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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](#)

[E10 Test Method for Brinell Hardness of Metallic Materials](#)

2.3 *ASME Code*:³

[Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code](#)

3. Terminology

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

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee B05 on Copper and Copper Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee B05.05 on Castings and Ingots for Remelting.

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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 Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

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](#).

*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 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Yellow brass | C85470 ^A | | 62.5 | 2.5 | ... | 34.3 | ... | ... | 0.5 | ... | ... |
| Leaded yellow brass | 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 | ... |
| | C87300 | silicon bronze | 95 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 4 |
| Silicon bronze and silicon brass | 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 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | C92300 | 87-8-1-4, or Navy PC | 87 | 8 | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | C93200 | 83-7-7-3 | 83 | 7 | 7 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| High-lead tin bronze | 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 | ... | ... |
| | C95300 | Grade B | 89 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 10 | ... | ... |
| | C95400 | Grade C | 85 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 11 | ... | ... |
| Aluminum bronze | C95410 | | 84 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 4 | 10 | ... | ... |
| | C95900 | | 82.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4.5 | 13 | ... | ... |
| | C95500 | Grade D | 81 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 4 | 11 | ... | ... |
| | C95520 | | 78.5 | ... | ... | ... | 5.5 | 5.0 | 11 | ... | ... |
| | C95800 | | 81.3 | ... | ... | ... | 4.5 | 4 | 9 | 1.2 | ... |
| Leaded nickel bronze | C97300 | 12 % leaded nickel silver | 57 | 2 | 9 | 20 | 12 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | C97600 | 20 % leaded nickel silver | 64 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 20 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | C97800 | 25 % leaded nickel silver | 66 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 25 | ... | ... | ... | ... |

^A Phosphorus 0.13

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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.

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.

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

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,



TABLE 2 Chemical Requirements

| Copper Alloy UNS No. | Copper | Tin | Lead | Zinc | Iron | Nickel incl Cobalt | Aluminum | Manganese | Antimony | Sulfur | Phosphorus | Other | Silicon |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|
| C83600 | 84.0-86.0 | 4.0-6.0 | 4.0-6.0 | 4.0-6.0 | 0.30 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.25 | 0.08 | 0.05 ^B | ... | 0.005 |
| C83800 | 82.0-83.8 | 3.3-4.2 | 5.0-7.0 | 5.0-8.0 | 0.30 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.25 | 0.08 | 0.03 ^B | ... | 0.005 |
| C84400 | 78.0-82.0 | 2.3-3.5 | 6.0-8.0 | 7.0-10.0 | 0.40 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.25 | 0.08 | 0.02 ^B | ... | 0.005 |
| C84800 | 75.0-77.0 | 2.0-3.0 | 5.5-7.0 | 13.0-17.0 | 0.40 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.25 | 0.08 | 0.02 ^B | ... | 0.005 |
| C85200 | 70.0-74.0 | 0.7-2.0 | 1.5-3.8 | 20.0-27.0 | 0.6 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.20 | 0.05 | 0.02 | ... | 0.05 |
| C85400 | 65.0-70.0 | 0.50-1.5 | 1.5-3.8 | 24.0-32.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 ^A | 0.35 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.05 |
| C85470 | 60.0-65.0 | 1.0-4.0 | 0.09 | Rem | 0.20 | ... | 0.10-1.0 | ... | ... | ... | 0.02-0.25 | ... | ... |
| C85700 | 58.0-64.0 | 0.50-1.5 | 0.8-1.5 | 32.0-40.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 ^A | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.05 |
| C86200 | 60.0-66.0 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 22.0-28.0 | 2.0-4.0 | 1.0 ^A | 3.0-4.9 | 2.5-5.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| C86300 | 60.0-66.0 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 22.0-28.0 | 2.0-4.0 | 1.0 ^A | 5.0-7.5 | 2.5-6.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| C86400 | 56.0-62.0 | 0.50-1.5 | 0.50-1.5 | 34.0-42.0 | 0.40-2.0 | 1.0 ^A | 0.50-1.5 | 0.10-1.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| C86500 | 55.0-60.0 | 1.0 | 0.40 | 36.0-42.0 | 0.40-2.0 | 1.0 ^A | 0.50-1.5 | 0.10-1.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| C86700 | 55.0-60.0 | 1.5 | 0.50-1.5 | 30.0-38.0 | 1.0-3.0 | 1.0 ^A | 1.0-3.0 | 0.10-3.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| C87300 | 94.0 min | ... | 0.09 | 0.25 | 0.20 | ... | ... | 0.8-1.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3.5-4.5 |
| C87400 | 79.0 min | ... | 1.0 | 12.0-16.0 | ... | ... | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.5-4.0 |
| C87500 | 79.0 min | ... | 0.09 | 12.0-16.0 | ... | ... | 0.50 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3.0-5.0 |
| 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 | 0.20 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.20 | 0.05 | 0.05 | ... | 0.005 |
| C90500 | 86.0-89.0 | 9.0-11.0 | 0.30 | 1.0-3.0 | 0.20 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.20 | 0.05 | 0.05 | ... | 0.005 |
| C92200 | 86.0-90.0 | 5.5-6.5 | 1.0-2.0 | 3.0-5.0 | 0.25 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.25 | 0.05 | 0.05 | ... | 0.005 |
| C92300 | 85.0-89.0 | 7.5-9.0 | 0.30-1.0 | 2.5-5.0 | 0.25 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.25 | 0.05 | 0.05 | ... | 0.005 |
| C93200 | 81.0-85.0 | 6.3-7.5 | 6.0-8.0 | 1.0-4.0 | 0.20 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.35 | 0.08 | 0.15 | ... | 0.005 |
| C93500 | 83.0-86.0 | 4.3-6.0 | 8.0-10.0 | 2.0 | 0.20 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.30 | 0.08 | 0.05 | ... | 0.005 |
| C93600 | 79.0-83.0 | 6.0-8.0 | 11.0-13.0 | 1.0 | 0.20 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.55 | 0.08 | 0.15 | ... | 0.005 |
| C93700 | 78.0-82.0 | 9.0-11.0 | 8.0-11.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 ^C | 0.50 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.50 | 0.08 | 0.10 | ... | 0.005 |
| C93800 | 75.0-79.0 | 6.3-7.5 | 13.0-16.0 | 0.8 | 0.15 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.8 | 0.08 | 0.05 | ... | 0.005 |
| C94300 | 67.0-72.0 | 4.5-6.0 | 23.0-27.0 | 0.8 | 0.15 | 1.0 ^A | 0.005 | ... | 0.8 | 0.08 | 0.05 | ... | 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 | 0.25 | 0.03 | 0.30 | 4.0-5.5 | 4.2-6.0 | 10.5-11.5 | 1.5 | ... | ... | ... | Cr 0.05 Co 0.20 | 0.15 |
| C95800 | 79.0 min | ... | 0.03 | ... | 3.5-4.5 ^D | 4.0-5.0 ^D | 8.5-9.5 | 0.8-1.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.10 |
| C95900 | rem. | ... | ... | ... | 3.0-5.0 | 0.50 | 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 | 0.005 | 0.50 | 0.35 | 0.08 | 0.05 | ... | 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 | 0.005 | 1.0 | 0.25 | 0.08 | 0.05 | ... | 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 | 0.005 | 1.0 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 0.05 | ... | 0.15 |

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

^B For Continuous Castings, P shall be 1.5 % max.

^C Iron shall be 0.35 % max. when used for Steel-backed.

^D Iron content shall not exceed nickel content.