



## **NICKEL SILVER NM2**

Free machining nickel silver alloy with Pb addition

#### **Particularities**

This free machining nickel silver NM2 alloy contains 2.4-3.0% Pb. It has an excellent machinability. It can easily be warm extruded to produce shaped bars or warm form forged. However, its cold forming ability is somewhat restricted. High strengths can be reproducibly achieved. It has a gray silver color with a yellow touch.

#### Uses

Numerous applications such as: ball pen points, eye glass industry, watch industry, lock pins, mode accessories, etc.

#### **Standards**

Material number CW400J
EN CuNi7Zn39Pb3Mn2
DIN CuNi7Zn39Mn5Pb3 (former DIN 2.0771)
UNS no number

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ASTM no standard
NF no standard
SNV no standard

## Chemical composition

 $(\%_{\text{wt}})$ 

Cu Ni Pb Mn Zn 48.5 6.9 2.4 2.1 balance 49.7 7.6 3.0 2.8

### Dimensions and Tolerances

Wires for Escomatic machines
 Round cold drawn wires
 Round cold drawn, ground wires
 Ø ≤ 3h9 mm
 Ø ≤ 5h9 mm
 Ø ≤ 5h6 mm

Other tolerances on request

## **Executions and delivery conditions**

Round straightened bars
 Bar ends
 Straightness
 Wires for Escomatic machines
 Other executions on request

Length 3 m +50/0 pointed and chamfered 0.5 mm/m
Rings

### Availability

Standard dimensions on stock, see Sale program

## Mechanical properties

Wires and bars 0.5 - 5 mm Designation Condition UTS/Rm Hv hardness  $R_{0.2\%}$ DPHN (%) (MPa) (MPa) 490 annealed 240 38 110 soft ½ hard 20% cold reduction 600 500 12 175 40% cold reduction 700 hard 780 3 225

### **Cutting conditions**

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Machinability index:} & 95 \text{ (CuZn39Pb3} = 100) \\ \text{Tool life:} & 90 \text{ (CuZn39Pb3} = 100) \\ \text{Short, needlelike chips:} & 95 \text{ (CuZn39Pb3} = 100) \\ \text{Outting speed:} & V_c \approx 60 - 120 \text{ m/min.} \\ \text{Cooling lubrication fluid, i.e.:} & \text{INOX or ORTHO NFX} \\ \end{array}$ 

This alloy can still be more efficiently machined in the ½ hard (UTS/Rm = 600 MPa) condition than in the soft one (UTS/Rm = 490 MPa).

The optimal cutting conditions depend on the machine tool, the cutting tools, the chip dimensions (cutting depth and feed), the cutting speed, the lubricant-cooling fluid, as well as the tolerances and surface roughness to be produced.





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**Microstructure** 

• The Pb addition amounts to approximately 1.5%vol. It is not miscible into this alloy, where it is present as fine particles evenly distributed into the microstructure.

The Pb addition improves massively its machinability.

The Pb addition enhances a fine grain recrystallization.

Forming Warm:

700 - 800 °C, can easily be formed

Cold:

cannot be easily formed

• Cold reduction before annealing is limited to approximately 40% reduction.

Welding

Gas-shielded welding: moderately appropriate Resistance welding: well appropriate

• The Pb addition may render welding more difficult.

• Under given circumstances, welding may lead to a Zn loss by evaporation. This

local Zn depletion can affect the corrosion resistance.

Brazing & Soldering

• The Pb addition may render brazing & soldering more difficult.

Hard soldering, brazing: very well adapted Soft soldering: less adapted

Glueing Vo

Very well adapted

**Heat treatments** 

Soft anneal, recristallization:  $600 - 700^{\circ}\text{C}/1\text{-}3\text{h}$ Thermal stress relieving:  $300 - 400^{\circ}\text{C}/1\text{-}3\text{h}$ 

• A thermal stress relieving heat treatment may reduce or (negatively) influence the

mechanical properties.

Polishing Mechanical:

well adapted

Chemical:

moderately adapted

Electrolytic:

less adapted

Laser marking

Relatively difficult

• The Pb addition can make the laser marking somewhat more difficult. Appropriate

precautions might be necessary.

Surface treatments

Electroplating: well adapted

Corrosion resistance

This free machining nickel silver NM2 alloy has a better corrosion resistance than

brass, such as Klein's Brass 58A (CuZn39Pb3).

Stress corrosion cracking

This free machining nickel silver NM2 alloy is less sensitive and prone to stress corro-

ng sion cracking.





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### **Corrosion resistance**

Atmospheres and	Resistant	Medium	Passable	Insufficient
Industrial atmospheres	•			
Agrar atmospheres	•			
Marine atmosphere	•			
Fresh water	•			
Sea water	•	•		
High humidity and temperature		•		
Vinegar			•	
Humid atmospheres				•
containing chlorides				

### **Galvanic corrosion**

 Copper based alloys have a high standard corrosion potential. For this reason there exist a risk of galvanic corrosion in contact with other metals having a smaller potential not forming a protective passive oxide layer (passivation layer), such as for example non stainless steels containing less than 13%Cr.

### **Physical properties**

Properties	Unit	Temperature (°C)						
		20	200	300	400			
Density	g cm <sup>-3</sup>	8.40						
Elastic Young modulus E	GPa	115						
Electrical resistance	$\Omega$ mm <sup>2</sup> m <sup>-1</sup>							
Electrical conductivity	MS/m	4						
Electrical conductivity	%IACS	7						
Thermal expansion	m m <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	20-100°C	20-200°C	20-300°C	20-400°C			
		19		19.5				
Thermal conductivity	W m <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	20°C						
		33						
Specific heat	J kg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	20°C	100 - 300°C					
·		420	0.398					
Magnetism	non magnet	ic						
Melting range	910-925°C	910-925°C						

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