MATERIAL DATASHEET

Copper



Copper is a soft, ductile metal used primarily for its electrical and thermal conductivity. Copper's high conductivity makes it an ideal material for many heat sinks and heat exchangers, power distribution components such as bus bars, manufacturing equipment including spot welding shanks, antennae for RF communications, and more. The ability to print pure copper using Metal X enables geometrically optimized parts that were previously expensive, time consuming, or impossible to make.

Composition	Amount		
Copper	99.8% min		
Oxygen	0.05% max		
Iron	0.05% max		
Other	bal		



Typical Mechanical Properties				
	Standard	Temp	As-Sintered	MIM Standard
Ultimate Tensile Strength	ASTM E8	Room Temp	193 MPa ¹	207 MPa
0.2% Tensile Yield Strength	ASTM E8	Room Temp	26 MPa ¹	69 MPa
Elongation at Break	ASTM E8	Room Temp	45%¹	30%
Relative Density	ASTM B923	Room Temp	98%²	98%
Electrical Conductivity	ASTM E1004	Room Temp	84% IACS ³	_
Thermal Conductivity	ASTM E1461	Room Temp	350 W/mK⁴	328 W/mK
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	ASTM E831-19 ⁵	68-100°F	9.6 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F	8.7 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F
	ASTM E228	68-150°F	9.7 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F	8.9 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F
		68-200°F	9.8 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F	9.1 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F
		68-250°F	9.9 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F	9.3 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F
		68-300°F	10.0 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F	9.4 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F
		68-500°F	10.1 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F	_
		68-750°F	10.5 x 10 ⁻⁶ /°F	_

^{1.} Tensile bars are sub-sized and are sliced with default copper settings except raft is turned off. Copper defaults to solid parts.

These data represent typical values for Markforged Copper as-sintered. Markforged samples were printed with Solid Infill setting. All values based on 3rd party testing except for relative density which was tested by Markforged. These representative data were tested, measured, and calculated using standard methods and are subject to change without notice. Markforged makes no warranties of any kind, express or implied.

^{2.} Density is based on a theoretical value of 8.96g/cc.

^{3.} Electrical conductivity, when evaluated with eddy current instruments, is usually expressed as a percentage of the conductivity of the International Annealed Copper Standard (% IACS). The conductivity of the Annealed Copper Standard is defined to be 0.58 × 108 S/m (100 % IACS) at 20°C.

^{4.} Thermal diffusivity measured per ASTM E1461. Diffusivity was converted to Conductivity using, Thermal Conductivity = Thermal Diffusivity * Density * Specific Heat. Assuming specific heat of Copper = 0.385 J/g-K per "Handbook of Chemistry and Physics 72nd Edition."

^{5.} Markforged as-sintered Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (CTE) was measured by a 3rd party lab using Thermal Mechanical Analysis (ASTM E831). The MIM handbook reference used a Push Rod Dilatometer (ASTM E228)