



Standard Specification for Aluminum Bronze Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² establishes the requirements for Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C61300 and C61400 aluminum bronze sheet, strip, and rolled bar.

1.2 The products made to this specification are commonly used for drawing, forming, stamping, and bending applications and are not intended for electrical applications.

NOTE 1—The products produced under this general specification may be used in many applications in which the individual requirements may be too specific to be determined by normal physical or mechanical testing. Therefore, it may be advisable for the purchaser to submit samples or drawings to the manufacturer to be assured that the product furnished is suitable for the intended application.

NOTE 2—Refer to Specification B171/B171M for plate product.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

B171/B171M Specification for Copper-Alloy Plate and Sheet for Pressure Vessels, Condensers, and Heat Exchangers

B248 Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

B248M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar (Metric)

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SB-169 in Section II of that 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.

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

E290 Test Methods for Bend Testing of Material for Ductility

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specifications B248 or B248M form a part of this specification:

3.1.1 Terminology,

3.1.2 Workmanship, Finish and Appearance,

3.1.3 Sampling,

3.1.4 Number of Tests and Retests,

3.1.5 Specimen Preparation,

3.1.6 Significance of Numerical Limits,

3.1.7 Inspection,

3.1.8 Rejection and Rehearing,

3.1.9 Certification,

3.1.10 Mill Test Reports,

3.1.11 Packaging and Package Marking,

3.1.12 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 which supplement those appearing in Specifications B248 or B248M.

4. Terminology

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

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 8),

5.1.4 Dimensions, thickness, and width (Section 12),

5.1.5 Length,

5.1.6 How furnished, straight lengths or coils,

5.1.7 Quantity—total weight or total length or number of pieces of each size,

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

5.1.8 When product is ordered for *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Application*, and

5.1.9 When product is ordered for agencies of the U.S. government.

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

5.2.1 Type of edge (for example, slit, sheared, sawed, and so forth),

5.2.2 Heat identification or traceability details,

5.2.3 Bend test,

5.2.4 Certification, and

5.2.5 Mill Test Report.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 Materials:

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a form (cast bar, cake, slab, etc.) of Copper Alloy UNS No. C61300 or C61400 of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the products prescribed herein.

6.2 Manufacture:

6.2.1 The product shall be manufactured by such hot-working, cold-working, and annealing processes as to produce a uniform wrought structure in the finished product. The product shall be hot or cold rolled to finish gage and subsequently annealed, if required, to meet the temper properties specified.

6.2.2 The product shall be hot or cold worked to the finished size, and subsequently annealed when required, to meet the temper properties specified.

6.3 Edges:

6.3.1 Slit edges shall be furnished unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The material shall conform to the chemical composition requirements in **Table 1** for the Copper [alloy] UNS No. designation specified in the ordering information.

7.1.1 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.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

| Element | Composition, % | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| | Copper Alloy UNS No. | |
| | C61300 ^A | C61400 |
| Copper (including silver) | remainder | remainder |
| Lead, max | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Iron | 2.0–3.0 | 1.5–3.5 |
| Zinc, max | 0.10 | 0.20 |
| Aluminum | 6.0–7.5 | 6.0–8.0 |
| Manganese, max | 0.20 | 1.0 |
| Phosphorus, max | 0.015 | 0.015 |
| Silicon, max | 0.10 | ... |
| Tin | 0.20–0.50 | ... |
| Nickel (including cobalt), max | 0.15 | ... |

^A When the product is for subsequent welding applications and is so specified by the purchaser, chromium shall be 0.05 % max, cadmium 0.05 % max, zirconium 0.05 % max, and zinc 0.05 % max.

7.2 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** for the specified alloy are determined, the sum of the results shall be:

| Copper Alloy UNS No. | Sum of Results % min. |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| C61300 | 99.8 |
| C61400 | 99.5 |

8. Temper

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

8.1.1 Hot-rolled temper M20.

8.1.2 Annealed-to-temper O25 or O60.

NOTE 3—Inquiry should be made to the supplier concerning the availability of the specific temper required.

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 2** or **Table 3** when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E8/E8M**. The test specimens shall be taken so the longitudinal axis of the specimen is parallel to the direction of rolling.

10. Bending Requirements

10.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, the test specimen shall withstand being bent cold perpendicular to the direction of rolling (rightway bend) through 120° around a mandrel whose radius is equal to the thickness of the product. When the outside surface of the bend is examined with an unaided eye, no sign of fracturing shall be observed.

11. Purchases for U.S. Government Agencies

11.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, product purchased for agencies of the U.S. government shall conform to the special government stipulations in the Supplementary Requirements section of Specifications **B248** or **B248M**.

12. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

12.1 The dimensions and tolerances for product described by this specification shall be as specified in Specification **B248** or **B248M**.

12.2 *Thickness.*

12.3 *Width.*

12.3.1 Slit Metal and Slit Metal with Rolled Edges

12.3.2 Square Sheared Metal

12.4 *Length.*

12.4.1 Length Tolerances for Straight Lengths

12.4.2 Schedule for Minimum Lengths and Maximum Weights of Ends for Specific Lengths with Ends, and Stock Lengths with Ends

12.4.3 Length Tolerance for Square Sheared Metal

12.4.4 Length Tolerances for Sawed Metal

12.5 *Straightness.*