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# Standard Specification for General Requirements for Copper Alloy Castings<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification establishes general requirements common to ASTM copper alloy casting specifications B22/B22M, B61, B62, B66, B67, B148, B176, B271/B271M, B369, B427, B505/B505M, B584, B763/B763M, B770, and B806. These requirements apply to the casting specifications to the extent referenced therein.

1.1.1 In the event of conflict between this specification and a casting specification, the requirements of the casting specification shall take precedence.

1.2 The chemical composition and other requirements not included in this specification shall be prescribed in the casting product specifications.

1.3 *Units*—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.

1.4 No precise quantitative relationship can be stated between the properties of the metal in various locations of the same casting or between the properties of castings and those of a test bar casting from the same metal. (See Appendix X1.)<sup>2</sup>

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 The following documents, of the issue in effect on date of casting purchase, form, part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

### 2.2 ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

- B22/B22M Specification for Bronze Castings for Bridges and Turntables
- B61 Specification for Steam or Valve Bronze Castings
- B62 Specification for Composition Bronze or Ounce Metal Castings
- B66 Specification for Bronze Castings for Steam Locomotive Wearing Parts
- B67 Specification for Car and Tender Journal Bearings, Lined
- B148 Specification for Aluminum-Bronze Sand Castings
- B176 Specification for Copper-Alloy Die Castings
- B193 Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials
- B194 Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar
- B208 Practice for Preparing Tension Test Specimens for Copper Alloy Sand, Permanent Mold, Centrifugal, and Continuous Castings
- B271/B271M Specification for Copper-Base Alloy Centrifugal Castings
- B369 Specification for Copper-Nickel Alloy Castings
- B427 Specification for Gear Bronze Alloy Castings
- B505/B505M Specification for Copper Alloy Continuous Castings
- B584 Specification for Copper Alloy Sand Castings for General Applications
- B763/B763M Specification for Copper Alloy Sand Castings for Valve Applications
- B770 Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Sand Castings for General Applications
- B806 Specification for Copper Alloy Permanent Mold Castings for General Applications
- B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys
- E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials
- E10 Test Method for Brinell Hardness of Metallic Materials

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<sup>2</sup> For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code application, see related specification in Section II of that code.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

**E18** Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials

**E29** Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

**E54** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Special Brasses and Bronzes (Withdrawn 2002)<sup>4</sup>

**E62** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods) (Withdrawn 2010)<sup>4</sup>

**E76** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel-Copper Alloys (Withdrawn 2003)<sup>4</sup>

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

**E478** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

**E581** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Manganese-Copper Alloys

2.3 *JIS Standard*:<sup>5</sup>

**JIS H 1068:2005** Methods for Determination of Bismuth in Copper and Copper Alloys (Japanese Industrial Standards)

### 3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms related to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology **B846**.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to this Standard*:

3.2.1 *lot*—a collection of like final product (same alloy, temper, dimensions, as applicable) produced under the same or identical conditions from which samples were drawn for inspection or testing, or both.

### 4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 *Manufacture*—Mechanical properties of Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C94700, C95300, C95400, C95410, C95500, C95520, and C96800 can be changed by heat treatment. Suggested heat treatments are given in the casting specifications containing these alloys.

### 5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The casting material shall conform to the chemical requirements of the casting product specification involved.

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.

### 6. Mechanical Property Requirements

6.1 When tension testing is required by the casting product specification, the results shall conform to the requirements of that specification, when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E8/E8M**.

6.2 When Brinell Hardness testing is required by the casting product specification, the results shall conform to the requirements of that specification, when tested in accordance with the Test Method **E10**.

6.3 When Rockwell Hardness testing is required by the casting product specification, the results shall conform to the requirements of that specification, when tested in accordance with the Test Methods **E18**.

### 7. Other Requirements

7.1 *Hydrostatic Test*—When specified in the purchase order, a hydrostatic test shall be performed on the castings. The details of the test and acceptance criteria shall be established by agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

7.2 *Soundness*—When specified in the purchase order, castings shall meet soundness requirements furnished or referenced by the purchaser. In the absence of standards for soundness, the requirement shall be as agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

7.3 When Electrical Resistivity testing is required by the casting product specification, the results shall conform to the requirements of that specification, when tested in accordance with the Test Method **B193**.

### 8. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

8.1 The manufacturer shall be responsible for conforming to the dimensional requirements of the castings as related to the drawing when the pattern equipment is produced by the manufacturer.

8.2 When the pattern equipment is provided by the purchaser, the manufacturer shall be responsible for conforming to the dimensional requirements of the castings, but with any mutually agreed to exceptions relating to the provided pattern equipment.

8.3 Where thick and thin sections of the casting adjoin, the manufacturer shall be permitted to add fillets of adequate size, where not previously provided, subject to approval of the purchaser.

### 9. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

9.1 The surface of the casting shall be free of adhering sand, cracks, and hot tears. Other surface discontinuities shall meet visual acceptance standards agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

### 10. Sampling

10.1 *Lot Size*—A lot shall consist of: (1) all of the metal poured from a single furnace or crucible melt, or (2) all of the metal poured from two or more furnaces into a single ladle, or (3) all of the metal poured from a continuous melting furnace between charges, or (4) all of the metal poured from an individual melting furnace or group of melting furnaces having similar charges and the charge calculation shall be similar for all furnaces, operating during the course of one-half shift, not to exceed 5 h.

10.2 *Chemical Analysis*:

10.2.1 The sample for chemical analysis shall be taken in accordance with Practice **E255** for product in the final form from the pieces selected in **10.1** and combined into one composite sample. The minimum weight of the composite sample shall be 150 g.

<sup>4</sup> The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

<sup>5</sup> Available from Japanese Standards Association (JSA), Mita MT Bldg., 3-13-12 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-0073, Japan, <http://www.jsa.or.jp>.

10.2.2 Instead of sampling as directed in 10.2.1, the manufacturer shall have the option of sampling at the time castings are poured or from the semifinished product. When samples are taken during the course of manufacture, sampling of the finished product by the manufacturer is not required. The number of samples taken for the determination of composition shall be as follows:

10.2.2.1 When samples are taken at the time the castings are poured, at least one sample shall be taken for each group of castings poured from the same source of molten metal.

10.3 Tension-test bars used in meeting the requirements of 6.1 shall be separately cast for the sand, permanent mold, and centrifugal casting processes. The results represent the properties of the metal going into castings poured from the same heat. The mechanical properties may not be the same as the properties of the corresponding castings because of the solidification effects of varying size, section, and design. Test bars for continuous castings are taken from the castings and therefore represent the properties of the casting.

10.3.1 When the requirements of 6.1 have been complied with using separately cast test bars, additional tests may be performed using test bars removed from the casting with test bar location and mechanical properties agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser. It should be noted that the minimum requirements, listed in applicable specifications, were obtained using data from separately cast coupons. Test specimens machined from castings may not achieve these results.

## 11. Number of Tests and Retests

### 11.1 Tests:

11.1.1 A chemical analysis of each element with a specified limiting value shall be made on each lot. Chemical analysis for residual elements is not required unless specified in the purchase order.

11.1.2 One tension test shall be performed on each lot.

11.1.3 Should the percent elongation of any tensile-test specimen be less than that specified and any part of the fracture is outside the middle two-thirds of the gage length or in a punched or scribed mark within the reduced section, the specimen may be discarded and replaced by another from the same lot.

11.1.4 If the result of any test fails to conform to the specified requirements, two retests shall be performed. If either retest fails to meet the specified requirements, the lot shall be rejected.

11.1.5 Should any of the properties be less than that specified and there is a discontinuity in the cross-sectional area of the fracture, the specimen may be discarded and replaced by another of the same lot.

### 11.2 Retests:

11.2.1 When requested by the manufacturer, a retest shall be permitted when test results obtained by the purchaser fail to conform to the casting specification requirements.

11.2.2 Retesting shall be as prescribed in the casting specification for the initial test, except the number of test specimens shall be twice that normally required for the test. Test results

for all specimens shall comply with the casting specification requirements. Failure to comply shall be cause for rejection.

11.2.3 *Chemical Analysis*—If one or more of the elements with specified limits fail to meet the compositional requirement of the product specification when determined from the sample prepared in accordance with Practice E255, one retest cycle shall be permitted with a second composite sample prepared in accordance with Practice E255.

## 12. Specimen Preparation

12.1 The specimen for chemical analysis shall be taken from the lot in such a manner as to avoid contamination and be representative of the molten metal. Sample preparation shall be in accordance with Practice E255. Analytical specimen preparation shall be the responsibility of the reporting laboratory.

12.2 Tension-test specimens shall be prepared in accordance with Practice B208.

12.2.1 If any specimen is machined improperly or if flaws are revealed by machining or during testing, the specimen shall be discarded and replaced by another from the same lot.

## 13. Test Methods

### 13.1 Chemical Composition:

13.1.1 The chemical analysis methods used for the routine determination of specification compliance and preparation of test reports shall be at the discretion of the laboratory performing the analysis.

13.1.2 In case of disagreement on chemical composition, referee analytical methods for copper alloys other than copper-beryllium alloys (Specification B770) are given in Table 1. Referee analytical methods for copper-beryllium alloys are given in the Annex of Specification B194.

**TABLE 1 Referee Chemical Analytical Methods**

Element	Range or % max	Test Methods
Aluminum (Al)	0.005–13.5	E478
Antimony (Sb)	0.05–0.70	E62
Arsenic (As)	0.0–0.50	E62
Bismuth (Bi)	0.1–6	JIS H 1068
Carbon (C)	0.0–0.50	E76
Copper (Cu)	50.0–99.75	E478
Iron (Fe)	0.003–1.25 0.0–5.0	E478 E54
Lead (Pb)	0.002–15.0 2.0–30.0	E478; Atomic Absorption E478; Titrimetric
Manganese (Mn)	0.10–12.0 12.0–23.0	E62 E581
Nickel (Ni) (incl Cobalt (Co))	0.0–5.0	E478; Photometric
Phosphorus (P)	0.01–1.0	E62
Silicon (Si)	0.005–5.50	E54; Perchloric Acid Dehydration
Sulfur (S)	0.05–0.08	E76; Direct Combustion
Tin (Sn)	0.01–1.0 0.50–20.0	E478; Photometric E478; Titrimetric
Zinc (Zn)	0.02–2.0 2.0–40.0	E478; Atomic Absorption E478; Titrimetric