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# Standard Specification for Copper Flat Products with Finished (Rolled or Drawn) Edges (Flat Wire and Strip)<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper products, flat wire and strip, with rolled or drawn finished edges produced for general application.

1.1.1 The product is produced in UNS Copper Nos. C10100, C10200, C10300, C10500, C10700, C10800, C11000, C11040, C12200, and C14200 unless otherwise established by agreement between manufacturer and purchaser.

1.2 *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, which are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

NOTE 1—When a copper other than that listed in 1.1.1 is designated by the purchaser, the resulting product shall conform to the physical, mechanical, performance, dimensional, and tolerance requirements per agreement between the manufacturer and purchaser.

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:*<sup>2</sup>

- B49 Specification for Copper Rod for Electrical Purposes
- B170 Specification for Oxygen-Free Electrolytic Copper—Refinery Shapes
- B193 Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials
- B248 Specification for General Requirements for Wrought

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<sup>2</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.

Copper and Copper-Alloy Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar

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

B577 Test Methods for Detection of Cuprous Oxide (Hydrogen Embrittlement Susceptibility) in Copper

B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

B950 Guide for Editorial Procedures and Form of Product Specifications for Copper and Copper Alloys

E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials

E53 Test Method for Determination of Copper in Unalloyed Copper by Gravimetry

E62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods) (Withdrawn 2010)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

E290 Test Methods for Bend Testing of Material for Ductility

E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

## 3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specification B248 constitute a part of this specification for strip products and of Specification B250/B250M for flat wire products:

- 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 Reheating;
- 3.1.11 Certification;
- 3.1.12 Test Reports;
- 3.1.13 Packaging and Package Marking; and

<sup>3</sup> The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

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

### 3.1.14 Supplementary Requirements.

3.2 In addition, when a section with a title identical to that referenced in 3.1 appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements that supplement those appearing in Specification B248 or Specification B250/B250M, or both.

## 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 UNS No. designation (Section 1);
- 5.1.3 *Temper*—O61 (annealed), H00 (eight hard), H01 (quarter hard), H02 (half hard), H03 (three-quarter hard), H04 (hard), H06 (extra hard), H08 (spring) (Section 8);
- 5.1.4 *Dimensions*—Width and thickness (Section 13);
- 5.1.5 *Quantity*—Total weight, footage, or number of pieces;
- 5.1.6 *How Furnished*—Lengths, coils, spools, and so forth, (see sections 13.4.1 and 13.4.3 for clarification);
- 5.1.7 Intended application; and
- 5.1.8 Edge contours required, (see 13.6).

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 Electrical resistivity (Section 9);
- 5.2.2 Hydrogen embrittlement susceptibility test (Section 11);
- 5.2.3 Bend test (Section 11);
- 5.2.4 Certification (Specification B248 or Specification B250/B250M, or both);
- 5.2.5 Mill test reports (Specification B248 or Specification B250/B250M, or both);
- 5.2.6 If product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government (Section 12); and
- 5.2.7 Heat identification or traceability details.

## 6. Material and Manufacture

6.1 *Material*:

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a copper billet, cake, wire bar or rod of such purity and soundness as to be suitable for processing into the products to the product specification listed in Section 1.

6.1.2 Copper other than that listed in 1.1.1 is permitted only upon agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser (see Note 1).

6.1.3 When specified in the contract or purchase order, that heat identification or traceability is required, the purchaser shall specify the details desired.

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.

6.3 *Edges*—The edges shall be finished by rolling or drawing per 13.6.

## 7. Chemical Composition

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

7.1.1 These composition limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. When required, limits shall be established and analysis required for unnamed elements by agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

## 8. Temper

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

8.1.1 Annealed temper O61.

8.1.2 Cold worked tempers H00, H01, H02, H03, H04, H06, and H08.

## 9. Physical Property Requirement

9.1 *Electrical Resistivity Requirement*:

9.1.1 When specified in contract or purchase order (see Section 5) Copper UNS No. C10100, C10200, C10300, C11000, C11040, C10500, and C10700 shall conform to the electrical mass resistivity requirements in Table 2, when tested in accordance with Test Method B193. When Electrical Resistivity testing is specified for other copper alloys the acceptance

**TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements**

Element	Composition, % Copper UNS No.									
	C10100 <sup>A</sup>	C10200 <sup>B</sup>	C10300	C10500	C10700	C10800	C11000	C11040 <sup>C</sup>	C12200	C14200
Copper (incl silver), min	99.99 <sup>D</sup>	99.95	99.95 <sup>E</sup>	99.95	99.95	99.95 <sup>E</sup>	99.90	99.90	99.9	99.4
Phosphorus	...	...	0.001–0.005	...	...	0.005–0.012	...	...	0.015–0.040	0.015–0.040
Arsenic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<sup>C</sup>	...	0.15–0.50
Silver, min	...	...	...	0.034	0.085	...	...	<sup>C</sup>	...	...
Oxygen, max	0.0005	0.0010	...	0.0010	0.0010	...	...	<sup>C</sup>	...	...

<sup>A</sup> Refer to Table 1, Chemical Requirements, Grade 1 of Specification B170 for impurity limits for Copper UNS No. C10100.

<sup>B</sup> Refer to Table 1, Chemical Requirements, Grade 2 of Specification B170 for impurity limits for Copper UNS No. C10200.

<sup>C</sup> The following additional maximum limits shall apply: Se, 2 ppm (0.0002 %); Bi, 1.0 ppm (0.00010 %); Te, 2 ppm (0.0002 %); Group Total, Te + Se + Bi, 3 ppm (0.0003 %); Sn, 5 ppm (0.0005 %); Pb, 5 ppm (0.0005 %); Fe, 10 ppm (0.0010 %); Ni, 10 ppm (0.0010 %); S, 15 ppm (0.0015 %); Ag, 25 ppm (0.0025 %); Sb, 4 ppm (0.0004 %); As, 5 ppm (0.0005 %); Oxygen 100 to 650 ppm (0.010 to 0.065 %). The total maximum allowable of 65 ppm (0.065 %) does not include oxygen.

<sup>D</sup> The copper value is determined by the difference between the impurity total and 100 %. The copper value is exclusive of Ag.

<sup>E</sup> Includes P.