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Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Tube¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification² establishes the requirements for seamless round, rectangular, and square copper tube suitable for general engineering applications.

1.1.1 Tubes made from any of the following Copper UNS No. designations shall be supplied unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order:

Copper UNS No.	Type of Copper
C10100	Oxygen-free electronic
C10200	Oxygen-free without residual deoxidants
C10300	Oxygen-free, extra low phosphorus
C10800	Oxygen-free, low phosphorus
C12000	Phosphorus deoxidized, low residual phosphorus
C12200	Phosphorus deoxidized, high residual phosphorus

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are the standard except for grain size values which are given in SI units.

1.3 This specification is the companion to SI Specification B 75M; therefore no SI equivalents are presented in this specification.

1.4 The following hazard statement pertains only to the test method described in Sections 20.5.2.1, 21.2.9, and 21.2.10 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:

- B 75M Specification for Seamless Copper Tube [Metric]³
- B 153 Test Method for Expansion (Pin Test) of Copper and Copper-Alloy Pipe and Tubing³
- B 170 Specification for Oxygen-Free Electrolytic Copper—Refinery Shapes³

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications refer to related Specification SB-75 in Section II of that Code.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.01.

B 193 Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials⁴

B 251 Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube³

B 577 Test Methods for Detection of Cuprous Oxide (Hydrogen Embrittlement Susceptibility) in Copper³

B 601 Practice for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast³

E 3 Practice for Preparation of Metallographic Specimens⁵

E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials⁵

E 18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials⁵

E 53 Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper⁶

E 62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods)⁶

E 112 Test Methods for Determining the Average Grain Size⁵

E 243 Practice for Electromagnetic (Eddy-Current) Examination of Copper and Copper-Alloy Tubes⁷

E 255 Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for Determination of Chemical Composition⁶

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)⁸

3. Terminology, Specific

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *capable of*—the test need not be performed by the producer of the material. However, should subsequent testing by the purchaser establish that the material does not meet these requirements, the material shall be subject to rejection.

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

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Include the following information in orders for products.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.03.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01.

⁶ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.05.

⁷ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.03.

⁸ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.01.

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

4.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue (for example, B 75 – 99),

6.1.1 These specification limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. When included in the contract or purchase

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, %						
	Copper UNS No.						
	C10100 ^A	C10200 ^B	C10300	C10800	C12000	C12200	C14200
Copper ^C , min	99.99	99.95	...	...	99.90	99.9	99.40
Copper ^C + phosphorus, min	...	...	99.95	99.95	...	...	...
Phosphorus	...	...	0.001–0.005	0.005–0.012	0.004–0.012	0.015–0.040	0.015–0.040
Arsenic	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.15–0.50

^ARefer to Table 1, Chemical Requirements, Grade 1, of Specification B 170 for impurity limits for Copper UNS No. C10100.

^BRefer to Table 1, Chemical Requirements, Grade 2, of Specification B 170 for impurity limits for Copper UNS No. C10200.

^CCopper (including silver).

- 4.1.2 Copper UNS No. (for example, C10100),
- 4.1.3 Temper (Section 7),
- 4.1.4 Dimensions; diameter or distance between parallel surfaces, and wall thickness (Section 16),
- 4.1.5 How furnished; coils or straight lengths,
- 4.1.6 Number of pieces or footage; each size and type,
- 4.1.7 Total weight,
- 4.1.8 When product is purchased for ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code application, and
- 4.1.9 When product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government.
- 4.2 The following options are available and shall be specified at the time of placing the order, when required:
 - 4.2.1 Electrical mass resistivity test,
 - 4.2.2 Hydrogen embrittlement test,
 - 4.2.3 Hydrostatic test,
 - 4.2.4 Pneumatic test,
 - 4.2.5 Certification, and
 - 4.2.6 Test report.

order, and agreed upon by the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser, limits shall be established and analysis required for unnamed elements.

7. Temper

7.1 The requirements and size availability of tube in the cold-drawn tempers H55, H58, and H80, as defined in Practice B 601, are specified in Table 2.

7.1.1 Rectangular, including square, tube shall normally be supplied only in H58 temper. When requested by the manufacturer or supplier, and upon agreement with the purchaser, tube shall be supplied in H55 or H58 temper.

7.1.1.1 For any combination of diameter and wall thickness not listed under H80 temper, the requirements specified for H58 temper shall apply.

7.2 The requirements and size availability of tube in the annealed tempers O50 and O60, as defined in Practice B 601, are specified in Table 2.

NOTE 1—The purchaser shall confer with the manufacturer or supplier for the availability of product in a specific temper.

NOTE 2—Refer to Appendix X1 for recommended applications based on temper.

5. Material and Manufacture

5.1 *Material*—The material of manufacture shall be billets, bars, or tube of Copper UNS⁹ No. C10100, C10200, C10300, C10800, C12000, or C12200, and shall be of such soundness as to be suitable for processing into the tubular products described.

5.2 *Manufacture*—The tube shall be manufactured by such hot- and cold-working processes as to produce a homogeneous, uniform wrought structure in the finished product. It shall be cold drawn to the finished size and wall thickness. When cold-drawn temper is required, the final drawing operation shall be such as to meet the specified temper. When annealed temper is required, the tube shall be annealed subsequent to the final cold draw.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The material shall conform to the requirements in Table 1 for the specified Copper UNS No. designation.

8. Grain Size Requirements

8.1 Tube in the annealed temper shall conform to the grain size specified in Table 2.

9. Physical Property Requirements

9.1 *Electrical Resistivity*—When specified in the contract or purchase order, tube ordered for electrical conductor application produced from Copper UNS No. C10100, C10200, C10300, or C12000 shall have an electrical mass resistivity, Ω·g/m², not to exceed the following limit for the specified copper and temper when tested in accordance with Test Method B 193:

Temper	Copper UNS No.			
	C10100	C10200	C10300	C12000
O60, O50	0.151 76	0.153 28	0.156 14	0.170 31
H55, H58, H80	0.156 14	0.157 37	0.159 40	0.174 18

NOTE 3—Refer to Appendix X2 for the International Annealed Copper Standard (IACS) electrical conductivity equivalents.

10. Mechanical Property Requirements

10.1 *Tensile and Yield Strength:*

⁹ Refer to Practice E 527 for explanation of unified numbering system (UNS).

TABLE 2 Mechanical Property Requirements of Drawn-Temper and Annealed-Temper Tube

Temper Designation		Outside Diameter, or Major Distance Between Outside Parallel Surfaces, in.	Wall Thickness, in.	Rockwell Hardness		Average Grain Size, mm	Tensile Strength, ksi ^A	Yield Strength, ^B min., ksi ^A
Standard	Former			Scale	Hardness			
H55	light-drawn ^C	all	all	30T ^D	30 to 60		36–47	30
H58	drawn (general purpose)	all	all	30T ^D	30 min		36 min	30
H80	hard-drawn ^C	up to 4	0.020 to 0.250, incl	30T ^D	55 min		45 min	40
O60	soft anneal	all	0.015 to 0.035	15T ^E	60 max	0.040 min	30 min	9 ^F
			0.035 and over	F ^E	50 max	0.040 min	30 min	9 ^F
O50	light anneal	all	0.015 to 0.035	15T ^E	65 max	0.040 max	30 min	9 ^F
			0.035 and over	F ^E	55 max	0.040 max	30 min	9 ^F

^Aksi = 1000 psi.

^BYield strength to be determined at 0.5 % extension under load.

^CLight-drawn and hard-drawn tempers are normally available in round tubes only.

^DRockwell hardness values shall apply only to tubes having a wall thickness of 0.020 in. or over, to round tubes having an inside diameter of 5/16 in. or over, and to rectangular including square tubes having an inside major distance between parallel surfaces of 3/16 in. or over. Rockwell hardness tests shall be made on the inside surface of the tube. When suitable equipment is not available for determining the specified Rockwell hardness, other Rockwell scales and values shall be specified subject to agreement between purchaser and supplier.

^ERockwell hardness values shall apply only to tubes having a wall thickness of 0.015 in. or over, to round tubes having an inside diameter of 5/16 in. or over, and to rectangular including square tubes having an inside major distance between parallel surfaces of 3/16 in. or over. For all other tube no Rockwell values shall apply. Rockwell hardness tests shall be made on the inside surface of the tube. When suitable equipment is not available for determining the specified Rockwell hardness, other Rockwell scales and values shall be specified subject to agreement between purchaser and supplier.

^FLight-straightening operation shall be permitted.

10.1.1 The tube shall conform to the requirements of Table 2 for the specified temper and wall thickness.

10.1.2 For any combination of diameter and wall thickness not listed under H80, the requirements for H58 shall apply.

10.2 Rockwell Hardness:

10.2.1 The tube shall conform to the requirements of Table 2 for the specified temper and wall thickness.

10.2.1.1 The Rockwell Hardness values for tube in the H55, H58, and H80 temper shall apply only to the following:

- (a) Tubes having a wall thickness of 0.020 in. and over,
- (b) Round tubes having an inside diameter of 5/16 in. and over,

(c) Rectangular and square tubes having major distances between parallel surfaces of 3/16 in. and over.

10.2.1.2 The Rockwell Hardness values for tube in the O60 and O50 temper shall apply only to the following:

- (a) Tubes having a wall thickness of 0.015 in. and over;
- (b) Round tubes having an inside diameter of 5/16 in. and over;

(c) Rectangular and square tubes having inside major distances between parallel surfaces of 3/16 in. and over.

10.3 Straightening—It shall not be prohibited to use light straightening for tube in the O60 and O50 temper.

11. Performance Requirements

11.1 *Expansion Test for Round Tube*—When specified in the contract or purchase order, annealed tubes shall be capable of withstanding an expansion of the outside diameter of 40 % for tube 3/4 in. and under and 30 % for tube over 3/4 in. The tube shall show no cracking or rupture visible to the unaided eye.

12. Microscopical Examination

12.1 Tubes furnished in Copper UNS No. C10100, C10200, C10300, and C12000 shall be essentially free of cuprous oxide as determined by Procedure A of Test Methods B 577.

13. Hydrogen Embrittlement

13.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, tubes produced in all designated copper material shall be capable of conforming to the requirements of Procedure B of Test Methods B 577.

14. Purchases for U.S. Government Agencies

14.1 When the contract or purchase order stipulates the purchase is for an agency of the U.S. Government, the tubes furnished shall conform to the conditions specified in the Supplementary Requirements of Specification B 251.

15. Nondestructive Test

15.1 The tubes shall be tested in the drawn tempers or as drawn before the final-annealed temper unless otherwise agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

15.2 Electromagnetic (Eddy-Current) Test:

15.2.1 Each tube up to and including 3/8 in. in outside diameter shall be subjected to test.

15.2.2 When tested in accordance with Practice E 243, tubes which do not actuate the signaling device of the testing unit shall be considered as conforming to the requirements of the test.

15.3 *Hydrostatic Pressure Test*—When specified in the contract or purchase order, each tube shall be capable of withstanding an internal hydrostatic pressure sufficient to