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WOOD-PRESERVATIVE
(Spray, brush, dip application)

COMMERCIAL STANDARD CS152-48

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SCOPE
2. This standard covers physical and chemical characteristics of copper naphthenate products supplied in either concentrated form or ready-for-use form; and the treatment of wood with preservatives conforming to this specification.

DEFINITION
3. Copper naphthenate is the copper salt of naphthenic acids. Naphthenic acids are carboxylic acid derivatives of cycloalkane hydrocarbons (naphthenes). The monobasic acids have the general type formula \(C_nH_{2n-2}O_2\), where \(x\) is the number of rings in the molecule.

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9a. Outline of method.—The sample is heated to drive off volatile material and further heated to burn off the carbon. It is then treated with nitric and sulfuric acids to oxidize any remaining carbon. The nitric acid is expelled, the solution is neutralized with ammonium hydroxide, and the precipitate is filtered off. The filtrate is acidified with sulfuric acid and the copper is titrated iodometrically.

9b. Reagents and solutions.—

9b. (1) Standard copper solution (1 ml = 1 mg Cu).—Dissolve 1 g of pure copper in 15 ml of nitric acid (1:3). Add 5 ml of sulfuric acid, cover, and evaporate to dense white fumes. Cool, wash down the cover and walls of the vessel with 20 ml of distilled water, and again evaporate to white fumes. Add 400 ml of sulfuric acid (1:1), cool, and dilute to 1 liter in a volumetric flask.

9b. (2) Standard sodium thiosulfate solution (0.01 N).—Dissolve 2.5 g of sodium thiosulfate pentahydrate in 1 liter of freshly boiled and cooled distilled water in a sterile glass bottle. If sulfur precipitates during preparation or upon subsequent use, discard the solution and prepare a new one.

9b. (3) Starch solution.—Make a paste of 1 g of soluble starch in about 5 ml of distilled water and add to 100 ml of boiling distilled water. Cool.

9b. (4) Potassium iodide.—40 g KI made up with distilled water to 100 ml.

9b. (5) Sodium thiocyanate.—20 g NaCNS made up with distilled water to 100 ml.

9c. Standardization of sodium thiosulfate solution and derivation of copper factor.—Pipette 10 ml of the standard copper solution into a 250 ml Erlenmeyer flask. Add 50 ml of water. Add ammonium hydroxide until solution turns dark blue.

Add sulfuric acid until the dark blue color disappears. Then add three drops in excess. Cool to room temperature and add 5 ml of KI solution. Mix. Add 5 ml of NaCNS. Mix. Titrate with 0.01 N sodium thiosulfate to a very pale yellow color. Add 5 ml of starch solution and continue the titration until no blue color remains.

Formula to determine copper factor:

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\text{Copper factor} = \frac{\text{milliliters of standard copper solution}}{\text{milliliters of sodium thiosulfate solution}}
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9d. Determination of percent copper.—Weigh a 52-mm porcelain crucible (approximately 50-ml capacity) to the nearest milligram. Add approximately 3 ml of the sample and reweigh. (Concentrated copper naphthenates should be diluted quantitatively with mineral spirits to approximately 1 percent copper content, and a 3-ml sample taken for determination of copper. If any sludge is present, it should be centrifuged or allowed to settle, before taking the 3-ml sample.) Place the crucible on a hot plate and heat slowly to boiling. When vigorous boiling stops, increase the temperature of hot plate to maximum heat and heat until no more fumes are evolved. Heat with a Tirrell or Bunsen burner to distill off remainder of the oil and continue to heat strongly to burn off most of the carbon from the sides of the crucible. Tip the crucible at a slight angle and burn off carbon in the full heat of the burner for 5 minutes.

Turn crucible around 180° and again heat for 5 minutes. If there is still a red glow from the sample, repeat until only the crucible is red, the sample remaining black. Cool for 5 minutes.
Add 3 ml of nitric acid (1:1) and 2 ml of sulfuric acid (1:1). Cover with a watch glass and heat gently until the sample is dissolved. Wash contents of crucible into a 250-ml wide-mouthed Erlenmeyer flask with nitric acid (1:1) from a medicine dropper. Add 20 ml of distilled water to the Erlenmeyer flask and heat flask until copious white fumes of SO₃ are being expelled.

Cool 5 minutes and wash down the sides with 5 ml of distilled water from a wash bottle and repeat the fuming. Cool again and add 20 ml of distilled water. Heat to boiling and boil for 3 minutes. Add ammonium hydroxide until the solution turns dark blue and add a few drops in excess. Heat to boiling and filter into a 250-ml Erlenmeyer flask through a No. 40 Whatman paper. Wash paper well with distilled water until all blue color is completely removed. Then discard paper and precipitate.

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9e. Calculation.

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10a. Samples.—Four pieces of flat grained clear ponderosa pine sapwood 2 inches wide by \(\frac{5}{8}\) inch thick and 4 inches long, the grain extending parallel to the long dimension, shall be selected. The wood shall be of average, uniform growth (20 to 40 annual rings per inch) and shall have a moisture content below 15 percent.

10b. Treatment.—Wood preservative shall be poured into a flat-bottom glass vessel, such as a petri dish or beaker, to a depth of not less than \(\frac{1}{4}\) inch. This solution shall be maintained at a temperature of 77° ± 3°F. Within 15 minutes after the solution has been introduced into the vessel, the wood samples shall be suspended vertically to a depth of \(\frac{3}{4}\) inch (marked on the wood) in the solution for 3 minutes. The samples shall then be removed, suspended to dry in the same vertical position for 24 hours at room temperature, and split into three pieces of equal dimensions in such a way that the radial face of the wood is exposed. The farthest penetration of the solution shall then be measured on each cut and the average of the eight measurements recorded as the penetration of the sample. Only the penetration on the split surfaces (not on the exterior surfaces) shall be measured.

LABELING

11. Copper naphthenate wood-preservative.—In order that the purchaser may be assured that the product complies with this commercial standard, it is recommended that the following statement be included in labels, contracts, sales literature, invoices, etc.:

This (concentrated) (ready-for-use) copper naphthenate complies with all requirements of Commercial Standard CS152–48, as developed by the trade under the procedure of the National Bureau of Standards, and issued by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

1This labeling is in addition to, and not in lieu of, that required under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Before shipment in interstate commerce, such products must be registered with the Insecticide Division, Livestock Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, United States Department of Agriculture.
12. Treated wood.—Properly seasoned wood treated with copper naphthenate conforming to this commercial standard may be identified by the following statement in labels, invoices, or contracts:

This wood has been treated with copper naphthenate conforming to Commercial Standard CS152-48, as developed by the trade under the procedure of the National Bureau of Standards, and issued by the U. S. Department of Commerce. Application has been by ____________________ method.

(brush), (spray), (dip)

EFFECTIVE DATE

13. Having been passed through the regular procedure of the Commodity Standards Division, and approved by the acceptors hereinafter listed, this commercial standard was issued by the United States Department of Commerce, effective from September 25, 1948.

Edwin W. Ely,
Chief, Commodity Standards Division.

HISTORY OF PROJECT


15. Following receipt of this request by the Bureau, copies of a proposed commercial standard for copper naphthenate wood-preservative, endorsed by the proponent manufacturers, were circulated to selected representatives of manufacturers, distributors, purchasers, testing laboratories, and Government agencies, for advance comment. The specification was adjusted in accordance with majority viewpoint as indicated by the comment.

16. With the unqualified endorsement of a number of interested organizations, the recommended commercial standard was submitted to the trade for written acceptance on June 9, 1948. Having received acceptances in writing estimated to represent a satisfactory majority, announcement was issued on August 25, 1948, that the standard would become effective for new production on September 25, 1948.

STANDING COMMITTEE

17. The following individuals comprise the membership of the standing committee, which is to review, prior to circulation for acceptance, revisions proposed to keep the standard abreast of progress. Comment concerning the standard and suggestions for revision may be addressed to any member of the committee or to the Commodity Standards Division, National Bureau of Standards, which acts as secretary for the committee.

Arthur Minich, Nuodex Products Co., Inc., Elizabeth F. N. J. (Chairman).
C. D. Thompson, Cuprinol Division, Darworth, Inc., Simsbury, Conn.
Vladimir Shipp, Technical Service Dept., Socony-Vacuum Laboratories, 412 Greenpoint Avenue, Brooklyn 22, N. Y.
Ray R. Hirt, New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse University, Syracuse 10, N. Y.
Oliver D. Diller, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio.
Harold M. Rudd, Rudd & Cummings, 1608 Fifteenth Avenue, West, Seattle 99, Wash.
W. M. Barr, W. M. Barr & Co., P. O. Box 3518, Memphis, Tenn.
ACCEPTANCE OF COMMERCIAL STANDARD

If acceptance has not previously been filed, this sheet properly filled in, signed, and returned will provide for the recording of your organization as an acceptor of this commercial standard.

Date ____________________________

Commodity Standards Division,
National Bureau of Standards,
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We believe that the Commercial Standard CS152-48 constitutes a useful standard of practice, and we individually plan to utilize it as far as practicable in the production 1 distribution 1 purchase 1 testing 1 of copper naphthenate wood-preservative.

We reserve the right to depart from it as we deem advisable.

We understand, of course, that only those articles which actually comply with the standard in all respects can be identified or labeled as conforming thereto.

Signature of authorized officer ____________________________ (In ink)

(Kindly typewrite or print the following lines)

Name and title of above officer ____________________________

Organization ____________________________________________ (Fill in exactly as it should be listed)

Street address ____________________________________________

City, Zone, and State ____________________________________________

1 Underscore which one. Please see that separate acceptances are filed for all subsidiary companies and affiliates which should be listed separately as acceptors. In the case of related interests, trade associations, trade papers, etc., desiring to record their general support, the words “General Support” should be added after the signature.
TO THE ACCEPTOR

The following statements answer the usual questions arising in connection with the acceptance and its significance:

1. **Enforcement.**—Commercial standards are commodity specifications voluntarily established by mutual consent of those concerned. They present a common basis of understanding between the producer, distributor, and consumer and should not be confused with any plan of governmental regulation or control. The United States Department of Commerce has no regulatory power in the enforcement of their provisions, but since they represent the will of the interested groups as a whole, their provisions through usage soon become established as trade customs, and are made effective through incorporation into sales contracts by means of labels, invoices, and the like.

2. **The acceptor’s responsibility.**—The purpose of commercial standards is to establish for specific commodities, nationally recognized grades or consumer criteria, and the benefits therefrom will be measurable in direct proportion to their general recognition and actual use. Instances will occur when it may be necessary to deviate from the standard and the signing of an acceptance does not preclude such departures; however, such signature indicates an intention to follow the commercial standard where practicable, in the production, distribution, or consumption of the article in question.

3. **The Department’s responsibility.**—The major function performed by the Department of Commerce in the voluntary establishment of commercial standards on a Nation-wide basis is fourfold; first, to act as an unbiased coordinator to bring all interested parties together for the mutually satisfactory adjustment of trade standards; second, to supply such assistance and advice as past experience with similar programs may suggest; third, to canvass and record the extent of acceptances and adherence to the standard on the part of producers, distributors, and users; and fourth, after acceptance, to publish and promulgate the standard for the information and guidance of buyers and sellers of the commodity.

4. **Announcement and promulgation.**—When the standard has been endorsed by a satisfactory majority of production or consumption in the absence of active valid opposition, the success of the project is announced. If, however, in the opinion of the standing committee or the Department of Commerce, the support of any standard is inadequate, the right is reserved to withhold promulgation and publication.
ACCEPTEES

The organizations listed below have individually accepted this standard for use as far as practicable in the production, distribution, testing, or purchase of copper naphthenate wood-preservative. In accepting the standard they reserved the right to depart therefrom as they individually deem advisable. It is expected that articles which actually comply with the requirements of this standard in all respects will separately be identified or labeled as conforming thereto, and that purchasers will require such specific evidence of conformity.

ASSOCIATIONS
(General Support)

Woodwork Jobbers Service Bureau, Chicago, Ill.

FIRMS AND OTHER INTERESTS

Advance Solvents & Chemical Corp., New York, N. Y.

Allied Analytical & Research Laboratories, Dallas, Tex.

Apx Chemical Co., Apx, N. C.

Apx Chemical Testing Laboratories, Phoenix, Ariz.

Armor Laboratories, Inc., Glendale, Calif.

Baird, David, Co., Camden, N. J.

Baltimore Copper Paint Co., Baltimore, Md.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co., Baltimore, Md.

Barr, W. M., & Co., Memphis, Tenn.


Bell Lumber & Pole Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Bennett's Chemical Laboratory, Inc., Tacoma, Wash.

Brening Bros., Inc., Hoboken, N. J.

Bridgeport Testing Laboratory, Bridgeport, Conn.

Carbozite Laboratories, New Haven, Conn.

Cessna, C. M., Laboratories, The, Spokane, Wash.

Ferro Chemical Corp., Cleveland, Ohio.

Forman-Ford & Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Froeling & Robertson, Inc., Richmond, Va.

General Petroleum Corp., Los Angeles, Calif.

Glidden Co., The, Cleveland, Ohio.

Gordon, Geo. C., Chemical Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Hale, George A., St. Louis, Mo.

Harshaw Chemical Co., The, Cleveland, Ohio.

Horn, A. C., Division of Sun Chemical Co., Long Island City, N. Y.

Kinsol Corp., Chicago, Ill.

LaValle & Harrison, Philadelphia, Pa.


Love Bros., Inc., The, Dayton, Ohio

Magnolia Petroleum Co., Dallas, Tex.

Marsh & Truman Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.

Massachusetts, Commonwealth of, Public Works Department, Boston, Mass.

McGeen Chemical Co., The, Cleveland, Ohio.

Merchantile Manufacturers Paint Co., Inc., Louisville, Ky.


Minnesota Testing Laboratories, Inc., Duluth, Minn.

Monsanto Chemical Co., Western Division, Seattle, Wash.

Morse Laboratories, Sacramento, Calif.

New York Central Railroad Co., The, New York, N. Y.


Norfolk Testing Laboratories, Norfolk, Va.

Northwest Laboratories, Seattle, Wash.

Nuodex Products Co., Inc., Elizabeth, N. J.

Nutting, H. C., Co., The, Cincinnati, Ohio.

O'Brien Corp., The, South Bend, Ind.

Oklahoma Testing Laboratories, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Omaha Testing Laboratories, Omaha, Neb.

Oromite Chemical Co., San Francisco, Calif.

Orthmann Laboratories, Inc., The, Milwaukee, Ws.

Osmose Wood Preserving Co. of America, Inc., Buffalo, N. Y.

Pacific Chemical Laboratories, San Francisco, Calif.

Paquin, Felix, & Associates, Galveston, Tex.

Parker, Ira, & Sons Co., Oskosh, Wis.

Paterson-Sargant Co., The, Cleveland, Ohio.

Penniman & Brown, Inc., Baltimore, Md.

Perma Products Co., The, Cleveland, Ohio.

Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory, San Francisco, Calif.

Plastic Products Co., Detroit, Mich.

Polytechnique Laboratories, New York, N. Y.


Protocol Corp., Kepivorth, N. J.

Red Spot Paint & Varnish Co., Evansville, Ind.

Rudd Paint & Varnish Co., Evansville, Ind.


Saskatchewan, University of, Department of Chemistry, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Shell Oil Co., Inc., San Francisco, Calif.

Shepherd Chemical Co., The, Cincinnati, Ohio.


Suell, Foster D., Inc., New York, N. Y.

Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Southern Testing Laboratories, Inc., Birmingham, Ala.

Stanco, Inc., New York, N. Y.

Sterling Paint Co., Eneryville, Calif.

Stillman & Van Sieben, Inc., New York, N. Y.

Stresen-Reuter, Fred D., Inc., Chicago, Ill.

Texas Solvents & Chemicals Co., Houston, Tex.

Textor Laboratories, The, Cleveland, Ohio.

Thompson-Hayward Chemical Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Triangular Chemical Co., Macon, Ga.

Twin City Testing & Engineering Laboratory, St. Paul, Minn.

Twinning Laboratories, The, Fresno, Calif.

United States Testing Co., Inc., Hoboken, N. J.


Vita-Var Corp., Newark, N. J.

Wayne Chemical Products Co., Detroit, Mich.


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