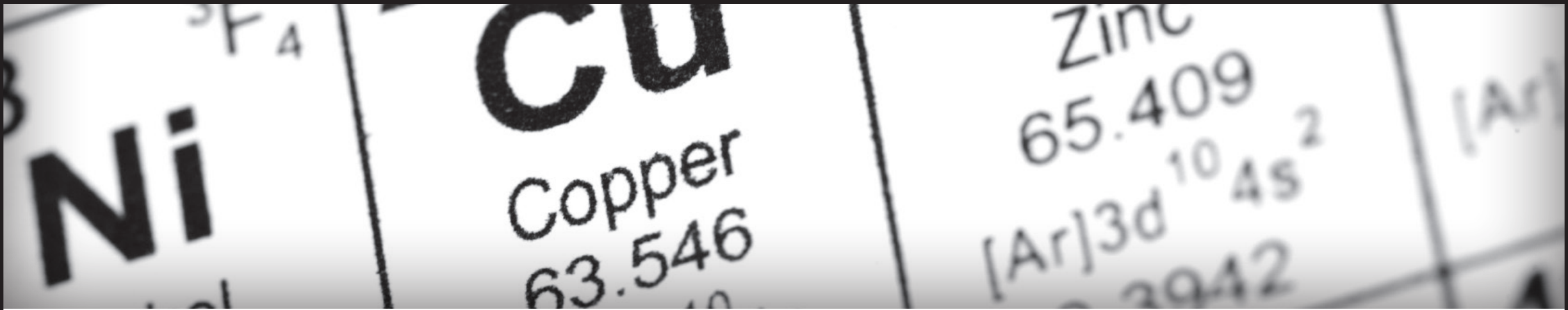


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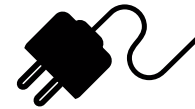
## All about Copper



### Copper has been an important element over time.



Dating back at least 10,000 years, copper has played a role in the development of civilizations worldwide.



Approximately 65% of copper mined and produced goes toward electrical purposes, including power generation and transmission. Other uses include circuitry for electrical devices.



Copper is a critical element to the United States. With increased global supply restrictions and growing demand, Americans are less able to supply the copper that we consume. Currently, 30% of copper consumed in the U.S. comes from foreign sources.



Copper is 100% recyclable without any loss of quality. It is the third most recycled metal after iron and aluminum. However, demand for new copper sources is expected to remain high, especially in the electrical and electronics industries. The world's growing demands for copper cannot be met by recycling alone.



Pure copper is soft and malleable; an exposed surface has a reddish-orange tarnish.



The current trends in copper processing are towards methods and equipment that use less energy and produce less air pollution and solid waste.

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