



Standard Classification for Temper Designations for Copper and Copper Alloys—Wrought and Cast¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This is a classification of temper designations for copper and copper alloys—wrought and cast. The temper designations are classified by the process or processes used in manufacturing the product involved and its resulting qualities. It is not a specification of copper and copper alloy products.

1.2 The property requirements for the tempers are given in the applicable product specification.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

B 846 Terminology for Copper and Copper Alloys²

3. Terminology

3.1 For terminology related to copper and copper alloys, refer to Terminology B 846.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 *Significance*—This classification establishes an alphanumeric code of the tempers of copper and copper alloy products.

4.2 *Use*—The alphanumeric code is used to designate product tempers in specifications and published data.

4.2.1 The letters in the code identify the type of process used to produce the product temper. For example, “H” indicates a temper resulting from cold working.

NOTE 1—These letters are frequently the same as those used in temper systems of other metal products.

5. Classification of Tempers

5.1 *Annealed Tempers, O*—Tempers produced by annealing to meet mechanical property requirements.

5.2 *Annealed Tempers, OS*—Tempers produced by annealing to meet standard or special grain size requirements.

5.3 *Manufactured Tempers, M*—Tempers produced in the product by the primary manufacturing operations of casting and hot working and controlled by the methods employed in the operations.

5.4 *Cold-Worked Tempers, H*—Tempers produced by controlled amounts of cold work.

5.5 *Cold-Worked (Drawn), Stress-Relieved Tempers, HR*—Tempers produced by controlled amounts of cold work followed by stress relief.

5.5.1 *Order-Strengthening Tempers, HT*—Tempers produced by controlled amounts of cold work followed by a thermal treatment to produce order strengthening.

5.6 *Heat-Treated Tempers, T*—Tempers that are based on heat treatments followed by rapid cooling.

5.6.1 *Quench-Hardened Tempers, TQ*—Tempers produced by quench-hardening treatments.

5.6.2 *Solution Heat-Treated Temper, TB*—Tempers produced by solution heat-treating precipitation hardenable or spinodal hardenable alloys.

5.6.3 *Solution Heat-Treated and Cold-Worked Tempers, TD*—Tempers produced by controlled amounts of cold work of solution heat-treated precipitation hardenable or spinodal hardenable alloys.

5.6.4 *Precipitation Heat-Treated Temper, TF*—Tempers produced by precipitation heat treatment of precipitation-hardenable alloys.

5.6.5 *Spinodal Heat Treated Temper, TX*—Tempers produced by spinodal heat treatment of spinodal hardenable alloys.

5.6.6 *Cold-Worked and Precipitation Heat-Treated Tempers, TH*—Tempers produced in alloys that have been solution heat treated, cold worked, and precipitation heat treated.

5.6.7 *Cold-Worked and Spinodal Heat-Treated Tempers, TS*—Tempers produced in alloys that have been solution heat treated, cold worked, and spinodal heat treated.

5.6.8 *Mill-Hardened Tempers, TM*—Tempers of heat-treated materials as supplied by the mill resulting from combinations of cold work and precipitation heat treatment or spinodal heat treatment.

5.6.9 *Precipitation Heat-Treated or Spinodal Heat-Treated*

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and Cold-Worked Tempers, *TL*—Tempers produced by cold working the precipitation heat-treated or spinodal heat-treated alloys.

5.6.10 *Precipitation Heat-Treated or Spinodal Heat-Treated, Cold-Worked, and Thermal Stress-Relieved Tempers, TR*—Tempers produced in the cold-worked precipitation heat-treated or spinodal heat-treated alloys by thermal stress relief.

5.7 *Tempers of Welded Tubes, W*—(Welded tubes are produced from strip of various tempers and essentially have the temper of the strip except in the heat-affected zone.)

5.7.1 *Tube, As-Welded Tempers, WM*—Tempers that result from forming and welding when producing tube.

5.7.2 *Tube, Welded and Annealed Temper, WO*—Temper that results from forming, welding, and annealing when producing tube.

5.7.3 *Tube, Welded and Cold-Worked Tempers, WH*—Tempers that result from forming, welding, and cold working when producing tube.

5.7.4 *Tube, Welded, Cold-Worked and Stress-Relieved Tempers, WR*—Tempers that result from forming, welding, cold working, and stress relieving when producing tube.

5.7.5 *Tube, Welded, and Fully Finished Tempers, O, OS, H*—Tempers that result from both annealing a welded and cold-worked tube, or cold working, a welded cold-worked and annealed tube. With these treatments, the weld area has been transformed into a wrought structure, and the usual temper designations apply.

OS060	0.060
OS065	0.065
OS070	0.070
OS100	0.100
OS120	0.120
OS150	0.150
OS200	0.200

6.2 *Cold-Worked Tempers, H:*

6.2.1 *Cold-Worked Tempers to Meet Standard Requirements Based on Cold Rolling or Cold Drawing, H:*

Cold-Worked Tempers—H	Temper Names
H00	1/8 Hard
H01	1/4 Hard
H02	1/2 Hard
H03	3/4 Hard
H04	Hard
...	...
H06	Extra Hard
...	...
H08	Spring
...	...
H10	Extra Spring
...	...
H12	Special Spring
H13	Ultra Spring
H14	Super Spring
...	...

6.2.2 *Cold-Worked Tempers to Meet Standard Requirements Based on Temper Names Applicable to Particular Products, H:*

Cold-Worked Tempers—H	Temper Names
H50	Extruded and Drawn
H52	Pierced and Drawn
H55	Light Drawn, Light Cold-Worked
H58	Drawn General Purpose
H60	Cold Heading, Forming
H63	Rivet
H64	Screw
H66	Bolt
H70	Bending
H80	Hard Drawn
H85	Medium Hard-Drawn Electrical Wire
H86	Hard-Drawn Electrical Wire
H90	As-finned

6.3 *Cold-Worked Tempers with Added Treatments:*

6.3.1 *Cold Worked and Stress Relieved, HR:*

Temper Names	
HR01	1/4 Hard and Stress Relieved
HR02	1/2 Hard and Stress Relieved
HR04	Hard and Stress Relieved
HR06	Extra Hard and Stress Relieved
HR08	Spring and Stress Relieved
HR10	Extra Spring and Stress Relieved
HR12	Special Spring and Stress Relieved
HR20	As-finned

6.3.2 *Drawn and Stress Relieved, HR:*

Temper Name

6. Temper Designation Codes

6.1 *Annealed Tempers, O:*

6.1.1 *Annealed to Meet Mechanical Properties, O:*

Annealed Tempers—O	Temper Names
O10	Cast and Annealed (Homogenized)
O11	As Cast and Precipitation Heat Treated
O20	Hot Forged and Annealed
O25	Hot Rolled and Annealed
O30	Hot Extruded and Annealed
O31	Extruded and Precipitation Heat Treated
O32	Hot Extruded and Temper Annealed
O40	Hot Pierced and Annealed
O50	Light Anneal
O60	Soft Anneal
O61	Annealed
O65	Drawing Anneal
O68	Deep Drawing Anneal
O70	Dead Soft Anneal
O80	Annealed to Temper—1/8 Hard
O81	Annealed to Temper—1/4 Hard
O82	Annealed to Temper—1/2 Hard

6.1.2 *Annealed to Meet Nominal Average Grain Size, OS:*

Annealed Tempers, with Grain Size Prescribed—OS	Temper Designations Nominal Avg Grain Size, mm
OS005	0.005
OS010	0.010
OS015	0.015
OS025	0.025
OS035	0.035
OS045	0.045
OS050	0.050

HR50 Drawn and Stress Relieved

Temper Name

TF00 Precipitation Hardened (AT)
 TF01 Precipitation Heat-Treated Plate—Low Hardness (ATLH)
 TF02 Precipitation Heat-Treated Plate—High Hardness (ATHH)

6.3.3 Cold Rolled and Order Strengthened, HT:

Temper Names

HT04 Hard Temper and Treated
 HT08 Spring Temper and Treated
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6.5.5 Solution Heat Treated and Spinodal Heat Treated, TX:

Temper Name

TX00 Spinodal Hardened (AT)

6.3.4 Hard Drawn End Annealed, HE:

Temper Name

HE80 Hard Drawn and End Annealed

6.5.6 Solution Heat Treated, Cold Worked, and Precipitation Heat Treated, TH:

Temper Names

TH01 ¼ Hard and Precipitation Heat Treated (¼ HT)
 TH02 ½ Hard and Precipitation Heat Treated (½ HT)
 TH03 ¾ Hard and Precipitation Heat Treated (¾ HT)
 TH04 Hard and Precipitation Heat Treated (HT)

6.4 As-Manufactured Tempers, M:

Temper Names

M01 As Sand Cast
 M02 As Centrifugal Cast
 M03 As Plaster Cast
 M04 As Pressure Die Cast
 M05 As Permanent Mold Cast
 M06 As Investment Cast
 M07 As Continuous Cast
 M10 As Hot Forged—Air Cooled
 M11 As Forged—Quenched
 M20 As Hot Rolled
 M25 As Hot Rolled and Rerolled
 M30 As Hot Extruded
 M40 As Hot Pierced
 M45 As Hot Pierced and Rerolled

6.5.7 Cold-Worked Tempers and Spinodal Heat Treated to Meet Standard Requirements Based on Cold Rolling or Cold Drawing, TS:

Temper Names

TS00 ⅛ Hard and Spinodal Hardened (⅛ TS)
 TS01 ¼ Hard and Spinodal Hardened (¼ TS)
 TS02 ½ Hard and Spinodal Hardened (½ TS)
 TS03 ¾ Hard and Spinodal Hardened (¾ TS)
 TS04 Hard and Spinodal Hardened
 ...
 TS06 Extra Hard and Spinodal Hardened
 ...
 TS08 Spring and Spinodal Hardened
 ...
 TS10 Extra Spring and Spinodal Hardened
 ...
 TS12 Special Spring and Spinodal Hardened
 TS13 Ultra Spring and Spinodal Hardened
 TS14 Super Spring and Spinodal Hardened

6.5 Heat-Treated Tempers, T:

6.5.1 Quench Hardened, TQ:

Temper Names

TQ00 Quench Hardened
 TQ30 Quench Hardened and Tempered
 TQ50 Quenched Hardened and Temper Annealed
 TQ55 Quench Hardened and Temper Annealed, Cold Drawn and Stress Relieved
 TQ75 Interrupted Quench

6.5.8 Mill Hardened, TM:

Manufacturing Designations

TM00 AM
 TM01 ¼ HM
 TM02 ½ HM
 TM03 ¾ HM
 TM04 HM
 TM05 SHM
 TM06 XHM
 TM08 XHMS

6.5.2 Solution Heat Treated, TB:

Temper Name

TB00 Solution Heat Treated (A)

6.5.3 Solution Heat Treated and Cold Worked, TD:

Temper Names

TD00 Solution Heat Treated and Cold Worked: ⅛ Hard
 TD01 Solution Heat Treated and Cold Worked: ¼ Hard (¼ H)
 TD02 Solution Heat Treated and Cold Worked: ½ Hard (½ H)
 TD03 Solution Heat Treated and Cold Worked: ¾ Hard (¾ H)
 TD04 Solution Heat Treated and Cold Worked: Hard (H)

6.5.9 Precipitation Heat Treated or Spinodal Heat Treated and Cold Worked, TL:

Temper Names

TL00 Precipitation Heat Treated or Spinodal Heat Treated and ⅛ Hard
 TL01 Precipitation Heat Treated or Spinodal Heat Treated and ¼ Hard

6.5.4 Solution Heat Treated and Precipitation Heat Treated, TF:



TL02	Precipitation Heat Treated or Spinodal Heat Treated and 1/2 Hard	WC55	Welded and Light Cold-Worked
TL04	Precipitation Heat Treated or Spinodal Heat Treated and Hard		
TL08	Precipitation Heat Treated or Spinodal Heat Treated and Spring		
TL10	Precipitation Heat Treated or Spinodal Heat Treated and Extra Spring		

6.6.4 *Welded Tube and Cold Drawn, WH:*

Temper Names

WH00	Welded and Drawn: Eighth Hard
WH01	Welded and Drawn: Quarter Hard
WH02	Welded and Drawn: Half Hard
WH03	Welded and Drawn: Three Quarter Hard
WH04	Welded and Drawn: Hard
WH06	Welded and Drawn: Extra Hard
WH55	Welded and Cold Reduced or Light Drawn
WH58	Welded and Cold Reduced or Drawn, General Purpose
WH80	Welded and Reduced or Hard Drawn

6.5.10 *Precipitation Heat Treated or Spinodal Heat Treated, Cold Worked, and Thermal Stress Relieved, TR:*

Temper Names

TR01	Precipitation Heat Treated or Spinodal Heat Treated, 1/4 Hard and Stress Relieved
TR02	Precipitation Heat Treated or Spinodal Heat Treated, 1/2 Hard and Stress Relieved
TR04	Precipitation Heat Treated or Spinodal Heat Treated, Hard and Stress Relieved

6.6.5 *Welded Tube, Cold Drawn, and Stress Relieved, WR:*

Temper Names

WR00	Welded, Drawn, and Stress Relieved from: Eighth Hard
WR01	Welded, Drawn, and Stress Relieved from: Quarter Hard
WR02	Welded, Drawn, and Stress Relieved from: Half Hard
WR03	Welded, Drawn, and Stress Relieved from: Three Quarter Hard
WR04	Welded, Drawn, and Stress Relieved from: Hard
WR06	Welded, Drawn, and Stress Relieved from: Extra Hard

6.6 *Tempers of Welded Tube, W:*

6.6.1 *As-Welded, WM:*

Temper Names

WM50	As-Welded from Annealed Strip
WM00	As-Welded from 1/8 Hard Strip
WM01	As-Welded from 1/4 Hard Strip
WM02	As-Welded from 1/2 Hard Strip
WM03	As-Welded from 3/4 Hard Strip
WM04	As-Welded from Hard Strip
WM06	As-Welded from Extra Hard Strip
WM08	As-Welded from Spring Strip
WM10	As-Welded from Extra Spring Strip
WM15	As-Welded from Annealed Strip, Thermal Stress Relieved
WM20	As-Welded from 1/8 Hard Strip, Thermal Stress Relieved
WM21	As-Welded from 1/4 Hard Strip, Thermal Stress Relieved
WM22	As-Welded from 1/2 Hard Strip, Thermal Stress Relieved

6.6.6 *Welded Tube, Fully Finished, O, OS, H:*

6.6.6.1 *Fully Finished Tube, Annealed to Meet Property Requirements:*

Temper Names

O— & OS—	Use appropriate designation for property or grain size requirements. See 6.1.1 or 6.1.2
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6.6.2 *Welded Tube and Annealed, WO:*

Temper Names

WO50	Welded and Light Annealed
WO60	Welded and Soft Annealed
WO61	Welded and Annealed

6.6.6.2 *Fully Finished Tube, Drawn to Meet Property Requirements:*

Temper Names

H—	Use appropriate designation for property requirement. See 6.2.1.
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6.6.3 *Welded Tube and Light Cold-Worked, WC:*

Temper Name

7. Keywords

7.1 copper and copper alloys; temper designation

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee B05 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (B 601 - 01) that may impact the use of this standard:

(I) The O32 temper designation was added to 6.1.1.

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