

Data Sheet

OF COPPER - C103/CW008A

C103/CW008A is a commercially pure oxygen free copper manufactured by re-melting and pouring in a protective gas atmosphere. The C103 has a minimum copper content of 99.95% and offers an electrical conductivity of greater than 100% IACS (the highest available from commercially pure copper) enabling its use in electronic applications.

Apart from the increase in thermal and electrical conductivity, the other benefit in the removal of oxygen is that C103 is not susceptible to hydrogen embrittlement when heated in a reducing atmosphere. This enables the Cu-OF alloy to be welded using gas shielded arc, butt and oxy-acetylene methods

Key Features:

- Excellent conductivity values
- Freedom from hydrogen embrittlement
- Excellent formality
- Excellent joining characteristics

Related Specifications:

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| C103 | BS EN 13601 : CW008A |
| C10200 | Cu-OF |
| 2.0040 | BS1433 |

Chemical Composition:

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| Copper | 99.95% min (incl. Ag) |
| Lead | 0.005% max |
| Bismuth | 0.0010% max |
| Total Imps | 0.03% max (excl. O ₂ & Ag) |

Typical Uses:

Traditional uses for C103 copper include vacuum engineering, electronics, anodes, electrical instruments, rotor conductors for large generators and motors, flexible cables, cords, leads and electrical equipment at elevated temperatures in the presence of reducing gases, switch-gears and switching devices.

Typical Physical Properties:

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| Melting point | 1083°C |
| Density | 8.94 g/cm ³ |
| Specific heat | 385 J/Kg °K |
| Thermal conductivity (RT) | 393 W/m°C |
| Thermal expansion coefficient (20 - 200°C) | 17.3 x 10 ⁻⁶ |
| Electrical conductivity | 100 - 101.5% IACS |
| Electrical resistivity | 0.01724 ohm mm ² /m |

Fabrication Properties:

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| Hot working temperature range | 750 - 950°C |
| Hot formability | Good |
| Cold formability | Excellent |
| Cold reduction between anneals | 95% max |
| Machinability rating (free cutting brass=100) | 20% |
| Annealing temp. Range | 200 - 650°C |
| Stress relieving temp. Range | 150 - 200°C |

Joining Methods:

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| Soldering | Excellent |
| Brazing | Excellent |
| Oxy-acetylene welding | Fair |
| Gas-shielded arc welding | Good |
| Resistance welding : Spot and seam butt | Not recommended - Good |