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Standard Specification for Brass Rod, Bar, and Shapes¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification establishes requirements for brass rod (round, hexagonal, and octagonal), bar (rectangular and square), and shapes of UNS Alloys C21000, C22000, C23000, C24000, C26000, C26800, C27000, C27400, C27450, C27451, C27453, C27550, and C28500.

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 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.

1.3 *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:²

- B16/B16M Specification for Free-Cutting Brass Rod, Bar and Shapes for Use in Screw Machines
- B36/B36M Specification for Brass Plate, Sheet, Strip, And Rolled Bar
- B121/B121M Specification for Leaded Brass Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar
- B124/B124M Specification for Copper and Copper Alloy Forging Rod, Bar, and Shapes
- B134/B134M Specification for Brass Wire
- B135 Specification for Seamless Brass Tube [Metric] B0135_B0135M
- B249/B249M Specification for General Requirements for

Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Rod, Bar, Shapes and Forgings

B587 Specification for Welded Brass Tube

E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E54 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Special Brasses and Bronzes (Withdrawn 2002)³

E62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods) (Withdrawn 2010)³

E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

E562 Test Method for Determining Volume Fraction by Systematic Manual Point Count

2.2 JIS Standard:

JIS H 1068:2005 Method for Determination of Bismuth in Copper and Copper Alloys⁴

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 Mill Test Reports,
- 3.1.13 Product Marking,
- 3.1.14 Packaging and Package Marking, and
- 3.1.15 Supplementary Requirements.

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

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² 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.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

⁴ Available from Japanese Standards Association (JSA), Mita MT Bldg., 3-13-12 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-0073, Japan, <http://www.jsa.or.jp>.

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



4. Ordering Information

4.1 Include the following information when placing orders for product under this specification, as applicable:

- 4.1.1 ASTM Designation and year of issue,
- 4.1.2 Copper Alloy UNS No. designation,
- 4.1.3 Temper,
- 4.1.4 Cross section (round, hexagonal, octagonal, rectangular, or square),
- 4.1.5 Quantity (total weight, footage, or number of pieces of each temper, cross section, and alloy),
- 4.1.6 Dimensions (diameter or distance between parallel surfaces, width and thickness, length),
- 4.1.7 Type of edge (square corners, rounded edge, full-rounded edge),
- 4.1.8 How furnished (specific lengths with or without ends), and
- 4.1.9 If product is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government (Specification B249/B249M).

4.2 The following requirements are available to this specification and should be specified in the contract or purchase order when required:

- 4.2.1 Certification (Specification B249/B249M), and
- 4.2.2 Mill Test Report (Specification B249/B249M).

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Materials:

5.1.1 The material of manufacture shall be cast billets, logs, or rods of Copper Alloy UNS Nos. C21000, C22000, C23000, C24000, C26000, C26800, C27000, C27400, C27450, C27451, C27453, C27550, and C28500 of such purity, soundness, and structure as to be suitable for processing into the products prescribed herein.

5.2 Manufacture:

5.2.1 The products shall be manufactured by such hot working, cold working, and annealing processing as to produce a uniform wrought structure in the finished product.

6. Chemical Composition

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

6.2 These composition limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. By agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser, limits may be established and analysis required for unnamed elements.

6.3 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 %.

6.4 When all elements specified for a given alloy in Table 1 are determined, the sum of the results shall be as shown in the following table:

Alloy UNS Nos.	Sum of Results, Percent, Minimum
C21000, C22000, C23000, C24000	99.8
C26000, C26800, C27000, C27400	99.7
C27450, C27451, C27453, C27550	99.5
C28500	99.1

7. Temper

7.1 The standard tempers for rod and bar described in this specification are given in Tables 2 and 3.

- 7.1.1 O60 (Soft Anneal),
- 7.1.2 H01 (¼ Hard),
- 7.1.3 H02 (½ Hard), and
- 7.1.4 H04 (Hard).

7.2 Other tempers, and temper for shapes, shall be subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

8. Mechanical Property Requirements

8.1 Tensile Strength Requirements:

8.1.1 Product furnished under this specification shall conform to the tensile requirements prescribed in Tables 2 and 3, when tested in accordance with Test Methods E8/E8M.

9. Purchases for U.S. Government

9.1 When specified in the contract or purchase order, product purchased for agencies of the U.S. government shall conform to the special government requirements stipulated in the Supplementary Requirements section of Specification B249/B249M.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Copper Alloy UNS No.	Composition, %									
	Copper	Lead, max	Iron, max	Tin, max	Phosphorous	Arsenic	Carbon	Bismuth, max	Silicon, max	Zinc
C21000	94.0-96.0	0.05	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	remainder
C22000	89.0-91.0	0.05	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	remainder
C23000	84.0-86.0	0.05	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	remainder
C24000	78.5-81.5	0.05	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	remainder
C26000	68.5-71.5	0.07	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	remainder
C26800	64.0-68.5	0.09	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	remainder
C27000	63.0-68.5	0.09	0.07	...	...	...	...	...	...	remainder
C27400	61.0-64.0	0.09	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	remainder
C27450	60.0-65.0	0.25	0.35	...	...	...	...	...	...	remainder
C27451	61.0-65.0	0.25	0.35	...	0.05-0.20	...	...	...	...	remainder
C27453	61.5-63.5	0.25	0.15	0.15	...	0.02-0.15	...	...	...	remainder
C27550	60.0-63.0	0.04	0.35	...	0.40 (max)	...	0.20-1.2	0.009	0.009	remainder
C28500	57.0-59.0	0.25	0.35	...	...	...	...	...	...	remainder