



Standard Specification for Copper-Zinc-Tin-Bismuth Alloy Rod, Bar and Wire¹

This standard is issued under the fixed designation B 967/B 967M; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last reapproval. A superscript epsilon (ϵ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

1. Scope

1.1 This specification establishes the requirements for copper-zinc-tin-bismuth alloy rod, bar and wire of alloy UNS No. C49300² intended for use in plumbing applications and drinking water systems.

1.2 Typically, rod and bar product made to this specification is furnished as straight lengths. Wire (H04) 0.08-0.3 in. [2-8 mm inclusive] is furnished in coil form.

1.3 The following safety hazard caveat pertains only to the test method(s) described in this specification.

1.3.1 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 **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 may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.5 A Japanese patent application has been submitted for UNS Alloy C49300. A patent application is being prepared for review by the U.S. Patent Office. An international patent application has been submitted to PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty). Alternative materials will be included in this document when they become available.²

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

¹ This test method 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.

Current edition approved April 1, 2009. Published May 2009.

² The UNS Alloy C49300 is covered by pending patents as noted in 1.5. Interested parties are invited to submit information regarding the identification of alternative(s) to this pending patented item to the ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee, which you may attend.

³ 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.

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

B 250/B 250M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper Alloy Wire

B 846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E 8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials [Metric]⁴

E 62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods)

E 92 Test Method for Vickers Hardness of Metallic Materials

E 478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

2.2 Other Standards:

ISO No. 3110 (AA) Copper Alloys – Determination of Aluminum as an Alloying Element – Volumetric⁵ (International Organization of Standardization)

JIS H 1068:2005 Method for Determination of Bismuth in Copper and Copper Alloys⁶ (Japanese Industrial Standards)

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specifications B 249/B 249M or B 250/B 250M constitute a part of this specification:

3.1.1 Terminology,

3.1.2 Materials and Manufacture,

3.1.3 Sampling,

3.1.4 Number of Tests and Retests,

3.1.5 Specimen Preparation,

3.1.6 Certification,

3.1.7 Test Reports.

3.2 In addition, when a section with a title identical to that referenced in X.1, above, appears in this specification, it contains additional requirements which supplement those appearing in Specifications B 249/B 249M or B 250/B 250M.

⁴ Withdrawn. The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

⁵ Available from International Organization of Standards, <http://www.ISO/ISO/store.htm>

⁶ Japanese Industrial Standard, available through <http://www.JIS.or.jp/>

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 when placing orders for product under this specification, as applicable:

- 5.1.1 ASTM designation and year of issue,
- 5.1.2 Copper Alloy UNS No. C49300,
- 5.1.3 Temper (Section 8),
- 5.1.4 Dimensions, diameter, or distance between parallel surfaces,

5.1.5 How furnished: straight lengths or coils,
5.1.6 Quantity: total weight or total length or number of pieces of each size,

5.1.7 If product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government (see the Supplementary Requirements section of Specifications B 249/B 249M or B 250/B 250M for additional requirements, if specified).

5.2 The following options are available and should be specified at the time of placing of the order when required:

- 5.2.1 Heat identification or traceability details,
- 5.2.2 Certification, and
- 5.2.3 Mill Test Report.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 Materials:

6.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be a form of Copper Alloy UNS No. C49300 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 1—Due to the discontinuous nature of the processing of castings into wrought products, it is not always practical to identify a specific casting analysis with a specific quantity of finished material.

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.

6.2.2 The product shall be hot or cold worked to the finished size, and subsequently annealed when required, to meet the temper properties specified.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The material shall conform to the chemical composition requirements in Table 1 for copper alloy UNS No. C49300 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.

7.3 For alloys in which zinc is listed as “remainder,” zinc is the difference between the sum of results of all elements determined and 100 %. When all elements in Table 1 are determined, the sum of results shall be 99.5 % min.

8. Temper

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

- 8.1.1 Annealed: O61 for rod and bar
- 8.1.2 As Hot Extruded: M30 for rod and bar
- 8.1.3 Cold drawn half hard temper: H02 for rod and bar
- 8.1.4 Cold drawn hard temper: H04 for wire

9. Mechanical Property Requirements

9.1 Tensile Strength Requirements:

9.1.1 Product furnished under this specification shall conform to the tensile requirements prescribed in Table 2, when tested in accordance with Test Methods E 8 [or E 8M].

9.1.2 Acceptance or rejection shall be based upon the tensile properties prescribed in Table 2.

10. Other Requirements

10.1 Purchases for the U.S. Government – Product purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government shall conform to the additional requirements prescribed in the Supplementary Requirements section of Specifications B 249/B 249M or B 250/B 250M.

11. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variation

11.1 The dimensions and tolerances for product described by this specification shall be as specified in Specification B 249/B 249M or B 250/B 250M for wire as noted, with particular reference to the following Tables and related paragraphs:

11.1.1 Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces

11.1.1.1 Rod, Cold-Drawn, H02, H04 Table 1, B 249/B 249M.

11.1.1.2 Rod and Bar, As Extruded, O61 Table 4, B 249/B 249M.

11.1.1.3 Wire Cold Drawn Hard, H04 Table 1, B 250/B 250M.

11.1.2 Thickness Tolerance for Rectangular and Square Bar, Table 7, B 249/B 249M.

11.1.3 Width Tolerance for Rectangular Bar, Table 10, B 249/B 249M.

11.1.4 Length: Table 13, Full Length Tolerances for Rod, Bar, and Table 15, Schedule of Lengths with Ends for Rod and Bar, B 249/B 249M.

11.1.5 Straightness: Table 16, Straightness Tolerances for Rod, Bar, For General Use section, B 249/B 249M.

11.1.6 Edge Contour: Refer to Edge Contours section in B 249/B 249M or B 250/B 250M.

TABLE 1 Chemical Composition

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Copper	Lead max	Iron max	Tin	Zinc	Phosphorus max	Aluminum max	Antimony max	Bismuth	Manganese max	Nickel max, incl Co	Selenium max	Silicon max
C49300	58.0–62.0	0.01	0.10	1.3–1.8	Rem	0.20	0.50	0.50	.50–2.0	0.03	1.5	0.20	0.10

TABLE 2 Mechanical Property Requirements – Round and Hexagonal Rod, Bar^A and Wire

Code	Temper Name	Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Surfaces, in. (mm)	Tensile Strength, ksi (MPa) min	Yield Strength 0.2 offset ksi (MPa) min	Elongation in 4 × dia. % min	Vickers Hardness 5000 gms Typ.
M30	As Hot Extruded	1 to 4.375 incl. (25 – 110) incl.	50 (345)	20 (140)	18	
O61	Annealed	.3 – 1 incl. (8 – 25) incl.	50 (345)	20 (140)	15	80
		1 – 2.5 incl. (26 – 65) incl.	48 (330)	16 (110)	15	80
H02	½ Hard	.3 – 1 incl. (8 – 25) incl.	55 (380)	25 (170)	15	80
		1 – 2.5 incl. (26 – 65) incl.	50 (345)	20 (140)	15	80
H04	Hard Wire	.08 – .3 incl. (2 – 8) incl.	67 (460)	45 (310)	3	

^A For rectangular bar, the Distance Between Parallel Surfaces refers to thickness.

12. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

12.1 The product shall be free of defects, but blemishes of a nature that do not interfere with the intended application are acceptable.

13. Sampling

13.1 Refer to sampling section in Specifications B 249/ B 249M or B 250/B 250M.

14. Number of Tests and Retests

14.1 Test:

14.1.1 *Chemical Analysis*—Chemical composition shall be determined in accordance with the element mean of the results from at least two replicate analyses of the sample(s).

14.2 Retest:

14.2.1 When requested by the manufacturer or supplier, a retest shall be permitted when results of tests obtained by the purchaser fail to conform to the requirements of the product specification.

14.2.2 The retest shall be as directed in the product specification for the initial test, except the number of test specimens shall be twice that normally required for the specified test.

14.2.3 All test specimens shall conform to the product specification requirement(s) in retest. Failure to conform shall be cause for rejection.

15. Test Methods

15.1 Chemical Analyses:

15.1.1 In cases of disagreement, the resolution of the dispute shall be subject to agreement between the manufacturer or supplier and purchaser. The following methods may be used:

Element	Method
Copper	E 478
Aluminum	ISO No. 3110 (AA)
Phosphorus	E 62
Nickel	E 478
Tin	E 478
Zinc	E 478
Bismuth	JIS H 1068: 2005

15.1.2 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 purchaser.

15.2 Other Tests:

15.2.1 The product furnished shall conform to specified requirements when subjected to test in accordance with the following table:

Test	Method
Tensile Properties	E 8 [E 8M]
Hardness, Vickers	E 92

15.2.2 *Yield Strength*—The yield strength shall be determined by the 0.2 % offset method of Test Method E 8 [or E 8M]. When test results are obtained from both full-size and machined specimens, and they differ, the test results from the full-size specimens shall prevail.

16. Significance of Numerical Limits

16.1 For the purpose of determining compliance with the specified limits for requirements of the properties listed in the following table and for dimensional tolerances, an observed value or a calculated value shall be rounded as indicated in accordance with the rounding method of Practice E 92:

Property	Rounded Unit for Observed or Calculated Value
Chemical Composition	Nearest unit in the last right-hand significant digit used in expressing the limiting value
Hardness	
Tensile Strength	Nearest ksi [5 MPa]
Yield Strength	
Elongation	Nearest 1 %

17. Inspection

17.1 The manufacturer, or supplier, shall inspect and make tests necessary to verify the furnished product conforms to specification requirements.

17.2 Source inspection of the product by the purchaser may be agreed upon between the manufacturer, or supplier, and the purchaser as part of the purchase order. In such case, the nature of the facilities needed to satisfy the inspector, representing the purchaser, that the product is being furnished in accordance with the specification shall be included in the agreement. All testing and inspection shall be conducted so as not to interfere unnecessarily with the operation of the works.

17.3 When mutually agreed upon, the manufacturer, or supplier, and the purchaser shall conduct the final inspection simultaneously.

18. Rejection and Rehearing

18.1 Rejection:

18.1.1 Product that fails to conform to the specification requirements when tested by the purchaser or purchaser's agent shall be subject to rejection.

18.1.2 Rejection shall be reported to the manufacturer or supplier promptly. In addition, a written notification of rejection shall follow.

18.1.3 In case of dissatisfaction with results of the test upon which rejection is based, the manufacturer, or supplier, shall have the option to make claim for a rehearing.

18.2 Rehearing:

18.2.1 As a result of product rejection, the manufacturer, or supplier, shall have the option to make claim for a 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 subjected to test by both parties using the test method(s) specified in the product specification, or alternately, upon agreement of both parties, an independent laboratory may be selected for the test(s) using the test method(s) specified in the product specification.

19. Certification

19.1 When specified in the purchase order or contract, the purchaser shall be furnished certification that samples representing each lot have been either tested or inspected as directed in this specification and requirements have been met.

20. Test Report

20.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, a report of test results shall be furnished.

21. Product Identification

21.1 Type and frequency of product identification requirements shall be specified in the ordering information and shall be subject to agreement between the purchaser and manufacturer or supplier.

22. Packaging and Package Marking

22.1 Packaging:

22.1.1 The product shall be separated by size, composition, and temper, and prepared for shipment by common carrier, in such a manner to afford protection from the normal hazards of transportation.

22.2 Package Marking:

22.2.1 Each shipping unit shall be legibly marked with the purchase order number, metal or alloy designation, temper, size, shape, gross and net weight, and name of supplier. The specification number shall be shown when specified.

23. Keywords

23.1 wrought copper alloys; copper-zinc-tin-bismuth alloy; UNS C49300; round rod; hexagonal rod; bar; wire; drinking water; plumbing

ASTM International takes no position respecting the validity of any patent rights asserted in connection with any item mentioned in this standard. Users of this standard are expressly advised that determination of the validity of any such patent rights, and the risk of infringement of such rights, are entirely their own responsibility.

This standard is subject to revision at any time by the responsible technical committee and must be reviewed every five years and if not revised, either reapproved or withdrawn. Your comments are invited either for revision of this standard or for additional standards and should be addressed to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee, which you may attend. If you feel that your comments have not received a fair hearing you should make your views known to the ASTM Committee on Standards, at the address shown below.

This standard is copyrighted by ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, PO Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, United States. Individual reprints (single or multiple copies) of this standard may be obtained by contacting ASTM at the above address or at 610-832-9585 (phone), 610-832-9555 (fax), or service@astm.org (e-mail); or through the ASTM website (www.astm.org).