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## Standard Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper- Alloy Rod, Bar, Shapes and Forgings<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification<sup>2</sup> establishes the general requirements common to wrought copper and copper alloy rod, bar, shapes, and forgings which shall apply to Specifications B 16/B 16M, B 21/B 21M, B 98/B 98M, B 124/B 124M, B 138/B 138M, B 139/B 139M, B 140/B 140M, B 150/B 150M, B 151/B 151M, B 196/B 196M, B 283, B 301/B 301M, B 371/B 371M, B 411/B 411M, B 441, B 453/B 453M, B 455, B 570, and B 927 to the extent referenced therein.

1.2 The chemical composition, physical and mechanical properties, and all other requirements not included in this specification are prescribed in the product specification.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pounds units or SI units are to be regarded separately in the standard. Within the text the SI values are given in brackets. The values stated in each system of units are not exact equivalents; each system is independent of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

NOTE 1—Requirements for flat wire (defined as flat products up to and including 0.188 in. thick and up to 1¼ in. in width, with all surfaces rolled or drawn, without having been slit, sheared or sawed) including square, furnished in coils or straight lengths, or on spools, reels, or bucks are described by the wire Specifications B 206/B 206M and B 272.

1.4 *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 The following documents in the current issue of the *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

#### 2.2 ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

- B 16/B 16M Specification for Free-Cutting Brass Rod, Bar, and Shapes for Use in Screw Machines
- B 21/B 21M Specification for Naval Brass Rod, Bar, and Shapes
- B 98/B 98M Specification for Copper-Silicon Alloy Rod, Bar, and Shapes
- B 124/B 124M Specification for Copper and Copper-Alloy Forging Rod, Bar, and Shapes
- B 138/B 138M Specification for Manganese Bronze Rod, Bar, and Shapes
- B 139/B 139M Specification for Phosphor Bronze Rod, Bar, and Shapes
- B 140/B 140M Specification for Copper-Zinc-Lead (Red Brass or Hardware Bronze) Rod, Bar, and Shapes
- B 150/B 150M Specification for Aluminum Bronze Rod, Bar, and Shapes
- B 151/B 151M Specification for Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloy (Nickel Silver) and Copper-Nickel Rod and Bar
- B 154 Test Method for Mercurous Nitrate Test for Copper and Copper Alloys
- B 187/B 187M Specification for Copper Bar, Bus Bar, Rod and Shapes
- B 193 Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials
- B 194 Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip and Rolled Bar
- B 196/B 196M Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Rod and Bar
- B 206/B 206M Specification for Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloy (Nickel Silver) Wire and Copper-Nickel Alloy Wire
- B 272 Specification for Copper Flat Products With Finished (Rolled or Drawn) Edges (Flat Wire and Strip)
- B 283 Specification for Copper and Copper-Alloy Die Forgings, Hot-Pressed

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<sup>2</sup> For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specifications SB-249 in Section II of that Code.

<sup>3</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.

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

- B 301/B 301M** Specification for Free-Cutting Copper Rod, Bar, Wire, and Shapes
- B 371/B 371M** Specification for Copper-Zinc-Silicon Alloy Rod
- B 411/B 411M** Specification for Copper-Nickel-Silicon Alloy Rod and Bar
- B 441** Specification for Copper-Cobalt-Beryllium and Copper-Nickel-Beryllium Rod and Bar (UNS Nos. C17500 and C17510)
- B 453/B 453M** Specification for Copper-Zinc-Lead Alloy (Leaded Brass) Rod, Bar, and Shapes
- B 455** Specification for Copper-Zinc-Lead Alloy (Leaded Brass) Extruded Shapes
- B 570** Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy (UNS C17000 and C17200) Forgings and Extrusions
- B 577** Test Methods for Detection of Cuprous Oxide (Hydrogen Embrittlement Susceptibility) in Copper
- B 846** Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys
- B 858** Test Method for Ammonia Vapor Test for Determining Susceptibility to Stress Corrosion Cracking in Copper Alloys
- B 927** Specification for Brass Rod, Bar, and Shapes
- D 4855** Practice for Comparing Test Methods
- E 3** Practice for Preparation of Metallographic Specimens
- E 8** Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials
- E 8M** Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials [Metric]
- E 18** Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials
- E 29** Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications
- E 53** Test Method for Determination of Copper in Unalloyed Copper by Gravimetry
- E 54** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Special Brasses and Bronzes<sup>4</sup>
- E 62** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods)
- E 75** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Nickel and Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloys
- E 76** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel-Copper Alloys<sup>4</sup>
- E 112** Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size
- E 118** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Chromium Alloys
- E 121** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Tellurium Alloys
- E 255** Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for Determination of Chemical Composition
- E 290** Test Method for Bend Testing of Material for Ductility
- E 478** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys
- E 527** Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)
- E 581** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Manganese-Copper Alloys

### 3. Terminology

#### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *bar, n*—a solid rectangular section, or one with two-plane parallel surfaces and round or other simple regularly shaped finished edges, up to and including 12 in. [300 mm] in width and over 0.188 in. [5 mm] in thickness furnished in straight lengths or in rolls and with finished edges, either rolled, drawn, or extruded.

3.1.2 *bus conductor stock, n*—a bar, rod, or shape of high conductivity copper used to make electrical conductors.

3.1.2.1 *bus bar, n*—of solid or square cross section or a solid section with two plane parallel surfaces and round or other simple regular shaped edges.

3.1.2.2 *bus rod, n*—solid round and regular polygons of six and eight sides.

3.1.2.3 *bus shape, n*—a solid section other than regular rod, bar, plate, sheet, strip, or flat wire, and may be of oval, half oval, half round, triangular, pentagonal, or of any special cross section.

3.1.3 *capable of, adj*—possessing the required properties or characteristics, or both, necessary to conform to specification requirement(s) when subjected to specified test(s).

3.1.4 *coil, n*—a length of the product wound into a series of connected turns. The unqualified term as applied to “flat wire” refers to a coil in which the product is spirally wound, with the successive layers one atop the other (sometimes called a “roll”).

3.1.4.1 *coil, level or traverse wound, n*—a coil in which the turns are positioned into layers parallel to the axis of the coil such that successive turns in a given layer are next to one another.

3.1.4.2 *coil, level or traverse wound on a reel or spool, n*—a coil in which the turns are positioned into layers on a reel or spool parallel to the axis of the reel or spool such that successive turns in a given layer are next to one another.

3.1.4.3 *coil, stagger wound, n*—a coil in which the turns are positioned into layers approximately parallel to the axis of the coil, but not necessarily with the fixed regularity of a level or traverse wound coil.

3.1.5 *length, n*—straight pieces of the product.

3.1.5.1 *lengths, ends, n*—straight pieces, shorter than the nominal length, left over after cutting the product into mill lengths, stock lengths, or specific lengths. They are subject to minimum length and maximum weight requirements.

3.1.5.2 *lengths, mill, n*—straight lengths, including ends, that can be conveniently manufactured in the mill. Full length pieces are usually 10 or 12 ft [3000 or 3600 mm].

3.1.5.3 *lengths, multiple, n*—straight lengths of integral multiples of a base length, with suitable allowance for cutting when specified.

3.1.5.4 *lengths, specific, n*—straight lengths that are uniform in length, as specified, and subject to established length tolerances.

3.1.5.5 *lengths, specific with ends, n*—specific lengths, including ends.

<sup>4</sup> Withdrawn.

3.1.5.6 *lengths, stock, n*—straight lengths that are mill cut and stored in advance of orders. They are usually 10 or 12 ft [3000 or 3600 mm] and subject to established length tolerances.

3.1.5.7 *lengths, stock with ends, n*—stock lengths, including ends.

3.1.6 *reel or spool, n*—a cylindrical device that has a rim at each end and an axial hole for a shaft or spindle, and on which the product is wound to facilitate handling and shipping.

3.1.7 *rod, n*—a round, regular hexagonal, or regular octagonal solid section furnished in straight lengths (a regular hexagonal or a regular octagonal rod is a solid section having equal sides and equal angles).

3.1.7.1 *rod, piston finish, n*—a round rod having a special surface produced by turning or grinding to close tolerances for diameter and straightness.

3.1.7.2 *rod, shafting, n*—a round rod specially manufactured to the close straightness tolerances required for use in shafting.

3.1.8 *shape, n*—a solid section other than regular rod, bar, plate, sheet, strip, or flat wire, and may be of oval, half oval, half round, triangular, pentagonal, or of any special cross section furnished in straight lengths.

3.1.9 *unaided eye, adj*—visual inspection without the use of special equipment or enhancement excepting the use of corrective lenses.

3.2 For other terms not referenced herein, see Terminology B 846.

#### 4. Materials and Manufacture

##### 4.1 Materials:

4.1.1 The materials shall conform to the published compositional requirements of the Copper or Copper Alloy UNS No. designation specified in the ordering information.

4.1.2 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 specific casting analysis with a specific quantity of finished material.

##### 4.2 Manufacture:

4.2.1 The product shall be produced by hot working, cold working, or both, and finished by such cold working, annealing or heat treatment and straightening as may be necessary to meet the properties specified.

4.2.2 *Edges*—The edge shall be drawn, extruded, or rolled; refer to Edge Contours in Section 6.

#### 5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The material of manufacture shall conform to the compositional requirements prescribed in the product specification.

5.1.1 When a product (check) sample is analyzed by the purchaser, the material shall conform to the compositional requirements within the permitted analytical variance given in the product specification.

5.2 The composition limits established for the Copper or Copper Alloy UNS No. designation specified in the product specification does not preclude the presence of other elements.

Limits may be established and analysis required for unnamed elements by agreement between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser.

5.3 When material composition has been determined during the course of manufacture, analysis of the finished product by the manufacturer is not required.

#### 6. Dimensions, Mass and Permissible Variations

6.1 *General*—For the purpose of determining conformance with the dimensional requirements, any measured value outside the specified limiting values for any dimension may be cause for rejection.

NOTE 3—Blank spaces in the tolerance tables indicate either that the material generally is not available or that no tolerances are established.

6.2 *Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces*—The diameter of round sections or the distance between parallel surfaces in the case of other sections, except shapes, shall not vary from that specified by more than the amounts specified in Tables 1-12, incl, for the product, specification indicated:

*Table 1*—Tolerances for diameter or distance between parallel surfaces of cold-drawn rod applicable to Specifications B 16/B 16M, B 21/B 21M, B 98/B 98M (Copper Alloy UNS No. C65100), B 124/B 124M (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C11000, C14500, C14700, C46400, C48200, and C48500), B 140/B 140M, B 301/B 301M, B 453/B 453M, and B 927.

*Table 2*—Tolerances for diameter or distance between parallel surfaces of cold-drawn rod applicable to Specifications B 98/B 98M (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C65500 and C66100), B 124/B 124M (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C36500, C37000, C37700, C61900, C62300, C63000, C63200, C64200, C64210, C65500, C67500, C67600, C70620, C71520, and C77400), B 138/B 138M, B 139/B 139M, B 150/B 150M, B 151/B 151M, B 196/B 196M, B 371/B 371M, B 411/B 411M, and B 441.

*Table 3*—Diameter tolerances for piston finish rod applicable to Specifications B 21/B 21M, B 138/B 138M, B 139/B 139M, and B 150/B 150M.

*Table 4*—Tolerances for diameter or distance between parallel surfaces of as-extruded rod and bar applicable to Specifications B 21/B 21M, B 124/B 124M (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C36500, C37000, C37700, C46400, C48200, C48500,

**TABLE 1 Tolerances for Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces of Cold-Drawn Rod**

(Applicable to Specifications B 16/B 16M, B 21/B 21M, B 98/B 98M (Copper Alloy UNS No. C65100), B 124/B 124M (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C11000, C14500, C14700, C46400, C48200, and C48500), B 140/B 140M, B 301/B 301M, B 453/B 453M, and B 927.)

Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces, in. [mm]	Tolerances, Plus and Minus, <sup>A</sup> in. [mm]	
	Round	Hexagonal, Octagonal
Up to 0.150 [3.8], incl	0.0013 [0.035]	0.0025 [0.06]
Over 0.150 to 0.500 [3.8 to 12], incl	0.0015 [0.04]	0.003 [0.08]
Over 0.500 to 1.00 [12 to 25], incl	0.002 [0.05]	0.004 [0.10]
Over 1.00 to 2.00 [25 to 50], incl	0.0025 [0.06]	0.005 [0.13]
Over 2.00 [50]	0.15 <sup>B</sup> [0.15] <sup>B</sup>	0.30 <sup>B</sup> [0.30] <sup>B</sup>

<sup>A</sup> When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

<sup>B</sup> Percent of specified diameter or distance between parallel surfaces expressed to the nearest 0.001 in. [0.01 mm].

**TABLE 2 Tolerances for Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces of Cold-Drawn Rod**

(Applicable to Specifications **B 98/B 98M** (Copper Alloy UNS No. C65500 and C66100), **B 124/B 124M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C36500, C37000, C37700, C61900, C62300, C63000, C63200, C64200, C64210, C65500, C67500, C67600, C70620, C71520, and C77400), **B 138/B 138M**, **B 139/B 139M**, **B 150/B 150M**, **B 151/B 151M**, **B 196/B 196M**, **B 371/B 371M**, **B 411/B 411M**, and **B 441**.)

Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces, in. [mm]	Tolerances, Plus and Minus, <sup>A</sup> in. [mm]	
	Round	Hexagonal, Octagonal
Up to 0.150 [3.8], incl	0.002 [0.050]	...
Over 0.150 to 0.500 [3.8 to 12], incl	0.002 [0.050]	0.004 [0.10]
Over 0.500 to 1.00 [12 to 25], incl	0.003 [0.08]	0.005 [0.13]
Over 1.00 to 2.00 [25 to 50], incl	0.004 [0.10]	0.006 [0.15]
Over 2.00 [50]	0.20 <sup>B</sup> [0.20] <sup>B</sup>	0.40 <sup>B</sup> [0.40] <sup>B</sup>

<sup>A</sup> When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

<sup>B</sup> Percent of specified diameter or distance between parallel surfaces expressed to the nearest 0.001 in. [0.01 mm].

**TABLE 3 Diameter Tolerances for Piston-Finish Rod**

(Applicable to Specifications **B 21/B 21M**, **B 138/B 138M**, **B 139/B 139M**, and **B 150/B 150M**.)

Diameter, in. [mm]	Tolerances, Plus and Minus, <sup>A</sup> in. [mm]
Over 0.500 to 1.00 [12 to 25], incl	0.0013 [0.35]
Over 1.00 to 2.00 [25 to 50], incl	0.0015 [0.04]
Over 2.00 [50]	0.10 <sup>B</sup> [0.10] <sup>B</sup>

<sup>A</sup> When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

<sup>B</sup> Percent of specified diameter expressed to the nearest 0.0005 in. [0.01 mm].

**TABLE 4 Tolerances for Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces of As-Extruded Rod and Bar**

(Applicable to Specifications **B 21/B 21M**, **B 124/B 124M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C36500, C37000, C37700, C46400, C48200, C48500, C61900, C62300, C63000, C63200, C64200, C64210, C67500, C67600, C70620, and C71520), **B 138/B 138M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C67500 and C67600), and **B 150/B 150M**.)

Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces, in. [mm]	Tolerances, Plus and Minus, <sup>A</sup> in. [mm]	
	Rod (Round, Hexagonal, and Octagonal) Bar (Rectangular and Square)	
Up to 1.00 [25], incl	0.010 [0.25]	
Over 1.00 to 2.00 [25 to 50], incl	0.015 [0.38]	
Over 2.00 to 3.00 [50 to 75], incl	0.025 [0.65]	
Over 3.00 to 3.50 [75 to 90], incl	0.035 [0.90]	
Over 3.50 to 4.00 [90 to 100], incl	0.060 [1.5]	

<sup>A</sup> When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

C61900, C62300, C63000, C63200, C64200, C64210, C67500, C67600, C70620, and C71520), **B 138/B 138M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C67500 and C67600), and **B 150/B 150M**.

**Table 5**—Tolerances for diameter or distance between parallel surfaces of as-extruded rod and bar applicable to Specifications **B 98/B 98M**, **B 124/B 124M** (Copper UNS Nos. C11000, C14500, C14700, C65500, and C77400), and **B 138/B 138M** (Copper Alloy UNS No. C67000), **B 196/B 196M**, and **B 441**.

**Table 6**—Diameter tolerances for hot-rolled round rod applicable to Specification **B 98/B 98M**, **B 124/B 124M**, **B 138/B 138M**, **B 150/B 150M**, **B 196/B 196M**, and **B 441**.

**Table 7**—Thickness tolerances for rectangular and square bar applicable to Specifications **B 124/B 124M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C11000, C14500, and C14700) and **B 301/B 301M**.

**TABLE 5 Tolerances for Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces of As-Extruded Rod and Bar**

(Applicable to Specifications **B 98/B 98M**, **B 124/B 124M** (Copper UNS Nos. C11000, C14500, C14700 and Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C65500 and C77400), **B 138/B 138M** (Copper UNS No. C67000), **B 196/B 196M**, and **B 441**.)

Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces, in. [mm]	Tolerances, Plus and Minus, <sup>A</sup> in. [mm]	
	Rod (Round, Hexagonal, and Octagonal) Bar (Rectangular and Square)	
Up to 1.00 [25], incl	0.020 [0.50]	
Over 1.00 to 2.00 [25 to 50], incl	0.030 [0.75]	
Over 2.00 to 3.00 [50 to 75], incl	0.050 [1.3]	
Over 3.00 to 3.50 [75 to 90], incl	0.070 [1.8]	
Over 3.50 to 4.00 [90 to 100], incl	0.120 [3.0]	

<sup>A</sup> When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

**TABLE 6 Diameter Tolerances for Hot-Rolled Round Rod**

(Applicable to Specifications **B 98/B 98M**, **B 124/B 124M**, **B 138/B 138M**, **B 150/B 150M**, **B 196/B 196M**, and **B 441**.)

Diameter, in. [mm]	Tolerances, Plus and Minus, <sup>A</sup> in. [mm]
0.250 [6.35] only	+0.020 [+0.50] -0.010 [-0.25]
Over 0.250 to 0.750 [6.35 to 20], incl	0.015 [0.38]
Over 0.750 to 1.25 [20 to 30], incl	0.020 [0.50]
Over 1.25 to 1.50 [30 to 38], incl	0.030 [0.75]
Over 1.50 to 3.00 [38 to 75], incl	1/16 [1.6]
Over 3.00 [75]	1/8 [3.2]

<sup>A</sup> When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

**Table 8**—Thickness tolerances for rectangular and square bar applicable to Specifications **B 16/B 16M**, **B 21/B 21M**, **B 98/B 98M** (Copper Alloy UNS No. C65100), **B 124/B 124M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C46400, C48200, and C48500), **B 140/B 140M**, **B 453/B 453M**, and **B 927**.

**Table 9**—Thickness tolerances for rectangular and square bar applicable to Specifications **B 98/B 98M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C65500 and C66100), **B 124/B 124M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C36500, C37000, C37700, C61900, C62300, C63000, C63200, C64200, C64210, C65500, C67500, C67600, C70620, C71520, and C77400), **B 138/B 138M**, **B 139/B 139M**, **B 150/B 150M**, **B 151/B 151M**, **B 196/B 196M**, **B 411/B 411M**, and **B 441**.

**Table 10**—Width tolerances for rectangular bar applicable to Specifications **B 16/B 16M**, **B 21/B 21M**, **B 98/B 98M** (Copper Alloy UNS No. C65100), **B 124/B 124M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C11000, C14500, C14700, C46400, C48200, and C48500), **B 140/B 140M**, **B 301/B 301M**, **B 453/B 453M**, and **B 927**.

**Table 11**—Width tolerances for rectangular bar applicable to Specifications **B 98/B 98M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C65500 and C66100), **B 124/B 124M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C36500, C37000, C37700, C61900, C62300, C63000, C63200, C64200, C64210, C65500, C67500, C67600, C70620, C71520, and C77400), **B 138/B 138M**, **B 139/B 139M**, **B 150/B 150M**, **B 151/B 151M**, **B 196/B 196M**, **B 411/B 411M**, and **B 441**.

**Table 12**—Diameter tolerances for hot-forged rod and bar applicable to Specification **B 138/B 138M**.

**6.3 Length**—Rod, bar, and shapes shall be furnished in stock lengths with ends, unless the order specifies stock

**TABLE 7 Thickness Tolerances for Rectangular and Square Bar**  
(Applicable to Specifications **B 124/B 124M**, (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C11000, C14500, and C14700), and **B 301/B 301M**.)

Thickness, in. [mm]	Thickness Tolerances, Plus and Minus, <sup>A</sup> in. [mm] for Widths Given in Inches					
	½ [12] and Under	Over ½ to 1¼ [12 to 30] Incl	Over 1¼ to 2 [30 to 50] Incl	Over 2 to 4 [50 to 100] Incl	Over 4 to 8 [100 to 200] Incl	Over 8 to 12 [200 to 300] Incl
Over 0.188 to 0.500 [4.8 to 12], incl	0.003 [0.08]	0.003 [0.08]	0.0035 [0.09]	0.004 [0.10]	0.0045 [0.11]	0.0055 [0.13]
Over 0.500 to 1.00 [12 to 25], incl	...	0.004 [0.10]	0.004 [0.10]	0.0045 [0.11]	0.005 [0.13]	0.006 [0.15]
Over 1.00 to 2.00 [25 to 50], incl	...	0.0045 [0.11]	0.0045 [0.11]	0.005 [0.13]	0.006 [0.15]	...
Over 2.00 to 4.00 [50 to 100], incl	...	...	...	0.30 <sup>B</sup>	...	...

<sup>A</sup> When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

<sup>B</sup> Percent of specified thickness expressed to the nearest 0.001 in. [0.01 mm].

**TABLE 8 Thickness Tolerances for Rectangular and Square Bar**

(Applicable to Specifications **B 16/B 16M**, **B 21/B 21M**, **B 98/B 98M** (Copper Alloy UNS No. 65100), **B 124/B 124M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C46400, C48200, and C48500), **B 140/B 140M**, **B 453/B 453M**, and **B 927**.)

Thickness, in. [mm]	Thickness Tolerances, Plus and Minus, <sup>A</sup> in. for Widths Given in Inches					
	½ and Under	Over ½ to 1¼ Incl	Over 1¼ to 2 Incl	Over 2 to 4 Incl	Over 4 to 8 Incl	Over 8 to 12 Incl
Over 0.188 to 0.500 [4.8 to 12], incl	0.0035 [0.09]	0.004 [0.10]	0.0045 [0.11]	0.0045 [0.11]	0.006 [0.13]	0.008 [0.20]
Over 0.500 to 1.00 [12 to 25], incl	...	0.0045 [0.11]	0.005 [0.13]	0.005 [0.13]	0.007 [0.18]	0.009 [0.23]
Over 1.00 to 2.00 [25 to 50], incl	...	0.005 [0.13]	0.005 [0.13]	0.006 [0.15]	0.008 [0.20]	...
Over 2.00 to 4.00 [50 to 100], incl	...	...	...	0.30 <sup>B</sup>	...	...

<sup>A</sup> When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

<sup>B</sup> Percent of specified thickness expressed to the nearest 0.001 in. [0.01 mm].

**TABLE 9 Thickness Tolerances for Rectangular and Square Bar**

(Applicable to Specifications **B 98/B 98M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C65500 and C66100), **B 124/B 124M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C36500, C37000, C37700, C61900, C62300, C63000, C63200, C64200, C64210, C65500, C67500, C67600, C70620, C75120, and C77400), **B 138/B 138M**, **B 139/B 139M**, **B 150/B 150M**, **B 151/B 151M**, **B 196/B 196M**, **B 411/B 411M**, and **B 441**.)

Thickness, in. [mm]	Thickness Tolerances, Plus and Minus, <sup>A</sup> in. [mm] for Widths Given in Inches					
	½ [12] and Under	Over ½ to 1¼ [12 to 30] Incl	Over 1¼ to 2 [30 to 50] Incl	Over 2 to 4 [50 to 100] Incl	Over 4 to 8 [100 to 200] Incl	Over 8 to 12 [200 to 300] Incl
Over 0.188 to 0.500 [4.8 to 12], incl	0.005 [0.13]	0.005 [0.13]	0.006 [0.15]	0.007 [0.18]	0.009 [0.23]	0.012 [0.30]
Over 0.500 to 1.00 [12 to 25], incl	...	0.006 [0.15]	0.007 [0.18]	0.008 [0.20]	0.010 [0.25]	0.013 [0.33]
Over 1.00 to 2.00 [25 to 50], incl	...	0.006 [0.15]	0.007 [0.18]	0.009 [0.23]	0.011 [0.28]	...
Over 2.00 to 4.00 [50 to 100], incl	...	...	...	0.50 <sup>B</sup>	...	...

<sup>A</sup> When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

<sup>B</sup> Percent of specified thickness expressed to the nearest 0.001 in. [0.1 mm].

**TABLE 10 Width Tolerances for Rectangular Bar**

(Applicable to Specifications **B 16/B 16M**, **B 21/B 21M**, **B 98/B 98M** (Copper Alloy UNS No. C65100), **B 124/B 124M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C11000, C14500, C14700, C46400, C48200, and C48500), **B 140/B 140M**, **B 301/B 301M**, **B 453/B 453M**, and **B 927**.)

Width, in. [mm]	Tolerances, Plus and Minus, <sup>A</sup> in. [mm]
Over 0.188 to 0.500 [4.8 to 12], incl	0.0035 [0.09]
Over 0.500 to 1.25 [12 to 30], incl	0.005 [0.13]
Over 1.25 to 2.00 [30 to 50], incl	0.008 [0.20]
Over 2.00 to 4.00 [50 to 100], incl	0.012 [0.30] <sup>B</sup>
Over 4.00 to 12.00 [100 to 300], incl	0.30 <sup>B</sup> [0.30]

<sup>A</sup> When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

<sup>B</sup> Percent of specified width expressed to the nearest 0.001 in. [0.01 mm].

**TABLE 11 Width Tolerances for Rectangular Bar**

(Applicable to Specifications **B 98/B 98M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C65500 and C66100), **B 124/B 124M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C36500, C37000, C37700, C61900, C62300, C63000, C63200, C64200, C64210, C65500, C67500, C67600, C70620, C75120, and C77400), **B 138/B 138M**, **B 139/B 139M**, **B 150/B 150M**, **B 151/B 151M**, **B 196/B 196M**, **B 411/B 411M**, and **B 441**.)

Width, in. [mm]	Tolerances, Plus and Minus, <sup>A</sup> in. [mm]
Over 0.188 to 0.500 [4.8 to 12], incl	0.005 [0.13]
Over 0.500 to 1.25 [12 to 30], incl	0.007 [0.18]
Over 1.25 to 2.00 [30 to 50], incl	0.010 [0.25]
Over 2.00 to 4.00 [50 to 100], incl	0.015 [0.38]
Over 4.00 to 12.00 [100 to 300], incl	0.50 <sup>B</sup> [0.50] <sup>B</sup>

<sup>A</sup> When tolerances are specified as all plus or all minus, double the values given.

<sup>B</sup> Percent of specified width expressed to the nearest 0.001 in. [0.01 mm].

lengths, specific lengths, or specific lengths with ends as specified in **Table 13**, **Table 14**, and **Table 15** for the product specification indicated:

**Table 13**—Length tolerances for full-length pieces applicable to Specifications **B 16/B 16M**, **B 21/B 21M**, **B 98/B 98M**, **B 138/B 138M**, **B 139/B 139M**, **B 140/B 140M**, **B 150/B 150M**, **B 151/B 151M**, **B 196/B 196M**, **B 301/B 301M**, **B 371/B 371M**, **B 411/B 411M**, **B 441**, **B 453/B 453M**, and **B 927**.

**Table 14**—Schedule of lengths (specific and stock) with ends applicable to Specifications **B 16/B 16M**, **B 21/B 21M**, **B 138/**

**B 138M** (Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C67500 and C67600), **B 140/B 140M**, **B 301/B 301M**, **B 453/B 453M**, and **B 927**.

**Table 15**—Schedule of lengths (specific and stock) with ends applicable to Specifications **B 98/B 98M**, **B 138/B 138M** (Copper Alloy UNS No. C67000), **B 139/B 139M**, **B 150/B 150M**, **B 151/B 151M**, **B 196/B 196M**, **B 371/B 371M**, **B 411/B 411M**, and **B 441**.

**6.4 Straightness:**

6.4.1 Unless otherwise specified, drawn rod, bar, and shapes, other than shafting rod, piston-finish rod shall be

**TABLE 12 Diameter Tolerances for Hot-Forged Rod and Bar**  
(Applicable to Specification **B 138/B 138M**.)

Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces, in. [mm]	Tolerances, All Plus, in. [mm]	
	As-Forged	Rough-Turned
Over 3.50 [90]	0.125 [3.2]	0.050 [1.3]

**TABLE 13 Length Tolerances for Rod, Bar, and Shapes (Full-Length Pieces Specific and Stock Lengths With or Without Ends)**  
(Applicable to Specifications **B 16/B 16M**, **B 21/B 21M**, **B 98/B 98M**, **B 138/B 138M**, **B 139/B 139M**, **B 140/B 140M**, **B 150/B 150M**, **B 151/B 151M**, **B 196/B 196M**, **B 301/B 301M**, **B 371/B 371M**, **B 411/B 411M**, **B 441**, **B 453/B 453M**, and **B 927**.)

NOTE 1—The length tolerances in this table are all plus; if all minus tolerances are desired, use the same values; if tolerances are desired plus and minus, halve the values given.

Length Classification	Tolerances, All Plus, in. [mm] (Applicable Only to Full-Length Pieces)
Specific lengths	3/8 [10]
Specific lengths with ends	1 [25]
Stock lengths with or without ends	1 <sup>A</sup> [25] <sup>A</sup>

<sup>A</sup> As stock lengths are cut and placed in stock in advance of orders, departure from this tolerance is not practicable.

furnished in straight lengths, of which the deviation from straightness shall not exceed the limitations specified in **Table 16**. To determine compliance with this tolerance, the lengths shall, in case of disagreement, be checked by the following method:

6.4.1.1 Place the lengths on a level table so that the arc or departure from straightness is horizontal. Measure the depth of arc to the nearest 1/32 in. [1.0 mm], using a steel scale and a straightedge. Local departure from straightness should be measured with a 1-ft [300-mm] straightedge and a feeler gage.

6.4.2 Shafting rod, when so specified, shall comply with the tolerances of **Table 17**. To determine compliance with this paragraph, shafting shall, in case of disagreement, be checked by the following method:

6.4.2.1 Place the shaft upon two freely rotating supports, one fourth of the shaft length extending beyond each support. Measure the departure from straightness at each end and at the center by means of a dial gage mounted on a suitable movable block and set successively at the three points to be measured while rotating the shaft slowly and carefully to avoid vibration. The total range of the dial reading at a given point, divided by two, gives the departure from straightness at that point.

### 6.5 Edge Contours:

6.5.1 *Finish*—All rectangular and square bar shall have finished edges.

6.5.2 *Angles*—All regular polygonal sections shall have substantially exact angles. For hexagonal and octagonal rods cold-drawn to size, corner radii shall not exceed 1/16 in. [1.5 mm] for sizes up to 2 in. [50 mm], incl., and 3/32 in. [2.5 mm] for sizes over 2 in. [50 mm].

6.5.2.1 When specified, hexagons and octagons shall be furnished with corners rounded to a radius of 11 % of the distance between parallel faces. The distance from corner to

corner<sup>5</sup> shall be the basis for acceptance or rejection. the appropriate tolerances are listed in **Table 18**.

6.5.3 *Rectangular and Square Bar*—Unless otherwise specified, square corners shall be furnished on rectangular and square bar. When so ordered, the edge contours described in **6.5.4-6.5.7** inclusive shall be furnished.

6.5.4 *Square Corners*—Unless otherwise specified, bar shall be finished with commercially square corners with a maximum permissible radius of 1/32 in. [1.0 mm] for bars over 3/16 to 1 in. [5 to 25 mm], inclusive, in thickness, and 1/16 in. [1.5 mm] for bars over 1 in. [25 mm] in thickness.

6.5.5 *Rounded Corners*—When specified, bar shall be finished with corners rounded as shown in **Fig. 1** to a quarter circle with a radius of 1/16 in. [1.5 mm] for bars over 3/16 to 1 in. [25 mm], inclusive, in thickness, and 1/8 in. [5 mm] for bars over 1 in. [25 mm] in thickness. The tolerance on the radius shall be ±25 %.

6.5.6 *Rounded Edge*—When specified bar shall be finished with edges rounded as shown in **Fig. 2**, the radius of curvature being 1 1/4 times the thickness of the bar for bars over 3/16 in. [5 mm] in thickness. The tolerance on the radius shall be one fourth the thickness of the bar.

6.5.7 *Full Rounded Edge*—When specified, bar shall be finished with substantially uniform round edges, the radius of curvature being approximately one half the thickness of the product, as shown in **Fig. 3**, but in no case to exceed one half the thickness of the product by more than 25 %.

## 7. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

### 7.1 Workmanship:

7.1.1 The product shall be free from defects, but blemishes of a nature that do not interfere with normal operations are acceptable. The product shall be well cleaned and free from dirt.

### 7.2 Finish:

7.2.1 A superficial film of residual light lubricant normally is present and is permissible unless otherwise specified.

### 7.3 Appearance:

7.3.1 The surface finish and appearance shall be the normal quality for product ordered.

7.3.2 When application information is provided with the contract or purchase order, the surface shall be that normally produced for the application.

7.3.3 Superficial films of discoloration, or lubricants, or tarnish inhibitors are permissible unless otherwise specified.

## 8. Sampling

8.1 The lot size, portion size, and selection of sample pieces shall be as follows:

8.1.1 *Lot Size*—An inspection lot shall be 10 000 lbs [5000 kg], or less, of the same mill form, alloy, temper, and nominal dimensions, subject to inspection at one time. Alternatively, a lot shall be the product of one cast bar from a single melt charge, or one continuous casting run whose weight does not

<sup>5</sup> The distance from corner to corner is determined by calculating the distance across parallel faces times 1.121 for hexagons and 1.064 for octagons.