



## 7MG.018 Copper

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Copper is an orange-coloured material with the chemical symbol Cu. It has a great variety of applications as it is ductile and malleable and has particularly high electrical and thermal conductive properties.

Copper is one of the most commonly used materials in the industrial sector, in particular in general mechanics. Its conductive properties and its technical and chemical characteristics make it a preferred material for the creation of a wide variety of parts. However, it has low mechanical resistance and can easily be deformed. It is therefore important to blend it with other materials to increase its resistance. Copper oxidises naturally in moisture and forms verdigris.

Machining it requires expertise and appropriate equipment to ensure satisfactory quality.

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### Applications

- Construction: plumbing, plumbing fixtures, pipes, heating, roofs, lifts, fire systems
- Electrical and electronic equipment
- Telecommunications field
- Industry and equipment sectors
- Transport
- Renewable energies
- Musical instruments

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**Benefits (depending on grade)**

- High thermal and electrical conductivity
- Low melting temperature
- A naturally antibacterial material
- Satisfactory ductility
- Recyclable
- Weldable
- Average mechanical strength

**Main characteristics**

Property		Unit	CuA1/CuETP	CRM16/CuCrZr
Composition	Cu	Wt. %	≥ 99.90	99.5
	Bi		≤ 0.0005	-
	O		≤ 0.04	-
	Pb		≤ 0.03	-
	Others		≤ 0.03	< 0.02
	Cr		-	0.5 - 1.2
	Zr		-	0.03 - 0.25
	Fe		-	< 800
	Si		-	< 1 000
Density (ρ)		kg/m <sup>3</sup>	8,900	8,900
Electrical resistivity		MS/m	< 1.72	NC
Thermal conductivity (λ)		W.m <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>	394	320
Elastic modulus (E)		kN/mm <sup>2</sup>	127	120
Melting point		°C	1.084	1.080
Coefficient of linear expansion		10 <sup>-6</sup> /°C	17.7 from 20 to 300 °C	17 from 20 to 300 °C
Thermal conductivity 20°C		W/m °K	394	330
Specific electric resistance		μΩ.m	1.72	NC
Typical electric conductivity		MS/m	58	≥ 50
Typical electric conductivity		% IACS	100	≥ 86
Specific heat		J/(gK)	0.386	NC
Magnetic property			Non-magnetic	Magnetic permeability
Yield point (Rp0,2)		N/mm <sup>2</sup>	180	> 255
Tensile strength		N/mm <sup>2</sup>	240	> 370
Elongation at break (A5)		%	> 15	> 18
Brinell hardness		HB	> 65	> 125

The compositions may vary for the same reference depending on the manufacturer. If different mechanical characteristics requiring heat treatment or strain hardening are required, please contact us.



## Machining capacities

### Specific capacity limits:

Turning: Up to Ø90 mm and 600 mm in length  
Loading of max. length 3,000 mm bar material

Milling: Up to a thickness of 200 mm (must be approved according to the plan)

Free-cutting: Up to Ø20 mm max.

Alloy		Technological and usage properties						
		Mechanical resistance	Machinability	Weldability	Cold malleability	Hot malleability	Corrosion resistance	Suitability for anodising
1000	Al	★	★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
2000	Al Cu	★★★★★	★★★★★	-	★	★★★	★	★★
3000	Al Mn	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★
5000	Al Mg	★★★★★	★★	★★★★★	★★★	★	★★★★★	★★★★★
6000	Al Si Mg	★★	★	★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
7000	AL Zn Mg Cu	★★★★★	★★★★	-	★	★★	★	★★★