



MA38B Free-Cutting Brass

Introduction

MA38B is the European reference standard for free-cutting brass with machinability rating of 100, moderate strength, and good resistance to corrosion. The alloy is used in the widest range of applications where excellent machining performance is the key selection criteria, including all types of special machined or micro-machined components with or without electrical requirement.

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Chemical Composition - Limits	Chemical Composition - Nominal	
Cu 55-59 (99.5 min incl named elements)	Cu 57.0	
Pb 2.5-3.5	Pb 3.0	
Zn rem	Zn 40.0	
Fe 0.35 max		
Specifications	Fabrication Index	
EN 12164	Soldering	5 - Excellent
EN 12166	Hot Worked	5 - Excellent
	Cold Worked	2 - Fair
	Brazing	4 - Very Good
	Machinability	5 - Excellent

Physical Properties

Annealing Range (Min)	800 °F
Annealing Range (Max)	1100 °F
Density	0.306 lb/in ³
Electrical Resistivity (Annealed)	37 Ω ·cir-mil/ft @ 68 °F
Electrical Conductivity (Annealed)	28% IACS @ 68 °F
Thermal Conductivity	71 Btu/ft ² /ft·hr/°F @ 68 °F
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	11.6 per °F (68-572 °F)
Modulus of Elasticity (Tension)	14 ksi
Modulus of Rigidity (Tension)	5 ksi
Melting Point (Solidus)	1,620 °F
Melting Point (Liquidus)	1,880 °F

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Round Wire - Pretempered

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			Min	Max		
Annealed	R360	52.0		46.0	.02363 - .289	15.0
1/2 Hard	R430	62.0	32.0		.0787 - .289	6.00
Hard	R500	73.0	51.0		.0787 - .289	2.00

Round Rod - Pretempered

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