



Standard Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy (UNS No. C17000 and C17200) Forgings and Extrusions¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper-beryllium alloy forgings and extrusions produced from the following alloy.

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Nominal % Composition Beryllium
C17000	1.7
C17200	1.9

NOTE 1—Requirements for copper-beryllium alloy rod and bar appear in Specification B 196 (Section 2).

1.2 Unless otherwise specified, Copper Alloy UNS No. C17200 shall be the alloy furnished whenever Specification B 570 is specified without any alloy designation.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. SI values given in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- B 194 Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar²
- B 196 Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Rod and Bar²
- B 249 Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Rod, Bar, Shapes, and Forgings²
- B 601 Practice for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast²
- B 846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys²
- E 3 Methods of Preparation of Metallographic Specimens³
- E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials³
- E 18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials³
- E 112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size³

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 See Terminology B 846 for additional definitions.

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01.

3.1.2 *extrusion*—a uniform metal shape, long in relation to its cross-sectional dimensions, produced by forcing a suitably preheated billet or preform through an orifice (die) of the desired cross section. Extrusions generally are furnished in straight lengths.

3.1.3 *forging*—a metal part worked to a predetermined shape by one or more such processes as hammering, upsetting, pressing, rolling, and so forth.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for product under this specification shall include the following information:

- 4.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue (for example, B570 – 96).
- 4.1.2 Quantity: number of pieces or pounds,
- 4.1.3 Copper Alloy UNS No. (Section 1),
- 4.1.4 Temper (Section 7) or condition (Section 11),
- 4.1.5 Drawing showing the shape, dimensions, and tolerances, if required,
- 4.1.6 If an extrusion: the length (or mass) required, straightness as required,
- 4.2 The following are options and should be included in the contract or purchase order, when required:
 - 4.2.1 Tension tests (Section 10),
 - 4.2.2 Special tests such as grain size,
 - 4.2.3 Finish (see Section 14),
 - 4.2.4 Grain size (see Section 8), and
 - 4.2.5 When material is ordered for agencies of the U.S. Government.

5. Material and Manufacture

5.1 Material:

5.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be cast or wrought billet of C17000 or C17200 of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the products prescribed herein.

5.1.2 The product heat number shall appear on the Certification or Test Report.

5.2 Manufacture:

5.2.1 The product shall be manufactured by hot working and heat treating as may be necessary to meet the properties specified herein.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The product composition shall conform to the chemical

requirements shown in Table 1.

6.2 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.

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

7. Temper

7.1 The standard temper designations available under this specification and as prescribed in Practice B 601 are solution heat-treated TB00 (A) and precipitation heat-treated TF00 (AT).

8. Grain Size

8.1 The grain size, if required, shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the manufacturer and shall be determined in accordance with Test Methods E 112.

9. Physical Property Requirements

9.1 Microstructure:

9.1.1 The product in the TF00 (precipitation-hardened (AT)) condition shall have a microstructure with a minimum of second phase (beta) constituents. When present, beta shall be fine and well dispersed.

10. Mechanical Property Requirements

10.1 Hardness:

10.1.1 The product furnished under this specification shall conform to the hardness requirements prescribed in Table 2 for the solution heat-treated condition and Table 3 after precipitation heat treatment, unless tensile properties are required by the purchase order. Rockwell hardness shall be determined in accordance with Test Method E 18.

10.2 Tensile:

10.2.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, the tensile properties of the product furnished shall conform with the properties in Table 2 or Table 3 depending upon temper required.

11. Heat Treatment

11.1 *Solution Heat Treatment—Temper TB00 (A)*—The product shall be heated to a uniform temperature, nominally 1450°F (788°C) and quenched commensurate with the required property and structural integrity of the configuration.

11.2 *Precipitation Heat Treatment—Temper TF00 (AT)*—The product shall be heat treated to a uniform temperature in the range from 600 to 700°F (316 to 370°C) for a minimum of 2 to 3 h and then air-cooled. This is the heat treatment for the acceptance tests shown in Table 3.

11.3 Special combinations of properties may be obtained by special precipitation heat treatments. The requirements for these special heat treatments shall be agreed upon by the manufacturer or supplier and purchaser.

12. Purchases for the U.S. Government

12.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, product purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government shall conform to the special government regulations specified in the Supplemental Requirements section.

13. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

13.1 The dimensions and tolerances for these product forms shall be those shown on the drawing that forms a part of each order, or as agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

14. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

14.1 The product shall be free of defects; however, blemishes that do not interfere with the intended application are acceptable.

14.2 The purchaser shall specify in the order the condition or finish required, such as, hot-worked, hot-worked and cleaned by blasting or pickling, or machined.

15. Test Methods

15.1 Chemical Composition:

15.2 The chemical composition shall, in case of disagreement, be determined in accordance with the applicable method in Annex A1 of Specification B 194.

15.3 Test method(s) for the determination of element(s) required by contractual agreement shall be as agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

16. General Requirements

16.1 The following sections of Specification B 249 form a part of this specification.

- 16.1.1 Terminology,
- 16.1.2 Materials and Manufacture,
- 16.1.3 Sampling,
- 16.1.4 Number of Tests and Retests,
- 16.1.5 Sample Preparation,
- 16.1.6 Test Methods,
- 16.1.7 Significance of Numerical Limits,
- 16.1.8 Inspection,
- 16.1.9 Rejection and Rehearing,
- 16.1.10 Certification,
- 16.1.11 Mill Test Report,
- 16.1.12 Packaging, Marking, Shipping and Preservation.

16.2 An identical section in this Specification supplements the Referenced Section.

17. Keywords

17.1 copper beryllium; extrusions; forgings; UNS C17000; UNS C17200

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, %	
	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17000	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17200
Beryllium	1.60–1.79	1.80–2.00
Additive Elements:		
Nickel + cobalt, min	0.20	0.20
Nickel + cobalt + iron, max	0.6	0.6
Aluminum, max	0.20	0.20
Silicon, max	0.20	0.20
Copper	remainder	remainder