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Standard Specification for Cartridge Brass Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, and Disks¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for sheet, strip, plate, bar, and disks for the manufacture of ammunition of component parts thereof from alloy UNS C26000.

1.2 Values given in inch-pound units are the standard except for grain size which is stated in metric units. SI values given in parenthesis are for information only.

1.3 The following safety caveat pertains only to the test method described in Section 10 of this specification. *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 *ASTM Standards*:²

B154 Test Method for Mercurous Nitrate Test for Copper Alloys

B248 Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B601 Classification for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast

B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

B858 Test Method for Ammonia Vapor Test for Determining Susceptibility to Stress Corrosion Cracking in Copper Alloys

E3 Guide for Preparation of Metallographic Specimens

E8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size

E255 Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for the Determination of Chemical Composition

E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)

2.2 *Federal Standards*:³

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)

Fed. Std. No. 185 Identification Marking of Copper and Copper-Base Alloy Mill Products

2.3 *Military Standards*:³

MIL-STD-105 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage

MIL-C-3993 Packaging of Copper and Copper-Base Alloy Mill Products

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For standard terms related to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology **B846**.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for products should include the following information:

4.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue (for example, B19-XX),

4.1.2 Product form: sheet, strip, plate, bar, or disks (blanks),

4.1.3 Temper (Section 7),

4.1.4 Dimension: thickness, width, length,

4.1.5 How furnished: flat lengths, coils, or blanks,

4.1.6 Quantity: total weight each temper, form, and size, and

4.1.7 When severe drawing or deep cupping is required.

4.2 The following options are available and should be specified in the contract or purchase order when required:

4.2.1 Heat identification or traceability details,

4.2.2 Caliber or diameter of Type IV cups or disks (Section 11),

4.2.3 Mercurous Nitrate Test (Section 10),

4.2.4 Product Marking (Section 22),

4.2.5 On-site inspection (Section 13),

4.2.6 Certification (Section 20), and

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

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

4.2.7 Test Report (Mill) (Section 21).

5. Material and Manufacture

5.1 Material:

5.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a cast bar of copper alloy UNS C26000 of such purity, uniformity, and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the products prescribed herein.

5.2 Manufacturing:

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

5.2.2 The products shall be furnished with slit edges unless otherwise specified.

5.3 In the event heat identification or traceability is required, the purchaser shall specify the details desired in the contract or purchase order.

NOTE 1—Because of the discontinued 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. Chemical Composition

6.1 The product material shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Table 1.

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

6.2 Either copper or zinc may be taken as the difference between the sum of all elements analyzed and 100 %. Copper, when determined by difference, must conform to the requirements of Table 1. When all elements in Table 1 are analyzed, their sum shall be 99.7 % min.

7. Temper

7.1 Product tempers, as defined in Practice B601, shall be as follows:

7.1.1 Rolled Product: B601, H01, H02, H03, H04, H06, H08, and H10.

7.1.2 Annealed Product: OS015, OS025, OS035, OS050, OS070, and OS100.

7.1.3 The purchaser should confer with the manufacturer or supplier for availability of product in a specific temper, form, and size.

8. Mechanical Property Requirements Mechanical Property Requirements

8.1 Materials furnished under this specification shall conform to the tension test requirements specified in this specification.

8.1.1 Rolled-to-temper material shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 2.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Copper	Composition, %		Zinc	Bismuth
	Lead, max	Iron, max		
68.5 to 71.5	0.07	0.05	remainder	0.0059 max

TABLE 2 Tensile Strength Requirements for Rolled Tempers

NOTE 1—Plate is generally available in only the soft O60, quarter-hard H01, and half-hard H02 tempers. Required properties for other tempers shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser at time of placing the order or contract.

Temper Designation		Tensile Strength, ksi ^{A1} (MPa)	
Standard	Former	min	max
H01	quarter hard	49 (340)	59 (405)
H02	half hard	57 (395)	67 (460)
H03	three-quarter hard	64 (440)	74 (510)
H04	hard	71 (490)	81 (560)
H06	extra hard	83 (570)	92 (635)
H08	spring	91 (625)	100 (690)
H10	extra spring	95 (655)	104 (720)

^{A1} 1 ksi = 1000 psi.

8.1.2 Annealed material shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 3.

8.1.3 Material furnished as-hot rolled shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 3.

9. Grain Size Requirements

9.1 Annealed sheet, strip, and bar furnished under this specification shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 4.

9.2 Except for material ordered by the U.S. Government, annealed material to be used for the manufacture of cartridge brass cups and disks shall conform to the requirements of Table 5.

9.3 Annealed plate, bar, and disks ordered by the U.S. Government shall meet the following requirements:

9.3.1 Material up to 0.500 in. (12.70 mm) in thickness inclusive, except material for 20 mm disks, shall be furnished to a grain size of 0.055 to 0.120 mm inclusive.

9.3.2 Material over 0.500 in. (12.70 mm) in thickness, except material for 20-mm disks, shall be furnished to a grain size of 0.070 to 0.150 mm inclusive.

9.3.3 Disks (blanks) of 20 mm and material for blanking 20-mm disks (blanks) shall be furnished to a grain size of 0.070 to 0.130 mm inclusive.

9.4 Material ordered as-hot rolled shall be furnished to a grain size as agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and the producer.

9.5 Material to be used for the manufacture of primer cup and primer anvils shall conform to the grain size requirements of Table 6.

10. Mercurous Nitrate Test

10.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, the product shall meet the requirements of Test Method B154.

10.1.1 Mercury is a recognized health hazard. Proper equipment for the detection and removal of vapors is recommended. The use of suitable gloves while testing is advised.

NOTE 2—Ammonia vapor test, Test Method B858, is a possible alternative to Test Method B154.

11. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

11.1 The dimensions and tolerances covered by this specification, except as covered herein, shall be as specified in the

TABLE 3 Tension Test Requirements of Annealed and As-Hot Rolled Materials

NOTE 1—On annealed material under 0.020 in. (0.51 mm) in thickness, grain size only shall be specified.

Thickness, in. (mm)	Tensile Strength, min ksi ^A (MPa)	Elongation in 2 in. (50 mm), min, %
	annealed temper, OS025, 0.015– 0.035 mm nominal grain size	
0.020 to 0.050 (0.508 to 1.27), incl	45 (310)	40
Over 0.050 to 0.100 (1.27 to 2.54), incl	45 (310)	42
Over 0.100 to 0.150 (2.54 to 3.81), incl	45 (310)	45
Over 0.150 (3.81)	45 (310)	50
	annealed temper, OS070, 0.050– 0.100 mm nominal grain size	
0.020 to 0.050 (0.508 to 1.27), incl	44 (305)	45
Over 0.050 to 0.100 (1.27 to 2.54), incl	44 (305)	47
Over 0.100 to 0.150 (2.54 to 3.81), incl	44 (305)	50
Over 0.150 to 0.250 (3.81 to 6.35), incl	44 (305)	55
Over 0.250 to 0.500 (6.35 to 12.7), incl	43 (295)	55
Over 0.500 (12.7)	40 (275)	60
	as-hot rolled, M20	
0.250 to 0.500 (6.35 to 12.7), incl	43 (295)	55
Over 0.500 (12.7)	40 (275)	60

^A1 ksi = 1000 psi.

TABLE 4 Grain Size Requirements for Annealed Material

Temper	Nominal	Grain Size, mm	
		Min	Max
OS015	0.015	^A	0.025
OS025	0.025	0.015	0.035
OS035	0.035	0.025	0.050
OS050	0.050	0.035	0.070
OS070	0.070	0.050	0.100
OS100	0.100	0.060	0.150

^A No minimum grain size required, but the material shall be fully recrystallized.

TABLE 5 Grain Size Requirements for Material for Manufacture of Cartridge Brass Cups and Disks

Type	Temper	Grain Size, mm		Use
		Min	Max	
I	OS065	0.035	0.090	Strip for 0.30 and 0.45 caliber cups
II	OS110	0.080	0.140	Strips for 0.50 caliber cups
III	OS055	0.055	0.115	Disks 0.500 in. (12.7 mm) and under in thickness
IV	OS115	0.075	0.150	Disks over 0.500 in. (12.7 mm) in thickness

current edition of Specification B248, with particular reference to Section 6 and the dimensional tables of that specification.

11.2 The diameter of the disks measured at the large end shall not vary from that specified in the order by more than the amounts shown in Table 7.

11.3 Disks shall not vary in thickness by more than the amounts shown in Table 8, except that disks for 20-mm cartridge cases shall be not less than the thickness specified and shall not exceed the specified thickness by more than 0.008 in. (0.20 mm) in the area 1 in. (25 mm) in diameter in the center of the disk.

11.4 Material to be used for the manufacture of primer cup and primer anvil shall conform to the dimensional tolerances requirements shown in Table 6.

11.5 Special dimensional tolerances shall be as agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser.

11.6 Straightness shall be determined by placing the piece on a level surface so that the arc or departure from straightness

is horizontal. The maximum depth of arc shall be measured to the nearest 1/32 in. (0.8 mm) by means of a straightedge and a steel scale.

12. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

12.1 Cartridge brass shall be free of defects, and it shall be well cleaned and free of dirt.

12.2 In addition to the above requirement, cartridge brass disks shall be free of oxidation, pinholes, surface splits, dirt inclusions, segregations, or any other defects. They shall be free of oil and grease, acid, dirt, grit of any kind, and shall be clean and bright.

13. Inspection

13.1 The manufacturer, or supplier, shall inspect and make tests necessary to verify the product furnished conforms to specification requirements.

13.2 Source inspection of the product by the purchaser may be agreed upon between the manufacturer, or supplier, and the purchaser as part of the purchase order. In such case, the nature of the facilities needed to satisfy the inspector representing the purchaser that the product is being furnished in accordance with the specification shall be included in the agreement. All tests and the inspection shall be conducted so as not to interfere unnecessarily with the operation of the works.

13.3 The manufacturer, or supplier, and the purchaser may conduct the final inspection simultaneously by mutual agreement.

14. Sampling

14.1 The lot size, portion size, and selection of pieces for materials purchased shall be as follows:

14.1.1 *Lot Size*—20 000 lb (9070 kg) or fraction thereof.

14.1.2 *Portion Size*—Pieces from at least ten individual lengths of the finished product. If the lot consists of less than the number of lengths indicated in the portion size, a piece shall be taken from each individual length.

14.2 For materials purchased by the U.S. Government, sampling shall be accomplished as follows: