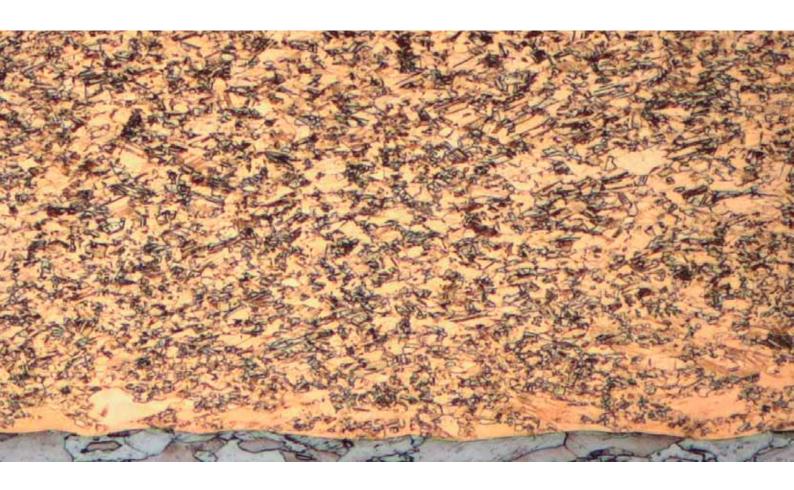
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KS S705

Lead-free Steel/Bronze Composite for Bushings



Brief description of the sliding material

KS S705 is a sliding material for bushes. It is specifically used for high-performance conrods and excels by high load capacity and good corrosion resistance. Outstanding adaptability and low wear round off its positive properties. The material is lead-free and meets the requirements of the EU Directive 2000/53/EC.

Bearing structure

The plain bearing composite consists of a steel back and a cast-on bronze layer as bearing material.

The material used for the steel back is comparable to grade DC04. Depending on the rolling reduction, the steel back hardness is between 140 HB and 220 HB. Typical steel thicknesses range from 0.5 mm to 2.2 mm.

The bronze alloy used as bearing metal exhibits a layer thickness of $0.2\,\text{mm}-0.5\,\text{mm}$ in the finished bearing. A fine-grained recrystallized, wrought alloy with a hardness of $120\,\text{HB}$ to $180\,\text{HB}$ is obtained by thermo-mechanical treatment. This bronze alloy can easily be provided with lubricating grooves or lube pockets by embossing.

Load capacity

KS S705 is particularly developed as a material for conrod bushes. The specific load in the small end of the conrod of combustion engines are extremely high and may reach 160 MPa and above. The specific load capacity of this material also comes up to these requirements in critical applications.

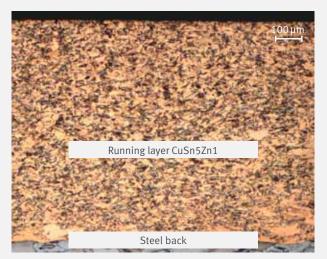
The diagram below shows the specific load capacity in comparison with other materials.

Tribological characteristics

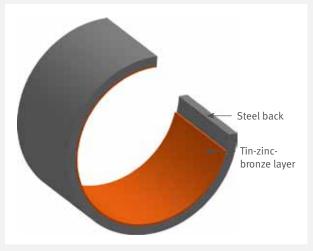
The tribological system composed of conrod, piston pin and conrod bush is characterized by a multitude of factors of influence, such as:

- Mechanical load
- Temperature
- Lubricating conditions
- Type of movement (e.g. oscillating)
- Conrod design
- Material mating

Bushes out of KS S705 have to be supplied with sufficient lubricant in order to keep the wearing rate at its minimum.



Micrograph of the composite



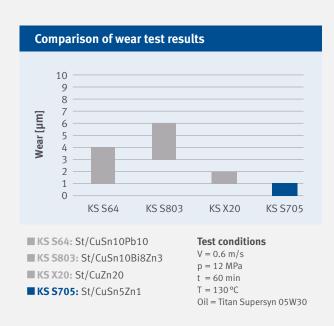
Layer system: steel / tin-zinc-bronze

Material characteristics		
Characteristics, limit loads	Unit	KS S705
Tensile strength	MPa	450-600
Yield point	MPa	>380
Young's modulus	GPa	110
Coefficient of thermal expansion	k ⁻¹	18.5 · 10 ⁻⁶
Thermal conductivity	W (m⋅k) ⁻¹	80

Chemical composition of the sliding layer			
mass-%	Sn Zn Fe Mg	4.3 to 5.7% 0.8 to 1.7% max. 0.50% max. 0.15%	
	Ti	max. 0.05%	
	Zr P	max. 0.15% max. 0.15%	
	others combined	max. 0.30%	
	Cu	rest	

Comparison of specific load capacity 200 In the specific load capacity 150 Solve of the specific load capacity RS S64 KS S803 KS X20 KS S705

■ KS 564: St/CuPb10Sn10 ■ KS 5803: St/CuSn10Bi8Zn3 ■ KS X20: St/CuZn31Si ■ KS 5705: St/CuSn5Zn1



Manufacture of the sliding material

In the first step, the bronze alloy is cast onto a steel strip. Next, the casting scale is milled off and the steel back is finish-ground. Targeted thermo-mechanical treatment steps are geared to adjust the required material thicknesses and material properties.

Manufacture of bushes

By cutting, bending and sizing operations, bushes are made from the KS S705 strip. The bushes may be designed with a butt joint or clinched. Further optional design characteristics are a ground steel back, machining allowance of the inner diameter and embossed lubrication holes, grooves and pockets.

Corrosion protection

The typical corrosion protection consists of $1 \mu m - 3 \mu m$ thick Sn coat. As an alternative, an "oiled" version can be supplied.

Application

Conrod bushes made of KS S705 excel in extremely high load capacity, excellent adaptability and higher wear resistance. The corrosion resistance to hot engine oil is likewise good. This material is therefore well suited for use as high-duty bushes in gasoline and diesel engines.

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