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## **CuSn0,5**

**UNS:C18835**

**EN:CW129C**

CuSn(CuSn0,2 - CuSn0,5) material with 0,2-0,55% is tin addition id single phase copper alloy with good mechanical and high electrical properties connected with high wearing resistance. Material has higher than pure copper softening temperature and good creep, stress relaxation fatigue resistance. The alloy permits good corrosion resistance and has no stress cracking corrosion.

## Basic properties

Basic properties	Value	Comments
Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	8,9	
Specific heat capacity [J/(kg*K)]	377	
Temperature coefficient of electrical resistance (0...100°C) [10 <sup>-3</sup> /K]	3,2-3,7	
Electrical conductivity [T=20°C, (% IACS)]	56-85	
Thermal conductivity [W/(m*K)]	277-290	
Thermal expansion coefficient 20...300°C [10 <sup>-6</sup> /K]	17	
[Ref: 147, 148, 149, 150, 90, 151, 152, 46, 153, 154, 155, 59, 156, 97]		

## **Applications**

### **Main applications**

Main applications are connected with electric current transfer in electro-industry. Possible applications: trolley wires, wiring harnesses, connectors and connector pins, sliding contacts, electric springs, automotive electric parts, electromechanical components, forged parts.

*Literature:* [Ref: 147, 148, 149, 150, 90, 151, 152, 46, 153, 154, 155, 59, 156, 97, 90]

### **Kinds of semi-finished products/final products**

Rolled strips, rolled tinned strips, rolled profiles with different height, extruded round or polygonal rods, extruded sections, extruded tubes, drawn round or polygonal wires, drawn tubes.

## Chemical composition

Chemical composition	Value	Comments
Cu [wt.%]	99,35-99,85	Calculated
Sn [wt.%]	0,15-0,55	
Others [wt.%]	0-0,10	
[Ref: 150]		

Chemical composition, wt%						
Sn	Fe	P	Pb	Zn	Others	Cu
0,15-0,55	max. 0,10	max. 0,01	max. 0,05	max. 0,3	max. 0,5	Cu+Fe+Pb+P+Zn min. 99,5
Literature: [Ref: 112]						

## Mechanical properties

Mechanical properties	Value	Comments
UTS [MPa]	270-620	
YS [MPa]	No data	
Elongation [%]	3-30	
Hardness	No data	
Young's modulus [GPa]	120-125	
Kirchhoff's modulus [GPa]	No data	
Poisson ratio	No data	
[Ref: 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 46, 153, 154, 155, 59, 156, 97]		

*Material's mechanical and electrical properties in different tempers/ diameters -wires*

Temper /diameter	Ultimate Tensile Strength UTS [MPa]	Electrical conductivity	Elongation at break during tensile test A50 [%]	Hardness [HV]	Literature:
annealed	max. 300	min. 68	-	-	[Ref: 151]
3,5	min. 485	min. 68	-	-	
3,0	min. 510	min. 68	-	-	
2,5	min. 540	min. 68	-	-	
2,0	min. 570	min. 68	-	-	
1,5	min. 610	min. 68	-	-	
1,3	min. 620	min. 68	-	-	

*Material's mechanical and electrical properties in different cross sections - trolley wires*

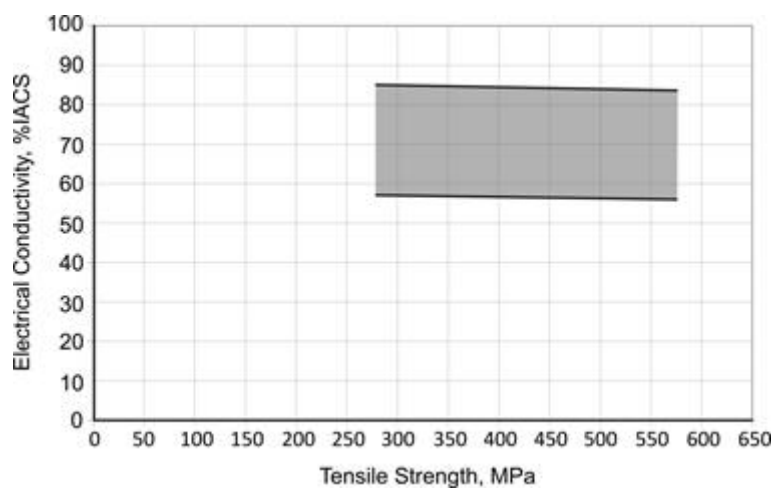
Cross section [mm]	Ultimate Tensile Strength UTS [MPa]	0,2%Yield strength YS [MPa]	Elongation at break during tensile test A50 [%]	Electrical conductivity [%IACS]	Literature
80	min. 460	min.370	3-8	min. 72	[Ref: 147, 152 , 153]
100	min. 450	min. 370	3-8	min. 72	
107	min. 430	min. 370	3-8	min. 72	
120	min. 420	min. 370	3-8	min. 72	
150	min. 420	min. 370	3-8	min. 72	

*Material's mechanical and electrical properties in different tempers (non european standards)*

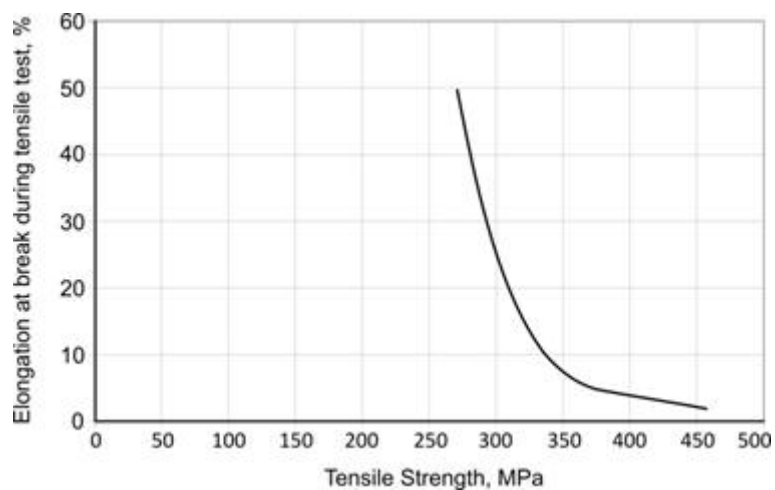
Temper	Ultimate Tensile Strength UTS [MPa]	Electrical conductivity [MS/m]	Elongation at break during tensile test A50 [%]	Hardness [HV]	Literature
Soft O 10	max 303	min. 70	-	-	[Ref: 150]
1/2H	typical 358	min. 70	-	-	
H	typical 434	min. 70	-	-	
Spring	typical 496	min. 70	-	-	
Extra spring	min. 531	min. 70	-	-	

Automotive cable electrical and mechanical properties

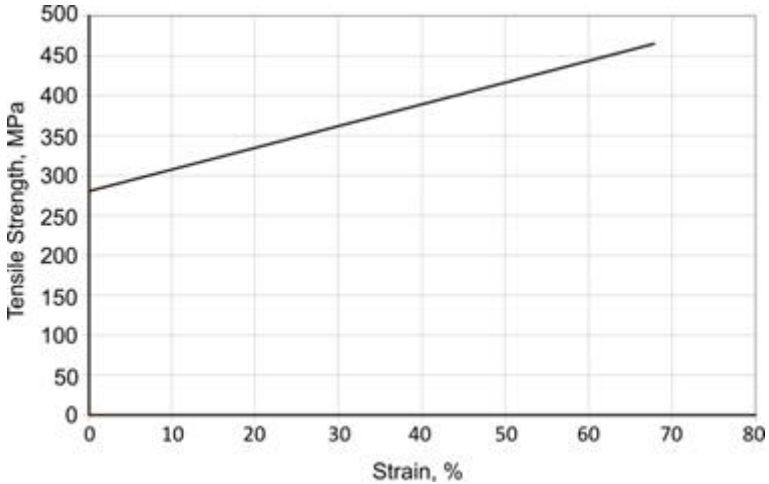
Alloying element concentration in copper	Ultimate Tensile Strength UTS [MPa]	Electrical conductivity [MS/m]	Elongation at break during tensile test A50 [%]	Hardness [HV]	Literature
0,25-0,35%Sn	min. 620	max. 43,5	min.1	-	[Ref: 650]



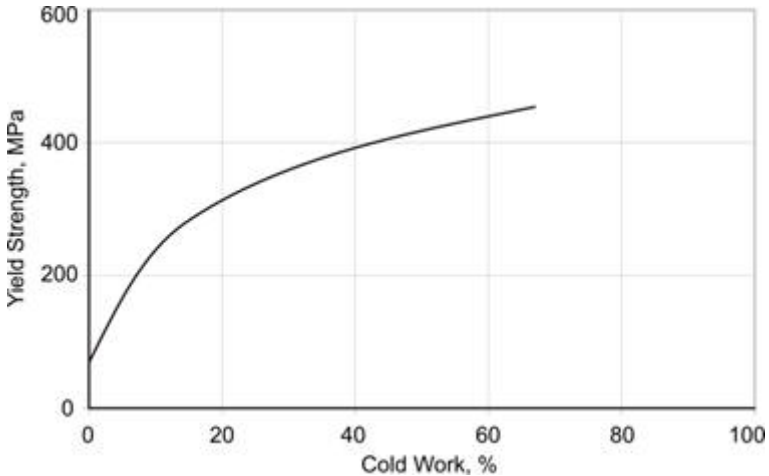
Levels of electrical and mechanical properties of material in different tempers [Ref: 2]



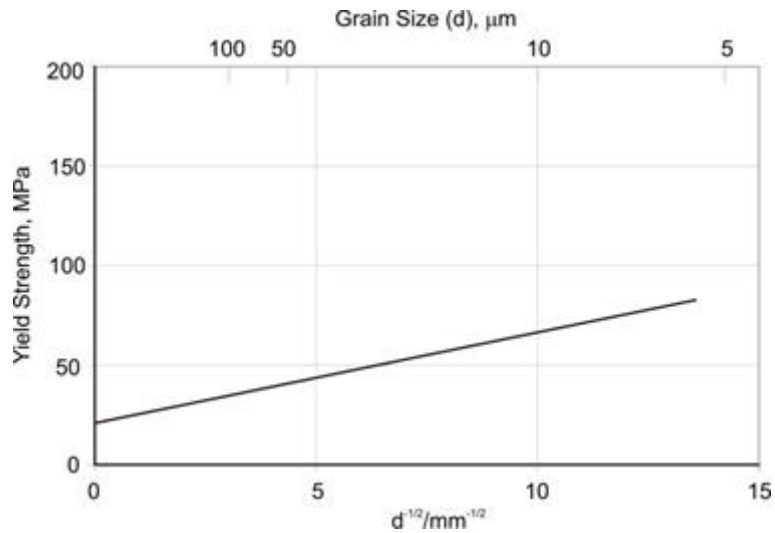
Elongation at break vs ultimate tensile strength at ambient temperature for material in different temper (0,42%Sn) [Ref: 2]



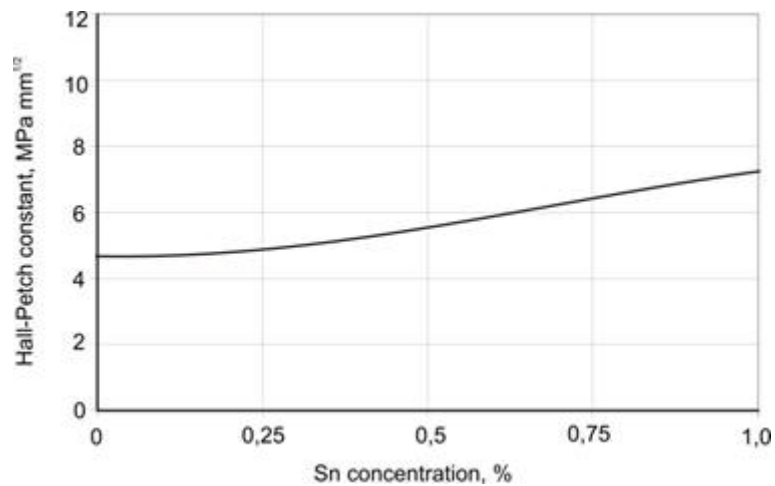
Ultimate tensile strength of material as a function of cold working strain measured ambient temperature, (0,42%Sn) [Ref: 2]



Yield Strength as a function of strain (cold rolling), temperature 22oC (0,5%Sn) [Ref: 146]



Relation between yield strength and material grain size (Hall-Petch relationship, 0,3%Sn) [Ref: 146]

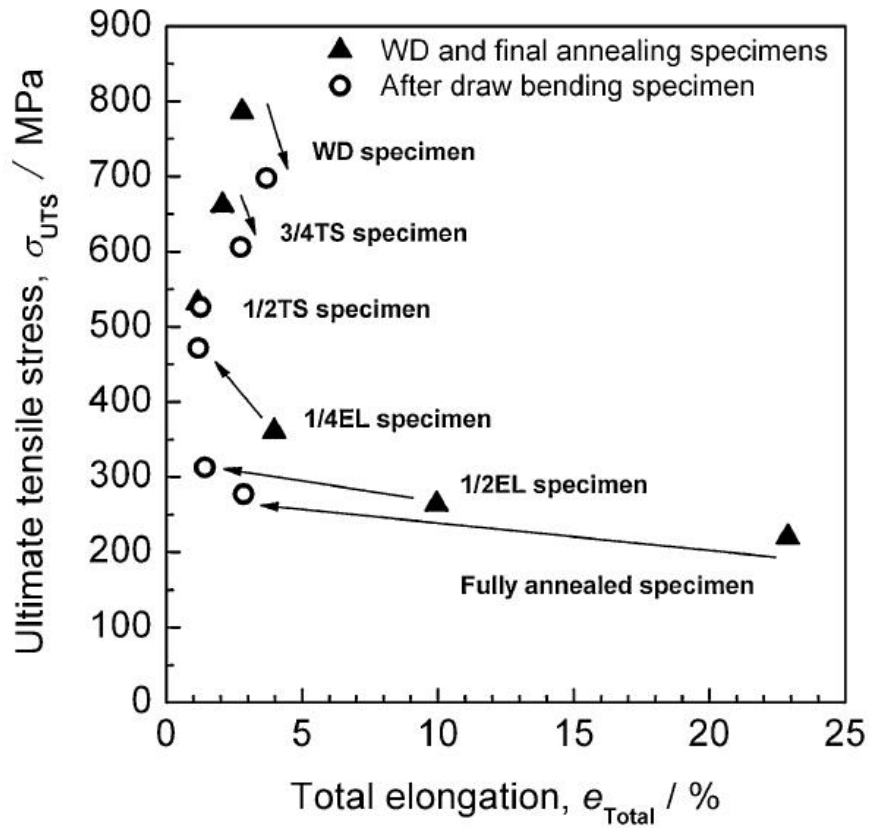


Relation between Hall-Petch relationship constant and tin content [Ref: 146]

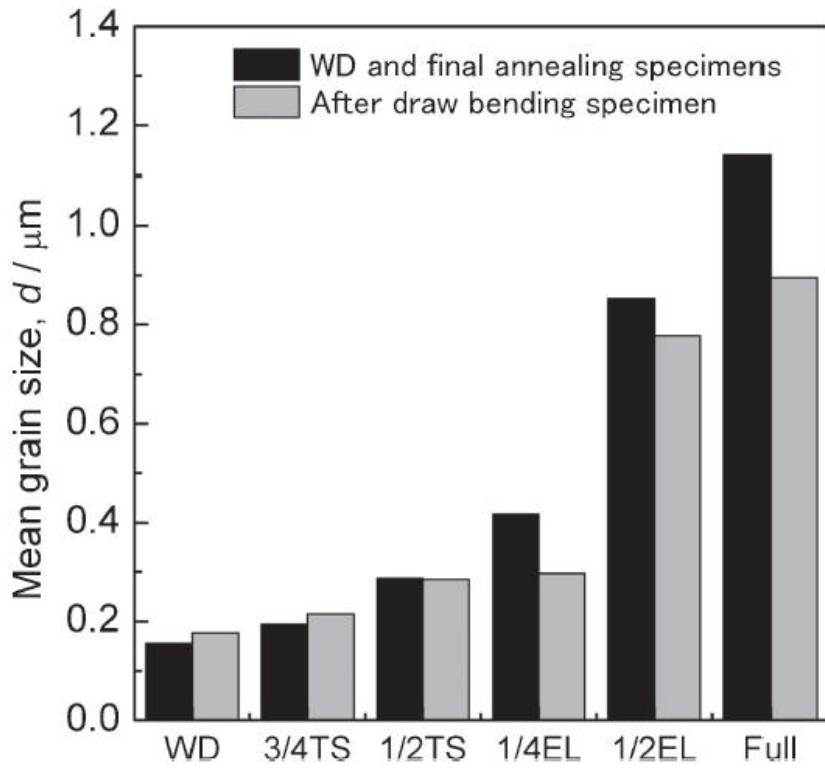
Changes in mechanical behaviours of wire specimens processed and changes in grain size after final annealing and non-conventional processing by draw bending, material: Cu 0,27%Sn [Ref: 651]

Sample name	Final annealing condition	
	Temperature	Time
Fully annealed specimen ( $\epsilon^{WD}=0,0$ )	673 K	600s
1/2EL specimen	623 K	600s
1/4EL specimen	623 K	360s
1/2TS specimen	623 K	60s
3/4TS specimen	573 K	240s
WD specimen ( $\epsilon^{WD}=7,2$ )	-	-

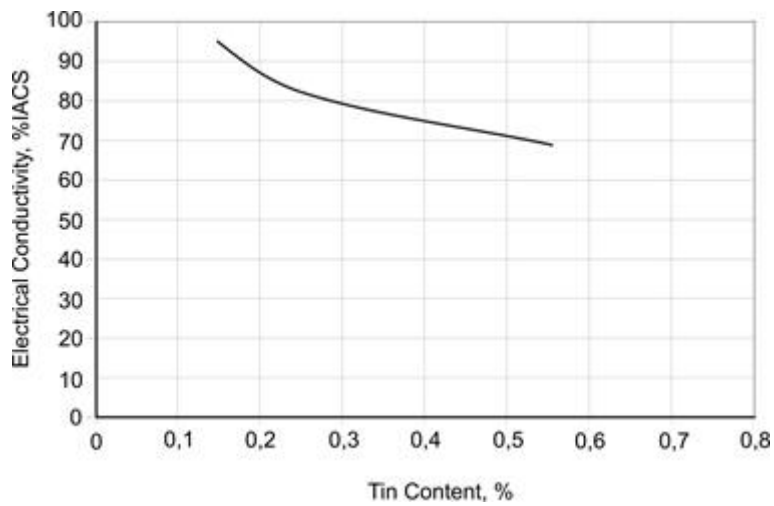




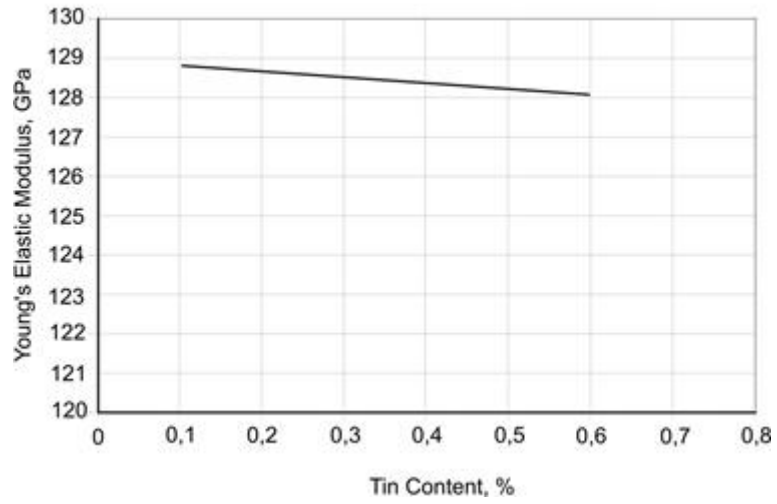
Ultimate tensile stress vs total elongation for specimens in table [Ref: 651]



Mean grain size for specimens in table [Ref: 651]



Tin content effect on electrical conductivity of copper at ambient temperature [Ref: 97]

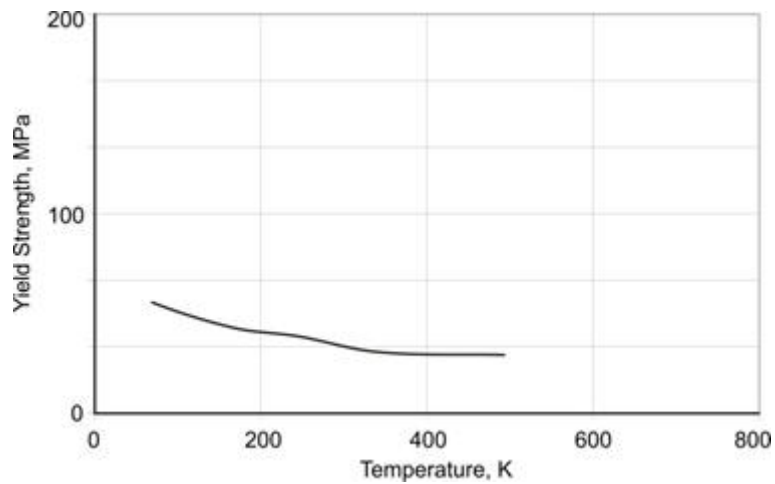


*Tin content effect on Young's modulus of material at ambient temperature (values calculated from approximation of experimental data) [Ref: 130]*

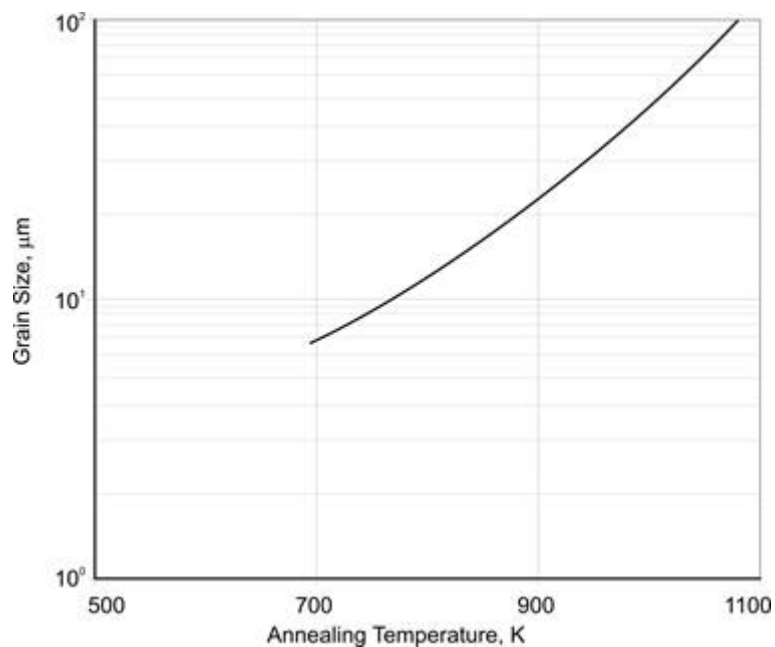
## Exploitation properties

### Heat resistance

#### Mechanical and electrical properties vs temperatures



*Yield strength vs testing temperature relation for material in annealed temper (0,3%Sn) [Ref: 146]*



*Annealing temperatures for materials with different grain sizes, time of heating 0,5h (0,3%Sn) [Ref: 146]*

#### Long-term heat resistance, e.g. Arrhenius curve

NO DATA AVAILABLE

## Half- softening temperature

Half softening temperature: 340-370 °C (0,4%Sn) [Ref: 59]

## Corrosion resistance

### Hydrogen embrittlement resistance

NO DATA AVAILABLE

### Other kind of corrosion elements

Type of corrosion	Suitability	Literature
Atmospheric	no data	-
Marine environment	no data	-
Stress crack	no data	-
Hydrogen embrittlement	no data	-
Electrolytic	no data	-
Other - oxidising acids	no data	-

## Rheological resistance

### Stress relaxation

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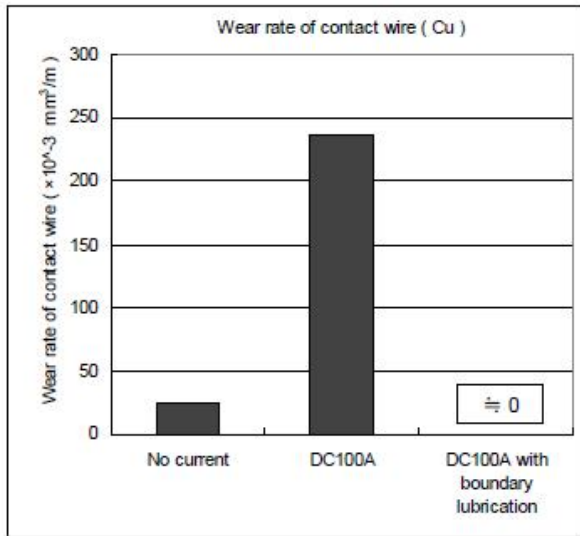
### Creep

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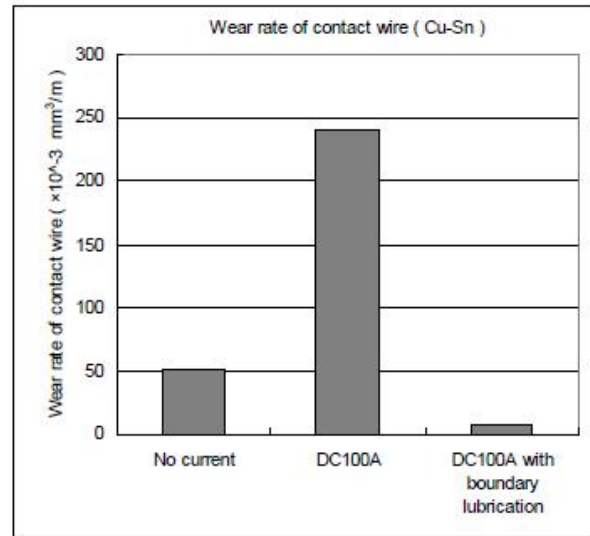
## Wear resistance

### Friction resistance

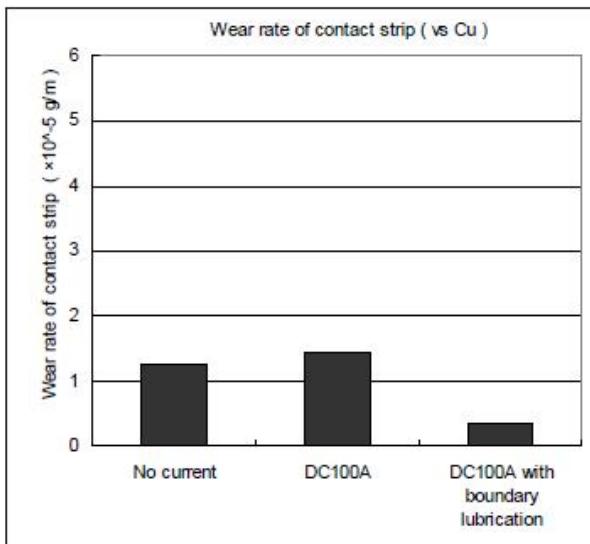
Cooper -tin alloy CuSn0,4 shows 60% better wearing resistance due to pure ETP copper (materials in hard tempers)



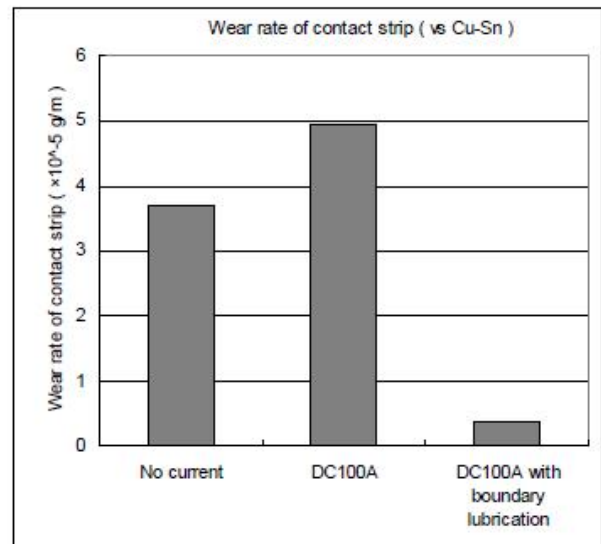
(a) Cu



(b) Cu-Sn



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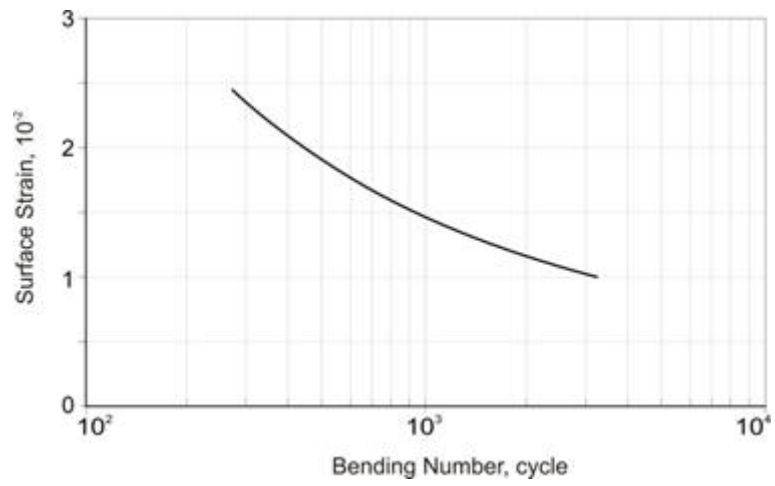


(b) Cu-Sn

*Wear rate data for trolley wire made from Cu (reference) and CuSn alloy and copper contact strip with and without electric current flow and with different friction conditions [Ref: 652]*

## Fatigue resistance

### Fatigue cracking



*Material bending fatigue life for different surface strains, material grain size  $10\mu\text{m}$  (0,3%Sn) [Ref: 146]*

### **Impact strength**

NO DATA AVAILABLE

# Fabrication properties

<b>Fabrication properties</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Soldering	excellent	
Brazing	excellent	
Oxyacetylene Welding	fair	
Gas Shielded Arc Welding	fair	
Capacity for Being Cold Worked	excellent	
Capacity for Being Hot Formed	excellent	
Forgeability Rating	65	
[Ref: 150]		



## **Technological properties**

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