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Standard Specification for Steam or Valve Bronze Castings¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² establishes requirements for a high-grade steam-metal or valve-bronze alloy (Copper Alloy UNS No. C92200³) used for component castings of valves, flanges, and fittings.

1.2 The castings covered are used in products that may be manufactured in advance and supplied from stock by the manufacturer or other dealer.

1.3 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.

1.4 *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:⁴

B208 Practice for Preparing Tension Test Specimens for Copper Alloy Sand, Permanent Mold, Centrifugal, and Continuous Castings

B824 Specification for General Requirements for Copper Alloy Castings

B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

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

2.2 ASME Code:⁵

ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code

2.3 MSS Standard:⁶

SP-25 Standard Marking System for Valves, Fittings, Flanges and Unions

3. General Requirements

3.1 The following sections of Specification **B824** form a part of this specification. In the event of a conflict between this specification and Specification **B824**, the requirements of this specification shall take precedence.

3.1.1 Terminology (Section 3),

3.1.2 Other Requirements (Section 7),

3.1.3 Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations (Section 8),

3.1.4 Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance (Section 9),

3.1.5 Sampling (Section 10),

3.1.6 Number of Tests and Retests (Section 11),

3.1.7 Specimen Preparation (Section 12),

3.1.8 Test Methods (Section 13),

3.1.9 Significance of Numerical Limits (Section 14),

3.1.10 Inspection (Section 15),

3.1.11 Rejection and Rehearing (Section 16),

3.1.12 Certification (Section 17),

3.1.13 Test Report (Section 18),

3.1.14 Product Marking (Section 19), and

3.1.15 Packaging and Package Marking (Section 20).

4. Terminology

4.1 For definitions of terms relating to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology **B846**.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Include the following information when placing orders for castings under this specification:

⁵ Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

⁶ Available from Manufacturers Standardization Society (MSS) of the Valve and Fittings Industry, 127 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180-4602, <http://www.msshq.org>.

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee B05 on Copper and Copper Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee B05.05 on Castings and Ingots for Remelting.

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SB-61 of that Code.

³ The UNS system for copper and copper alloys (see Practice **E527**) is a simple expansion of the former standard designation system accomplished by the addition of a prefix “C” and a suffix “00.” The suffix can be used to accommodate composition variations of the base alloy.

⁴ 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.

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