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Standard Specification for Phosphor Bronze Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper-tin alloy (phosphor bronze), copper-tin-lead alloy (leaded phosphor bronze), and copper-tin-lead-zinc alloy (bearing bronze), plate, sheet, strip, and rolled bar. The phosphor bronzes commonly are used for deep drawing into bellows and stamping and forming into spring devices and into terminals and connectors for electrical apparatus because they combine high strength with high elongation. The leaded phosphor bronzes are used where strength, corrosion resistance, and machinability are required. The bearing bronze is used in bushings, bearings, and load-bearing thrust washers. The following alloys are covered:

Copper Alloy UNS No. ²	Nominal Composition, %				Previously Used Designation
	Copper	Tin	Zinc	Lead	
C51000	95	5	...	...	A1
C51100	96	4	...	...	A
C51180	96	4	...	...	...
C51900	94	6	...	...	...
C52100 ^A	92	8	...	...	C
C52180	92	8	...	...	...
C52400	90	10	...	...	D
C53400	94	5	...	1	B1
C54400	88	4	3	4	B2

^A SAE Specification CA 521 conforms to the requirements of UNS No. C52100.

NOTE 1—All of the above alloys contain small amounts of phosphorus, used as a deoxidant in melting, and to enhance the mechanical properties.

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI 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.

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² 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.

1.3 The following safety hazard caveat pertains only to the test method(s) described in this specification.

1.3.1 *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:*³

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

B248M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar (Metric)

B601 Classification for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast

B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods) (Withdrawn 2010)⁴

E75 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Nickel and Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloys (Withdrawn 2010)⁴

E255 Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for the Determination of Chemical Composition

E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specifications **B248** and **B248M** constitute a part of this specification.

3.1.1 Terminology,

3.1.2 Materials and Manufacturing,

³ 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.

⁴ 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**



- 3.1.3 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,
- 3.1.4 Sampling, Except for Chemical Analysis,
- 3.1.5 Number of Tests and Retests,
- 3.1.6 Specimen Preparation,
- 3.1.7 Test Methods, Except for Chemical Analysis,
- 3.1.8 Significance of Numerical Limits,
- 3.1.9 Inspection,
- 3.1.10 Rejection and Rehearing,
- 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 5.1 appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements, which supplement those appearing in Specifications B248 and B248M

4. Terminology

4.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology B846.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Include the following specified choices when placing orders for product under this specification, as applicable:

- 5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue (for example, B103/B103M – 04);
- 5.1.2 Copper [Alloy] UNS No. designation (for example, C51000);
- 5.1.3 Temper;
- 5.1.4 Dimensions: thickness, width, length, and so forth;
- 5.1.5 Form: plate, sheet, strip, or rolled bar;
- 5.1.6 How furnished: coils, specific length or stock lengths, with or without ends;
- 5.1.7 Quantity: total weight each form, temper, and size; and,
- 5.1.8 When material is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government.

5.2 The following options are available but may not be included unless specified at the time of placing of the order when required;

- 5.2.1 Type of edge: slit, sheared, sawed, square corners, round corners, rounded edges, or full rounded edges;
- 5.2.2 Width and straightness tolerances;
- 5.2.3 Heat identification or traceability details;
- 5.2.4 Certification, and
- 5.2.5 Mill Test Report.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Materials:*

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a cast bar, cake, slab, of Copper Alloy UNS No. C51000, C51100, C51180, C51900, C52100, C52180, C52400, C53400, or C54400 of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the products prescribed herein.

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

NOTE 2—Due to the discontinuous nature of the processing of castings into wrought products, it is not always practical to identify a specific casting analysis with a specific quantity of finished material.

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.

6.2.2 The product shall be hot or cold worked to the finished size and subsequently annealed, when required, to meet the temper properties specified.

6.2.3 *Edges*—Slit edges shall be furnished unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order.

7. Chemical Composition

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

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

7.3 Copper, specified as the “remainder,” may be taken as the difference between the sum of results of all the elements determined and 100 %. When all the elements in Table 1 are determined, the sum of results for each alloy shall be 99.5 % min.

8. Temper

8.1 The standard tempers for products described in this specification are given in Table 2.

8.1.1 *M20 (as Hot-Rolled Material)*—The standard temper of sheet and plate produced by hot rolling as designated in Table 2.

8.1.2 *H (Rolled Material)*—The standard tempers of rolled material are as designated in Table 2 with prefix “H.” Former

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, %								
	Copper Alloy UNS No.								
	C51000	C51100	C51180	C51900	C52100	C52180	C52400	C53400 ^A	C54400 ^A
Tin	4.2-5.8	3.5-4.9	3.5-4.9	5.0-7.0	7.0-9.0	7.0-9.0	9.0-11.0	3.5-5.8	3.5-4.5
Phosphorus	0.03-0.35	0.03-0.35	0.01-0.35	0.03-0.35	0.03-0.35	0.01-0.35	0.03-0.35	0.03-0.35	0.01-0.50
Iron, max	0.10	0.10	0.05-0.20	0.10	0.10	0.05-0.20	0.10	0.10	0.10
Lead	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.8-1.2	3.0-4.0
Zinc	0.30 max	0.30 max	0.30 max	0.30 max	0.20 max	0.30 max	0.20 max	0.30 max	1.5-4.5
Nickel	...	...	0.05-0.20	...	...	0.05-0.20	...	...	...
Copper	remainder	remainder	remainder	remainder	remainder	remainder	remainder	remainder	remainder

^A When specified for bearings, the phosphorus content shall be maintained from 0.01 to 0.15 %.

TABLE 2 Tensile Strength Requirements and Approximate Rockwell Hardness Values

NOTE 1—Plate is generally available in only the as hot-rolled (M20) temper. Required properties for other tempers shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer purchaser at the time of placing the order.

Temper Designation ^A		Thickness, in. [mm]	Tensile Strength, ksi ^B [MPa]		Approximate Rockwell Hardness	
Code	Name		Min	Max	B Scale	Superficial 30–T
Copper Alloy UNS No. C51000						
M20	as hot-rolled	Over 0.188 [4.775]	40 [275]	60 [415]	...	...
O60	soft	Over 0.039 [0.991]	43 [295]	58 [400]	16-64	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	32-59
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			12-60	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	24-53
H02	half-hard	0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
		Over 0.039 [0.991]	58 [400]	73 [505]	64-85	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	59-73
		Over 0.02 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			60-82	...
H04	hard	Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	53-69
		0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
		Over 0.039 [0.991]	76 [525]	91 [625]	86-93	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	73-78
H06	extra-hard	Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			...	84-91
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	71-75
		0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
		Over 0.039 [0.991]	88 [605]	103 [710]	92-96	...
H08	spring	Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	77-81
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			...	89-95
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	74-78
		0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
H10	extra-spring	Over 0.039 [0.991]	95 [655]	110 [760]	94-98	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	79-82
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			92-97	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	76-80
H10	extra-spring	0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
		Over 0.039 [0.991]	100 [690]	114 [785]	96-99	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	80-83
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			94-98	...
O60	soft	Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	77-81
		0.003 [0.076] to 0.010 [0.254] incl				
		Over 0.039 [0.991]				
		Over 0.029 [0.737]				
Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C51100, C53400, and C54400						
M20	as hot-rolled	Over 0.188 [4.775]	40 [275]	58 [400]	...	...
O60	soft	Over 0.039 [0.991]	40 [275]	55 [380]	7-50	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	24-50
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			...	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			0-45	...
H02	half-hard	Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	16-46
		Over 0.039 [0.991]	55 [380]	70 [485]	60-81	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	57-73
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			53-78	...
H04	hard	Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	52-71
		Over 0.039 [0.991]	72 [495]	87 [600]	82-90	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	71-77
		Over 0.020 [0.506] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			80-86	...
H06	extra-hard	Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	69-75
		Over 0.039 [0.991]	84 [580]	99 [685]	88-94	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	75-80
		Over 0.020 [0.506] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			86-92	...
H08	spring	Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	73-78
		Over 0.039 [0.991]	91 [625]	106 [730]	90-98	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	77-81
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			86-94	...
H10	extra-spring	Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	75-79
		Over 0.039 [0.991]	96 [660]	108 [745]	92-97	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	78-82
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			89-94	...
O60	soft	Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	76-80
		Over 0.039 [0.991]				
		Over 0.029 [0.737]				
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl				
Copper Alloy UNS No. C51180						
H02	half-hard	Over 0.039 [0.991]	69 [475]	84 [580]	80-90	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	69-75
		Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			78-88	...
H03	¾-hard	Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	67-73
		Over 0.039 [0.991]	80 [550]	92 [635]	84-92	...
		Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	71-77
H04	hard	Over 0.020 [0.508] to 0.039 [0.991] incl			80-88	...
		Over 0.010 [0.254] to 0.029 [0.737] incl			...	69-75
		Over 0.039 [0.991]	85 [585]	100 [690]	88-95	...
H04	hard	Over 0.029 [0.737]			...	74-80