Standard Specification for 
Nickel-Copper Alloy (UNS N04400) Plate, Sheet, and Strip

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers rolled nickel-copper alloy (UNS N04400) plate, 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:

B906 Specification for General Requirements for Flat-Rolled Nickel and Nickel Alloys Plate, Sheet, and Strip
E140 Hardness Conversion Tables for Metals Relationship Among Brinell Hardness, Vickers Hardness, Rockwell Hardness, Superficial Hardness, Knoop Hardness, and Scleroscope Hardness
F155 Method of Test for Temper of Strip and Sheet Metals for Electronic Devices (Spring-Back Method) (Withdrawn 1982)

2.2 Federal Standards:

Fed. Std. No. 102 Preservation, Packaging, and Packing Levels
Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)
Fed. Std. No. 182 Continuous Identification Marking of Nickel and Nickel-Base Alloys

2.3 Military Standards:

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage
MIL-STD-271 Nondestructive Testing Requirements for Metals

3. Terminology

3.1 Descriptions of Terms Specific to This Standard—The terms given in Table 1 shall apply.

4. General Requirements

4.1 Material furnished under this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of Specification B906 unless otherwise provided herein.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 It is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for material ordered under this specification. Examples of such requirements include, but are not limited to the following:

5.1.1 Alloy—Name or UNS number (see Table 2).
5.1.2 ASTM designation, including year of issue.
5.1.3 Condition—See 7.1, 7.2, and Appendix X1.
5.1.4 Finish—See Appendix X1.
5.1.5 Dimensions—Thickness, width, and length.
5.1.6 Quantity.
5.1.7 Optional Requirements:

5.1.7.1 Sheet and Strip—Whether to be furnished in coil, in cut straight lengths, or in random straight lengths.
5.1.7.2 Strip—Whether to be furnished with commercial slit edge, square edge, or round edge.
5.1.7.3 Plate—Whether to be furnished specially flattened (7.2); also how plate is to be cut (8.2.1 and 8.3.2).


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5.1.8 Fabrication Details—Not mandatory but helpful to the manufacturer.
5.1.8.1 Welding or Brazing—Process to be employed.
5.1.8.2 Plate—Whether material is to be hot-formed.
5.1.9 Certification—State if certification or a report of test results is required (see Specification B906, section on Material Test Report and Certification).

6. Chemical Composition
6.1 The material shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition prescribed in Table 2.
6.2 If a product (check) analysis is performed by the purchaser, the material shall conform to the product (check) analysis variations prescribed in Specification B906.

7. Mechanical and Other Requirements
7.1 Mechanical Properties—The material shall conform to the requirements for mechanical properties prescribed in Table 3.
7.2 Deep-Drawing and Spinning Quality Sheet and Strip—The material shall conform to the requirements for grain size and hardness properties prescribed in Table 4.
7.2.1 The mechanical properties of Table 3 do not apply to deep-drawing and spinning quality sheet and strip.

8. Dimensions and Permissible Variations
8.1 Weight:
8.1.1 For calculations of mass or weight a density of 0.319 lb/in.3 (8.83 g/cm3) shall be used.

8.2 Thickness:

5.1.10 Samples for Product (Check) Analysis—Whether samples for product (check) analysis should be furnished (see Specification B906, section on Sampling).
5.1.11 Purchaser Inspection—If the purchaser wishes to witness the tests or inspection of material at the place of manufacture, the purchase order must so state indicating which tests or inspections are to be witnessed (see Specification B906, section on Inspection).

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TABLE 1 Product Description

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Product</th>
<th>Thickness, in. (mm)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Hot-rolled plate†</td>
<td>⅛ and over</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hot-rolled sheet†</td>
<td>0.018 to 0.250 (0.46 to 6.4), incl</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cold-rolled sheet‡</td>
<td>0.018 to 0.250 (0.46 to 6.4), incl</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cold-rolled strip‡</td>
<td>0.005 to 0.250 (0.13 to 6.4), incl</td>
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* Material ⅛ to ¼ in. (4.8 to 6.4 mm), incl, in thickness may be furnished as sheet or plate provided the material meets the specification requirements for the condition ordered.
† Material under 48 in. (1219 mm) in width may be furnished as sheet or strip provided the material meets the specification requirements for the condition ordered.

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TABLE 2 Chemical Requirements

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<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Composition, %</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nickel, min†</td>
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<td>Copper</td>
<td>28.0 to 34.0</td>
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<td>Iron, max</td>
<td>2.5</td>
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<td>Manganese, max</td>
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<td>Carbon, max</td>
<td>0.3</td>
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<td>Silicon, max</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sulfur, max</td>
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* Element shall be determined arithmetically by difference.

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TABLE 3 Mechanical Properties for Plate, Sheet, and Strip (All Thicknesses and Sizes Unless Otherwise Indicated)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Condition (Temper)</th>
<th>Tensile Strength, min, psi (MPa)</th>
<th>Yield Strength (0.2 % offset), min, psi (MPa)</th>
<th>Elongation in 2 in. or 50 mm, or 4D, min, %</th>
<th>Rockwell Hardness (B Scale)††,‡‡</th>
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<tr>
<td>Hot-Rolled Plate</td>
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<td>Annealed</td>
<td>70 000 (485)</td>
<td>28 000 (195)</td>
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<td>As-rolled††,‡‡</td>
<td>75 000 (515)</td>
<td>40 000 (275)</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Cold-Rolled Sheet</td>
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<td>Annealed</td>
<td>70 000 (485)</td>
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<td>Quarter-hard</td>
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<td>Half-hard</td>
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<td>Hard</td>
<td>100 000 (690)</td>
<td>90 000 (620)</td>
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<td>Cold-Rolled Strip</td>
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<td>Annealed</td>
<td>70 000 to 85 000 (485 to 585)</td>
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<td>Skin hard</td>
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<td>Three-quarter-hard</td>
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<td>89 to 94</td>
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<td>Hard</td>
<td>100 000 (690)</td>
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<td>Spring temper</td>
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<td>96 min</td>
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* Yield strength requirements do not apply to material under 0.020 in. (0.51 mm) in thickness.
† For Rockwell or equivalent hardness conversions see Hardness Conversion Tables E140.
‡ Caution should be observed in using the Rockwell test on thin material, as the results may be affected by specimen thickness. For thicknesses under 0.050 in. (1.3 mm), the use of the Rockwell superficial or the Vickers hardness test is suggested.
§ As-rolled plate may be given a stress-relieving heat treatment subsequent to final rolling.
†† As-rolled plate specified “suitable for hot forming” shall be furnished from heats of known good hot-malleability characteristics (see X1.2.2). There are no applicable tensile or hardness requirements for such material.
‡‡ Not applicable for thickness under 0.010 in. (0.25 mm).
8.2.1 Plate—For plate up to 2 in. (50.8 mm) inclusive, in thickness, the permissible variation, over the specified thickness and permissible excess in overweight shall not exceed the amounts prescribed in Specification B906, see Permissible Variations in Thickness and Overweight of Rectangular Plates Table.

8.2.2 Plate—For plate over 2 in. (50.8 mm) in thickness, the permissible variations over the specified thickness shall not exceed the amounts prescribed in Specification B906, see Permissible Variations in Thickness for Rectangular Plates Over 2 in. (51 mm) in Thickness Table.

8.2.3 Sheet and Strip—The permissible variations in thickness of sheet and strip shall be prescribed in Specification B906, see Permissible Variations in Thickness and Overweight of Rectangular Plates Table. The thickness of strip and sheet shall be measured with the micrometer spindle 3/8 in. (9.5 mm) or more from either edge for material 1 in. (25.4 mm) or over in width and at any place on the strip under 1 in. in width.

8.3 Width or Diameter:

8.3.1 Plate—The permissible variations in width of rectangular plates and diameter of circular plates shall be as prescribed in Specification B906, see Permissible Variations in Width of Sheared, Plasma Torch-Cut, and Abrasive-Cut Rectangular Plate Table and Permissible Variations in Diameter for Circular Plates Table.

8.3.2 Sheet and Strip—The permissible variations in width for sheet and strip shall be as prescribed in Specification B906, see Permissible Variations in Width of Sheet and Strip Table.

8.4 Length:

8.4.1 Sheet and strip of all sizes may be ordered to cut lengths in which case, a variation of 1/8 in. (3.2 mm) over the specified length shall be permitted.

8.4.2 Permissible variations in length of rectangular plate shall be as prescribed in Specification B906, see Permissible Variations in Length of Sheared, Plasma Torch-Cut, and Abrasive-Cut Rectangular Plate Table.

8.5 Straightness:

8.5.1 The edgewise curvature (depth of chord) of flat sheet, strip, and plate shall not exceed 0.05 in. multiplied by the length in feet (0.04 mm multiplied by the length in centimetres).

8.5.2 Straightness for coiled material is subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

8.6 Edges:

8.6.1 When finished edges of strip are specified in the contract or purchase order, the following descriptions shall apply:

8.6.1.1 Square-edge strip shall be supplied with finished edges, with sharp, square corners, and without bevel or rounding.

8.6.1.2 Round-edge strip shall be supplied with finished edges, semicircular in form, and the diameter of the circle forming the edge being equal to the strip thickness.

8.6.1.3 When no description of any required form of strip edge is given, it shall be understood that edges such as those resulting from slitting or shearing will be acceptable.

8.6.1.4 Sheet shall have sheared or slit edges.

8.6.1.5 Plate shall have sheared or cut (machined, abrasive-cut, powder-cut, or inert-arc-cut) edges, as specified.

8.7 Squareness (Sheet)—For sheets of all thicknesses, the angle between adjacent sides shall be 90 ± 0.15° (1/16 in. in 24 in.) (1.6 mm in 610 mm).

8.8 Flatness:

8.8.1 There shall be no flatness requirements for “deep drawing quality,” “spinning quality,” or “as-rolled,” sheet and strip (see X1.4).

8.8.2 Standard flatness tolerances for plate shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Table 5. “Specially flattened” plate when so specified, shall have permissible variations in flatness as agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

9. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

9.1 The material shall be uniform in quality and temper, smooth, commercially straight or flat, and free of injurious imperfections.

9.2 Sheet, Strip, and Plate—Sheet, strip, and plate supplied in the conditions and finishes as listed in the appendix may be ground or machined to remove surface imperfections, provided such removal does not reduce the material below the minimum specified dimensions. Surface eliminated depressions shall be...
fair ed smoothly into the surrounding material. The removal of a surface imperfection shall be verified by the method originally used to detect the imperfection.

10. Product Marking

10.1 Each plate, sheet, or strip shall be marked on one face with the specification number, alloy, condition (temper), heat number, manufacturer’s identification, and size. The markings shall not have a deleterious effect on the material or its performance and shall be sufficiently stable to withstand normal handling.

10.2 When applicable, each bundle or shipping container shall be marked with the name of the material, condition (temper), this specification number, alloy, size, consignor and consignee address, contract or order number, and such other information as may be defined in the contract or order.

11. Keywords

11.1 N04400; plate; sheet; strip

SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

The following supplementary requirements shall apply only when specified by the purchaser in the inquiry, contract, or order, for agencies of the U.S. Government.

S1. Referenced Documents

S1.1 The following documents of the issue in effect on date of material purchased form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein. Fed. Std. No. 102, No. 123, No. 182, and Military Standard MIL-STD-129.

S2. Chemical Composition

S2.1 The material shall conform to the composition limits specified in Table 2 except as specified in Table S2.1

S3. Mechanical Properties

S3.1 Mechanical property requirements for quarter hard cold-rolled strip 1⁄4 in. thick and less shall be as specified in Table S3.1.

S4. Nondestructive Tests

S4.1 When specified by the purchaser, each piece of each lot shall be inspected. The purchaser shall specify if one or both tests are required.
TABLE S3.1 Mechanical Properties for Quarter-Hard Cold Rolled Strip

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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Tensile Strength, min, psi (Mpa)</th>
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<th>Elongation in 2 in., 50 mm, or 4D, min, %</th>
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<td>80 000–85 000 (538–586)</td>
<td>45,000 (310)</td>
<td>20</td>
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S4.2 Ultrasonic Tests:

S4.2.1 General Requirements:

S4.2.1.1 Ultrasonic testing shall be performed in accordance with MIL-STD-271 as modified by the requirements specified herein.

S4.2.1.2 Acoustic compatibility between the production material and the calibration standard material shall be within 75%. If the acoustic compatibility is within 25%, no gain compensation is required for the examination. If acoustic compatibility difference is between 25% and 75%, a change in the gain or dB controls shall be accomplished to compensate for the differences in acoustic compatibility. This method cannot be used if the ultrasonic noise level exceeds 50% of the rejection value.

S4.2.2 Calibration:

S4.2.2.1 Longitudinal Wave—The longitudinal wave test shall be calibrated on a flat-bottomed reference hole of a given diameter in accordance with Table S4.1 for specified material thickness drilled either into the piece to be tested or into a separate defect-free specimen of the same size (within ± ¼ in. (3.18 mm)), shape, material, and condition, or acoustically similar material. Holes are to be drilled to midsection and the bottom of the hole shall be parallel to the entrant surface. The ultrasonic test instrument shall be adjusted so that the response from the reference hole shall not be less than 25% and not more than 75% of screen height.

S4.2.2.2 Recalibration—During quality conformance inspection, any realignment of the search unit that will cause a decrease in the calibrated sensitivity and resolution, or both, or any change in search unit, couplant, instrument settings, or scanning speed from that used for calibration shall require recalibration. Recalibration shall be performed at least once per 8 h shift.

S4.2.3 Procedure—Paragraph S4.2.3.1 describes the requirements for plate. Sheet and strip shall be excluded from these requirements.

S4.2.3.1 Plate—Plate shall be inspected by the longitudinal wave technique using the contact or immersion method. For contact, the scanning shall be on a 24 in. grid and one diagonal in each grid. For immersion, the scanning shall be continuous on a 12 in. grid. For either method, the search shall be expanded to determine the full extent of any rejectable indication if the material is to be offered on a waiver basis.

S4.2.4 Acceptance Criteria:

S4.2.4.1 Longitudinal Wave—Any material that produces indications equal to or larger than the response from the reference hole, or that produces a complete loss of back reflection shall be rejected. Material shall be tested using a square, rectangular, or circular transducer having an effective area of one square inch or less, but no dimension shall be smaller than the diameter of the reference hole. In the event of disagreement on the degree of back reflection loss, it shall be determined by the contact method using a 1 to 1½ in. (25.4 to 28.6 mm) diameter transducer or one whose area falls within this range.

S4.2.4.2 Reference Notch Removal—If reference notches or flat-bottomed holes are made in the material to be tested, they shall be so located that their subsequent removal will not impair the suitability of the material for its intended use.

S4.3 Liquid Penetrant Inspection:

S4.3.1 Procedure—Liquid penetrant inspection shall be in accordance with MIL-STD-271.

S4.3.2 Surface Requirements—The surface produced by hot working is not suitable for liquid penetrant testing. Therefore, liquid penetrant testing will not be applicable to products ordered with a hot finished surface.

S4.3.3 Acceptance Criteria—Linear defects revealed by liquid penetrant inspection shall be explored by grinding or other suitable means. Depth of defects shall not exceed the dimensional tolerance of the material.

S5. Quality Assurance

S5.1 Responsibility for Inspection—Unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the manufacturer is responsible for the performance of all inspection and test requirements specified. Except as otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the manufacturer may use his own or any other suitable facilities for the performance of the inspection and test requirements unless disapproved by the purchaser at the time the order is placed. The purchaser shall have the right to perform any of the inspections or tests set forth when such inspections and tests are deemed necessary to assure that the material conforms to prescribed requirements.

S6. Identification Marking

S6.1 All material shall be properly marked for identification in accordance with Fed. Std. No. 182 except that the ASTM specification number and the alloy number shall be used.

S7. Preparation for Delivery

S7.1 Preservation, Packaging, Packing:

S7.1.1 Military Agencies—The material shall be separated by size, composition, grade, or class and shall be preserved and packaged, Level A or C, or packed, Level A, B, or C as specified in the contract or purchase order.

S7.1.2 Civil Agencies—The requirements of Fed. Std. No. 102 shall be referenced for definitions of the various levels of packaging protection.

S7.2 Marking:

S7.2.1 Military Agencies—In addition to any special marking required by the contract or purchase order, marking for shipment shall be in accordance with MIL-STD-129.

S7.2.2 Civil Agencies—In addition to any special marking required by the contract or purchase order, marking for shipment shall be in accordance with Fed. Std. No. 123.
APPENDIX
(Nonmandatory Information)

X1. CONDITIONS AND FINISHES

X1.1 Scope
X1.1.1 This appendix lists the conditions and finishes in which plate, sheet, and strip are normally supplied. These are subject to change and the manufacturer should be consulted for the latest information available.

X1.2 Plate, Hot-Rolled
X1.2.1 Annealed—Soft with an oxide surface and suitable for heavy cold forming. Available with a descaled surface, when so specified.
X1.2.2 As-Rolled—With an oxide surface. Available with a descaled surface, when so specified. Suitable for flat work, mild forming, or tube sheets. When intended for tube sheets, specify that plates are to be specially flattened. When intended for hot forming, this should be indicated on the purchase order so that the manufacturer may select appropriate material.

X1.3 Plate, Cold-Rolled
X1.3.1 Annealed—Soft with an oxide surface; available with a descaled surface when so specified.

X1.4 Sheet, Hot-Rolled
X1.4.1 Annealed, and Pickled—Soft with a pickled matte finish. Properties similar to X1.5.1 but with broader thickness tolerances. Not suggested for applications where the finish of a cold-rolled sheet is considered essential, or for deep drawing or spinning.

X1.5 Sheet and Strip, Cold-Rolled
X1.5.1 Annealed—Soft with a pickled or bright annealed finish.
X1.5.2 Deep-Drawing or Spinning Quality—Similar to X1.5.1, except furnished to controlled hardness and grain size and lightly leveled.
X1.5.3 Skin Hard—Similar to X1.5.1 but given a light cold reduction to hardness range shown in Table 3.
X1.5.4 Quarter-Hard—Cold rolled to the hardness range indicated in Table 3, bright finish. Out-of-flatness must be expected and will vary with temper and thickness.
X1.5.5 Half-Hard—Cold rolled to the hardness range indicated in Table 3, bright finish. Out-of-flatness must be expected and will vary with temper and thickness.
X1.5.6 Three-Quarter Hard—Cold rolled to the hardness range indicated in Table 3, bright finish. Out-of-flatness must be expected and will vary with temper and thickness.
X1.5.7 Hard—Cold rolled to the tensile requirements indicated in Table 3, bright finish. Out-of-flatness must be expected and will vary with temper and thickness.
X1.5.8 Spring Temper—Cold rolled to the minimum hardness indicated in Table 3, bright finish. Out-of-flatness must be expected and will vary with temper and thickness.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES
Committee B02 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (B127 – 98) that may impact the use of this standard.

(1) Added safety caveat to Scope.

(2) General Requirements updated to Specification B906.