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## Standard Specification for Copper-Beryllium Seamless Tube (UNS Nos. C17500 and C17510)<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper-beryllium alloy seamless tube in straight lengths. Copper-cobalt-beryllium alloy UNS No. C17500 and copper-nickel-beryllium alloy UNS No. C17510 will be the alloys furnished whenever this specification is specified.

1.2 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.

1.3 The following safety hazard caveat pertains only to the test method(s) described in this specification. *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, health, and environmental practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *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 material purchase form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

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

[B194 Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar](#)

[B251/B251M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube \(Metric\)](#)  
[B0251-B0251M](#)

[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](#)

[E255 Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for the Determination of Chemical Composition](#)

[E1004 Test Method for Determining Electrical Conductivity Using the Electromagnetic \(Eddy Current\) Method](#)

### 3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specification [B251/B251M](#) (as noted) constitute a part of this specification:

3.1.1 Terminology,

3.1.2 Test Specimens,

3.1.3 Significance of Numerical Limits,

3.1.4 Inspection,

3.1.5 Rejection and Rehearing,

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<sup>2</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

- 3.1.6 Certification,
- 3.1.7 Packaging and Package Marking, and
- 3.1.8 Mill Test Report.

#### 4. Terminology

- 4.1 For definitions of terms related to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology **B846**.
- 4.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*
  - 4.2.1 *average diameter (for round tubes only), n*—the average of the maximum and minimum outside diameters, or maximum and minimum inside diameters, whichever is applicable, as determined at any one cross section of the tube.
  - 4.2.2 *lengths, n*—straight pieces of the product
    - 4.2.2.1 *ends, n*—straight pieces, shorter than the nominal length, left over after cutting the product into mill lengths, stock lengths, or specific lengths. They are subject to minimum length and maximum weight requirements.
      - 4.2.2.2 *specific, adj*—straight lengths that are uniform in length, as specified, and subject to established length tolerances.
      - 4.2.2.3 *specific with ends, adj*—specific lengths, including ends.
      - 4.2.2.4 *stock, n*—straight lengths that are mill cut and stored in advance of orders. They are usually 8, 10, 12, or 20 ft (2.44, 3.05, 3.66, or 6.10 m) and subject to established length tolerances.
      - 4.2.2.5 *stock with ends, adj*—stock lengths, including ends.
    - 4.2.3 *tube, n*—a hollow product of round or any other cross section having a continuous periphery.
      - 4.2.3.1 *tube, seamless, adj*—a tube produced with a continuous periphery in all stages of the operations.

#### 5. Ordering Information

- 5.1 Include the following information in orders for product under this specification, as applicable:
  - 5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue,
  - 5.1.2 Copper Alloy UNS designation (**1.1**),
  - 5.1.3 Temper (see Section **8**),
  - 5.1.4 Quantity, pounds or number of pieces,
  - 5.1.5 Dimensions, including length if applicable. For tube or pipe specify either OD/ID, OD/wall, or ID/wall,
  - 5.1.6 How furnished: stock lengths with or without ends, specific lengths with or without ends,
  - 5.1.7 When product is purchased for ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Application, and
  - 5.1.8 When product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government,
  - 5.1.9 Special tests or exceptions, if any,
  - 5.1.10 Tensile strength test, if required,
  - 5.1.11 Special marking or packaging, if required,
  - 5.1.12 Inspection, if required (see Specification **B25+B251/B251M**),
  - 5.1.13 Certification (see Specification **B25+B251/B251M**),
  - 5.1.14 Mill test report, if required (see Specification **B25+B251/B251M**).
- 5.2 When material is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government, the material shall conform to the Supplementary Requirements as defined in the current issue of Specification **B25+B251/B251M**.

#### 6. Materials and Manufacture

- 6.1 *Materials:*
  - 6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be UNS Alloy No. C17500 or C17510, cast and worked into tubular form, and of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the products prescribed herein.
  - 6.1.2 The tube shall have heat traceable identity.
- 6.2 *Manufacture:*
  - 6.2.1 The product shall be manufactured by a combination of hot working or cold working, or both; annealing; or precipitation heat treatment, or both, as to produce a uniform wrought structure in the finished product, to meet the temper specified.

#### 7. Chemical Composition

- 7.1 The material shall conform to the chemical composition requirements in **Table 1** for the copper alloy designated 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 For alloys in which copper is listed as “Remainder,” copper is the difference between the sum of results of all elements determined and 100 %. When all elements in **Table 1** are determined, the sum of results shall be 99.5 % min.

**TABLE 1 Chemical Composition**

Element	Concentration, %	
	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17500	Copper Alloy UNS No. C17510
Beryllium	0.4-0.7	0.2-0.6
Cobalt	2.4-2.7	0.3 max
Nickel	...	1.4-2.2
Iron, max	0.10	0.10
Aluminum, max	0.20	0.20
Silicon, max	0.20	0.20
Copper	Remainder	Remainder

## 8. Temper

8.1 Tempers, as described in Classification **B601**, available under this specification are: TB00 (solution treated (A)), TF00 (precipitation hardened (AT)), TD04 (solution heat-treated and cold worked: hard (H)), and TH04 (hard and precipitation heat-treated (HT)). These products meet property requirements in **Table 2**.

## 9. Precipitation Heat Treatment

9.1 When material is purchased in the TB00 (A) or the TD04 (H) tempers, the precipitation heat treatment is performed by the purchaser.

9.2 Conformance to the TF00 (AT) and TH04 (HT) specification limits shown in **Table 2**, for products supplied in the TB00 (A) or the TD04 (H) tempers, shall be determined by testing specimens heat-treated at a uniform temperature of 850 to 900°F/900 °F for the times shown in **Table 3**.

9.3 End products may be heat-treated at other times and temperatures for specific applications. These special combinations of properties such as increased ductility, dimensional accuracy, and endurance strength may be obtained by special precipitation-hardening heat treatments. The mechanical requirements of **Table 2** do not apply to such special heat treatment. Specific test requirements as needed shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer or the supplier and the purchaser of the end product.

9.4 TF00 (AT) and TH04 (HT) tempers as standard mill-hardened products has been precipitation heat-treated and tested by the manufacturer. An appropriate time and temperature has been used to produce properties within the specification limits shown in **Table 2**. **Table 3** does not apply. Further thermal treatment of these tempers is not normally required.

## 10. Physical Property Requirements

10.1 *Electrical Conductivity*—Product furnished to this specification shall conform to the electrical conductivity requirement given in **Table 2** for the applicable temper, when tested in accordance with Test Method **E1004** or by converting from resistivity measured in accordance with Test Method **B193**.

## 11. Mechanical Property Requirements

11.1 Mechanical property requirements are specified in **Table 2**.

11.2 *Rockwell Hardness*—Acceptance or rejection based on mechanical properties shall depend only on Rockwell hardness.

11.2.1 The referee product rejection criteria shall be tensile results, when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E8/E8M**.

11.3 *Tension Test*—The tension test will be used for qualification of all material when specifically required by the purchaser, as in some government requirements.

**TABLE 2 Tensile Strength and Rockwell Hardness Requirements<sup>A</sup>**

Temper Designation		As Supplied				
Standard	Former	Tensile Strength ksi <sup>B</sup> (MPa <sup>C</sup> )	Yield Strength ksi (MPa) min	Rockwell Hardness, B Scale	Elongation min, %	Electrical Conductivity IACS min, %
TB00	A	35-55 (240-380)		50 max		20
TD04	H	65-80 (450-550)		60-80		20
After Precipitation Heat Treatment						
TF00	AT	100-130 (690-895) <sup>D</sup>	80 (550)	92-100	10	45
TH04	HT	110-140 (760-965) <sup>D</sup>		95-102		48

<sup>A</sup> These values apply to mill products. See Section 11 for exceptions in end products.

<sup>B</sup> ksi = 1000 psi.

<sup>C</sup> See Appendix.

<sup>D</sup> The upper limits in the tensile strength column are for design guidance only.