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Standard Specification for Phosphor Bronze Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification establishes copper-tin alloy (phosphor bronze), copper-tin-lead alloy (leaded phosphor bronze), and copper-tin-lead-zinc alloy (bearing bronze), plate, sheet, strip, and rolled bar. The phosphor bronzes commonly are used for deep drawing into bellows and stamping and forming into spring devices and into terminals and connectors for electrical apparatus because they combine high strength with high elongation. The leaded phosphor bronzes are used where strength, corrosion resistance, and machinability are required. The bearing bronze is used in bushings, bearings, and load-bearing thrust washers. The following alloys are covered:

Copper Alloy UNS No. ²	Nominal Composition, %				Previously Used Designation
	Copper	Tin	Zinc	Lead	
C51000	95	5	...	...	A1
C51100	96	4	...	...	A
C51900	94	6	...	...
C52100 ^A	92	8	...	...	C
C52400	90	10	...	...	D
C53400	94	5	...	1	B1
C54400	88	4	4	4	B2

^ASAE Specification CA 521 conforms to the requirements of UNS No. C52100.

NOTE 1—All of the above alloys contain small amounts of phosphorus, used as a deoxidant in melting, and to enhance the mechanical properties.

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

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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.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- B 248 Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar³
- B 248M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar [Metric]³
- 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 8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials [Metric]⁴
- E 54 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Special Brasses and Bronzes⁵
- E 62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Method)⁵
- E 75 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Nickel and Copper Nickel-Zinc Alloys⁵
- E 255 Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for Determination of Chemical Composition⁵
- E 478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys⁶
- E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys⁷

3. Terminology

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

4. Ordering Information

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

4.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue (for example, B 103/B 103M–98);

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.

⁷ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.01.

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

4.1.2 Copper Alloy UNS No. designation (for example, C51000);

4.1.3 Temper (Section 8);

4.1.4 Dimensions: thickness, width, length, and so forth (Section 12);

4.1.5 Form: plate, sheet, strip, or rolled bar;

4.1.6 How furnished: coils, specific length or stock lengths, with or without ends;

4.1.7 Quantity: total weight each form, temper, and size; and,

4.1.8 When material is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government (Section 11).

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

4.2.1 Type of edge: slit, sheared, sawed, square corners, round corners, rounded edges, or full rounded edges;

4.2.2 Width and straightness tolerances (Section 12);

4.2.3 Heat identification or traceability details;

4.2.4 Certification, and

4.2.5 Mill test report.

5. General Requirements

5.1 The following sections of Specification B 248 constitute a part of this specification.

5.1.1 Terminology,

5.1.2 Materials and Manufacturing,

5.1.3 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,

5.1.4 Sampling, Except for Chemical Analysis,

5.1.5 Number of Tests and Retests,

5.1.6 Specimen Preparation,

5.1.7 Test Methods, Except for Chemical Analysis,

5.1.8 Significance of Numerical Limits,

5.1.9 Inspection,

5.1.10 Rejection and Reheating,

5.1.11 Certification,

5.1.12 Test Reports (Mill),

5.1.13 Packaging and Package Marking, and

5.1.14 Supplementary Requirements.

5.2 In addition, when a section with a title identical to that referenced in 5.1, appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements, which supplement those appearing in Specification B 248.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Materials:*

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a cast bar, cake, slab, or Copper Alloy UNS No. C51000, C51100, C51900, C52100, C52400, C53400, or C54400 as specified in the ordering information.

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

NOTE 2—Because of 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 *Manufacture:*

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 purchaser order.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The materials shall conform to the chemical compositional requirements specified in Table 1 for the copper alloy UNS No. designation specified in the order.

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

7.3 Copper, specified as the “remainder,” may be taken as the difference between the sum of all the elements analyzed and 100 %. When all the elements in Table 1 are analyzed, the sum of results for each alloy shall be 99.5 % min.

8. Temper

8.1 *M20 (as Hot-Rolled Material)*—The standard temper of sheet and plate produced by hot rolling and is as designated in Table 2.

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

NOTE 3—The properties of special and nonstandard tempers are subject to agreement between the manufacture and purchaser.

8.3 *O60 (Annealed)*— The standard temper is O60 (soft), as indicated in Table 2.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, %						
	Copper Alloy UNS No.						
	C51000	C51100	C51900	C52100	C52400	C53400 ^A	C54400 ^A
Tin	4.2-5.8	3.5-4.9	5.0-7.0	7.0-9.0	9.0-11.0	3.5-5.8	3.5-4.5
Phosphorus	0.03-0.35	0.03-0.35	0.03-0.35	0.03-0.35	0.03-0.35	0.03-0.35	0.01-0.50
Iron, max	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Lead	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.8-1.2	3.5-4.5
Zinc	0.30 max	0.30 max	0.30 max	0.20 max	0.20 max	0.30 max	1.5-4.5
Copper	remainder	remainder	remainder	remainder	remainder	remainder	remainder

^AWhen specified for bearings, the phosphorus content shall be maintained from 0.01 to 0.15 %.

TABLE 2 Tensile Strength Requirements and Approximate Rockwell Hardness Values

NOTE 1—Plate is generally available in only the as hot-rolled (M20) temper. Required properties for other tempers shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer purchaser at the time of placing the order.

Temper Designation ^A		Thickness, in. [mm]	Tensile Strength, ksi ^B [MPa]		Approximate Rockwell Hardness	
Standard	Former		Min	Max	B Scale	Superficial
Copper Alloy UNS No. C51000						
M20	as hot-rolled	Over 0.188 [4.775]	40 [275]	60 [415]	...	...
O60	soft	Over 0.039 [0.991]	43 [295]	58 [400]	16-64	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	32-59
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			12-60	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	24-53
		0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
H02	half-hard	Over 0.039 [0.991]	58 [400]	73 [505]	64-85	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	59-73
		Over 0.02 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			60-82	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	53-69
		0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
H04	hard	Over 0.039 [0.991]	76 [525]	91 [625]	86-93	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	73-78
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			84-91	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	71-75
		0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
H06	extra-hard	Over 0.039 [0.991]	88 [606]	103 [710]	92-96	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	77-81
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			89-95	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	74-78
		0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
H08	spring	Over 0.039 [0.991]	95 [655]	110 [760]	94-98	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	79-82
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			92-97	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	76-80
		0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
H10	extra-spring	Over 0.039 [0.991]	100 [690]	114 [790]	96-99	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	80-83
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			94-98	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	77-81
		0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C51100, C53400, and C54400						
M20	as hot-rolled	Over 0.188 [4.775]	40 [275]	58 [415]	...	...
O60	soft	Over 0.039 [0.991]	40 [275]	55 [380]	7-50	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	24-50
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			0-45	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	16-46
H02	half-hard	Over 0.039 [0.991]	55 [380]	70 [45]	60-81	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	57-73
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			53-78	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	52-71
H04	hard	Over 0.039 [0.991]	72 [496]	87 [600]	82-90	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	71-77
		Over 0.020 [0.506] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			80-86	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	69-75
H06	extra-hard	Over 0.039 [0.991]	84 [580]	99 [685]	88-94	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	75-80
		Over 0.020 [0.506] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			86-92	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	73-78
H08	spring	Over 0.039 [0.991]	91 [625]	106 [720]	90-98	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	77-81
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			86-94	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	75-79
H10	extra-spring	Over 0.039 [0.991]	96 [680]	108 [750]	92-97	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	78-82
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			89-94	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	76-80