

CuSn8

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Comparable standards: UNS C52100 • EN CW453K

Aurubis designations: C521 • PNA 283

Description

CuSn8 is a solid solution strengthened copper alloy (bronze) with 8% tin. The high tin content results in high strength and good spring properties at an adequate conductivity. The alloy is wear-resistant, has very good corrosion resistance and can be readily soldered. Moreover CuSn8 has good sliding properties.

Fields of application are stamped parts, connectors, spring contacts, springs, bushings and bearings, metal hose, the paper industry, ship and apparatus manufacturing as well as electrical and mechanical engineering.

Composition

Cu	Sn	P	Zn	Fe	Ni	Pb
[%]	[%]	[%]	[%]	[%]	[%]	[%]
rem	7.5-8.5	0.01-0.4	0.2 max	0.1 max	0.2 max	0.02 max

Composition of this alloy is in accordance with RoHS for electric & electronic components and ELV for the automotive industry.

Physical properties

Melting point	Density	c_p @ 20°C	Young's modulus	Thermal cond.	Electrical cond.		α @20-300°C
[°C]	[g/cm ³]	[kJ/kgK]	[GPa]	[W/mK]	[MS/m]	[%IACS]	[10 ⁻⁶ /K]
1040	8.8	0.377	115	67	≥ 7.5	≥ 13	18.5

Note: The specified conductivity applies to the soft condition only.

c_p specific heat capacity

α coefficient of thermal expansion

Mechanical properties

	Tensile Strength	Yield Strength	Elongation A ₅₀	Hardness HV	Bend ratio 90° [r]		Bend ratio 180° [r]	
	[MPa]	[MPa]	[%]	[-]	GW	BW	GW	BW
R370	370-450	≤ 300	≥ 50	90-120	0	0	0	0
R450	450-550	≥ 280	≥ 20	135-175	0	0	0	0
R540	540-630	≥ 460	≥ 13	170-200	0	0.5	1	2
R600	600-690	≥ 530	≥ 5	190-220	0.5	1.5	2	3
R660	660-750	≥ 620	≥ 3	210-240	1	2.5	3	4
R740	≥ 740	≥ 700	≥ 2	≥ 230	-	-	-	-

$r = x * t$ (thickness $t \leq 0.5\text{mm}$)

GW bend axis transverse to rolling direction. BW bend axis parallel to rolling direction.

Fabrication properties

Cold formability	excellent
Hot formability	not recommended
Soldering	excellent
Brazing	excellent
Oxyacetylene welding	fair
Gas shielded arc welding	good
Resistance welding	good
Machinability	not recommended

Electrical conductivity

The electrical conductivity depends on chemical composition, the level of cold deformation and the grain size. A high level of deformation as well as a small grain size decrease the conductivity.

**Corrosion
Resistance**

Bronze is resistant to: Natural and industrial atmospheres as well as maritime air, drinking and service water (if the flow rate is not excessive), seawater, non oxidizing acids, alkaline solutions and neutral saline solutions.

Bronze is not resistant to: Ammonia, halogenide, cyanide and hydrogen sulfide solutions and atmospheres, oxidizing acids.

Bronze alloys have an improved resistivity towards seawater and pitting corrosion.

Typical uses

Automotive, components of electrical engineering, connectors, relays and conductor springs, retaining clamps, springs, metal hose, bushings, slide bearings, paper-, textile- and chemical industry as well as mechanical and apparatus engineering and shipbuilding

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