

Composition & Melting				
Composition	Cu	Ag	Zn	Ni
		64.50%	15.50%	20.00%
Temperatures				
Melting	Karat	°C	°F	
Initial	18K - 22K	1100°C - 1120°C	2012°F - 2048°F	
Ingot	18K - 22K	1100°C - 1110°C	2012°F - 2030°F	

- The alloy and fine gold should be melted together in a clean crucible. Place alloy in the bottom of the crucible and fine gold on top.
- Initial melting temperature should be obtained then reduced to the suggested ingot temperatures.
- The alloy should be mixed well with a stirring rod to ensure a good mix.
- Alloy should be poured into a preheated, vertical or lightly lubricated iron mold.
- Use a steady, even pouring motion slowing down at the end of the pour to prevent shrinkage at the top of the ingot.
- Use a round rod mold for wire and a 2-piece L shaped mold for plate and sheet.

Quenching

- The metal ingot should be removed from the mold and quenched immediately into a pickle solution or water.
- For heavy ingots a one- minute cooling period is recommended to avoid quench cracking.

Fabrication

- The metal ingot should be cleaned of all adhering oxides or fluxes before rolling.
- The ingot should be rolled or drawn to a 50% reduction in size before annealing.
- After initial annealing continue the reduction at 50% before annealing again.
- Clean the ingot after each anneal.
- Keep rolls, dies and metal clean to prevent defects in the finished stock.

Annealing

- Annealing temperature is **675°C/1250°F** for **20 minutes** & Quench immediately. Do not over anneal.
 - A boric acid fire coat should be applied before annealing in open atmospheres.
 - Over annealing can cause excessive grain growth and orange peel effect on the surface.
- Note:** There are proprietary metals in the formulation which are not included in the composition section.

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