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Standard Specification for Copper-Silicon Alloy Wire for General Applications¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for round, rectangular, and square wire for general applications other than for electrical transmission cable. The alloys involved are UNS Nos. C65100 and C65500.

1.2 *Units*—The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.3 *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

B250/B250M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper Alloy Wire

E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods) (Withdrawn 2010)³

E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size

E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

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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.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specification **B250/B250M** constitute a part of this specification.

- 3.1.1 Terminology,
- 3.1.2 Materials and Manufacture,
- 3.1.3 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,
- 3.1.4 Sampling,
- 3.1.5 Number of Tests and Retests,
- 3.1.6 Specimen Preparation,
- 3.1.7 Test Methods,
- 3.1.8 Significance of Numerical Limits,
- 3.1.9 Inspection,
- 3.1.10 Rejection and Rehearing,
- 3.1.11 Certification,
- 3.1.12 Test Report,
- 3.1.13 Packaging and Package Marking, and
- 3.1.14 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 **B250/B250M**.

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 Copper Alloy UNS No.;
- 4.1.3 Temper (Section 6),
- 4.1.4 Dimensions (diameter, distance between parallel surfaces, width, and thickness);
- 4.1.5 How furnished (coil, reel, and so forth);
- 4.1.6 Total weight of each size; and
- 4.1.7 Intended application.

4.2 The following options are available but may not be included unless specified at the time of placing of the order when required:

- 4.2.1 Heat identification or traceability details (see 4.1.2 of Specification **B250/B250M**),
- 4.2.2 Certification,
- 4.2.3 Test reports,
- 4.2.4 Special packaging and package markings, and

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