



Standard Specification for Thermostat Component Alloys¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification describes requirements for alloys to be used as components in the manufacture of bonded multi-component thermostat metal strip. More specifically it describes alloys having composition, and thermal expansion suitable for application in thermostat metal sheet and strip.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered 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 become familiar with all hazards including those identified in the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for this product/material as provided by the manufacturer, to establish appropriate safety and health practices, and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[A480/A480M Specification for General Requirements for Flat-Rolled Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip](#)

[B63 Test Method for Resistivity of Metallically Conducting Resistance and Contact Materials](#)

[B152/B152M Specification for Copper Sheet, Strip, Plate, and Rolled Bar](#)

[B162 Specification for Nickel Plate, Sheet, and Strip](#)

[B388 Specification for Thermostat Metal Sheet and Strip](#)

[E18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials](#)

[E228 Test Method for Linear Thermal Expansion of Solid](#)

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² 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.

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3. Ordering Information

3.1 Orders for this material under this specification shall include the following information:

3.1.1 Alloy type,

3.1.2 Size,

3.1.3 Surface finish,

3.1.4 Marking and packaging, and

3.1.5 Certification, if required.

4. General Requirements

4.1 The material shall be free of scale, slivers, cracks, seams, corrosion and other defects as best commercial practice will permit. Surfaces shall be uniform and sufficiently clean so that commonly used methods of surface preparation, or pre-bond cleaning will allow bonding of the entire mating surfaces. Since surface condition can vary for different alloys and because bonding practices vary, product surface condition can be agreed upon between supplier and purchaser.

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 The material shall be manufactured to the chemical compositions shown in [Table 1](#).

5.2 The manufacturer will insure uniformity of composition throughout a heat lot to provide uniform thermal expansion and electrical resistivity properties. See Specifications [B152/B152M](#) and [B162](#).

6. Thermal Expansion Requirements

6.1 Samples tested in accordance with [6.2](#) shall exhibit thermal expansion properties described in [Table 2](#).

6.2 One test sample representing each heat lot shall be machined to a suitable specimen configuration, heat treated in accordance with instructions in [Table 2](#) and Test Method [E228](#).

7. Electrical Resistivity

7.1 The electrical resistivity measured at room temperature as in Test Method [B63](#) on suitably prepared and annealed specimens shall conform to [Table 3](#).

8. Temper

8.1 This product will be supplied in the condition agreed upon by purchaser and seller.

TABLE 1 Suggested Compositions For Thermostat Alloys All Elements Indicated As Weight Percent

NOTE 1—Composition requirements show major elements as being nominal. These nominal requirements indicate they are to be adjusted by the manufacturer so that the alloys meet the requirements for thermal expansion shown in Table 2. Other elements not shown, may be present in residual amounts. These shall not be present in sufficient quantity as to significantly affect the performance in the intended application.

Alloy Description	T-10	T-20	T-22	T-18	T-19	T-14	T-25
Carbon	0.1 max	0.05 max	0.12 nom	0.15 max	0.5 nom	0.5 max	0.15 max
Manganese	72.0 nom	6.5 nom	0.60 max	0.80 max	1.0 nom	9.0 nom	1.0 max
Silicon, max	0.25	0.3	0.30	0.50	0.40	0.30	1.0
Phosphorus, max	0.030	0.02	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025
Sulfur, max	0.030	0.01	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025
Chromium	0.25 max	...	3.0 nom	11.0 nom	2.0 nom	...	8.0 nom
Nickel, nom	10.0	20.0	22.0	18.0	19.0	14.0	25.0
Copper	18.0 nom	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aluminum	...	...	...	...	...	5.0 nom	...
Cobalt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iron	1.0 max	balance	balance	balance	balance	balance	balance
Alloy Description	T-50	T-45	T-42	T-40	T-39	T-36	T-99
Carbon, max	0.15 max	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Manganese, max	0.60 max	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.35
Silicon, max	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.35
Phosphorus, max	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.015
Sulfur, max	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.010
Chromium, max	0.50 max	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.25	0.50
Nickel, nom	50.0 nom	45.0	42.0	40.0	39.0	36.0	99.5
Copper	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.25 max
Aluminum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cobalt, max	0.50 max	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Iron	balance	balance	balance	balance	balance	balance	0.40 max
Alloy Description	T-38	T-19A	T-00				
Carbon, max	0.12 max	0.15 max	...				
Manganese, max	0.75 max	1.0 max	...				
Silicon, max	0.30 max	0.3 max	...				
Phosphorus, max	0.025 max	0.025 max	...				
Sulfur, max	0.025 max	0.025 max	...				
Chromium, max	7.0–7.5	7 nom	...				
Nickel, nom	38 nom	19 nom	...				
Copper	...	...	94 min				
Aluminum	...	...	...	
Cobalt, max	0.5 max	...	...		
Iron	balance	balance	...				

TABLE 2 Linear Expansion Coefficients For Thermostat Alloys Values Shown Are 10⁻⁶/°F From 77°F (25°C) To Temperatures Indicated^A

Alloy Description	200°F (93°C)	300°F (149°C) ^B	500°F (260°C)	700°F (371°C)	Anneal Temperature °F (°C) ^C
T-10	15.1	15.4 (±4 %)	15.6	16.6	1450 (788)
T-20	10.9	11.1 (±1–4 %)	11.4	11.5	1600 (871)
T-22	10.7	10.75 (±4.5 %)	10.9	10.9	1600 (871)
T-18	10.0	10.0 (±4 %)	10.2	10.4	2000 (1093)
T-19	11.1	10.8 (±4 %)	11.2	11.2	1900 (1038)
T-14	9.8	10.4 (±4 %)	10.7	10.9	2000 (1093)
T-25	9.8	9.8 (±4 %)	10.0	10.1	1800 (982)
T-50	5.7	5.6 (±8 %)	5.7	5.6	1600 (871)
T-45	4.4	4.3 (±8 %)	4.1	4.0	1600 (871)
T-42	3.1	3.0 (±8 %)	2.9	3.0	1600 (871)
T-40	2.0	2.2 (±8 %)	2.2	3.0	1600 (871)
T-39	1.3–1.9	1.4–2.0	1.5–2.0	2.8–3.3	1600 (871)
T-36	0.5–1.1	0.8–1.4	2.0–2.7	3.7–4.4	1600 (871)
T-99	7.4	7.5 (±4 %)	7.8	8.2	1300 (704)
T-19A	10.2	10.4 (±5 %)	10.5	10.7	2000 (1093)
T-38	3.5	3.8 (±6 %)	5.3	6.7	1700 (927)
T-00	...	9.6 (±5 %)	...	...	1200 (649)

^A Linear Thermal Expansion Coefficients shown in English units in the above table can be converted to metric units (10⁻⁶/°C) by multiplying the value in the table by 1.8.

^B Required thermal expansion coefficient for each alloy class at 300°F (149°C) are shown with allowable tolerance. Values shown at 200°F (93°C), 500°F (260°C) and 700°F (371°C) are typical and are provided for information only.

^C Anneal temperature is shown for each class of alloy to be treated prior to thermal expansion testing. Anneal to be performed in protective atmosphere (Non-oxidizing) for minimum one (1) hour, using heating rates up to 1000°F/h, (538°C/h) and cooling at rates 100 to 500°F (38 to 260°C) per hour.

8.2 Hardness shall be measured on representative samples from each heat treat lot and reported as Rockwell B hardness.

8.3 Hardness values in the annealed condition shall conform to the requirements in Table 4 tested as in Test Methods E18.

TABLE 3 Nominal Electrical Resistivity of Thermostat Alloys Values Shown Are Ohm Circular Mil/Ft. (Microhm-CM)

NOTE 1—When required, electrical resistivity shall meet the nominal values shown, within a tolerance of $\pm 4\%$.

NOTE 2—Measurements are to be conducted on samples of uniform dimensions in accordance with Test Method B63, on fully annealed specimens representing each heat treat lot. Measurements are to be made at room temperature. 68 to 77°F (20 to 25°C).

Alloy Designation																
T-10	T-20	T-22	T-18	T-19	T-14	T-25	T-50	T-45	T-42	T-40	T-39	T-36	T-99	T-19A	T-38	T-00
1020 (170)	472 (78.5)	461 (77)	475 (79)	468 (78)	660 (110)	515 (85.6)	245 (40.7)	330 (54.8)	370 (61.5)	380 (63.2)	425 (70.6)	485 (80.6)	51 (8.5)	460 (76.5)	570 (94.8)	10.9 (1.8)

TABLE 4 Maximum Rockwell B Hardness Required For Thermostat Alloys – Annealed Condition

NOTE 1—Hardness (R_b) shall be measured for representative samples from each heat treat lot processed at the same time.

Alloy Designation																
T-10	T-20	T-22	T-18	T-19	T-14	T-25	T-50	T-45	T-42	T-40	T-39	T-36	T-99	T-19A	T-38	T-00
65	70	66	73	78	90	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	64	72	70	60

9. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

9.1 Permissible variations in thickness and width shall adhere to those described in Specification A480/A480M. These are shown in Table 5.

9.2 Edge camber shall conform to Specification A480/A480M. (Edge camber for widths $>1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. shall be a maximum $\frac{1}{4}$ in. on any 8-ft length.)

9.3 Maximum deviation across the width of the strip at a given location shall not exceed 3% of the nominal thickness.

9.4 Slitting burr shall be no greater than 10% of the thickness.

10. Certification

10.1 The manufacturer shall provide the purchaser with a certification containing the following information:

- 10.1.1 Alloy type,
- 10.1.2 Specification number,
- 10.1.3 Dimensions,
- 10.1.4 Chemical composition by heat number,
- 10.1.5 Coefficient thermal expansion,
- 10.1.6 Hardness,
- 10.1.7 Quantity shipped,
- 10.1.8 Purchase order number,
- 10.1.9 Resistivity (optional), and

TABLE 5 Permissible Variations In Dimensions For Thermostat Alloy Strip^A

NOTE 1—Thickness measurements are taken at least $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.52 mm) in from edge of the strip. Tolerances are applicable to measurements at all locations.

Permissible Variations In Thickness Values Shown Over And Under, in. (mm)			
Specified Thickness	Widths		
	$\frac{3}{16}$ (4.76) to 6 (152.4)	6 (152.4) to 9 (228.6)	9 (228.6) to 13 (330.2)
0.035 (0.89) to 0.050 (1.27) incl	0.0025 (0.064)	0.0035 (0.089)	0.0035 (0.089)
0.050 (1.27) to 0.069 (1.75) incl	0.003 (0.08)	0.0035 (0.089)	0.0035 (0.089)
0.069 (1.75) to 0.100 (2.54) incl	0.003 (0.08)	0.004 (0.10)	0.004 (0.10)
0.100 (2.54) to 0.125 (3.18) incl	0.004 (0.10)	0.0045 (0.114)	0.0045 (0.114)
0.125 (3.18) to 0.161 (4.09) incl	0.0045 (0.114)	0.0045 (0.114)	0.0045 (0.114)
0.161 (4.09) to 0.187 (4.76) incl	0.005 (0.13)	0.005 (0.13)	0.005 (0.13)

Permissible Variations In Width, No. 3 Slit Edge Strip Values Shown Over And Under, in. (mm)			
Specified Thickness	Widths		
	0.5 (12.7) to 6 (152.4)	6 (152.4) to 9 (228.6)	9 (228.6) to 13 (330.2)
0.068 (1.73) and under	0.005 (0.13)	0.005 (0.13)	0.010 (0.25)
0.099 (2.51) to 0.069 (1.75) incl	0.008 (0.20)	0.010 (0.25)	0.010 (0.25)
0.160 (4.06) to 0.100 (2.54) incl	0.010 (0.25)	0.016 (0.41)	0.016 (0.41)
0.1875 (4.76) to 0.161 (4.09) incl	0.016 (0.41)	0.020 (0.51)	0.020 (0.51)

^A This table is from Specification A480/A480M. For sizes not listed in the table above, refer to appropriate table in Specification A480/A480M.

10.1.10 Manufacturer's name.

11.2.6 Purchaser's order number.

11. Packaging and Marking

11.1 Packaging and unit size shipped shall be subject to agreement between purchaser and supplier. Packaging will be sufficient to prevent damage or spoilage in transit.

11.2 Marking shall contain the following information:

11.2.1 Manufacturer's name,

11.2.2 Alloy type,

11.2.3 Heat number,

11.2.4 Size,

11.2.5 Shipped weight, and

12. Investigation of Claims

12.1 Where any material fails to meet the requirements of the specification, the material so designated shall be handled in accordance with a mutual agreement between purchaser and seller.

13. Keywords

13.1 alloys; chemical composition; components; controlled thermal expansion; electrical resistivity; hardness; temper; thermostat metal strip

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