



Standard Specification for Copper, Bus Bar, Rod, and Shapes and General Purpose Rod, Bar, and Shapes¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² establishes the requirements for copper conductor bar, rod, and shapes for electrical (bus) applications and rod, bar, and shapes for general applications.

1.1.1 The products for electrical (bus) applications shall be made from the following coppers:³

Copper UNS No. ³	Reference Designation
C10100	OFE
C10200	OF
C10300	OFXLP
C10400, C10500, C10700	OFS
C10920, C10930, C10940	—
C11000	ETP
C11300, C11400, C11500,	STP
C11600	
C12000	DLP

1.1.1.1 The product may be furnished from any copper listed unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order.

1.2 The product for general applications shall be made from any of the coppers in 1.1.1 or the following coppers:

Copper UNS No. ³	Reference Designation
C10800	OFLP
C12200	DHP

1.2.1 The product may be furnished from any copper listed above unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order. Other coppers may be used upon agreement between supplier and purchaser.

1.3 *Units*—The values stated in either inch-pound units or in SI units are to be regarded separately as the standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each

system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

NOTE 1—Material for hot forging will be found in Specification B124/B124M.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:⁴

B124/B124M Specification for Copper and Copper Alloy Forging Rod, Bar, and Shapes
B170 Specification for Oxygen-Free Electrolytic Copper—Refinery Shapes
B193 Test Method for Resistivity of Electrical Conductor Materials
B216 Specification for Tough-Pitch Fire-Refined Copper—Refinery Shapes
B224 Classification of Coppers
B249/B249M Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Copper and Copper-Alloy Rod, Bar, Shapes and Forgings
B577 Test Methods for Detection of Cuprous Oxide (Hydrogen Embrittlement Susceptibility) in Copper
B601 Classification for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast
B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys
B900 Practice for Packaging of Copper and Copper Alloy Mill Products for U.S. Government Agencies
E53 Test Method for Determination of Copper in Unalloyed Copper by Gravimetry
E62 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper and Copper Alloys (Photometric Methods) (Withdrawn 2010)⁵
E255 Practice for Sampling Copper and Copper Alloys for the Determination of Chemical Composition
E478 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys
E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SB-187 in Section II of that Code.

³ Refer to Practice E527 for an explanation of the Unified Numbering System.

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.

⁵ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

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