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Standard Specification for Copper-Cobalt-Beryllium Alloy, Copper-Nickel-Beryllium Alloy, Copper-Nickel-Lead-Beryllium Alloy, and Copper- Nickel-Cobalt Alloy Rod and Bar¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C17500, C17510, C17540, and C17465 rod and bar in straight lengths.

1.2 *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, which 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.

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, 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 *ASTM Standards*:²

B193 Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials

B194 Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee B05 on Copper and Copper Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee B05.02 on Rod, Bar, Wire, Shapes and Forgings.

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² 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.

B249/B249M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Rod, Bar, Shapes and Forgings

B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials

E1004 Test Method for Determining Electrical Conductivity Using the Electromagnetic (Eddy Current) Method

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specification **B249/B249M** constitute a part of this specification:

3.1.1 Terminology

3.1.2 Materials and Manufacture

3.1.3 Dimensions and Permissible Variations

3.1.4 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

3.1.5 Sampling

3.1.6 Number of Tests and Retests

3.1.7 Specimen Preparation

3.1.8 Test Methods

3.1.9 Significance of Numerical Limits

3.1.10 Inspection

3.1.11 Rejection and Rehearing

3.1.12 Certification

3.1.13 Test Report

3.1.14 Packaging and Package Marking

3.1.15 Supplementary Requirements

3.2 In addition, when a section with a title identical to that referenced in 3.1, above, appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements that supplement those appearing in Specification **B249/B249M**.

4. Terminology

4.1 For definition of terms related to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology **B846**.

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

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,
- 5.1.2 Copper Alloy UNS No. designation,
- 5.1.3 Temper (Section 7),
- 5.1.4 Form of product (cross section such as round, hexagonal, octagonal, rectangular, or square),
- 5.1.5 Dimensions (diameter or distance between parallel surfaces),
- 5.1.6 Edge contours,
- 5.1.7 Length,
- 5.1.8 Quantity—total weight, or total length, or number of pieces for each form, temper, size, and copper alloy,
- 5.1.9 Intended application.

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 Heat identification or traceability details,
- 5.2.2 Tensile test (9.1),
- 5.2.3 Certification,
- 5.2.4 Test Report,
- 5.2.5 When product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government, see the Supplementary Requirements section of **B249/B249M** for additional requirements, if specified.

6. Chemical Composition

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

6.1.1 Results of analysis on a check sample shall conform to the composition requirements within the permitted analytical variance specified in **Table 1**.

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

6.2 For the alloys in which copper is listed as the “remainder,” copper is the difference between the sum of results of all elements determined and 100 %. When all elements specified in **Table 1** are determined, the sum of results shall be 99.5 % min.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Element	Composition, % Copper Alloy UNS No.			
	C17500	C17510	C17540	C17465
Beryllium	0.4–0.7	0.2–0.6	0.4–0.7	0.15–0.50
Cobalt	2.4–2.7	0.3 max	0.8–1.3	...
Nickel	...	1.4–2.2	0.8–1.3	1.0–1.4 ^A
Iron, max	0.10	0.10	0.2	0.20
Aluminum, max	0.20	0.20	...	0.20
Silicon, max	0.20	0.20	0.2	0.20
Tin, max	...	...	...	0.25
Zirconium, max	...	...	...	0.50
Lead	...	...	...	0.20–0.6
Copper	remainder	remainder	remainder	remainder

^A Incl. Co.

7. Temper

7.1 The standard tempers for products described in this specification are given in **Table 2** and **Table 3**.

8. Physical Property Requirements

8.1 Electrical Conductivity Requirement:

8.1.1 Electrical conductivity shall be the product accept/reject criterion when tested in accordance with Test Method **E1004** for product equal to or larger than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) in nominal diameter or distance between parallel surfaces and other shapes having a nominal cross-sectional area equal to or exceeding 0.141 in.² (91 mm²).

8.1.2 The electrical conductivity requirements are given in **Table 2** and **Table 3**.

8.1.3 Electrical resistivity shall be the product acceptance criterion when tested in accordance with Test Method **B193** for product smaller than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) in nominal diameter or distance between parallel surfaces and other shapes having a nominal cross-sectional area less than 0.141 in.² (91 mm²).

8.1.4 The electrical resistivity shall be converted to electrical conductivity to determine compliance with the requirements given in **Table 2** and **Table 3**.

8.1.5 The referee product accept/reject criterion shall be subject to agreement between the manufacturer and purchaser.

9. Mechanical Property Requirements

9.1 Tensile Strength Requirements:

9.1.1 Tensile properties shall be the product accept/reject criteria when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E8/E8M** for product equal to or smaller than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) in nominal diameter or distance between parallel surfaces, and other shapes having a nominal cross-sectional area equal to or less than 0.141 in.² (91 mm²).

9.1.2 Tensile strength requirements are given in **Table 2**.

9.2 Rockwell Hardness Requirements:

9.2.1 Rockwell hardness shall be the product accept/reject criterion when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E18** for product larger than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) in nominal diameter or distance between parallel surfaces, and other shapes having a nominal cross-sectional area larger than 0.141 in.² (91 mm²).

9.2.2 The referee product accept/reject criteria shall be tensile test results, when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E8/E8M**.

9.3 The tension test shall be used for qualification of all material when specifically required by the purchaser, as in some government requirements.

10. Precipitation Heat-Treatment

10.1 The precipitation heat-treatment is performed on TB00 (A) and TD04 (H) tempers by the purchaser after forming.

10.2 Conformance to the TF00 (AT) and TH04 (HT) specification limits shown in **Table 2** and **Table 3** 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 °F to 900 °F for the times shown in **Table 4**.