



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 the standard. Metric values given in parenthesis are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 The following documents of the issue in effect on date of material purchase form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 ASTM Standards:

B 208 Practice for Preparing Tension Test Specimens for Copper-Base Alloys for Sand, Permanent Mold, Centrifugal, and Continuous Castings⁴

B 824 Specification for General Requirements for Copper Alloy Castings⁴

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)⁵

2.3 MSS Standards:

SP-25 Standard Marking System for Valves, Fittings,

Flanges and Unions⁶

3. Ordering Information

3.1 Orders for castings under this specification shall include the following:

3.1.1 Quantity of castings required,

3.1.2 Copper Alloy UNS No. (Table 1),

3.1.3 Specification title, number, and year of issue,

3.1.4 Pattern or drawing number and condition (as-cast, machined, and so forth),

3.1.5 Chemical analysis of residual elements if specified in the purchase order (Specification B 824),

3.1.6 Pressure test requirements, if specified in the purchase order (Specification B 824),

3.1.7 Soundness requirements, if specified in the purchase order (Specification B 824),

3.1.8 Certification, if specified in the purchase order (Specification B 824),

3.1.9 Foundry test report, if specified in the purchase order (Specification B 824),

3.1.10 Witness inspection, if specified in the purchase order (Specification B 824),

3.1.11 ASME boiler and pressure vessel application (Section 9), and

3.1.12 Product marking, if specified in the purchase order (Specification B 824 and Section 10).

3.2 When material is purchased for agencies of the U.S. Government, the Supplementary Requirements in Specification B 824 may be specified.

4. Chemical Composition

4.1 The alloy shall conform to the chemical requirements for major elements specified in Table 1.

4.2 These specification limits do not preclude the presence of other elements. Limits may be established for unnamed elements by agreement between manufacturer or supplier and

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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 E 527) 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 Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.01.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.01.

⁶ Available from Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry, 127 Park Street NE, Vienna, VA 22180-4602.

