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Standard Specification for Free-Cutting Copper Rod, Bar, Wire, and Shapes¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the Department of Defense.

1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for free-cutting copper rod, bar, wire, and shapes of UNS Alloy Nos. C14500, C14510, C14520, C14700, and C18700, suitable for high-speed screw machine work or for general applications.

1.2 Typically, product made to this specification is furnished as straight lengths. Sizes ½ in. [12 mm] and under may be furnished in coils when requested.

1.3 *Units*—The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, SI units are shown in brackets. 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 *ASTM Standards:*²

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

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

[B250/B250M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper Alloy Wire](#)

[E8B950 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials](#)[Guide for Editorial Procedures and Form of Product Specifications for Copper and Copper Alloys](#)

[E8ME8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials—\[Metric\]](#) (Withdrawn 2008)

[E121 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Tellurium Alloys](#) (Withdrawn 2010)³

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

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specifications [B249/B249M](#) or [B250/B250M](#) constitute a part of this specification:—specification:

3.1.1 Terminology,

3.1.2 Materials and Manufacture,

3.1.3 Dimensions and Permissible Variations,

3.1.4 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,

3.1.5 Sampling,

3.1.6 Number of Tests and Retests,

3.1.7 Specimen Preparation,

3.1.8 Test Methods,

3.1.9 Inspection,

3.1.10 Significance of Numerical Limits,

3.1.11 Rejection and Rehearing,

3.1.12 Certification,

3.1.13 Test Reports,

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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.

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



- 3.1.14 Packaging and Package Marking, and
- 3.1.15 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 which supplement those appearing in Specifications B249/B249M or B250/B250M.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Include the following information in orders for products: specified choices when placing orders for products under this specification, as applicable:

- 4.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue,
- 4.1.2 Copper UNS No. designation,
- 4.1.3 Product (rod, bar, wire, or shape),
- 4.1.4 Cross section (round, hexagonal, square, and so forth),
- 4.1.5 Temper (Section 6),
- 4.1.6 Dimensions, diameter or distance between parallel surfaces; width and thickness,
- 4.1.7 How furnished: straight lengths, coils, or reels,
- 4.1.8 Length (Section 9.3),
- 4.1.9 Total length, or number of pieces of each size,
- 4.1.10 Total weight of each size, and
- 4.1.11 ~~When product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government (Specifications~~ Intended application ~~B249/B249M or B250/B250M):~~

4.2 The following options are available ~~and should be~~ but may not be included unless specified at the time of placing of the order when required:

- 4.2.1 Certification (Specifications B249/B249M or B250/B250M),
- 4.2.2 Mill Test Reports (Specifications B249/B249M or B250/B250M),
- 4.2.3 Yield strength tests (Section 8),
- 4.2.4 Resistivity tests (Section 7), ~~and~~
- 4.2.5 Automatic screw machine use (9.4), ~~and~~
- 4.2.6 When product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government (Specifications B249/B249M or B250/B250M).

5. Chemical Composition

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

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

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, %				
	Copper or Copper Alloy UNS No.				
	C14500 ^A	C14510	C14520	C14700 ^A	C18700
Tellurium	0.40–0.7	0.30–0.7	0.40–0.7
Sulfur	0.20–0.50	...
Lead	...	0.05 max	0.8–1.5
Phosphorus	0.004–0.012	0.010–0.030	0.004–0.020	0.002–0.005	...
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^A Includes oxygen-free or deoxidized grades with deoxidizers (such as phosphorus, boron, lithium, or other) in an amount agreed upon.

^B Includes tellurium and phosphorus.

^C Includes sulfur and phosphorus.

^D Includes lead.