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## Standard Specification for Copper-Beryllium Alloy Wire<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>ε1</sup> NOTE—A temper code in 7.1 was corrected editorially in November 2022.

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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper-beryllium alloy wire in coils, spools, or other than straight lengths, of any uniform cross section. Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C17200 and C17300<sup>2</sup> are included.

1.2 Unless otherwise required, Copper Alloy UNS No. C17200 shall be the alloy furnished whenever Specification B197/B197M is specified without any alloy designation.

1.3 The values stated in either inch-pounds units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the 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.

1.4 The following safety hazard caveat pertains only to the test methods 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.*

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<sup>2</sup> The UNS system for copper and copper alloys (see Practice E527) is a simple expansion of the former standard designation system accomplished by the addition of a prefix “C” and a suffix “00.” The suffix can be used to accommodate composition variations of the base alloy.

### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:<sup>3</sup>

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

**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

**E112** Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size

**E527** Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)

### 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 Material and Manufacturer;
- 3.1.3 Chemical Composition;
- 3.1.4 Dimensions and Permissible Variations;
- 3.1.5 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance;
- 3.1.6 Sampling;
- 3.1.7 Number of Tests and Retests;
- 3.1.8 Specimen Preparation;
- 3.1.9 Test Methods;
- 3.1.10 Significance of Numerical Limits;
- 3.1.11 Inspection;
- 3.1.12 Rejection and Rehearing;
- 3.1.13 Certification;
- 3.1.14 Test Reports; and
- 3.1.15 Packaging and Package Marking.

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 Specification **B250/B250M**.

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<sup>3</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto: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

#### 4. Terminology

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

4.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

4.2.1 *grain count*—the number of grains per stock thickness.

#### 5. Ordering Information

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

5.1.1 ASTM specification designation and year of issue;

5.1.2 Copper (Alloy) UNS No. designation;

5.1.3 Temper (Section 7);

5.1.4 Dimensions, diameter, or distance between parallel surfaces, and length if applicable;

5.1.5 Form of material: cross section such as round, hexagonal, octagonal, oval, trapezoidal, and so forth;

5.1.6 How furnished: coils spools, reels, or bucks, and specific lengths with or without ends or stock lengths with or without ends if applicable; and

5.1.7 When material is ordered for agencies of the U.S. Government (see Section 15).

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 Type of edge: square corners, round edge, full-rounded edge (see the Edge Contours section in the Dimensions and Permissible Variations Section of Specification **B250/B250M**);

5.2.2 Grain size (Section 9.1);

5.2.3 Grain count (Section 9.2);

5.2.4 Mechanical properties (tensile strength and hardness) (Section 10);

5.2.5 Bend test (after precipitation heat treatment) (11.1);

5.2.6 Heat identification or traceability details;

5.2.7 Special packaging requirements;

5.2.8 Certification; and

5.2.9 Mill test report.

#### 6. Chemical Composition

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

6.2 These composition limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. Limits for unnamed elements may be

**TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements**

| Element                     | Composition, %              |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                             | Copper Alloy UNS No. C17200 | Copper Alloy UNS No. C17300 |
| Beryllium                   | 1.80–2.00                   | 1.80–2.00                   |
| Additive elements:          |                             |                             |
| Nickel + cobalt, min        | 0.20                        | 0.20                        |
| Nickel + cobalt + iron, max | 0.6                         | 0.6                         |
| Lead                        | ...                         | 0.20–0.6                    |
| Aluminum, max               | 0.20                        | 0.20                        |
| Silicon, max                | 0.20                        | 0.20                        |
| Copper                      | remainder                   | remainder                   |

established and analysis required by agreement between the manufacturer or supplier and purchaser.

6.3 For alloys in which copper is listed as “remainder,” copper is the difference between the sum of results of all other elements determined and 100 %.

6.4 When all the elements in **Table 1** are determined, the sum of results shall be 99.5 % min.

#### 7. Temper

7.1 The standard tempers available under this specification and as specified in Classification **B601** are TB00 (solution heat treated), or with varying degrees of cold work TD01 to TD04 to be precipitation heat treated by the user. Also available are products already precipitation heat-treated by the manufacturer, tempers TF00 (AT), TH01 to TH04. These products meet property requirements in **Tables 2 and 3** and generally do not require further heat treatment by the user.

7.2 The pretempered product TL08 shown in **Table 4** is prepared by the manufacturer for special applications.

NOTE 1—Special or nonstandard tempers are subject to negotiation between the supplier and the purchaser.

#### 8. Precipitation Heat Treatment

8.1 The precipitation heat treatment is normally performed by the purchaser after forming. The heat treatment specified herein is applicable to mill products. Other treatment times and temperatures may be preferable for end products made from this material.

8.2 Conformance to the TF00 (AT) through TH04 (HT) specification limits shown in **Tables 2 and 3** for products supplied in the TB00 (A) through TD04 (H) tempers, shall be determined by testing test specimens heat-treated at a uniform temperature of 600 °F to 625 °F [316 °C to 329 °C] for the times shown in **Table 5**.

**TABLE 2 Tensile Strength Requirements for Round, Hexagonal, Octagonal, and Square Wire After Precipitation Heat Treatment (See 11.2)**

| Temper Designation |   | Tensile Strength, <sup>A</sup> |             |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Code               | Name  | ksi <sup>B</sup>               | MPa         |
| TF00               | Precipitation Hardened (AT)                               | 160–200 <sup>C</sup>           | [1105–1380] |
| TH01               | ¼ Hard and Precipitation Heat Treated (¼ HT)              | 175–210 <sup>C</sup>           | [1205–1450] |
| TH02               | ½ Hard and Precipitation Heat Treated (½ HT)              | 185–215                        | [1275–1480] |
| TH03               | ¾ Hard and Precipitation Heat Treated (¾ HT) <sup>D</sup> | 190–230                        | [1310–1585] |
| TH04               | Hard and Precipitation Heat Treated (HT)                  | 195–230                        | [1345–1585] |

<sup>A</sup> These values apply to mill products (see 11.2).

<sup>B</sup> ksi = 1000 psi.

<sup>C</sup> Corrected editorially.

<sup>D</sup> TH03 (¾ HT) condition is generally available up to 0.080 in. [2.0 mm], inclusive, in diameter or distance between parallel surfaces.