

# Z31/Z41/Z48

CuZn40Pb2 | Machining / hot-stamping brass

## Material designation

EN CuZn40Pb2  
CW617N

UNS C38000

## Chemical composition\*

Cu 58 %

Pb\*\* 2 %

Zn balance

\*Reference values in % by weight

## Physical properties\*

Electrical conductivity MS/m 14.9  
%IACS 25

Thermal conductivity W/(m·K) 113

Thermal expansion coefficient (0–300 °C) 10<sup>-6</sup>/K 21.1

Density g/cm<sup>3</sup> 8.43

Modulus of elasticity GPa 96

\*Reference values at room temperature

## Corrosion resistance

Machining brass is generally quite resistant against organic substances as well as neutral or alkaline compounds.

Stress corrosion cracking should be taken into account, especially in an ammoniacal atmosphere and whilst under mechanical stress.

Dezincification in warm, acidic waters should also be taken into consideration.

## Product standards

Rod EN 12164  
EN 12165

Wire EN 12166

Section EN 12167

Hollow rod EN 12168

Tube EN 12449

## Material properties and typical applications

**Z31/Z41/Z48** are the reference materials for hot working. The mean lead content provides good machinability of the drop-forged part. Because of its composition the alloy is also suited for the production of drawn, complex profile shapes.

**Z48** has been specially optimised for hot working.

**Z41** has been specially optimised for the manufacture of rods for machining purposes which are supplied in the proven W5000 quality.

Both types **Z41** and **Z48** are hygienically suitable for contact with drinking water according to the UBA (Federal Environment Agency) list.

**Z31** can be used if the material is not required to comply with drinking water requirements. **Z31** corresponds in its composition to UNS C38000 and UNS C37700.

## Types of delivery

The BU Extruded Products supplies bars, wire, sections and tubes. Please get in touch with your contact person regarding the available delivery forms, dimensions and tempers.

## Fabrication properties

### Forming

Machinability 95 %  
(CuZn39Pb3 = 100 %)

Capacity for being cold worked poor

Capacity for being hot worked excellent

### Joining

Resistance welding (butt weld) fair

Inert gas shielded arc welding poor

Gas welding poor

Hard soldering fair

Soft soldering excellent

### Surface treatment

Polishing

mechanical good  
electrolytic poor

Electroplating excellent

### Heat treatment

Melting range 880–895 °C

Hot working 650–800 °C

Soft annealing 450–600 °C  
1–3 h

Thermal stress relieving 200–300 °C  
1–3 h

## Trademarks



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Further information is provided in the brochures on W5000 and Wieland-PSR.

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## Mechanical properties according to EN

Round rods/polygonal rods acc. to EN 12164											
Temper	Diameter		Width across flats		Tensile strength R <sub>m</sub>	Yield strength R <sub>p0.2</sub>		Elongation %			Hardness
	mm		mm		MPa	MPa		A100	A11.3	A	HB
	from	to	from	to	min.	min.	max.	min.	min.	min.	min. max.
M	all		all		as manufactured – without specified mechanical properties						
R360	6	80	5	60	360	–	350	–	15	20	– –
H090	6	80	5	60	–	–	–	–	–	–	90 125
R430	2	60	2	40	430	220	–	6	8	10	– –
H110	2	60	2	40	–	–	–	–	–	–	110 160
R500	2	14	2	10	500	350	–	–	3	5	– –
H135	2	14	2	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	135 –

Rectangular rods acc. to EN 12167											
Temper	Thickness				Tensile strength R <sub>m</sub>	Yield strength R <sub>p0.2</sub>		Elongation %			Hardness
	mm				MPa	MPa		A100	A11.3	A	HB
	from	to			min.	min.	max.	min.	min.	min.	min. max.
M	all				as manufactured – without specified mechanical properties						
R360	6	40			360	–	320	–	15	20	– –
H090	6	40			–	–	–	–	–	–	90 125
R430	3	20			430	220	–	6	8	10	– –
H110	3	20			–	–	–	–	–	–	110 160
R500	3	10			500	350	–	2	5	8	– –
H135	3	10			–	–	–	–	–	–	135 –

Tubes										acc. to EN 12449	
Temper	Wall thickness		Tensile strength R <sub>m</sub>	Yield strength R <sub>p0.2</sub>		Elongation %	Hardness				
	mm		MPa	MPa			HV		HB		
	from	to	min.	min.	max.		min.	max.	min.	max.	
M	–	20	as manufactured – without specified mechanical properties								
R360	–	10	360	–	250	25	–	–	–	–	
H085	–	10	–	–	–	–	85	120	80	115	
R430	–	10	430	250	–	12	–	–	–	–	
H115	–	10	–	–	–	–	115	150	110	145	
R500	–	5	500	370	–	8	–	–	–	–	
H140	–	5	–	–	–	–	140	–	135	–	

Round wires acc. to EN 12166											
Temper	Diameter				Tensile strength R <sub>m</sub>	Yield strength R <sub>p0.2</sub>		Elongation %			Härte
	mm				MPa	MPa		A100	A11.3	A	HB
	from	to			min.	min.	max.	min.	min.	min.	min. max.
M	all				as manufactured – without specified mechanical properties						
R360	6	20			360	–	320	–	15	20	– –
H095	6	20			–	–	–	–	–	–	95 130
R430	0.5	14			430	220	–	6	8	10	– –
H115	1.5	14			–	–	–	–	–	–	115 170
R500	0.5	8			500	350	–	2	5	–	– –
H145	1.5	8			–	–	–	–	–	–	145 –

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