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# Standard Specification for Free-Cutting Brass Rod, Bar and Shapes for Use in Screw Machines<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for free-cutting brass rod, bar, wire, and shapes of any specified cross section produced from Copper Alloy UNS No. C36000 suitable for high-speed screw machining applications and moderate thread rolling.

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

1.3 *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:<sup>2</sup>

[B249/B249M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Rod, Bar, Shapes and Forgings](#)

[B250/B250M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper Alloy Wire](#)

[B601 Classification for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast](#)

[E8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials](#)

[E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials \[Metric\]<sup>3</sup>](#)

[E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials](#)

[E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys](#)

## 3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specifications [B249/B249M](#) (rod, bar, and shapes), and [B250/B250M](#) (wrought copper alloy wire) constitute a part of this specification.

3.1.1 Terminology,

3.1.2 Materials and Manufacture,

3.1.3 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,

3.1.4 Sampling,

3.1.5 Number of Tests and Retest,

3.1.6 Specimen Preparation,

3.1.7 Test Methods,

3.1.8 Significance of Numerical Limits,

3.1.9 Inspection,

3.1.10 Rejection and Rehearing,

3.1.11 Certification,

3.1.12 Mill Test Report,

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 those referenced in 3.1 appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements that supplement those appearing in Specifications [B249/B249M](#) and [B250/B250M](#).

## 4. Ordering Information

4.1 Include the following information when placing orders for product under this specification, as applicable:

4.1.1 ASTM specification designation and year of issue (B16/B16M – XX).

4.1.2 Copper Alloy UNS No. designation (C36000, see Section 6 and Table 1).

4.1.3 Temper (see Section 7 and Tables 2-5).

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Withdrawn. The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

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

**TABLE 2 Tensile Requirements, inch-pound**

NOTE—See Table 3 for SI values.

Temper Designation Standard Name		Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces, in.	Tensile Strength, min, ksi	Yield Strength at 0.5 % Extension under Load, min, ksi	Elongation, <sup>4</sup> min, %	
Rod and Wire						
O60	soft anneal	1 and under	48	20	15	
		over 1 to 2, incl. over 2	44 40	18 15	20 25	
H02	half-hard	½ and under	57	25	7 <sup>B</sup>	
		over ½ to 1, incl.	55 <sup>C</sup>	25	10	
		over 1 to 2, incl.	50	20	15	
		over 2 to 4, incl., and over 4	45 40	15 15	20 20	
H04	hard	¼ to ⅜, incl.	80	45		
		over ⅜ to ½, incl.	70	35	4	
		over ½ to ¾, incl.	65	30	6	
Bar						
Standard Name		Thickness, in.	Width, in.			
O60	soft anneal	1 and under	6 and under	44	18	20
		over 1	6 and under	40	15	25
H02	half-hard	½ and under	1 and under	50	25	10
		½ and under	over 1 to 6, incl.	45	17	15
		over ½ to 2, incl.	2 and under	45	17	15
		over ½ to 2, incl.	over 2 to 6, incl.	40	15	20
		over 2	over 2 to 4, incl.	40	15	20

<sup>A</sup> In any case, a minimum gage length of 1 in. shall be used.

<sup>B</sup> For product furnished in coils the elongation shall be 4 % min.

<sup>C</sup> If product is specified for thread rolling applications, the minimum tensile strength shall be 52 ksi.

4.1.4 Product cross section form (for example, round, hexagonal, square, etc.).

4.1.5 Dimensions (see Section 9).

4.1.6 How furnished: straight lengths or coils (see 5.2).

4.1.7 Edge contours (see Section 9).

4.1.8 Quantity; total weight, footage, or number of pieces for each size.

4.1.9 When product is purchased for applications requiring thread rolling (see 1.1, Tables 2-5).

4.1.10 When product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government (see Section 11).

4.2 The following options are available and shall be specified at the time of placing the order when required:

4.2.1 Tensile test for product ½ in. [12 mm] and over (see 8.2.1).

4.2.2 Certification (refer to Specifications B249/B249M or B250/B250M).

4.2.3 Mill Test Report (refer to Specifications B249/B249M or B250/B250M).

## 5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 *Material*—The material of manufacture shall be a cast billet of Copper Alloy UNS No. C36000 of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for hot extrusion into rod, bar, wire, and shaped products.

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

**TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements  
Copper Alloy UNS No. C36000**

Element	Composition, %
Copper	60.0 - 63.0
Lead	2.5 - 3.7
Iron, max	0.35
Zinc	remainder

NOTE 1—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.

5.2 *Manufacture*—Product produced under this specification shall be in straight lengths; however, it shall be furnished in coils when so specified in the contract or purchase order (see 4.1.6).

## 6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The product shall conform to the chemical compositional requirements specified in Table 1 for Copper Alloy UNS No. C36000.

6.2 The UNS designated composition limits do not preclude the possible presence of other unnamed elements; however, analysis shall be made regularly only for the minor elements listed in Table 1, plus either copper or zinc, or plus all major elements except one. The major element that is not analyzed shall be determined by difference between the sum of those elements analyzed and 100 %. By agreement between producer or supplier and purchaser, analysis may be required and limits