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ZOLLERN brand	AMS 4881
AMS designation	78Cu-11Al-5.1Ni-4.8Fe
ASTM designation	C95520

// Composition (weight by per cent in %)								
Cu	AI	Ni	Fe	Mn	Zn			
min. 74.5	10.5 – 11.5	4.2 - 6.0	4.0 - 5.5	max. 1.5	max. 0.30			
Sn Co Si Cr Pb								
max. 0.25	max. 0.20	max. 0.15	0.05	max. 0.03				

// Strength properties at room temperature tensile specimen from a centrifugally cast bush

	(minimum values)				
1] AMS 4881, centrifugal casting	R _m N/mm²	R _{p0.2} N/mm²	A ₅ %	HRC	
[1] up to 25 mm (1 inch)	896	655	3	28	
[1] over 25 mm (1 inch)	860	621	2	28	

Information

Higher strength values are achieved with the forging material CW308G = CuAl11Ni6Fe6 after hardening and tempering. The toughness is slightly better than AMS 4881.



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Areas of application

 Centrifugally cast bearing bushes, mainly in aviation

Machinability

Carbide tools are needed for turning and milling and sharp drill bits are needed for drilling and thread cutting. This results in machinability that is better than that of austenitic steel. Shorter rolling and flowing chips are formed.

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