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# Standard Specification for Copper and Copper-Alloy Die Forgings (Hot-Pressed)<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper and copper alloy die forgings produced by the hot pressing method. The following copper and copper alloys are included:

Copper or Copper Alloy UNS No.	Name
C11000	copper
C14500	copper-tellurium
C14700	copper-sulfur
C27450	plumbing brass
C27451	plumbing brass
C27453	copper zinc alloy
C28500	copper-zinc brass
C35330	lead brass
C36300	copper-zinc-lead
C36500	lead Muntz metal
C37000	free-cutting Muntz metal
C37700	forging brass
C46400	naval brass
C46500	naval brass, arsenical
C46750	tin brass
C48200	medium lead naval brass
C48500	lead naval brass
C48600	naval brass
C48640	DZR brass
C48645	DZR tin brass
C49250	copper-zinc-bismuth alloy
C49255	copper-zinc-bismuth-nickel alloy
C49260	copper-zinc-bismuth alloy
C49265	copper-zinc-tin-bismuth, low lead
C49300	copper-zinc-tin-bismuth alloy
C49340	copper-zinc-tin-bismuth alloy
C49345	copper-zinc-tin-bismuth, low lead
C49350	copper-zinc-tin-bismuth alloy
C49355	bismuth brass
C61900	aluminum bronze
C62300	aluminum bronze, 9 %
C63000	aluminum-nickel bronze
C63200	aluminum-nickel bronze
C64200	aluminum-silicon bronze
C64210	aluminum-silicon bronze, 6.7 %
C65500	high-silicon bronze (A)
C65680	high-silicon bronze
C67500	manganese bronze (A)
C67600	...
C69300	copper-zinc-silicon
C69410	copper-zinc-silicon

Copper or Copper Alloy UNS No.	Name
C69850	copper-zinc-silicon
C70620	copper-nickel 90-10
C71520	copper-nickel 70-30
C77400	nickel silver, 45-10
C87700	silicon bronze
C87710	silicon bronze

  

Copper Alloy EN 1412 Nos.	Name
CW612N	forging brass
CW617N	forging brass

1.2 *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 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.

NOTE 1—Nominal composition and relative forgeability ratings are given in [Appendix X1](#). Copper-nickel alloys C70620 and C71520 are intended for welded applications with seawater exposure.

NOTE 2—Guidelines for design and development of forgings are included in [Appendix X2](#).

NOTE 3—Wrought product intended for hot forging is described in Specification [B124/B124M](#).

1.3 The following safety caveat pertains only to Section 10 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 determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *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>  
[B124/B124M Specification for Copper and Copper Alloy](#)

<sup>1</sup> 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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<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.

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

### Forging Rod, Bar, and Shapes

**B249/B249M** Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Rod, Bar, Shapes and Forgings

**B846** Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

**E8/E8M** Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

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

**E75** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Nickel and Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloys (Withdrawn 2010)<sup>3</sup>

**E478** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

#### 2.2 Other Standards:

**ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code**<sup>4</sup>

**EN 1412** Copper and Copper Alloys – European Numbering System<sup>5</sup>

**ISO 7602** Determination of Tellurium Content (High Content)—Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometric Method<sup>6</sup>

**JIS H 1068:2005** Method for Determination of Bismuth in Copper and Copper Alloys<sup>7</sup> (Japanese Industrial Standards)

#### 2.3 Military Standards:<sup>8</sup>

**MIL-STD-792** Identification Marking Requirements for Special Purpose Components

**NAVSEA T9074-AS-GIB-010/271** Requirements for Non-destructive Testing Method

### 3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specification **B249/B249M** constitute a part of this specification:

- 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 Rehearing;
- 3.1.11 Certification;
- 3.1.12 Test Reports;
- 3.1.13 Packaging and Package Marking; and
- 3.1.14 Supplementary Requirements.

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

<sup>4</sup> Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

<sup>5</sup> Available from EN Standard Store, Krimicka 134, 318 13 Pilsen, Czech Republic, <https://www.en-standard.eu/>.

<sup>6</sup> Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

<sup>7</sup> Available from Japanese Standards Association (JSA), Mita MT Bldg., 3-13-12 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 108-0073, Japan, <http://www.jsa.or.jp>.

<sup>8</sup> Available from DLA Document Services, Building 4/D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, <http://quicksearch.dla.mil/>.

3.1.15 In addition, when a section with a title identical to one of those referenced in 3.1, above, appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements that supplement those appearing in Specification **B249/B249M**.

### 4. Terminology

#### 4.1 Definitions:

4.1.1 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 *hot pressed forging, n*—a product made by pressing a heated blank or section of wrought or cast copper or copper alloy in a closed impression die.

### 5. Ordering Information

5.1 Include the following information when placing orders for products to this specification, as applicable:

5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue;

5.1.2 Copper or Copper Alloy UNS No. or EN 1412 No. designation (Scope);

5.1.3 Drawing showing the shape dimensions and tolerances (Dimensions and Permissible Variations);

5.1.4 Temper (as specified herein);

5.1.5 Quantity: total weight or number of pieces for each form, temper, and copper or copper alloy;

5.1.6 When product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government (as specified herein); and

5.1.7 When product must adhere to the requirements of *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* (Mechanical Property Requirements).

5.2 The following requirements are optional and shall be specified in the contract or purchase order.

5.2.1 Certification (as specified herein and Supplementary Requirements),

5.2.2 Mill test report (as specified in Specification **B249/B249M**), and

5.2.3 Ultrasonic inspection report (Supplementary Requirements).

### 6. Materials and Manufacture

#### 6.1 Materials:

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a form of rods, billets, or blanks cut from cast or wrought material of one of the copper or copper alloys listed in the Scope of this specification and 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 4—Due to the discontinuous nature of the processing of castings into wrought products, it is not always practical to identify specific casting analysis with a specific quantity of finished material.

#### 6.2 Manufacture:

6.2.1 The product shall be manufactured by hot pressing material between the upper and lower sections of a set of dies conforming to the configuration defined by the purchaser's submitted drawings.

6.2.2 Product of Copper Alloy UNS No. C63000 and C63200 shall be heat treated (as specified herein).

## 7. Chemical Composition

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

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.

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

7.2.2 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 other elements determined and 100 %.

7.3 When all the elements in **Table 1** are determined for Copper Alloy C65680, the sum of results shall be 99.2 % min. When all elements in **Table 1** are determined for Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C36500, C37000, C46400, C46500, C48200, C48500, C48600, the sum of results shall be 99.6 % min; for Copper Alloy UNS No. C28500, the sum of results shall be 99.1 % min; for EN 1412 Nos. CW612N and CW617N, the sum of the results shall be 99.8 % min; and for all other alloys, the sum of results shall be 99.5 % min.

## 8. Temper

8.1 The standard tempers for products described in this specification are as follows:

- 8.1.1 As hot forged-air cooled M10,
- 8.1.2 Hot forged and annealed O20.

8.2 Alloys C70620 and C71520 shall be furnished in the following tempers:

- 8.2.1 As hot forged-air cooled M10, unless,
- 8.2.2 Hot forged and annealed O20 is specified.

8.3 Other tempers shall be subjected to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

## 9. Mechanical Property Requirements

9.1 Mechanical property requirements are subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

9.2 Product furnished to this specification for UNS Alloy No. C70620 and C71520 and specified to meet the requirements of the *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* shall conform to the tensile requirements prescribed in **Table 2**, when tested in accordance with Test Methods **E8/E8M**.

9.2.1 Acceptance or rejection based upon mechanical properties for UNS Alloy No. C70620 and C71520 shall depend only on tensile strength.

## 10. Heat Treatment

10.1 Product produced from Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C63000 and C63200 shall be heat treated as follows:

10.1.1 Heat to 1550 °F [843 °C] minimum for 1 h minimum and quench in water or other suitable medium.

10.1.2 Temper Anneal at 1300 °F ± 25 °F [704 °C ± 14 °C] for 3 to 9 h as required to meet mechanical properties.

10.2 Heat treatment of other alloys, if needed, to be established by specific agreement between the supplier and purchaser.

## 11. Special Government Requirements

11.1 Product purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government shall conform to the additional requirements prescribed in the Supplementary Requirements section of this specification.

## 12. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

12.1 The dimensions and tolerances for forgings shall be those agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser, and such dimensions and tolerances shall be specified on the drawings which form a part of the contract or purchase order.

NOTE 5—Typical tolerances commonly used for forgings are shown in **Table X2.1**.

NOTE 6—Typical deviations for mismatch, flatness, ejector marks, flash projection, and die parting line are included in the **Appendix X2**.

## 13. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

13.1 The forging process gives to the forgings a surface condition related to the hot forging process itself. Ridges, indentations, folds, shocks from automatic hot forging, smooth flow lines due to brass rod slug positioning and material flow, that do not have deleterious effects in use, shall not be cause for rejection.

13.2 Customer-specific requirements for as-forged surface quality shall be by agreement between the purchaser and supplier.

## 14. Test Methods

14.1 *Chemical Analysis:*

14.1.1 In cases of disagreement, test methods for chemical analysis shall be subject to agreement between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser. The following table is a list of published methods, some of which may no longer be viable, which along with others not listed, may be used subject to agreement.

Element	ASTM Test Method
Aluminum	<b>E478</b>
Antimony	<b>E62</b>
Arsenic	<b>E62</b>
Bismuth	JIS H 1068:2005
Copper	<b>E478</b>
Iron	<b>E478, E75</b> for CuNi
	<b>E478, E75</b> for CuNi
Lead	<b>E478 (AA)</b>
Manganese	<b>E62, E75</b> for CuNi
Nickel	<b>E478</b> (photometric)
	<b>E478</b> (gravimetric)
Phosphorus	<b>E62</b>
Silicon	<b>E62</b> (perchloric acid)
Tin	<b>E478</b>
	<b>E478</b>
Zinc	<b>E478 (AA)</b>
	<b>E478</b> (titrimetric)
	ISO Test Method 7602
Tellurium	

NOTE—< = less than; > = greater than