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**Copper and copper alloys — Code of designation —
Part 2 : Designation of tempers**

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Foreword

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Copper and copper alloys — Code of designation — Part 2 : Designation of tempers

1 Scope and field of application

This part of ISO 1190 relates to the designation of coppers, alloyed coppers and copper alloys in terms of their temper.

2 Reference

ISO 1190/1, *Copper and copper alloys — Code of designation — Part 1 : Designation of materials.*

3 Temper designation

3.1 Basis of designation

3.1.1 The temper designations shall be based on the sequence of basic treatments used to produce the various tempers.

3.1.2 The temper designations, which are used for all wrought and cast copper and copper alloy products except ingots, shall follow the material designations (see ISO 1190/1) and be separated therefrom by a hyphen.

3.1.3 Basic temper designations shall consist of letters. Subdivisions of the basic tempers, where required, shall be indicated by a second letter following the letter of the basic temper. These second letters designate a specific sequence of basic treatments, but only those treatments or operations shall be recognized which significantly influence the product characteristics. Special subdivisions could be indicated by a third letter where necessary.

3.1.4 Assignment or revisions of temper designations shall be approved by Technical Committee ISO/TC 26, *Copper and copper alloys.*

3.2 Basic temper designations

-M *As manufactured.* Applies to products of shaping processes in which no special control over thermal condition or strain hardening is exercised.

-O *Annealed.* Applies to *wrought* products which are fully annealed and to *cast* products which are annealed to improve ductility and dimensional stability.

-H *Strain hardened.* (Wrought products only). Applies to products subjected to the application of cold work after annealing or to a combination of cold work and partial annealing/stabilizing in order to secure the specified mechanical properties. The H shall always be followed by a second letter indicating various stages of strain hardening.

-T *Thermally treated to produce tempers other than M, O or H.* Applies to products which have their tensile strength increased by thermal treatment, with or without supplementary strain hardening. The T shall always be followed by a second letter indicating the specific sequence of treatments.

3.3 Subdivisions of basic temper designations

-O *Annealed* : — without any special requirements for grain size.

-OS For copper and copper alloy products required to be specially annealed to obtain restricted grain size ranges.

The designation -OS shall be followed by figures indicating the nominal grain size, the maximum and minimum limits of which are listed for each alloy and product in the relevant document on mechanical properties.

-H *Strain hardened.* Subdivisions for various stages of strain hardening are -HA, -HB, -HC, etc. The designations are in alphabetical order and in ascending order of tensile strength as indicated in the relevant mechanical property documents.

NOTE — If copper and copper alloys should be *stress relieved* after strain hardening to improve stress corrosion characteristics or dimensional stability after machining, this temper as a special subdivision is indicated by the letter "R" as a third digit, for example -HAR, -HCR, etc.

-T *Thermally treated to produce tempers other than M, O or H.*

-TA *Cooled from an elevated temperature shaping process and naturally aged.* Applies to products for which the rate of cooling from an elevated temperature shaping process, such as casting or extrusion, is controlled, or is such that the product is subject to natural ageing. Properties of some alloys in this temper are unstable.