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Standard Specification for Copper Flat Products with Finished (Rolled or Drawn) Edges (Flat Wire and Strip)¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper products, flat wire and strip, with rolled or drawn finished edges produced for general application.

1.1.1 The product is produced in UNS Copper Nos. C10100, C10200, C10300, C10500, C10700, C10800, C11000, C11040, C12200, and C14200 unless otherwise established by agreement between manufacturer and purchaser.

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

NOTE 1—When a copper other than that listed in 1.1.1 is designated by the purchaser, the resulting product shall conform to the physical, mechanical, performance, dimensional, and tolerance requirements per agreement between the manufacturer and purchaser.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

B5B49 Specification for High-Conductivity Tough-Pitch Copper Refinery Shapes [Copper Rod Drawing Stock for Electrical Purposes](#)

B170 Specification for Oxygen-Free Electrolytic Copper—Refinery Shapes

B193 Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials

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

B250/B250M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper Alloy Wire

B379 Specification for Phosphorized Coppers—Refinery Shapes

B577 Test Methods for Detection of Cuprous Oxide (Hydrogen Embrittlement Susceptibility) in Copper

B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

B950 Guide for Editorial Procedures and Form of Product Specifications for Copper and Copper Alloys

E8E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials

E53 Test Method for Determination of Copper in Unalloyed Copper by Gravimetry

E62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods) (Withdrawn 2010)³

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 Specification **B248** constitute a part of this specification for strip products and of Specification **B250/B250M** for flat wire products:

3.1.1 Terminology,

3.1.2 Materials and Manufacture,

3.1.3 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,

3.1.4 Sampling,

3.1.5 Number of Tests and Retests,

3.1.6 Specimen Preparation,

3.1.7 Test Methods,

3.1.8 Significance of Numerical Limits,

3.1.9 Inspection,

3.1.10 Rejection and Reheating,

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

- 3.1.11 Certification,
- 3.1.12 Test Reports,
- 3.1.13 Packaging and Package Marking, and
- 3.1.14 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 that supplement those appearing in Specifications B248 or B250/B250M, or both.

4. Terminology

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

5. Ordering Information

5.1 ~~When~~ Include the following specified choices when placing orders for product ~~t~~under this specification, include the following information: as applicable:

- 5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue,
- 5.1.2 Copper UNS No. designation (Section 1),
- 5.1.3 *Temper*—O61 (annealed), H00 (eight hard), H01 (quarter hard), H02 (half hard), H03 (three-quarter hard), H04 (hard), H06 (extra hard), H08 (spring) (Section 8),
- 5.1.4 *Dimensions*—Width and thickness (Section 13),
- 5.1.5 *Quantity*—Total weight, footage, or number of pieces,
- 5.1.6 *How Furnished*—Lengths, coils, spools, and so forth, (see sections 13.4.1 and 13.4.3 for ~~clarification~~) and clarification),
- 5.1.7 ~~When purchased for agencies of the U.S. government (Section 12)~~ Intended application, and 12),
- 5.1.8 Edge contours required, ~~see (see 13.6)~~ see 13.6).

5.2 The following options are available ~~under this specification and should be included in the contract or purchase~~ but may not be included unless specified at the time of placing of the order when required:

- 5.2.1 Electrical resistivity (Section 9),
- 5.2.2 Hydrogen embrittlement susceptibility test (Section 11),
- 5.2.3 Bend test (Section 11),
- 5.2.4 Certification (Specification B248 or Specification B250/B250M, or both),
- 5.2.5 Mill test reports (Specification B248 or Specification B250/B250M, or both).
- 5.2.6 If product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government (Section 12).
- 5.2.7 Heat identification or traceability details.

6. Material and Manufacture

6.1 ~~Material~~ Materials:

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a copper billet, cake, wire ~~bar, bar~~ or rod ~~produced to Specifications of such purity and soundness as to be B5, suitable B170, or for processing B379~~ into the products to the product specification listed in Section 1.

6.1.2 Copper other than that listed in 1.1.1 is permitted only upon agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser (see Note 1).

6.1.3 When specified in the contract or purchase order, that heat identification or traceability is required, the purchaser shall specify the details desired.

6.2 *Manufacture:*

6.2.1 The product shall be manufactured by such hot-working, cold-working, and annealing processes as to produce a uniform wrought structure in the finished product.

6.3 *Edges*—The edges shall be finished by rolling or drawing per 13.6.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The material shall conform to the chemical ~~compositional~~ composition requirements in Table 1 for the copper UNS No. designation specified in the ordering information.

7.1.1 These ~~compositional~~ composition limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. When required, limits shall be established and analysis required for unnamed elements by agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

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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.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, % Copper UNS No.									
	C10100 ^A	C10200 ^B	C10300	C10500	C10700	C10800	C11000	C11040 ^C	C12200	C14200
Copper (incl silver), min	99.99 ^D	99.95	99.95 ^E	99.95	99.95	99.95 ^E	99.90	99.90	99.9	99.4
Phosphorus	...	...	0.001–0.005	...	...	0.005–0.012	...	...	0.015–0.040	0.015–0.040
Arsenic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	C	...	0.15–0.50
Silver, min	...	...	...	0.034	0.085	...	...	C	...	...
Oxygen, max	0.0005	0.0010	...	0.0010	0.0010	...	...	C	...	...

^A Refer to Table 1, Chemical Requirements, Grade 1 of Specification B170 for impurity limits for Copper UNS No. C10100.
^B Refer to Table 1, Chemical Requirements, Grade 2 of Specification B170 for impurity limits for Copper UNS No. C10200.
^C The following additional maximum limits shall apply: Se, 2 ppm (0.0002 %); Bi, 1.0 ppm (0.00010 %); Te, 2 ppm (0.0002 %); Group Total, Te + Se + Bi, 3 ppm (0.0003 %). Sn, 5 ppm (0.0005 %); Pb, 5 ppm (0.0005 %); Fe, 10 ppm (0.0010 %); Ni, 10 ppm (0.0010 %); S, 15 ppm (0.0015 %); Ag, 25 ppm (0.0025 %); Sb, 4 ppm (0.0004 %); As, 5 ppm (0.0005 %); Oxygen 100–650 ppm (0.010–0.065 %). The total maximum allowable of 65 ppm (0.065 %) does not include oxygen.
^D The copper value is determined by the difference between the impurity total and 100 %. The copper value is exclusive of Ag.
^E Includes P.

8. Temper

- 8.1 The standard tempers for products described in this specification are given in Table 2.
- 8.1.1 Annealed temper O61.
- 8.1.2 Cold-worked tempers H00, H01, H02, H03, H04, H06, and H08.

9. Physical Property Requirement

9.1 Electrical Resistivity Requirement:

9.1.1 When specified in contract or purchase order (see section 5) Copper UNS No. C10100, C10200, C10300, C11000, C11040, C10500, and C10700 shall conform to the electrical mass resistivity requirements in Table 2, when tested in accordance with Test Method B193. When Electrical Resistivity testing is specified for other copper alloys the acceptance requirements shall be established by agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

NOTE 2—The International Annealed Copper Standard electrical conductivity equivalents are as follows:

Electrical Resistivity, -g/m ²	Conductivity, %
0.151 76	101.00
0.153 28	100.00
0.156 14	98.16
0.157 75	97.16
0.159 40	96.16

TABLE 2 Mechanical (All Alloys) and Electrical Requirements (Conductor Alloys Only)

Temper	Thickness, in. (mm)	Rockwell	Tensile		Elongation	Bend	Electrical Resistivity, max,		
		F Scale	ksi (MPa)		Min in 2 in %	Angle, degree	-g/m ² at 20°C (68°F)		
Standard Name			Min	Max			C10100C10300	C10200, C11000, C11040, C10500, C10700	
O61	annealed	up to 0.010 (0.254), incl	...	...	...	20	180	0.151 76	0.153 28
		over 0.010 (0.0254) to 0.035 (0.900), incl	...	...	40 (275)	25	180	0.151 76	0.153 28
		over 0.035 (0.900) to 0.050 (1.25), incl	65 max	...	38 (260)	25	180	0.151 76	0.153 28
		over 0.050 (1.25) to 0.188 (4.80), incl	65 max	...	37 (255)	25	180	0.151 76	0.153 28
H00	1/8-hard	up to 0.035 (0.900), incl	...	32 (220)	40 (275)	18	120	0.156 14	0.157 75
		over 0.035 (0.900) to 0.188 (4.80), incl	54–82	32 (220)	40 (275)	20	120	0.156 14	0.157 75
H01	1/4-hard	up to 0.035 (0.900), incl	...	34 (235)	42 (290)	15	120	0.156 14	0.157 75
		over 0.035 (0.900) to 0.188 (4.80), incl	60–86	34 (235)	42 (290)	15	120	0.156 14	0.157 75
H02	1/2-hard	up to 0.035 (0.900), incl	...	37 (255)	46 (315)	10	120	0.156 14	0.157 75
		over 0.035 (3.20) to 0.188 (4.80), incl	77–91	37 (255)	46 (315)	10	120	0.156 14	0.157 75
H03	3/4-hard	up to 0.035 (0.900), incl	...	41 (280)	50 (345)	6	120	0.156 14	0.157 75
		over 0.035 (3.20) to 0.188 (4.80), incl	82–94	41 (280)	50 (345)	6	120	0.156 14	0.157 75
H04	hard	up to 0.035 (0.900), incl	...	43 (295)	58 (400)	4	120	0.156 14	0.157 75
		over 0.035 (0.900) to 0.125 (3.20), incl	85–97	43 (295)	...	4	120	0.156 14	0.157 75
		over 0.125 (3.20) to 0.188 (4.80), incl	80–95	43 (295)	...	4	120	0.156 14	0.157 75
H06	extra hard	up to 0.035 (0.900), incl	...	47 (325)	56 (385)	...	...	0.156 14	0.157 75
		over 0.035 (3.20) to 0.188 (4.80), incl	88–97	47 (325)	56 (385)	...	...	0.156 14	0.157 75
H08	spring	up to 0.035 (0.900), incl	...	50 (345)	58 (400)	...	...	0.156 14	0.157 75
		over 0.035 (3.20) to 0.188 (4.80), incl	91–98	50 (345)	58 (400)	...	...	0.156 14	0.157 75

10. Mechanical Property Requirements

10.1 Tensile Requirements:

10.1.1 Product 0.035 in. (0.90 mm) and under in thickness shall conform to the tensile strength and elongation requirements prescribed in **Table 2**, when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E8E8/E8M**.

10.1.1.1 Tensile strength test results shall be the basis for acceptance or rejection for mechanical properties for product 0.035 in. (0.90 mm) and under in thickness.

10.1.2 Product over 0.035 in. (0.90 mm) in thickness shall conform to the requirements prescribed in **Table 2** when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E8E8/E8M**.

10.2 Rockwell Hardness:

10.2.1 Product over 0.035 in. (0.90 mm) in thickness shall conform to the hardness requirements prescribed in **Table 2** when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E18**.

10.2.1.1 Rockwell hardness test results shall be the basis for acceptance or rejection for mechanical properties for product over 0.035 in. (0.90 mm) in thickness.

11. Performance Requirements

11.1 Hydrogen Embrittlement Susceptibility:

11.1.1 Samples of finished flat wire and strip of Copper UNS Nos. C10100, C10200, C10300, C10500, C10700, C10800, C12200, and C14200 shall be capable of passing the embrittlement test of Procedure B of Test Methods **B577**. The actual performance of this test is not mandatory under the terms of this specification unless definitely specified in the ordering information (see **5**).

11.1.2 In case of dispute, Test Method C of Test Methods **B577** shall be used.

11.2 Bend Test Requirement:

11.2.1 When specified in contract or purchase order and tested in accordance with Test Method **E290**, the specimen shall withstand being bent cold (room temperature) on a radius equal to the minimum cross sectional dimension to the angle prescribed in **Table 2**. The bend shall be radial to this minimum dimension and after bending, no fracture shall be visible to the unaided eye on the outside bent surface.

12. Purchases for U.S. Government

12.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, product purchased for an agency of the U.S. government shall conform to the special government requirements specified in the Supplementary Requirements section of Specification **B248** or **B250/B250M**, as appropriate.

13. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

13.1 *General*—For the purpose of determining conformance with the dimensional requirements prescribed in this specification, any measured value outside the specified limiting values for any dimension may be cause for rejection.

NOTE 3—Blank spaces in the tolerance tables indicate either that the material is not generally available or that no tolerances have been established.

13.2 *Thickness*—The standard method of specifying thickness shall be in decimal fractions of an inch. The tolerances shall be as shown in **Table 3**.

13.3 *Width*—The standard method of specifying width shall be in decimal fractions of an inch. The tolerances shall be as shown in **Table 4**.

13.4 *Lengths*—Hard temper flat wire and strip, unless otherwise specified, (see **5.1.6**) shall be furnished in straight lengths.

13.4.1 Straight lengths shall be furnished in stock lengths with ends included, in accordance with the schedule shown in **Table 5**, unless the order specifies stock lengths only, specific lengths, or specific lengths with ends.

13.4.2 The length tolerance for full length pieces shall be as shown in **Table 6**.

TABLE 3 Thickness Tolerances

Thickness, in. (mm)	Thickness Tolerances, Plus and Minus, in. (mm), for Widths Given in Inches (Millimetres) ^A				
	Up to 1¼ (31.8), incl	Over 1¼ (31.8) to 2.00 (50.8), incl	Over 2.00 (50.8) to 4.00 (102), incl	Over 4.00 (102) to 8.00 (203), incl	Over 8.00 (203) to 12.00 (305), incl
0.013 (0.330), incl	0.001 (0.025)	...	...	...	...
Over 0.013 (0.330) to 0.050 (1.27), incl	0.0013 (0.033)	0.0015 (0.038)	...	...	...
Over 0.050 (1.27) to 0.090 (2.29), incl	0.0015 (0.038)	0.002 (0.051)	0.0025 (0.064)	...	...
Over 0.090 (2.29) to 0.130 (3.30), incl	0.002 (0.051)	0.0025 (0.064)	0.003 (0.076)	0.0035 (0.089)	...
Over 0.130 (3.30) to 0.188 (4.78), incl	0.003 (0.076)	0.003 (0.076)	0.0035 (0.089)	0.004 (0.10)	0.005 (0.13)

^A If tolerances all plus or all minus are desired, double the values given.