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VDM® Aeterna® 3838 is a special brass alloy that is primarily used in the area of sliding applications, especially axial bearings and axial piston pumps.

VDM® Aeterna® 3838 is characterized by:

- very good running and gliding properties
- · high cavitation resistance
- · high wear resistance
- high resilience
- high fatigue strength
- · good machinability

#### Nomenclature

| Standardization  | General Material Designation |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| D                | VDM® Aeterna® 3838           |  |  |  |  |
| EN Material-Nr.: | Special alloy                |  |  |  |  |
| Description      | CuZn40Al2Mn2Si               |  |  |  |  |

Table 1 - Nomenclature

# Chemical Composition

|            |      | Cu   | Zn   | Pb  | Fe  | Mn  | Ni  | Al  | Si  | Sn  | Other |
|------------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Mass-      | Min. | 56,0 | Rem. | -   | -   | 2,2 | -   | 1,0 | 0,5 | -   | -     |
| percentage | Max. | 59,0 | Rem. | 0,6 | 0,5 | 2,8 | 0,5 | 2,0 | 1,5 | 0,5 | 0,5   |

Table 2 - Chemical composition (wt.%)

# Physikalische Eigenschaften

| Density               | Melting range |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| 8,2 g/cm <sup>3</sup> | 880 - 910 °C  |  |  |  |

| Temperature | Heat<br>conductivity | Electrical conductivity | Young's<br>modulus | Coefficient of thermal expantion |  |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| °C          | $\frac{W}{m\cdot K}$ | $\frac{MS}{m}$          | $\frac{kN}{mm^2}$  | 10 <sup>-6</sup> K               |  |
| 20          | 60                   | 9                       | 100                | 19                               |  |

Table 3 - Typical physical properties of VDM® Aeterna® 3838 alloy

# Mechanical Properties

| Condition | Dimension              | Yield stress       | Tensile strength | Elongation | Brinell-Hardness |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
|           |                        | R <sub>p 0,2</sub> | $R_{m}$          | A5         | HB 2,5/62,5      |
|           |                        | [MPa]              | [MPa]            | [%]        |                  |
| forged    | longitudinal direction | 280                | 590              | 12         | 150              |
|           | Cross direction        | 250                | 530              | 8          | 150              |

Table 4 - Typical mechanical properties of VDM® Aeterna® 3838 alloy

## **Application areas**

Typical areas of application for VDM  $\!^{\! \rm B}$  Aeterna  $\!^{\! \rm B}$  3838 are:

- in cavitation areas also in water turbines or propellers
- In the area of sliding applications such as bearings
- Axial piston pumps:
  - Distribution plates
  - Bearing bushes
  - Holding segments

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