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Standard Specification for Steam or Valve Bronze Castings¹

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1. Scope-~~Scope~~*

1.1 This specification² establishes requirements for a high-grade steam-metal or valve-bronze alloy (Copper Alloy UNS No. C92200³) used for component castings of valves, flanges, and fittings.

1.2 The castings covered are used in products that may be manufactured in advance and supplied from stock by the manufacturer or other dealer.

1.3 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.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:⁴

[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](#)

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

2.2 MSS Standards:⁵

[SP-25 Standard Marking System for Valves, Fittings, Flanges and Unions](#)

3. General Requirements

3.1 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.

3.1.1 Terminology (Section 3),

3.1.2 Other Requirements (Section 7),

3.1.3 Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations (Section 8),

3.1.4 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance (Section 9),

3.1.5 Sampling (Section 10),

3.1.6 Number of Tests and Retests (Section 11),

3.1.7 Specimen Preparation (Section 12),

3.1.8 Test Methods (Section 13),

3.1.9 Significance of Numerical Limits (Section 14),

3.1.10 Inspection (Section 15),

3.1.11 Rejection and Rehearing (Section 16),

¹ This practice 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 *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* applications see related Specification SB-61 of that Code.

³ The UNS system for copper and copper alloys (see Practice [E527](#)) is a simple expansion of the former standard designation system accomplished by the addition of a prefix “C” and a suffix “00”. The suffix can be used to accommodate composition variations of the base alloy.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Available from Manufacturers Standardization Society (MSS) of the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS)—Industry, 127 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180-4602, [http://www.mss-hq.com](#); [http://www.msshq.org](#).

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

- 3.1.12 Certification (Section 17),
- 3.1.13 Test Report (Section 18),
- 3.1.14 Product Marking (Section 19), and
- 3.1.15 Packaging and Package Marking (Section 20).

4. Terminology

4.1 For definitions of terms relating to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology **B846**.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Include the following information when placing orders for castings under this specification:

- 5.1.1 Quantity of castings required,
- 5.1.2 Copper Alloy UNS No. (**Table 1**),
- 5.1.3 Specification title, number, and year of issue,
- 5.1.4 Pattern or drawing number and condition (as-cast, machined),
- ~~5.1.5 Chemical analysis of residual elements if specified in the purchase order (Specification **B824**);~~
- 5.1.5 Pressure test requirements, if specified in the purchase order (Specification **B824**),
- 5.1.6 Soundness requirements, if specified in the purchase order (Specification **B824**),
- 5.1.7 Certification, if specified in the purchase order (Specification **B824**),
- 5.1.8 Foundry test report, if specified in the purchase order (Specification **B824**),
- 5.1.9 Witness inspection, if specified in the purchase order (Specification **B824**),
- 5.1.10 ASME boiler and pressure vessel application (Section **10**), and
- 5.1.11 Product marking, if specified in the purchase order (Specification **B824** and Section **11**).

5.2 When material is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government, specify the Supplementary Requirements in Specification **B824**.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The alloy shall conform to the chemical requirements specified in **Table 1**.

6.2 These specification limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. Limits may be established for unnamed elements by agreement between manufacturer or supplier and 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 1** are analyzed, their sum shall be as follows:

Copper plus named elements, 99.3 % minimum. (1)

~~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 (Specification **B824**).~~

7. Mechanical Property Requirements

7.1 Mechanical properties shall be determined from separately cast test bars and shall meet the requirements shown in **Table 2**.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements, Copper Alloy UNS No. C92200

Major Elements	Composition, % max (Except as indicated)
Copper	86.0–90.0
Tin	5.5–6.5
Lead	1.0–2.0
Zinc	3.0–5.0
Nickel incl Cobalt	1.0 ^A
Nickel including Cobalt	1.0 ^A
	Composition, % max (Except as indicated)
Residual Elements	
Iron	0.25
Antimony	0.25
Sulfur	0.05
Phosphorus ^B	0.05
Aluminum	0.005
Silicon	0.005

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

^B For continuous castings, phosphorus shall be 1.5 % max.