



# Standard Specification for Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloy (Nickel Silver) and Copper-Nickel Rod and Bar<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper-nickel-zinc and copper-nickel rod and bar for general application produced from Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C70600, C70620, C71500, C71520, C74500, C75200, C75700, C76400, C77000, and C79200.

1.1.1 Copper Alloys UNS Nos. C70620 and C71520 are for product intended for welding applications.

1.1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound or SI 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 nonconformance with the standard.

NOTE 1—Requirements for copper-nickel-zinc alloy wire appear in Specification B 206/B 206M.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

B 206/B 206M Specification for Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloy (Nickel Silver) Wire and Copper-Nickel Alloy Wire

B 249/B 249M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Rod, Bar, Shapes, and Forgings

B 601 Classification for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast

B 846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

E 75 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper-Nickel and Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloys

E 76 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel-Copper Alloys

E 478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys<sup>3</sup>

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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.

<sup>3</sup> Withdrawn.

## 3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specifications B 249/B 249M are a part of this specification:

3.1.1 Terminology,

3.1.2 Material and Manufacture,

3.1.3 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance,

3.1.4 Sampling,

3.1.5 Specimen Preparation,

3.1.6 Test Methods,

3.1.7 Inspection,

3.1.8 Certification,

3.1.9 Report,

3.1.10 Packaging and Package Marking, and

3.1.11 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 which supplement those appearing in Specifications B 249/B 249M.

## 4. Terminology

4.1 For definitions of terms related to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology B 846.

## 5. Ordering Information

5.1 Include the following information in the contract or purchase order:

5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue (for example, B 151/B 151M – XX),

5.1.2 Copper Alloy UNS No. designation (Section 1),

5.1.3 Temper (Section 8 and Tables 2-5),

5.1.4 Form: cross section such as round, hexagonal, square, and so forth (Section 12),

5.1.5 Diameter or distance between parallel surfaces, length (Section 12),

5.1.6 Weight: total for each form, size, and temper, and

5.1.7 When material is purchased for agencies of the U.S. government (Section 11).

5.2 The following options are available and should be specified in the contract or purchase order when required:

5.2.1 Heat identification or traceability detail,

5.2.2 Certification, and

5.2.3 Test report.

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

**TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements**

| Copper Alloy<br>UNS No. | Composition, % max (unless shown as range or min) |                     |         |          |           |           |             |        |        |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------|--------|
|                         | Copper, Incl Silver                               | Nickel, Incl Cobalt | Lead    | Iron     | Manganese | Zinc      | Phosphorous | Sulfur | Carbon |
| C70600                  | remainder                                         | 9.0-11.0            | 0.05    | 1.0-1.8  | 1.0       | 1.0       | 0.02        | 0.02   | ...    |
| C70620                  | 86.5 min                                          | 9.0-11.0            | 0.02    | 1.0-1.8  | 1.0       | 0.50      | 0.02        | 0.02   | 0.05   |
| C71500                  | remainder                                         | 29.0-33.0           | 0.05    | 0.40-1.0 | 1.0       | 1.0       | ...         | ...    | ...    |
| C71520                  | 65.0 min                                          | 29.0-33.0           | 0.02    | 0.40-1.0 | 1.0       | 0.50      | 0.02        | 0.02   | 0.05   |
| C74500                  | 63.5-66.5                                         | 9.0-11.0            | 0.05    | 0.25     | 0.50      | remainder | ...         | ...    | ...    |
| C75200                  | 63.0-66.5                                         | 16.5-19.5           | 0.05    | 0.25     | 0.50      | remainder | ...         | ...    | ...    |
| C75700                  | 63.5-66.5                                         | 11.0-13.0           | 0.05    | 0.25     | 0.50      | remainder | ...         | ...    | ...    |
| C76400                  | 58.5-61.5                                         | 16.5-19.5           | 0.05    | 0.25     | 0.50      | remainder | ...         | ...    | ...    |
| C77000                  | 53.5-56.5                                         | 16.5-19.5           | 0.05    | 0.25     | 0.50      | remainder | ...         | ...    | ...    |
| C79200                  | 59.0-66.5                                         | 11.0-13.0           | 0.8-1.4 | 0.25     | 0.50      | remainder | ...         | ...    | ...    |

**TABLE 2 Grain Size Requirements for OS (Annealed) Temper Rod and Bar**

| Copper Alloy UNS No.                       | Temper Designation | Grain Size, mm |         |         |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
|                                            |                    | Nominal        | Minimum | Maximum |
| All alloys                                 | OS015              | 0.015          | ...     | 0.030   |
| All alloys                                 | OS035              | 0.035          | 0.025   | 0.050   |
| C74500, C75200, C75700, C76400, and C77000 | OS070              | 0.070          | 0.050   | 0.100   |

**TABLE 3 Tensile Requirements for Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloy Rod and Bar**

| Temper Designation | Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces, in. [mm]            | Tensile Strength, ksi [MPa] <sup>a</sup> |           |                                                          |           |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                    |                                                                     | Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C75200 and C79200  |           | Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C74500, C75700, C76400, and C77000 |           |
|                    |                                                                     | Min                                      | Max       | Min                                                      | Max       |
| H01                | Rod: round<br>0.02 to 0.50 [0.5 to 10], incl                        | 60 [415]                                 | 80 [550]  | 75 [515]                                                 | 95 [655]  |
| H04                | Rod: round, hexagonal, octagonal<br>0.02 to 0.25 [0.5 to 6.5], incl | 80 [550]                                 | 100 [690] | 90 [620]                                                 | 110 [760] |
|                    | Over 0.25 to 0.50 [6.5 to 10], incl                                 | 70 [485]                                 | 90 [620]  | 80 [550]                                                 | 100 [690] |
|                    | Over 0.50 to 1.0 [10 to 25], incl                                   | 65 [450]                                 | 85 [590]  | 75 [515]                                                 | 95 [655]  |
|                    | Over 1.0 [25]                                                       | 60 [415]                                 | 80 [550]  | 70 [485]                                                 | 90 [620]  |
| H04                | Bar: square, rectangular all sizes                                  | 68 [470]                                 | 88 [605]  | 75 [515]                                                 | 95 [650]  |

## 6. Materials and Manufacture

### 6.1 Material:

6.1.1 The material of manufacture as specified in the contract or purchase order, shall be of one of Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C70600, C70620, C71500, C71520, C74500, C75200, C75700, C76400, C77000, or C79200.

## 7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The product shall conform to the chemical compositional requirements prescribed in [Table 1](#) for the Copper Alloy UNS No. designation specified in the contract or purchase order.

7.1.1 These composition limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. Limits may be established and analysis

required for unnamed elements by agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

7.2 For copper alloys in which zinc or copper is specified as the remainder, zinc or copper may be taken as the difference between the sum of results for all elements determined and 100 %.

7.3 When all elements listed in [Table 1](#) for a specified alloy are determined, the sum of results shall be 99.5 % minimum.

## 8. Temper

8.1 The standard tempers available under this specification and as defined in Classification [B 601](#) are: O60, OS015, OS035, OS070, M30, H01, and H04 are given in [Tables 2-5](#).

NOTE 2—The purchaser should confer with the manufacturer or supplier concerning the availability of a specific form and temper.

8.2 Other tempers, and tempers for other products including shapes, shall be subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

## 9. Grain Size of Annealed Tempers

### 9.1 Grain Size:

9.1.1 Product in the OS temper shall conform to the grain size requirement prescribed in [Table 2](#) for the specified copper alloy and temper.

9.1.2 Grain size shall be the basis for acceptance or rejection for OS temper product produced from Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C74500, C75200, C75700, C76400, C77000, and C79200.

## 10. Mechanical Property Requirements

### 10.1 Tensile Strength Requirement:

10.1.1 Copper-Nickel-Zinc Alloys UNS Nos. C74500, C75200, C75700, C76400, C77000, and C79200 in Tempers H01 and H04 shall conform to the requirement prescribed in [Table 3](#) for the specified shape and size and the tensile strength shall be the basis of acceptance or rejection for product in these tempers.

10.1.2 Copper-Nickel Alloys UNS Nos. C70600, C70620, C71500, and C71520 in Tempers H01, H04, M30, and O60 shall conform to the requirement prescribed in [Tables 4 and 5](#) for the specified shape and size, and the tensile properties shall be the basis of acceptance or rejection for all tempers.

## 11. Purchases for U.S. Government Agencies

11.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, product purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government shall

**TABLE 4 Tensile Requirements for Copper-Nickel Alloy Rod and Bar [Inch-Pound Units]**

NOTE—SI values are stated in [Table 5](#).

| Temper Designation                      | Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces, in.  |                       | Tensile Strength, min, ksi                                              | Yield Strength at 0.5 % Extension Under Load, min, ksi | Elongation in 4× Diameter or Thickness of Specimen, min, % <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C70600 and C70620 |                                                      |                       |                                                                         |                                                        |                                                                         |
| O60, M30 H04                            | round, hexagonal, and octagonal rods and square bars | all sizes             | 38                                                                      | 15                                                     | 30                                                                      |
|                                         | round, hexagonal, and octagonal rods and square bars | up to 3/8, incl       | 60                                                                      | 38                                                     | 10                                                                      |
| O60                                     | rectangular bars and shapes                          | over 3/8 to 1, incl   | 50                                                                      | 30                                                     | 15                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 1 to 3, incl     | 40                                                                      | 15                                                     | 30                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 3 to 5, incl     | 38                                                                      | 15                                                     | 20                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | all sizes             | 38                                                                      | 15                                                     | 30                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | For Thicknesses       |                                                                         |                                                        |                                                                         |
| H04                                     | rectangular bars                                     | up to 3/8, incl       | 55                                                                      | 30                                                     | 10                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 3/8 to 1/2, incl | 50                                                                      | 28                                                     | 12                                                                      |
| H04                                     | shapes                                               | over 1/2 to 3         | 40                                                                      | 17                                                     | 20                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | all sizes             | (As agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser) |                                                        |                                                                         |
| Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C71500 and C71520 |                                                      |                       |                                                                         |                                                        |                                                                         |
| O60, M30                                | round, hexagonal, and octagonal rods and square bars | up to 1/2, incl       | 52                                                                      | 18                                                     | 30                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 1/2 to 1, incl   | 48                                                                      | 18                                                     | 30                                                                      |
| H01                                     | round, hexagonal, and octagonal rods and square bars | over 1                | 45                                                                      | 18                                                     | 30                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | up to 1/2, incl       | 65                                                                      | 50                                                     | 10                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 1/2 to 1, incl   | 60                                                                      | 45                                                     | 15                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 1 to 3, incl     | 55                                                                      | 35                                                     | 20                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 3 to 5, incl     | 45                                                                      | 18                                                     | 20                                                                      |
| H04                                     |                                                      | up to 1/2, incl       | 80                                                                      | 60                                                     | 8                                                                       |
|                                         |                                                      | over 1/2 to 1, incl   | 75                                                                      | 58                                                     | 10                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 1 to 2, incl     | 70                                                                      | 55                                                     | 10                                                                      |
| O60                                     | rectangular bars and shapes                          | all sizes             | 45                                                                      | 15                                                     | 30                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | For Thicknesses       |                                                                         |                                                        |                                                                         |
| H04                                     | rectangular bars                                     | up to 1/2, incl       | 75                                                                      | 55                                                     | 7                                                                       |
|                                         |                                                      | over 1/2 to 1, incl   | 70                                                                      | 50                                                     | 10                                                                      |
| H04                                     | shapes                                               | all sizes             | (As agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser) |                                                        |                                                                         |

<sup>A</sup> In any case, a minimum gage length of 1 in. shall be used.

conform to the special government regulations specified in the Supplementary Requirements section of Specifications [B 249/B 249M](#).

## 12. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

12.1 The following titled sections and tables in Specifications [B 249/B 249M](#) are a part of this specification:

12.1.1 *Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces:*

12.1.1.1 Rod: round/hexagonal, octagonal—cold-drawn rod, Table 2.

12.1.1.2 Bar: rectangular and square—thickness, width, Tables 9 and 11.

12.1.2 Length—length tolerances, schedule of length, Tables 13 and 15.

12.1.3 Straightness tolerances for rod, bar, and shapes, Table 16.

12.1.4 Edge contours—see identically titled clause.

## 13. Number of Tests and Retests

13.1 *Tests:*

13.1.1 *Chemical Analysis*—Chemical composition shall be determined as the per element mean of results from at least two replicate determinations of the sample(s) and the results of each replication shall conform to compositional requirements.

13.1.2 *Other Tests*—Grain size and tensile properties shall be determined from specimens prepared from each of two sample pieces selected for tests and each specimen shall conform to test requirement(s).

13.2 *Retests:*

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

13.2.2 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 normally required for the 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.

## 14. Test Methods

14.1 The test method(s) used for quality control or production control, or both, for the determination of conformance with product property requirements are discretionary.

14.1.1 The test method(s) used to obtain data for the preparation of certification or test report, or both, shall be made available to the purchaser on request.



TABLE 5 Tensile Requirements for Copper-Nickel Alloy Rod and Bar [SI Units]

NOTE—Inch-pound values are stated in Table 4.

| Temper Designation                      | Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces, mm   |                      | Tensile Strength, min, MPa                                              | Yield Strength at 0.5 % Extension Under Load, min, MPa | Elongation in 4× Diameter or Thickness of Specimen, min, % <sup>A</sup> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C70600 and C70620 |                                                      |                      |                                                                         |                                                        |                                                                         |
| O60, M30<br>H04                         | round, hexagonal, and octagonal rods and square bars | all sizes            | 260                                                                     | 105                                                    | 30                                                                      |
|                                         | round, hexagonal, and octagonal rods and square bars | up to 9.5, incl      | 415                                                                     | 260                                                    | 10                                                                      |
| O60                                     | rectangular bars and shapes                          | over 9.5 to 25, incl | 345                                                                     | 205                                                    | 15                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 25 to 80, incl  | 275                                                                     | 105                                                    | 30                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 80 to 125, incl | 260                                                                     | 105                                                    | 20                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | all sizes            | 260                                                                     | 105                                                    | 30                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | For Thicknesses      |                                                                         |                                                        |                                                                         |
| H04                                     | rectangular bars                                     | up to 9.5, incl      | 380                                                                     | 205                                                    | 10                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 9.5 to 12, incl | 345                                                                     | 195                                                    | 12                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 12 to 80, incl  | 275                                                                     | 115                                                    | 20                                                                      |
| H04                                     | shapes                                               | all sizes            | (As agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser) |                                                        |                                                                         |
| Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C71500 and C71520 |                                                      |                      |                                                                         |                                                        |                                                                         |
| O60, M30                                | round, hexagonal, and octagonal rods and square bars | up to 12, incl       | 360                                                                     | 125                                                    | 30                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 12 to 25, incl  | 330                                                                     | 125                                                    | 30                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 25              | 310                                                                     | 125                                                    | 30                                                                      |
| H01                                     | round, hexagonal, and octagonal rods and square bars | up to 12, incl       | 450                                                                     | 345                                                    | 10                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 12 to 25, incl  | 415                                                                     | 310                                                    | 15                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 25 to 80, incl  | 380                                                                     | 240                                                    | 20                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 80 to 125, incl | 310                                                                     | 125                                                    | 20                                                                      |
| H04                                     |                                                      | up to 12, incl       | 550                                                                     | 415                                                    | 8                                                                       |
|                                         |                                                      | over 12 to 25, incl  | 515                                                                     | 400                                                    | 10                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | over 25 to 50, incl  | 485                                                                     | 380                                                    | 10                                                                      |
| O60                                     | rectangular bars and shapes                          | all sizes            | 310                                                                     | 105                                                    | 30                                                                      |
|                                         |                                                      | For Thicknesses      |                                                                         |                                                        |                                                                         |
| H04                                     | rectangular bars                                     | up to 12, incl       | 515                                                                     | 380                                                    | 7                                                                       |
|                                         |                                                      | over 12 to 25, incl  | 485                                                                     | 345                                                    | 10                                                                      |
| H04                                     | shapes                                               | all sizes            | (As agreed upon between the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser) |                                                        |                                                                         |

<sup>A</sup> In any case, a minimum gage length of 25 mm shall be used.

14.2 *Chemical Analysis*—Chemical composition shall be determined, in case of disagreement, as follows:

| Element    | Range, % | Method              |
|------------|----------|---------------------|
| Copper     | 53–90    | E 478               |
| Iron       | 0.02–8   | E 75                |
| Lead       | 0.05–1.5 | E 478 (AA)          |
| Manganese  | 0.05–1.0 | E 75                |
| Nickel     | 8–34     | E 478 (Gravimetric) |
| Zinc       | 0–1.0    | E 478 (AA)          |
| Zinc       | 2–40     | E 478 (Titrimetric) |
| Sulfur     | 0–0.1    | E 478 (AA)          |
| Phosphorus | 0–1.0    | E 478 (AA)          |
| Carbon     | 0.01–1.0 | E 76                |

## 15. Rejection and Rehearing

### 15.1 Rejection:

15.1.1 Product that fails to conform to the requirements of this product specification is subject to rejection.

15.1.2 Rejection shall be reported to the manufacturer or supplier, promptly and in writing.

15.1.3 In case of disagreement or dissatisfaction with the results of the test upon which rejection was based, the manufacturer or supplier may take claim for a rehearing.

### 15.2 Rehearing:

15.2.1 As a result of product rejection, the manufacturer or supplier may make claim to the purchaser for retest to be conducted by the manufacturer or supplier and the purchaser. Samples of the rejected product shall be taken in accordance with the product specification and tested by both parties as directed in the product specification, or, alternatively, upon agreement between both parties, an independent laboratory may be selected for the tests using the test methods prescribed in this product specification.

## 16. Keywords

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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Committee B05 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (B 151/B 151M – 00) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved Oct. 1, 2005.)

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| (1) General editorial modifications were incorporated in accordance with current form and style guidelines.          | (phosphorus and sulfur requirements) and C75200 (changed copper lower limit to 63.0 from 63.5). |
| (2) The chemical composition table was updated to reflect current alloy compositions of Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C70600 | (3) Temper M30 and sizes up to 5 in. for copper-nickel rod were added to Tables 4 and 5.        |

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