

AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

SAE

AMS 4535B

Issued JUL 1991
Revised SEP 1995

Superseding AMS 4535A

Submitted for recognition as an American National Standard

COPPER-BERYLLIUM ALLOY, MECHANICAL TUBING
98Cu - 1.9Be
Solution and Precipitation Heat Treated
(TF00, formerly AT)

UNS C17200

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form:

This specification covers a copper-beryllium alloy in the form of mechanical tubing.

1.2 Application:

This tubing has been used typically for parts requiring a combination of high strength, wear resistance, and corrosion resistance and where thermal conductivity, electrical conductivity, and low magnetic susceptibility may be important, but usage is not limited to such applications.

1.3 Safety - Hazardous Materials:

While the materials, methods, applications, and processes described or referenced in this specification may involve the use of hazardous materials, this specification does not address the hazards which may be involved in such use. It is the sole responsibility of the user to ensure familiarity with the safe and proper use of any hazardous materials and to take necessary precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of all personnel involved.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:

The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of SAE publications shall apply. The applicable issue of other publications shall be the issue in effect on the date of the purchase order.

SAE Technical Standards Board Rules provide that: "This report is published by SAE to advance the state of technical and engineering sciences. The use of this report is entirely voluntary, and its applicability and suitability for any particular use, including any patent infringement arising therefrom, is the sole responsibility of the user."

SAE reviews each technical report at least every five years at which time it may be reaffirmed, revised, or cancelled. SAE invites your written comments and suggestions.

Copyright 1995 Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc.
All rights reserved.

Printed in U.S.A.

2.1 SAE Publications:

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

AMS 2223 Tolerances, Copper and Copper Alloy Seamless Tubing

MAM 2223 Tolerances, Metric, Copper and Copper Alloy Seamless Tubing

AMS 2750 Pyrometry

2.2 ASTM Publications:

Available from ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1187.

ASTM B 251 General Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube

ASTM B 251M General Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube (Metric)

ASTM B 643 Copper-Beryllium Alloy Seamless Tube

ASTM E 3 Preparation of Metallographic Specimens

ASTM E 8 Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

ASTM E 8M Tension Testing of Metallic Materials (Metric)

ASTM E 18 Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials

ASTM E 112 Determining the Average Grain Size

ASTM E 478 Chemical Analysis of Copper Alloys

2.3 U.S. Government Publications:

Available from DODSSP, Subscription Services Desk, Building 4D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.

MIL-C-3993 Copper and Copper-Base Alloy Mill Products, Packaging of

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Composition:

Shall conform to the percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E 478, by spectrochemical methods, or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser.

TABLE 1 - Composition

| Element | min | max |
|---|-----------|------|
| Beryllium | 1.80 | 2.00 |
| Cobalt + Nickel | 0.20 | -- |
| Cobalt + Nickel + Iron | -- | 0.6 |
| Aluminum | -- | 0.20 |
| Silicon | -- | 0.20 |
| Copper (3.1.1) | remainder | |
| Copper + sum of all named elements (3.1.2) | 99.5 | -- |

- 3.1.1 Applicable when copper is not determined by analysis. The reported (certified) value is the difference between the sum of all other specified elements and 100% and will therefore include unnamed elements. Limits for unnamed elements may be established by agreement between purchaser and manufacturer or supplier.
- 3.1.2 Applicable only when copper is determined by direct analysis.
- 3.2 Condition:
(R) Hot reduced or hot and cold reduced, solution and precipitation heat treated; TF00 Temper (See 8.2).
- 3.3 Heat Treatment:
Tubing shall be heat treated as follows; pyrometry shall be in accordance with AMS 2750.
- 3.3.1 Solution: Heat within the range 1400 to 1475 °F (760 to 802 °C), hold at heat for 30 to 60 minutes, and cool as required.
- 3.3.2 Precipitation: Heat to 600 to 675 °F (316 to 357 °C), hold at heat for not less than 3 hours, (R) and cool as required.
- 3.4 Properties:
Tubing shall conform to the following requirements (See 8.3):
- 3.4.1 Tensile Properties: Shall be as specified in Table 2 for tubing 2.00 inches (50.8 mm) and under in nominal wall thickness, determined in accordance with ASTM E 8 or ASTM E 8M.

TABLE 2 - Minimum Tensile Properties

| Property | Value |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tensile Strength | 161 ksi (1110 MPa) |
| Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset | 130 ksi (896 MPa) |
| Elongation in 4D | 3% |

- 3.4.2 Hardness: Tubing 0.188 inch (4.78 mm) and over in nominal wall thickness shall have hardness of 36 to 45 HRC, or equivalent (See 8.4), determined in accordance with ASTM E 18.
- 3.4.3 Average Grain Size: Tubing with an outside diameter to wall thickness ratio greater than 3.0 shall have average grain size not larger than specified in Table 3, determined in accordance with ASTM E 112.

TABLE 3 - Maximum Average Grain Size

| Nominal Wall Thickness Inches | Nominal Wall Thickness Millimeters | Grain Size Millimeter |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Up to 1.00, excl | Up to 25.4, excl | 0.050 |
| 1.00 to 1.50, excl | 25.4 to 38.1, excl | 0.075 |
| 1.50 to 2.00, excl | 38.1 to 50.8, excl | 0.100 |

- 3.4.4 Microstructure: Tubing shall contain not more than 6% beta phase constituent, determined at 100X magnification on specimens prepared in accordance with ASTM E 3.

3.5 Quality:

Tubing, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from imperfections detrimental to usage of the tubing.

3.6 Tolerances:

(R)

Shall conform to AMS 2223 or MAM 2223 as applicable to refractory alloys unless ASTM B 643 or other applicable tolerance specification is specified by purchaser.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection:

The vendor of tubing shall supply all samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the tubing conforms to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

All technical requirements are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable.

4.3 Sampling and Testing:

Shall be in accordance with ASTM B 251 or ASTM B 251M and the following; a lot shall be all tubing of the same size, from the same heat, processed at one time through all steps of manufacture.

4.3.1 One or more chemical analysis samples from each heat shall be analyzed in accordance with 3.1.

4.3.2 One or more tensile specimens from each lot shall be tested in accordance with 3.4.1.

4.3.3 One or more hardness specimens from each lot shall be tested in accordance with 3.4.2.

4.3.4 One or more specimens from each lot shall be tested in accordance with 3.4.3 for average grain size.

4.3.5 One or more specimens from each lot shall be tested in accordance with 3.4.4 for microstructure.

4.4 Reports:

The vendor of tubing shall furnish with each shipment a report showing the results of tests on each lot to determine conformance to the technical requirements. This report shall include the purchase order number, heat and lot numbers, AMS 4535B, size, and quantity.

4.5 Resampling and Retesting:

If any specimen used in the above tests fails to meet the specified requirements, disposition of the tubing may be based on the results of testing two additional specimens for each original nonconforming specimen. Failure of any retest specimen to meet the specified requirements shall be cause for rejection of the tubing represented. Results of all tests shall be reported.

5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY:

5.1 Identification:

Individual tubes or bundles shall have attached a durable tag legibly marked with not less than the purchase order number, lot number, AMS 4535B, and nominal size or shall be boxed and the box marked with the same information.