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Standard Specification for Copper-Zinc-Tin-Bismuth Alloy Rod, Bar and Wire¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper-zinc-tin-bismuth alloy rod, bar and wire of alloy UNS Nos. C49250, C49255, C49260, C49265, C49300, C49340, C49345, C49350, C49355, and C49360 intended for use in plumbing applications and drinking water systems.

1.2 Typically, rod and bar product made to this specification is furnished as straight lengths. Wire (H04) 0.08 in. to 0.3 in. [2 mm to 8 mm inclusive] is furnished in coil form, and H50 shapes.

1.3 *Units*—The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. 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.

1.4 The following safety hazard caveat pertains only to the test method(s) described in this specification.

1.4.1 *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.*

1.5 *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

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](#)

[B250/B250M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper Alloy Wire](#)

[B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys](#)

[E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials](#)

[E54 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Special Brasses and Bronzes \(Withdrawn 2002\)³](#)

[E62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys \(Photometric Methods\) \(Withdrawn 2010\)³](#)

[E92 Test Methods for Vickers Hardness and Knoop Hardness of Metallic Materials](#)

[E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys](#)

[E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System \(UNS\)](#)

2.2 *Other Standards:*

[ISO No. 3110 \(AA\) Copper Alloys – Determination of Aluminum as an Alloying Element – Volumetric⁴](#) (International Organization of Standardization)

[JIS H 1068:2005 Method for Determination of Bismuth in Copper and Copper Alloys⁵](#) (Japanese Industrial Standards)

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specifications [B249/B249M](#) for rod and bar and [B250/B250M](#) for wire constitute a part of this specification:

- 3.1.1 Terminology,
- 3.1.2 Materials and Manufacture,
- 3.1.3 Sampling,
- 3.1.4 Number of Tests and Retests,
- 3.1.5 Specimen Preparation,
- 3.1.6 Certification,
- 3.1.7 Test Reports.

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

⁴ Available from International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ISO Central Secretariat, BIBC II, Chemin de Blandonnet 8, CP 401, 1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland, <http://www.iso.org>.

⁵ Available from Japanese Standards Association (JSA), Mita MT Bldg., 3-13-12 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-0073, Japan, <http://www.jsa.or.jp>.

3.2 In addition, when a section with a title identical to that referenced in Appendix X1, above, appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements which supplement those appearing in Specifications **B249/B249M** for rod and bar and **B250/B250M** for wire.

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 information 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 designation;
- 5.1.3 Temper (Section 8);
- 5.1.4 Dimensions, diameter, or distance between parallel surfaces;
- 5.1.5 How furnished: straight lengths or coils;
- 5.1.6 Quantity: total weight or total length or number of pieces of each size;
- 5.1.7 If product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government (see the Supplementary Requirements section of Specifications **B249/B249M** or **B250/B250M** for additional requirements, if specified); and
- 5.1.8 *Shapes*—When product is in a shape form, the dimensional tolerances shall be as agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and purchaser and shall be specified (see **11.1.7**).

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

- 5.2.1 Heat identification or traceability details,
- 5.2.2 Certification, and
- 5.2.3 Mill Test Report.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Materials*:

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a form of Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C49250, C49255, C49260, C49265, C49300,

C49340, C49345, C49350, C49355, or C49360 of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the products prescribed herein.

6.1.2 In the event heat identification or traceability is required, the purchaser shall specify the details desired.

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.

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.

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.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The material shall conform to the chemical composition requirements in **Table 1** for the copper alloy UNS Numbers specified in the ordering information.

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

7.2 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.

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

7.4 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** are determined, the sum of results shall be 99.5 % min.

7.5 All chemical composition requirements must be in accordance with the UNS Registered Composition or another

TABLE 1 Chemical Composition, %

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Copper	Lead, max	Iron, max	Tin	Zinc	Phosphorus, max	Aluminum, max	Antimony, max	Bismuth	Manganese, max	Nickel, max	Selenium, max	Silicon, max
C49250	58.0–61.0 ^A	0.09	0.50	0.30 max	Rem	...	...	...	1.8–2.4	...	...	...	...
C49255	58.0–60.0 ^B	0.09	0.10	0.50 max	Rem	0.10	...	...	1.7–2.9	...	0.3	0.02–0.07	0.10
C49260	58.0–63.0 ^A	0.09	0.50	0.50 max	Rem	0.05–0.15	...	...	0.50–1.8	...	...	...	0.10
C49265	58.0–62.0 ^{A, C}	0.09–0.25	0.30	0.50	Rem	0.05–0.12	...	...	0.50–1.3	...	...	...	0.10
C49300	58.0–62.0 ^B	0.09	0.10	1.0–1.8	Rem	...	...	0.50	0.5–2.5	...	0.3	0.20	0.10
C49340	60.0–63.0 ^A	0.09	0.12	0.50–1.5	Rem	0.05–0.15	...	...	0.50–2.2	...	...	...	0.10
C49345	60.0–64.0 ^{A, C}	0.09–0.25	0.30	0.50–1.5	Rem	0.05–0.12	...	...	0.50–1.3	...	...	...	0.10
C49350	61.0–63.0	0.09	0.12	1.5–3.0	Rem	0.04–0.15	...	0.02–0.10	0.50–2.5	...	...	...	0.30
C49355	63.0–69.0 ^D	0.09	0.10	0.50–2.0	27.0–35.0	...	...	...	0.50–1.5	0.10	...	...	1.0–2.0
C49360	Rem	0.09	...	1.0–2.0	19.0–22.0	...	...	...	0.50–1.5	...	...	...	2.0–3.5

^A Includes Cadmium 0.001 max.
^B Includes Cadmium 0.0075 max.
^C Includes Ag.
^D Boron 0.001 max.