



Standard Specification for Welded Copper and Copper-Alloy Heat Exchanger Tube¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification established the requirements for welded tube of copper and various copper alloys up to 3 1/8 in., inclusive, in diameter, for use in surface condensers, evaporators, heat exchangers, and general engineering applications. The following coppers or copper alloys are involved:²

Copper or Copper Alloy UNS No. ²	Previously Used Designation	Type of Metal
C10800 ^A	...	oxygen-free, low phosphorus
C12200 ^A	...	DHP phosphorized, high residual phosphorus
C19400	...	copper-iron alloy
C23000	...	red brass
C44300	...	arsenical admiralty
C44400	...	antimonial admiralty
C44500	...	phosphorized admiralty
C68700	...	arsenical aluminum brass
C70400	...	95-5 copper-nickel
C70600	...	90-10 copper-nickel
C70620	...	90-10 copper-nickel (Modified for Welding)
C71000	...	80-20 copper-nickel
C71500	...	70-30 copper-nickel
C71520	...	70-30 copper-nickel (Modified for Welding)
C71640	...	copper-nickel-iron-manganese
C72200	...	...

^A Copper UNS Nos. C10800 and C12200 are classified in Classification B224.

1.2 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 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 applica-*

bility of regulatory limitations prior to use.

Warning—Mercury has been designated by EPA and many state agencies as a hazardous material that can cause central nervous system, kidney, and liver damage. Mercury, or its vapor, may be hazardous to health and corrosive to materials. Caution should be taken when handling mercury and mercury-containing products. See the applicable product Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for details and EPA's website (<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/faq.htm>) for additional information. Users should be aware that selling mercury or mercury-containing products, or both, in your state may be prohibited by state law. (Mercury is a definite health hazard in use and disposal. (See 12.1.1.))

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

B153 Test Method for Expansion (Pin Test) of Copper and Copper-Alloy Pipe and Tubing

B154 Test Method for Mercurous Nitrate Test for Copper Alloys

B224 Classification of Coppers

B846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys

B858 Test Method for Ammonia Vapor Test for Determining Susceptibility to Stress Corrosion Cracking in Copper Alloys

B900 Practice for Packaging of Copper and Copper Alloy Mill Products for U.S. Government Agencies

B968/B968M Test Method for Flattening of Copper and Copper-Alloy Pipe and Tube

E3 Guide for Preparation of Metallographic Specimens

E8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

E53 Test Method for Determination of Copper in Unalloyed Copper by Gravimetry

E54 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Special Brasses and Bronzes (Withdrawn 2002)⁴

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² New designation established in accordance with Practice E527. In the new UNS system, the designations for copper alloys are simply expansions of the present standard designations by a prefix "C" and a suffix "00."

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.

⁴ 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