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Wrought copper alloys for solid plain  
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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4382-2:1991), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- [Clause 2](#) “Normative references” has been updated;
- [Clause 3](#) “Terms and definitions” has been added;
- [Table 1](#) has been updated.

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# Plain bearings — Copper alloys —

## Part 2:

# Wrought copper alloys for solid plain bearings

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for wrought copper alloys for use in solid plain bearings, particularly for bushes. This document provides a limited selection of alloys currently available for general purposes.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 General

**WARNING — Lead's (Pb) toxicity is recognized, and its use has since been phased out of many applications. However, many countries still allow the sale of products that expose humans to lead. Lead is a neurotoxin (see [Figure 1](#)).**



a) GHS 07



b) GHS 08



c) GHS 09

Figure 1 — Reach compliance symbols

### 4.2 Material properties

Material properties shall be in accordance with [Table 1](#).

The Brinell hardness is regarded as the test and acceptance value. All other indicated values are mean values and are regarded as typical values for the designer. In view of the range of possible alloy

compositions, relatively large deviations from the indicated values must be expected in individual cases.

5 Clause title

EXAMPLE Designation of a bearing metal having the symbol CuSn8P and a minimum Brinell hardness of 120:

Bearing metal ISO 4382 – CuSn8P – HBW 120

Table 1 — Wrought copper alloys

Chemical elements and properties	Chemical composition % (mass fraction)								
	CuSn8P		CuZn31Si1		CuZn37Mn2Al2Si		CuAl9Fe4Ni4		
Cu	Remainder		Remainder		Remainder		Remainder		
Sn	7,5 to 9		—		0,5		0,2		
Zn	0,3		28,5 to 33,3		32 to 40		0,5		
Al	—		—		1 to 2,5		8 to 11		
Ni	0,3		0,5		0,25 <sup>a</sup>		2,5 to 5		
Fe	0,1		0,4		0,6		2,5 to 4,5		
Si	—		0,7 to 1,3		0,3 to 1,3		0,1		
Mn	—		—		1,5 to 3,5		3		
Pb	0,05		0,8		0,8		0,1		
P	0,1 to 0,4 <sup>b</sup>		—		—		—		
Total other	0,2		0,5		0,5		0,5		
<b>Material properties of specimen</b>									
<b>Brinell hardness<sup>c</sup></b> HBW 2,5/62,5/10, min.	80	120	140	160	100	135	160	150	160
<b>Tensile strength</b> $R_m$ N/mm <sup>2</sup> , min.	400	470	520	580	440	510	560	600	700
<b>Elongation percent after fracture</b> $A$ %, ≈	55	40	25	10	30	15	10	15	15
<b>0,2 % proof stress</b> $R_{p0,2}$ N/mm <sup>2</sup> ≈	200	300	400	480	250	350	450	300	400
<b>Elastic modulus</b> $E$ kN/mm <sup>2</sup> ≈	115				105			100	118
<b>Linear thermal expansion coefficient</b> $\alpha_1$ 10 <sup>-6</sup> /K ≈	17				18			19	16

<sup>a</sup> The maximum nickel content may be raised to 2 % by agreement between supplier and purchaser.

<sup>b</sup> For as-rolled alloy, <0,1 % is permissible.

<sup>c</sup> For hardness testing, see ISO 4384-2.

NOTE [Table A.1](#) gives some general guidance on the characteristics and principal uses of the different bearing alloys.

Table 1 (continued)

Chemical elements and properties	Chemical composition % (mass fraction)			
	CuSn8P	CuZn31Si1	CuZn37Mn2Al2Si	CuAl9Fe4Ni4
<b>Thermal conductivity</b> $\lambda$ , at 15 °C W/(m·K) $\approx$	59	67	65	27
<b>Density</b> $\rho$ kg/dm <sup>3</sup> $\approx$	8,8	8,4	8,1	7,6
<p><sup>a</sup> The maximum nickel content may be raised to 2 % by agreement between supplier and purchaser.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> For as-rolled alloy, &lt;0,1 % is permissible.</p> <p><sup>c</sup> For hardness testing, see ISO 4384-2.</p> <p>NOTE <a href="#">Table A.1</a> gives some general guidance on the characteristics and principal uses of the different bearing alloys.</p>				

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## Annex A (informative)

### Guidance for uses of bearing metals and for the hardness of the mating bearing part (shaft)

**Table A.1 — Guidance for uses of bearing metals and for the hardness of the mating bearing part (shaft)**

Bearing alloys	Characteristics and principal uses	Minimum hardness of the shaft <sup>a</sup>
<b>CuSn8P</b>	For hardened shafts with any combination of high load, high sliding velocity, impact loading or pounding: when there is adequate lubrication and good alignment.  Hardness should be chosen to suit working conditions.	55 HRC
<b>CuZn31Si1</b>	For hardened shafts with any combination of high load, moderate to high sliding velocity, impact loading or pounding; when there is adequate lubrication and good alignment.  Hardness should be chosen to suit working conditions.	
<b>CuZn37Mn2Al2Si</b>	High wear resistance; tolerant of poor lubrication; hardened shafts essential.	
<b>CuAl9Fe4Ni4</b>	Very hard alloy for structural components under sliding conditions. Suitable for marine environments. Hardened shafts essential. Relatively poor embeddability.	

<sup>a</sup> The shaft hardness should be four times higher than the bearing alloy hardness. The hardness value indicated for the shaft material is a minimum value and is valid for most applications. It can, however, be necessary to have a higher hardness of material due to the working conditions, 82in particular lubrication conditions.



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