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Standard Specification for Copper-Clad Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip for Building Construction¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for rolled copper-clad stainless steel, sheet and strip in flat lengths, coils, or in thicknesses for roofing, siding, flashing, gutters, downspouts, and general sheet metal work for outside building construction.

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 that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.2.1 *Exception*—Grain size units are stated in SI units.

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 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

A240/A240M Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications

B152/B152M Specification for Copper Sheet, Strip, Plate, and Rolled Bar

B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

E3 Guide for Preparation of Metallographic Specimens

E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials

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

E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size

3. Terminology

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

4. Ordering Information

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

4.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue,

4.1.2 UNS No. designations of both the copper and stainless steel specified,

4.1.3 Temper (see **7.1**),

4.1.4 *Dimensions*: thickness, width, and length (see **10.2**, **10.3**, and **10.4**),

4.1.5 *How Furnished*: flat lengths or rolls,

4.1.6 *Quantity*: total weight or total length or number of pieces of each size, and

4.1.7 Cladding ratio (see **6.3**).

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

4.2.1 Heat identification or traceability details,

4.2.2 Certification, and

4.2.3 Test Report.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 *Material*:

5.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a form of sheet or strip of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the products prescribed herein.

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

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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.

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

NOTE 1—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.

5.2 Manufacture:

5.2.1 The product shall be produced by roll bonding the cladding metals to the specified base metal (core), and subsequently annealed, when required, to meet the temper properties specified.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The cladding shall be, unless otherwise specified, a copper conforming in chemical composition to any of those established in Specification **B152/B152M**.

6.2 The core shall be a stainless steel conforming in chemical composition to any of those established by Specification **A240/A240M**. Unless otherwise specified, stainless steel UNS Alloy No. S43000 shall be supplied.

6.3 The cladding ratio shall be 10/80/10, copper/stainless steel/copper, unless otherwise specified.

7. Temper

7.1 The standard temper for the product described in this specification is given in **Table 1**.

7.1.1 Annealed temper O61.

8. Grain Size

8.1 Although no minimum grain size is prescribed for annealed material, it shall be fully recrystallized in both cladding and core.

9. Mechanical Property Requirements

9.1 Tensile Strength Requirements:

9.1.1 Product furnished under this specification shall conform to the tensile requirements prescribed in **Table 1** when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E8/E8M**.

9.1.2 Acceptance or rejection based upon mechanical properties shall depend only on tensile and yield strength requirements.

9.1.3 The mechanical properties of material in tempers other than annealed and with cladding ratios other than 10/80/10 shall be as agreed upon between purchaser and supplier.

9.2 Rockwell Hardness Requirement:

9.2.1 The approximate Rockwell hardness values given in **Table 1** are for general information and assistance in testing, and shall not be used as a basis for product rejection.

9.2.2 Copper should be etched off with a suitable reagent prior to test.

NOTE 2—The Rockwell Hardness test offers a quick and convenient method of checking for general conformity to the specification requirements for temper and tensile strength.

10. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

10.1 Unless closer tolerances are specified in the contract or purchase order, the product furnished shall conform to the following appropriate tables:

10.2 *Thickness Tolerances*—**Table 2**.

10.3 *Width Tolerances*—**Table 3** for slit metal and **Table 4** for square-sheared metal.

10.4 *Length Tolerances*—**Table 5** for stock lengths of flat sheet and strip. **Table 6** for square-sheared metal.

10.5 *Straightness Tolerances*—**Table 7** for slit metal. **Table 8** for square-sheared metal.

10.6 *Cladding Ratio*—Cladding ratios shall be within $\pm 10\%$ of nominal; method of test shall be metallurgical microsection of at least three samples per lot.

11. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

11.1 The material shall be free of defects, but blemishes of a nature that do not interfere with the intended application are acceptable.

12. Sampling

12.1 *Sampling*—The lot size, portion size, and selection of sample pieces shall be as follows:

12.1.1 *Lot Size*—An inspection lot shall be 10 000 lb (4550 kg), or less material of the same mill form, alloy, temper, and thickness, subject to inspection at one time.

12.1.2 *Portion Size*—A portion shall be four or more pieces selected as to be representative of each lot. If the lot consists of less than four pieces, a sample shall be taken from each piece.

12.1.2.1 *Chemical Analysis*—A sample for chemical analysis shall not be taken. The copper sheet or strip that is used as the cladding for this product was sampled and tested as prescribed in Specification **B152/B152M**. The stainless steel strip that is used as the core in this product was sampled and tested as prescribed in Specification **A240/A240M**.

12.1.2.2 *Samples for All Other Tests*—Samples for all other tests shall be taken from the sample portion in **12.1.2** and be of a convenient size to accommodate the test and comply with the requirements of the appropriate ASTM Product Standards and Test Methods.

TABLE 1 Mechanical Properties for 10/80/10 Ratio Composite Strip Material with Type 430 Stainless Steel Core

Temper Designation		Tensile Strength ksi ^A (MPa ^B)		Yield Strength at 0.5 % Extension Under Load ksi ^A (MPa ^B)		Approximate Rockwell Hardness (for Information Only)
Code	Name	Min	Max	Min	Max	15T
O61	annealed	58 (400)	70 (485)	30 (205)	51 (350)	89 max

^A ksi = 1000 psi

^B See **Appendix X1**.