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Standard Specification for High Conductivity Tough-Pitch Copper Refinery Shapes¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for high conductivity, tough-pitch, copper wire bars, cakes, slabs, billets, ingots, and ingot bars.

1.2 Copper under this specification corresponds to the designations “ETP” (UNS C11000) and “FRHC” (UNS C11020) as shown in Classification B224. These coppers may also be used to produce coppers corresponding to the following:

Copper UNS No.	Classification B224 Designation
C11300, C11400, C11500, and C11600	STP
C12000	DLP
C12200	DHP
C12300	DHPS
G14500	DPTE
C14520	DPTE

1.3 Although this specification includes certain UNS designations as described in Practice E527, these designations are for cross reference only and are not specification requirements. Therefore, in case of conflict, this ASTM specification shall govern.

1.4 Units—The values stated in inch-pound units are the standard, except for electrical resistivity, which is expressed in SI units. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units, which are provided for information only, and are not considered the standard. —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.

1.4.1 Exception—Electrical resistivity is expressed in SI units.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

B193 [Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials](#)

B224 [Classification of Coppers](#)

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

E29 [Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications](#)

E53 [Test Method for Determination of Copper in Unalloyed Copper by Gravimetry](#)

E255 [Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for the Determination of Chemical Composition](#)

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

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

3. Terminology

~~3.1 For definitions of terms related to this specification, refer to Classification B224 and Terminology~~

3.1 For definitions of terms related to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology B846. For definitions of terms related to standard classification of coppers, refer to Classification B224.

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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.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Include the following information, as applicable:

4.1.1 ASTM Specification Designation and year of issue,

4.1.2 Copper UNS No. Designation,

4.1.3 Quantity, shape, and dimension of each piece, and weight,

4.1.4 Should cakes, slabs, or billets be ordered for electrical use, it must be stated in the contract or purchase order, and

4.1.5 Silver content in silver-bearing shapes when required, in troy oz per short ton.

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The copper in all shapes shall meet the minimum requirement for copper, including silver, of 99.90 %.

5.1.1 These composition limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. Limits for unnamed elements may be established, and analysis required, by agreement between the supplier and the purchaser.

5.2 For the STP (silver-bearing) coppers, the addition of silver up to an average of 30 troy oz per short ton (0.10 %) will be considered within the specification, with no individual silver analysis to exceed 35 troy oz per short ton (0.12 %).

6. Physical Property Requirements

6.1 *Electrical Resistivity:*

6.1.1 The maximum mass resistivity for wire bars, cakes, slabs, and billets for electrical use shall be $0.153\ 28\ \Omega\cdot\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ (conductivity 100.00 % minimum, International Annealed Copper Standard, (IACS)), at 68°F (20°C), annealed.

6.1.2 The maximum mass resistivity for other uses shall be $0.156\ 94\ \Omega\cdot\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ (conductivity 97.66 % minimum IACS), at 68°F (20°C), annealed.

6.1.3 The maximum mass resistivity for ingots and ingot bars shall be $0.156\ 94\ \Omega\cdot\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ (conductivity 97.66 % minimum IACS), at 68°F (20°C), annealed.

7. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

7.1 *Standard Sizes and Shapes of Wire Bars:*

7.1.1 One size of mold shall be used for casting 200- to 230-lb (91- to 104-kg) wire bars, the bottom width of these bars to be 3½ in. (89 mm), the listed weights being 200 and 225 lbs (91 to 102 kg) (Fig. 1).

7.1.2 One size of mold shall be used for casting 240- to 300-lb (109- to 136-kg) wire bars, the bottom width of these bars to be 4 in. (102 mm), the listed weights being 250, 265, 275, and 300 lbs (113, 120, 125, and 136 kg) (Fig. 2).

7.1.3 All bars shall be 54 in. (1.372 m) in length. The side draft or taper shall be ⅜ in. (9.5 mm) in 4 in. (⅜ in. (4.8 mm) in 4 in. on each side of the bar). The radius of the corners at the bottom of the bars shall be ⅝ in. (15.9 mm). The end taper at the bottom shall be 6 in. (152.4 mm) in overall length and approximately 2 in. (50.8 mm)/ft (304.8 mm). The end taper of the side shall be approximately 2¼ in. (57.1 mm)/ft and the end of the bar shall be approximately 3⅜ in. (85.7 mm) in depth at the point.

7.1.4 Wire bars not conforming to the requirements of Fig. 1 or Fig. 2, but otherwise meeting the requirements of this specification, may be supplied by agreement between manufacturer and the purchaser.

7.2 *Permissible Variations in Weight and Dimensions*—A permissible variation of $\pm 5\%$ in weight or $\pm 1/4$ in. (6.3 mm) in any dimension from the manufacturer's published list or the purchaser's specified size shall be considered good delivery; provided, however, that wire bars may vary in length $\pm 1\%$ from the listed or specified length, and cakes may vary $\pm 3\%$ from the listed or specified size in any dimension greater than 8 in. (203.2 mm). The weight of copper in ingots and ingot bars shall not exceed that specified by more than 10 %, but otherwise its variation is not important.

8. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

8.1 Wire bars, cakes, slabs, and billets shall be substantially free of shrink holes, cold sets, pits, sloppy edges, concave tops, and similar defects in set or casting. This requirement shall not apply to ingots or ingot bars, in which physical defects are of no consequence.

8.2 Blemishes of a nature that do not interfere with the intended application are acceptable.

9. Sampling

9.1 For routine sampling, the sampling practice shall be at the discretion of the sampler.

9.2 In case of dispute, a lot shall consist of all pieces the same shape and size bearing a common single identifying number.

9.3 *Chemical Composition*—In case of dispute concerning chemical composition, sampling shall be in accordance with Practice E255.

9.4 *Electrical Resistivity*—In case of dispute concerning the electrical resistivity, each party shall select two pieces from the lot. In the presence of both parties, and by means mutually agreeable, a single sample of adequate size shall be cut from each of the four pieces and fabricated into a wire. See section 11.2 for subsequent specimen preparation.

10. Number of Tests and Retest

10.1 *Number of Tests* Tests: