stress-corrosion resistance may be critical, it is recommended that drawings or samples of the part to be fabricated and details of application be submitted for use in establishing temper and treatment of material.

NOTE 2—Alloy C66300 is covered by a patent. Interested parties are invited to submit information regarding the identification of an alternative(s) to this patented item to the ASTM headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee, which you may attend.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 The following documents of the issue in effect on the date of material purchase form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 ASTM Standards:

- B 248 Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar³
- B 601 Classification 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 75 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Nickel and Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloys⁵

E 76 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel-Copper Alloys⁵

E 112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size⁴

E 255 Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for the Determination of Chemical Composition⁵

E 478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys⁶

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)

3. General Requirements

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

- 3.1.1 Terminology—Definitions,
- 3.1.2 Materials and Manufacturing,
- 3.1.3 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,
- 3.1.4 Sampling, except for chemical analysis,
- 3.1.5 Number of Tests and Retests,
- 3.1.6 Specimen Preparation,
- 3.1.7 Test Methods, except for chemical analysis,
- 3.1.8 Significance of Numerical Limits,
- 3.1.9 Inspection,
- 3.1.10 Rejection and Reheating,
- 3.1.11 Certification,
- 3.1.12 Test Reports (Mill),
- 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 B 248.

4. Terminology

4.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology B 846.

4.2 *Definition of Term Specific to This Standard:*

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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 03.05.

⁶ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.06.

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

4.2.1 *capable of*—having the properties necessary for conformance to specification requirements when subjected to a referenced test method.

5. Ordering Information

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

5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue (for example, B 592 - XX),

5.1.2 Copper Alloy UNS No. designation (for example, C68800),

5.1.3 Temper (see Section 8),

5.1.4 Dimensions, that is, thickness, width, length, etc. (see Section 13),

5.1.5 Form, that is, plate, sheet, strip, or rolled bar,

5.1.6 How furnished, that is, coils, specific lengths or stock lengths, with or without ends,

5.1.7 Quantity, that is, total weight each form, temper, and size, and

5.1.8 Whether material is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government (see Section 12).

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

5.2.1 Type of edge, that is, slit, sheared, sawed, square corners, round corners, rounded edges, or full rounded edges, and

5.2.2 Width and straightness tolerances (see Section 13).

6. Material and Manufacture

6.1 Material:

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a cast bar, cake, slab, etc., of Copper Alloy UNS C66300 or C68800 of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for process in to the products prescribed herein.

6.1.2 In the event heat identification or traceability is required, the purchaser shall specify the details desired.

NOTE 3—Due to the discontinuous nature of the processing of castings into wrought products, it is not always practical to identify a specific casting analysis with a specific quantity of finished material.

6.2 Manufacturer:

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

6.2.2 The product shall be hot- or cold-worked to the finished size and subsequently annealed, when required, to meet the temper properties specified.

6.2.3 *Edges*—Slit edges shall be furnished unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The material shall conform to the chemical composition requirements specified in Table 1.

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

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 elements in Table 1 are determined, the sum of the results shall equal at least 99.5 %.

8. Temper

8.1 Products fabricated from these alloys are available in the tempers listed in Table 2 as defined in Classification B 601.

8.1.1 *Rolled (H)*—The standard tempers for rolled material are as designated in Table 2 with the prefix “H”. Former designations and the standard designations as defined in Classification B 601 are shown.

8.1.2 *Anneal to Temper (O)*—The standard tempers of annealed-to-temper material are as designated in Table 2 with the prefix “O”. Former designations and the standard designations as defined in Practice B 601 are shown.

9. Grain Size for Annealed Tempers

9.1 Although no grain size has been established, the product must be fully recrystallized as determined by Test Method E 112.

10. Physical Property Requirements

10.1 The electrical resistivity requirement of Copper Alloys UNS C66300 and UNS C68800 are listed in Table 3 for information only.

11. Mechanical Property Requirements

11.1 *Tensile Strength Requirements:*

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, %		Element	Composition, %	
	Copper Alloy UNS No.			Copper Alloy UNS No.	
	C68800			C66300	
Copper, incl silver	remainder		Copper, incl silver	84.5–87.5	
Aluminum	3.0–3.8		Aluminum	...	
Zinc	21.3–24.1		Zinc	remainder	
Zinc + aluminum	25.1–27.1		Zinc + aluminum	...	
Cobalt	0.25–0.55		Cobalt	0.20 max	
Nickel	...		Nickel	...	
Lead	0.05 max		Lead	0.05 max	
Iron	0.20 max		Iron	...	
			Iron + Cobalt	1.4–2.4	
			Tin	1.5–3.0	
			Phos	.35 max	