



Designation: B169/B169M – 05

Standard Specification for Aluminum Bronze Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² establishes the requirements for Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C61300 and C61400 aluminum bronze sheet, strip, and rolled bar.

1.2 The products made to this specification are commonly used for drawing, forming, stamping, and bending applications and are not intended for electrical applications.

NOTE 1—The products produced under this general specification may be used in many applications in which the individual requirements may be too specific to be determined by normal physical or mechanical testing. Therefore, it may be advisable for the purchaser to submit samples or drawings to the manufacturer to be assured that the product furnished is suitable for the intended application.

NOTE 2—Refer to Specification B171/B171M for plate product.

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. 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.

2. Referenced Documents

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

2.2 *ASTM Standards*:³

B171/B171M Specification for Copper-Alloy Plate and Sheet for Pressure Vessels, Condensers, and Heat Exchangers

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

B248M Specification for General Requirements for

Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar (Metric)

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

B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

E8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials [Metric]⁴

E54 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Special Brasses and Bronzes⁴

E62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods)⁴

E290 Test Methods for Bend Testing of Material for Ductility

E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specifications **B248** or **B248M** form a part of this specification:

3.1.1 Terminology,

3.1.2 Workmanship, Finish and Appearance,

3.1.3 Sampling,

3.1.4 Significance of Numerical Limits,

3.1.5 Inspection,

3.1.6 Rejection and Rehearing,

3.1.7 Certification,

3.1.8 Mill Test Reports,

3.1.9 Packaging and Package Marking,

3.1.10 Supplementary Requirements.

3.2 In addition, when a section with a title identical to that referenced in 3.1 appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements which supplement those appearing in Specifications **B248** or **B248M**.

4. Terminology

4.1 For definitions of terms related to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology **B846**.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Orders for products under this specification should include the following information:

⁴ 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.



- 5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue (for example, B169/B169M – 05),
 - 5.1.2 Copper Alloy UNS No. (for example, C61300),
 - 5.1.3 Temper (for example, Section 8),
 - 5.1.4 Dimensions, thickness, and width (for example, Section 12),
 - 5.1.5 Length,
 - 5.1.6 How furnished, flat or rolls,
 - 5.1.7 Total weight, each size,
 - 5.1.8 When product is purchased for *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* Application, and
 - 5.1.9 When product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government.
- 5.2 The following options are available and should be specified when required:
- 5.2.1 Type of edge (for example, slit, sheared, sawed, and so forth),
 - 5.2.2 Heat identification or traceability details,
 - 5.2.3 Bend test,
 - 5.2.4 Certification, and
 - 5.2.5 Mill test report.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 Material—The material of manufacture shall be from cast slabs (also termed cakes or ingots) of Copper Alloy UNS Numbers C61300 or C61400 of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the products prescribed herein.

6.2 Manufacture—The products shall be manufactured by such hot-working, cold-working, and annealing processes as to produce a uniform wrought structure in the finished product. The product shall be hot or cold rolled to finish gage and subsequently annealed, if required, to meet the temper properties invoked.

6.2.1 Edges—Slit edges shall be furnished unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The specified copper alloy shall conform to the requirements of Table 1.

7.1.1 These composition limits do not preclude the presence of unnamed elements. Limits may be established and analysis

required for unnamed elements by agreement between the supplier and the purchaser.

7.2 When all elements in Table 1 for the specified alloy are determined, the sum of the results shall be:

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Sum of Results % min.
C61300	99.8
C61400	99.5

8. Temper

8.1 Products in both alloys are available in the following tempers as defined in Classification B601: annealed tempers O25, O60, and hot-rolled temper M20.

NOTE 3—Inquiry should be made to the supplier concerning the availability of the specific temper required.

9. Mechanical Property Requirements

9.1 The product furnished shall conform to the requirements of Table 2 or Table 3 for the specified alloy, temper, and dimensions prescribed.

10. Bending Requirements

10.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, the test specimen shall withstand being bent cold perpendicular to the direction of rolling (rightway bend) through 120° around a mandrel whose radius is equal to the thickness of the product. When the outside surface of the bend is examined with an unaided eye, no sign of fracturing shall be observed.

11. Purchases for U.S. Government Agencies

11.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, product purchased for agencies of the U.S. government shall conform to the special government stipulations in the Supplementary Requirements section of Specifications B248 or B248M.

12. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

12.1 The dimensions and tolerances for material described by this specification shall be as specified in the current edition of Specifications B248 or B248M.

12.1.1 Thickness

12.1.2 Width:

12.1.2.1 Slit Metal and Slit Metal with Rolled Edges

12.1.2.2 Square Sheared Metal

12.1.2.3 Sawed Metal

12.1.3 Length:

12.1.3.1 Length Tolerances for Straight Lengths

12.1.3.2 Schedule for Minimum Lengths and Maximum Weights of Ends for Specific Lengths with Ends, and Stock Lengths with Ends

12.1.3.3 Length Tolerance for Square Sheared Metal

12.1.3.4 Length Tolerances for Sawed Metal

12.1.4 Straightness:

12.1.4.1 Slit Metal or Slit Metal Either Straightened or Edge Rolled

12.1.4.2 Square Sheared Metal

12.1.4.3 Sawed Metal

12.1.5 Edges:

12.1.5.1 Square Edges

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, %	
	Copper Alloy UNS No.	
	C61300 ^A	C61400
Copper (including silver)	remainder	remainder
Lead, max	0.01	0.01
Iron	2.0–3.0	1.5–3.5
Zinc, max	0.10	0.20
Aluminum	6.0–7.5	6.0–8.0
Manganese, max	0.20	1.0
Phosphorus, max	0.015	0.015
Silicon, max	0.10	...
Tin	0.20–0.50	...
Nickel (including cobalt), max	0.15	...

^A When the product is for subsequent welding applications and is so specified by the purchaser, chromium shall be 0.05 % max, cadmium 0.05 % max, zirconium 0.05 % max, and zinc 0.05 % max.