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Standard Specification for Copper and Copper-Alloy Seamless Condenser and Heat Exchanger Tubes With Integral Fins¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers the requirements for seamless copper and copper alloy tubing on which the external or internal surface, or both, has been modified by a cold-forming process to produce an integral enhanced surface for improved heat transfer.

1.2 The tubes are typically used in surface condensers, evaporators, and heat exchangers.

1.3 The product shall be produced of the following coppers or copper alloys, as specified in the ordering information.

Copper or Copper Alloy UNS No.	Type of Metal
C10100	Oxygen-free electronic
C10200	Oxygen-free without residual deoxidants
C10300	Oxygen-free, extra low phosphorus
C10800	Oxygen-free, low phosphorus
C12000	DLP Phosphorized, low residual phosphorus (See Note 1)
C12200	DHP, Phosphorized, high residual phosphorus (See Note 1)
C14200	DPA Phosphorized arsenical (See Note 1)
C15630	Nickel Phosphorus
C19200	Phosphorized, 1 % iron
C23000	Red Brass
C44300	Admiralty Metal Types B, C, and
C44550	D
C60800	Aluminum Bronze
C68700	Aluminum Brass Type B
C70400	95-5 Copper-Nickel
C70600	90-10 Copper-Nickel
C70620	90-10 Copper-Nickel (Modified for Welding)

Copper or Copper Alloy UNS No.	Type of Metal
C71000	80-20 Copper-Nickel Type A
C71500	70-30 Copper-Nickel
C71520	70-30 Copper-Nickel (Modified for Welding)
C72200	Copper-Nickel

NOTE 1—Designations listed in Classification [B224](#).

1.4 **Units**—The values stated in either in-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as the standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems could result in nonconformance with the specification.

1.5 Product produced in accordance with the Supplementary Requirements section for military applications shall be produced only to the inch-pound system of this specification.

1.6 The following safety hazard caveat pertains only to the test methods 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 determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* Some specific hazards statements are given in Sections [1](#), [12](#) and [18](#).

1.7 (**Warning**—Mercury has been designated by many regulatory agencies as a hazardous substance that can cause serious medical issues. Mercury, or its vapor, has been demonstrated to be hazardous to health and corrosive to materials. Use caution when handling mercury and mercury-containing products. See the applicable product Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for additional information. The potential exists that selling mercury or mercury-containing products, or both, is prohibited by local or national law. Users must determine legality of sales in their location.)

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [B05](#) on Copper and Copper Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [B05.04](#) on Pipe and Tube.

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SB-359 in Section II of that Code.

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



1.8 *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 ASTM Standards:³

- B153 Test Method for Expansion (Pin Test) of Copper and Copper-Alloy Pipe and Tubing
 - B154 Test Method for Mercurous Nitrate Test for Copper Alloys
 - B170 Specification for Oxygen-Free Electrolytic Copper—Refinery Shapes
 - B224 Classification of Coppers
 - B601 Classification for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast
 - B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys
 - B858 Test Method for Ammonia Vapor Test for Determining Susceptibility to Stress Corrosion Cracking in Copper Alloys
 - B900 Practice for Packaging of Copper and Copper Alloy Mill Products for U.S. Government Agencies
 - B968/B968M Test Method for Flattening of Copper and Copper-Alloy Pipe and Tube
 - D4727/D4727M Specification for Corrugated and Solid Fiberboard Sheet Stock (Container Grade) and Cut Shapes
 - E3 Guide for Preparation of Metallographic Specimens
 - E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials
 - E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications
 - E53 Test Method for Determination of Copper in Unalloyed Copper by Gravimetry (Withdrawn 2022)⁴
 - E62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods) (Withdrawn 2010)⁴
 - E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size
 - E118 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Chromium Alloys (Withdrawn 2010)⁴
 - E243 Practice for Electromagnetic (Eddy Current) Examination of Copper and Copper-Alloy Tubes
 - E255 Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for the Determination of Chemical Composition
 - E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys
 - E2575 Test Method for Determination of Oxygen in Copper and Copper Alloys by Inert Gas Fusion
- ### 2.2 ASME Standard:⁵
- ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code

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.

⁵ Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

3. General Requirements

3.1 Product described by this specification shall typically be furnished with unenhanced ends, but may be furnished with enhanced ends or stripped ends from which the O.D. enhancement has been removed by machining.

3.1.1 The enhanced sections of the tube in the as-fabricated temper are in the cold-worked condition produced by the enhancing operation.

3.1.2 The unenhanced sections of the tube shall be in the annealed or light drawn temper, and shall be suitable for rolling-in operations.

4. Terminology

4.1 For the 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 *tube condenser, n*—see *tube, heat exchanger* in Terminology B846.

5. Ordering Information

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

5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue,

5.1.2 Copper or Copper Alloy UNS No. designation (see 1.3 and Section 7),

5.1.3 Temper (see Section 8),

5.1.4 Dimensions: diameter, wall thickness, length and location of unenhanced surfaces and total tube length. Configuration of enhanced surfaces shall be as agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser. (See Figs. 1 and 2).

5.1.5 Whether the product is to be subsequently welded for UNS Alloy C72200, UNS Alloys C70620 and C71520 are welding grades of C70600 and C71500,

5.1.6 Quantity, and

5.1.7 If product is for the U.S. government.

5.2 The following options are available and shall be specified at the time of placing the order, when required:

5.2.1 When heat identification or traceability is required,

5.2.2 When tubes are for Boiler and Pressure Vessel code application, which should then be ordered according to ASME SB 359,

5.2.3 Flattening test (see 11.2),

5.2.4 Certification (see Section 22), when required,

5.2.5 Mill test report (see Section 23), when required, and

5.2.6 Stress relief annealing (see 9.4), when required.

5.3 In addition, when material is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government, it shall conform to the requirements specified in the Supplementary Requirements section, when specified in the contract or purchase order.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 Materials:

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be of such quality and purity that the finished product shall have the properties and characteristics prescribed in this specification for the applicable alloy and temper.