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Standard Specification for Ammoniacal Copper Arsenate and Ammoniacal Copper Zinc Arsenate^{1, 2}

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers ammoniacal copper arsenate solution for use in the preservative treatment of wood.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

D 1326 Test Method for Chemical Analysis of Ammoniacal Copper Zinc Arsenate³

2.2 *AWPA Standard:*

AWPA P5 Standards for Waterborne Preservatives⁴

3. Composition and Properties

3.1 The ingredients of ammoniacal copper arsenate solution (ACA) shall be present in the following proportions:

	Minimum	Nominal
Copper, calculated as CuO, %	47.7	49.8

Arsenic, calculated as As ₂ O ₅ , %	47.6	50.2
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3.2 The ingredients of ammoniacal copper zinc arsenate (ACZA) solution shall be present in the following proportions:

Copper, calculated as CuO, %	45.0	50.0
Arsenic, calculated as As ₂ O ₅ , %	22.5	25.0
Zinc, calculated as ZnO, %	22.5	25.0

3.3 The ingredients listed in 3.1 for ACA shall be dissolved in an aqueous solution of ammonia of a strength such that the ammonia content of the solution will be 1.38 times the copper content when copper is calculated as CuO. To aid in solution, not over 1.7 % of the total active ingredients (CuO + As₂O₅) of glacial acetic acid may be added.

3.4 The ingredients listed in 3.2 for ACZA shall be dissolved in a solution of ammonia to copper oxide ratio of 1.38:1 (wt. basis). It is necessary to add ammonium bicarbonate (NH₄HCO₃) at least equal to 0.92 times the weight of copper oxide.

3.5 The solid preservative or treating solution shall be made up of water soluble compounds selected from the following groups each in excess of 95% purity on an anhydrous basis:

- Bivalent copper (for example, cupric hydroxide)
- Pentavalent arsenic (for example, arsenic acid)
- Zinc oxide (for example, zinc oxide)

4. Chemical Analysis

4.1 The material shall be analyzed in accordance with Methods D 1326.

5. Keywords

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² This specification is identical with the Standards for Ammoniacal Copper Arsenate (ACA) in Section 2 and Ammoniacal Copper Zinc Arsenate (ACZA) in Section 3 of the American Wood-Preservers' Assn. Standards for Waterborne Preservatives (P5-92). Acknowledgment is made to the American Wood-Preservers' Association for its development of the subject matter covered in this specification.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.10.

⁴ Available from American Wood-Preservers' Association, P.O. Box 286, Woodstock, MD 21163-0286.

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