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Standard Specification for Tough-Pitch Fire-Refined Copper—Refinery Shapes¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for tough-pitch fire-refined copper wire bars, cakes, slabs, and billets for fabricating into wrought products and ingot and ingot bars for use in the manufacture of copper and copper alloy castings. This copper is not intended for electrical purposes.

1.2 Copper under this specification corresponds to the designation “FRTP” (UNS C12500) as shown in Classification B224. This copper may also be used to produce other designations of copper where the chemical composition limits are not lower than those listed for C12500 in Table 1.

1.3 Although this specification includes certain UNS designations as described in Practice E527, these designations are for cross reference only and are not specification requirements. Therefore, in case of conflict, this ASTM specification shall govern.

1.4 *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.

1.5 The following safety hazard caveat pertains only to the test method described in the annex of this specification: *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 to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.6 *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.*

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee B05 on Copper and Copper Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee B05.07 on Refined Copper.

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

B224 Classification of Coppers

B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

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

E50 Practices for Apparatus, Reagents, and Safety Considerations for Chemical Analysis of Metals, Ores, and Related Materials

E53 Test Method for Determination of Copper in Unalloyed Copper by Gravimetry (Withdrawn 2022)³

E255 Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for the Determination of Chemical Composition

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

3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms related to copper and copper alloys, refer to Classification B224 and 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 Shape and Size: wire bar, cake, slab, billet, ingot, or ingot bar, and

4.1.3 Quantity: total weight or number of pieces for each shape and size.

4.2 When material is purchased for the U.S. government, this shall be specified in the contract or purchase order, and the material shall conform to the supplementary requirements as defined herein.

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

4.3.1 Certification (Section 16),

4.3.2 Test Report (Section 17).

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.

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

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements^A

Element	Composition, %
Copper (including silver), min	99.88
Arsenic, max	0.012
Antimony, max	0.003
Bismuth, max	0.003
Lead, max	0.004
Nickel, max	0.050
Selenium + Tellurium, max	0.025

^A Analytical variance is not incorporated into the specified limits. Refer to 10.1.

5. Materials

5.1 Any copper that will yield a product with a chemical composition conforming to the requirements of Table 1 may be used.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The product material shall conform to the chemical composition requirements in Table 1.

6.2 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. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

7.1 A permissible variation of $\pm 5\%$ in weight and $\pm 1/4$ in. (6.35 mm) in any dimension from the manufacturer's published list or the purchaser's specified size shall be considered good delivery; provided, however, that cakes may vary $\pm 3\%$ from the listed or specified size in any dimension greater than 8 in. (203.2 mm). The weight of copper in ingots and ingot bars shall not exceed that specified by more than 10%, but otherwise its variation is not important.

8. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

8.1 Shapes intended for fabrication shall be substantially free of shrink holes, cold sets, pits, sloppy edges, concave tops, and similar defects in set or casting. This requirement shall not apply to ingots or ingot bars, in which physical defects are of no consequence.

9. Sampling

9.1 For routine sampling, the sampling practice shall be at the discretion of the sampler.

9.2 In case of dispute the lot size, portion size, and selection of pieces shall be as follows:

9.2.1 *Lot Size*—An inspection lot shall consist of all pieces the same shape and size from the same production lot or fraction thereof.

9.2.2 *Portion Size*—The portion shall be four or more pieces randomly selected to be representative of the lot. Should the lot consist of less than five pieces, each piece shall be sampled.

9.3 Chemical Analysis:

9.3.1 In case of dispute the sample for chemical analysis shall be taken from the pieces selected in 9.2.2 and combined into one composite sample in accordance with Practice E255

for a product in its final form. The minimum weight of the composite sample shall be 150 g.

9.3.2 Instead of sampling in accordance with 9.2.2, the manufacturer shall have the option of taking samples at the time the castings are poured.

9.3.2.1 When composition of the material has been determined during the course of manufacture, sampling of the finished product by the manufacturer is not required.

9.3.3 The number of samples to be taken for determination of chemical composition shall be as follows:

9.3.3.1 When sampled at the time the castings are poured, at least two samples, one soon after the start of the pour and one near the end of the pour, shall be taken for each group of castings poured from the same source of molten metal.

10. Number of Tests and Retests

10.1 *Tests*—The chemical composition shall be determined as the average of results obtained from at least two replicate analyses for each specified element.

10.2 Retests:

10.2.1 When requested by the manufacturer or supplier, a retest shall be permitted when test results obtained by the purchaser fail to conform with the product specification requirement(s).

10.2.2 Retesting shall be as directed in the product specification for the initial test except for the number of test specimens which shall be twice that required for the original test. Test results for all specimens shall conform to the product specification requirement(s) in retest and failure to comply shall be cause for lot rejection.

11. Specimen Preparation

11.1 The preparation of the analytical specimen is the responsibility of the reporting laboratory.

12. Test Methods

12.1 For routine analysis, the method of analysis shall be at the discretion of the reporting laboratory.

12.2 In case of dispute concerning copper content, the method of analysis shall be in accordance with Test Method E53.

12.3 In case of dispute concerning antimony, arsenic, bismuth, lead, nickel, selenium, or tellurium content, the method of analysis shall be by electrothermal atomization atomic absorption spectrometry as described in the Annex.

12.4 Test method(s) to be followed for the determination of element(s) resulting from contractual or purchase order agreement shall be as agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser.

13. Significance of Numerical Limits

13.1 Calculated values shall be rounded to the nearest unit in the last right-hand significant digit used in expressing the limiting value in accordance with the rounding method in Practice E29.