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Standard Specification for Copper-Base Alloy Centrifugal Castings¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes requirements for centrifugal castings of copper-base alloys having the nominal compositions shown in [Table 1](#).

1.2 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 issue of the Book of Standards form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 *ASTM Standards*:²

[B208 Practice for Preparing Tension Test Specimens for Copper Alloy Sand, Permanent Mold, Centrifugal, and Continuous Castings](#)

[B824 Specification for General Requirements for Copper Alloy Castings](#)

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

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of terms relating to copper alloys can be found in Terminology [B846](#).

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for centrifugal castings under this specification should include the following information:

- 4.1.1 Specification title, number, and year of issue,
 - 4.1.2 Quantity (length or number) of castings,
 - 4.1.3 Copper Alloy UNS Number ([Table 1](#)) and temper (as-cast, heat-treated, and so forth),
 - 4.1.4 Dimensions or drawing number and condition (as-cast, machined, and so forth),
 - 4.1.5 *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* requirements ([Section 9](#)),
 - 4.1.6 When castings are purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government, the Supplementary Requirements in Specification [B824](#) may be specified.
- 4.2 The following are optional and should be specified in the purchase order when required:
- 4.2.1 Chemical analysis of residual elements ([Section 6.3](#)),
 - 4.2.2 Pressure test or soundness requirements (Specification [B824](#)),
 - 4.2.3 Approval of weld repair ([Section 8](#)),
 - 4.2.4 Certification (Specification [B824](#)),
 - 4.2.5 Foundry test report (Specification [B824](#)),
 - 4.2.6 Witness inspection (Specification [B824](#)),
 - 4.2.7 Product marking (Specification [B824](#)), and
 - 4.2.8 Castings for seawater service ([Section X1.2](#)).

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Castings in Copper Alloy UNS No. C95520 are used in the heat treated condition only.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The centrifugal castings shall conform to the chemical requirement shown in [Table 2](#) for the Copper Alloy UNS Numbers specified in the purchase order.

6.2 These specification limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. Limits may be established and analysis required for unnamed elements agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser. Copper or zinc may be given as remainder and may be taken as the difference between the sum of all elements analyzed and 100 %. When all named elements in [Table 2](#) are analyzed, their sum shall be as specified in [Table 3](#).

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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.

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

TABLE 1 Nominal Compositions

Classification	Copper Alloy UNS No.	Commercial Designation	Copper	Tin	Lead	Zinc	Nickel	Iron	Alum- inum	Mang- anese	Silicon
Leaded red brass	C83600	85-5-5-5	85	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	...
	C83800	83-4-6-7 or commercial red brass	83	4	6	7	...	...	...	...	...
Leaded semi-red brass	C84400	81-3-7-9 or valve composition	81	3	7	9	...	...	...	...	...
	C84800	76-2½-6½-15 or semi-red brass	76	2½	6½	15	...	...	...	...	...
Leaded yellow brass	C85200	high copper yellow brass	72	1	3	24	...	...	...	...	...
	C85400	commercial No. 1 yellow brass	67	1	3	29	...	...	...	...	...
	C85700	leaded naval brass	61	1	1	37	...	...	...	...	...
High-strength yellow brass	C86200	high-strength manganese bronze	63	...	...	27	...	3	4	3	...
	C86300	high-strength manganese bronze	61	...	...	27	...	3	6	3	...
	C86400	leaded manganese bronze	58	1	1	38	...	1	½	½	...
	C86500	No. 1 manganese bronze	58	...	...	39	...	1	1	1	...
	C86700	leaded manganese bronze	58	1	1	34	...	2	2	2	...
Silicon bronze and silicon brass	C87300	silicon bronze	95	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
	C87400	silicon brass	82	...	½	14	...	...	...	...	3½
	C87500	silicon brass	82	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	4
	C87600	silicon bronze	89	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	5
	C90300	88-8-0-4, or modified "G" bronze	88	8	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Tin bronze and leaded tin bronze	C90500	88-10-0-2, or "G" bronze	88	10	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
	C92200	88-6-2-4 or "M" bronze	88	6	2	4	...	...	...	...	...
High-lead tin bronze	C92300	87-8-1-4, or Navy PC	87	8	1	4	...	...	...	...	...
	C93200	83-7-7-3	83	7	7	3	...	...	...	...	...
	C93500	85-5-9-1	85	5	9	1	...	...	...	...	...
	C93600	81-7-12	81	7	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
	C93700	80-10-10	80	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
	C93800	78-7-15	78	7	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
	C94300	71-5-24	71	5	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
	C95200	Grade A	88	...	...	...	...	3	9	...	...
Aluminum bronze	C95300	Grade B	89	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	...
	C95400	Grade C	85	...	...	...	...	4	11	...	...
	C95410		84	...	...	...	2	4	10	...	...
	C95900		82.5	...	...	...	...	4.5	13	...	...
	C95500	Grade D	81	...	...	...	4	4	11	...	...
Nickel aluminum bronze	C95520		78.5	...	...	...	5.5	5.0	11	...	...
	C95800		81.3	...	...	...	4.5	4	9	1.2	...
	C97300	12 % leaded nickel silver	57	2	9	20	12	...	...	...	...
Leaded nickel bronze	C97600	20 % leaded nickel silver	64	4	4	8	20	...	...	...	...
	C97800	25 % leaded nickel silver	66	5	2	2	25	...	...	...	...

6.3 It is recognized that residual elements may be present in cast copper-base alloys. Analysis shall be made for residual elements only when specified in the purchase order.

7. Mechanical Properties

7.1 Mechanical properties shall be determined from test bar castings cast in accordance with Practice B208 and shall meet the requirements shown in Table 4.

8. Weld Repair

8.1 The castings shall not be weld repaired without customer approval.

9. ASME Requirements

9.1 When specified in the purchase order to meet ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code requirements castings in Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C95200 and C95400 shall comply with the following:

9.1.1 Certification requirements of Specification B824.

9.1.2 Foundry test report requirements of Specification B824.

9.1.3 Castings shall be marked with the manufacturer's name, the Copper Alloy UNS No., and the casting quality factor. In addition, heat numbers or serial numbers that are traceable to heat numbers shall be marked on all pressure-containing castings individually weighing 50 lb (22.7 kg) or

more. Pressure-containing castings weighing less than 50 lb (22.7 kg) shall be marked with either the heat number or a serial number that will identify the casting as to the month in which it was poured. Marking shall be in such a position as to not injure the usefulness of the casting.

10. General Requirements

10.1 The following sections of Specification B824 form a part of this specification. In the event of a conflict between this specification and Specification B824, the requirements of this specification shall take precedence.

10.1.1 Terminology,

10.1.2 Other Requirements,

10.1.3 Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations,

10.1.4 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,

10.1.5 Sampling,

10.1.6 Number of Tests and Retests,

10.1.7 Specimen Preparation,

10.1.8 Test Methods,

10.1.9 Significance of Numerical Limits,

10.1.10 Inspection,

10.1.11 Rejection and Reheating,

10.1.12 Certification,

10.1.13 Test Report,

10.1.14 Packaging and Package Marking, and

10.1.15 Supplementary Requirements.

TABLE 2 Chemical Requirements

Composition, % max Except as Indicated

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Major Elements									Residual Elements							
	Copper	Tin	Lead	Zinc	Iron	Nickel incl Cobalt	Aluminum	Manganese	Silicon	Iron	Antimony	Nickel incl Cobalt	Sulfur	Phosphorus	Aluminum	Other	Silicon
C83600	84.0–86.0	4.0–6.0	4.0–6.0	4.0–6.0	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.30	0.25	...	0.08	0.05	0.005	...	0.005
C83800	82.0–83.8	3.3–4.2	5.0–7.0	5.0–8.0	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.30	0.25	...	0.08	0.03	0.005	...	0.005
C84400	78.0–82.0	2.3–3.5	6.0–8.0	7.0–10.0	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.40	0.25	...	0.08	0.02	0.005	...	0.005
C84800	75.0–77.0	2.0–3.0	5.5–7.0	13.0–17.0	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.40	0.25	...	0.08	0.02	0.005	...	0.005
C85200	70.0–74.0	0.7–2.0	1.5–3.8	20.0–27.0	...	...	...	...	...	0.6	0.20	1.0	0.05	0.02	0.005	...	0.05
C85400	65.0–70.0	0.50–1.5	1.5–3.8	24.0–32.0	...	...	...	...	...	0.7	...	1.0	...	...	0.35	...	0.05
C85700	58.0–64.0	0.50–1.5	0.8–1.5	32.0–40.0	...	...	0.8	...	...	0.7	...	1.0	...	...	0.55	...	0.05
C86200	60.0–66.0	0.20	0.20	22.0–28.0	2.0–4.0	...	3.0–4.9	2.5–5.0	...	...	...	1.0	...	...	...	...	...
C86300	60.0–66.0	0.20	0.20	22.0–28.0	2.0–4.0	...	5.0–7.5	2.5–5.0	...	...	...	1.0	...	...	...	...	...
C86400	56.0–62.0	0.50–1.5	0.50–1.5	34.0–42.0	0.40–2.0	...	0.50–1.5	0.10–1.5	...	...	...	1.0	...	...	...	...	...
C86500	55.0–60.0	1.0	0.40	36.0–42.0	0.40–2.0	...	0.50–1.5	0.10–1.5	...	...	...	1.0	...	...	...	...	...
C86700	55.0–60.0	1.5	0.50–1.5	30.0–38.0	1.0–3.0	...	1.0–3.0	0.10–3.5	...	...	...	1.0	...	...	...	...	...
C87300	94.0 min	...	0.09	0.25	...	...	...	0.8–1.5	3.5–5.0	0.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
C87400	79.0 min	...	1.0	12.0–16.0	...	...	...	...	2.5–4.0	...	...	...	...	...	0.8	...	...
C87500	79.0 min	...	0.09	12.0–16.0	...	...	...	...	3.0–5.0	...	...	...	...	...	0.50	...	...
C87600	88.0 min	...	0.09	4.0–7.0	0.20	...	...	0.25	3.5–5.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
C90300	86.0–89.0	7.5–9.0	0.30	3.0–5.0	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.20	0.20	...	0.05	0.05	0.005	...	0.005
C90500	86.0–89.0	9.0–11.0	0.30	1.0–3.0	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.20	0.20	...	0.05	0.05	0.005	...	0.005
C92200	86.0–90.0	5.5–6.5	1.0–2.0	3.0–5.0	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.25	0.25	...	0.05	0.05	0.005	...	0.005
C92300	85.0–89.0	7.5–9.0	0.30–1.0	2.5–5.0	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.25	0.25	...	0.05	0.05	0.005	...	0.005
C93200	81.0–85.0	6.3–7.5	6.0–8.0	1.0–4.0	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.20	0.35	...	0.08	0.15	0.005	...	0.005
C93500	83.0–86.0	4.3–6.0	8.0–10.0	2.0	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.20	0.30	...	0.08	0.05	0.005	...	0.005
C93600	79.0–83.0	6.0–8.0	11.0–13.0	1.0	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.20	0.55	...	0.08	0.15	0.005	...	0.005
C93700	78.0–82.0	9.0–11.0	8.0–11.0	0.8	...	0.50 ^A	...	...	...	0.7	0.50	...	0.08	0.10	0.005	...	0.005
C93800	75.0–79.0	6.3–7.5	13.0–16.0	0.8	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.15	0.8	...	0.08	0.05	0.005	...	0.005
C94300	67.0–72.0	4.5–6.0	23.0–27.0	0.8	...	1.0 ^A	...	...	...	0.15	0.8	...	0.08	0.05	0.005	...	0.005
C95200	86.0 min	...	...	...	2.5–4.0	...	8.5–9.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
C95300	86.0 min	...	...	...	0.8–1.5	...	9.0–11.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
C95400	83.0 min	...	...	...	3.0–5.0	1.5	10.0–11.5	0.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
C95410	83.0 min	...	...	...	3.0–5.0	1.5–2.5	10.0–11.5	0.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
C95500	78.0 min	...	...	...	3.0–5.0	3.0–5.5	10.0–11.5	3.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
C95520	74.5 min	...	...	...	4.0–5.5	4.2–6.0	10.5–11.5	1.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	CR 0.05 CO 0.20 SN 0.25 Pb 0.03 Zn 0.30 Pb 0.03	0.15
C95800	79.0 min	...	...	...	3.5–4.5 ^B	4.0–5.0 ^B	8.5–9.5	0.8–1.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.10
C95900	rem.	...	...	...	3.0–5.0	0.5	12.0–13.5	1.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
C97300	53.0–58.0	1.5–3.0	8.0–11.0	17.0–25.0	1.5	11.0–14.0	...	0.50	...	...	0.35	...	0.08	0.05	0.005	...	0.15
C97600	63.0–67.0	3.5–4.5	3.0–5.0	3.0–9.0	1.5	19.0–21.5	...	1.0	...	...	0.25	...	0.08	0.05	0.005	...	0.15
C97800	64.0–67.0	4.0–5.5	1.0–2.5	1.0–4.0	1.5	24.0–27.0	...	1.0	...	...	0.20	...	0.08	0.05	0.005	...	0.15

^A In determining copper minimum copper may be calculated as copper plus nickel.

^B Iron content shall not exceed nickel content.