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Standard Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Forgings and Extrusions Alloys (UNS Nos. C17500 and C17510)¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper-beryllium alloy forgings and extrusions. The following alloys are specified:

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Nominal Composition, %		
	Beryllium	Cobalt	Nickel
C17500	0.50	2.6	
C17510	0.40		1.8

1.2 *Units*—The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 The following safety hazard caveat pertains to Sections 10 and 11 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

[B194](#) Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

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

[B441](#) Specification for Copper-Cobalt-Beryllium, Copper-Nickel-Beryllium, and Copper-Nickel-Lead-Beryllium Rod and Bar (UNS Nos. C17500, C17510, and C17465)

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

[B846](#) Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

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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.

[B950](#) Guide for Editorial Procedures and Form of Product Specifications for Copper and Copper Alloys

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

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

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

[E1004](#) Test Method for Determining Electrical Conductivity Using the Electromagnetic (Eddy-Current) Method

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specification [B249/B249M](#) form a part of this specification:

3.1.1 Material and Manufacture,

3.1.2 Sampling,

3.1.3 Number of Tests and Retests,

3.1.4 Specimen Preparation,

3.1.5 Significance of Numerical Limits,

3.1.6 Inspection,

3.1.7 Rejection and Reheating,

3.1.8 Certification,

3.1.9 Test Reports, and

3.1.10 Packaging and Package Marking.

4. Terminology

4.1 For definitions of terms related to copper and copper alloys, see Terminology [B846](#).

4.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard*:

4.2.1 *extrusion, n*—a uniform metal shape, long in relation to its cross-sectional dimensions, produced by forcing a suitably preheated billet or pre-formed shape through an orifice (die) of the desired cross section.

4.2.2 *forging, n*—a metal part worked to a predetermined shape by one or more such processes as hammering, upsetting, pressing, rolling, and so forth.

NOTE 1—Forged and extruded shapes in the context of this specification are generally construed to be large section products; round, oval, half round, geometric custom-ordered cross-sections, and asymmetrical metal shapes. This is to generally differentiate products supplied according to this document as opposed to forged and extruded “Rod and Bar” in Specification [B441](#).

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