

ALUMINIUM CASTING ALLOY LM6M (STANDARD CASTING)

(BS 1490:1988 LM6)

LM6 has a high resistance to corrosion and excellent castability. It finds uses in numerous places due to these properties such as marine, manifolds, motor casings, cast doors, pumping applications. It is also especially suitable where castings need to be welded together. The ductility of LM6 castings means they can be easily rectified and modified into shape. It is equally adaptable for both sand and permanent mould casting and for die castings.

LM6 aluminium castings have excellent resistance to corrosion in marine environments, possess excellent ductility, but is of medium strength and is not heat treated. Its strength falls off rapidly at high temperatures. Its elastic limit is low and it is fairly difficult to machine.

Typical Mechanical Properties:	Sand Cast	Gravity Die Cast	Pressure Die Cast
Ultimate Tensile Strength	160 - 190 MPa	280MPa	190 - 230 MPa
Elongation (minimum)	5 %	2 -5 %	7 %
Typical Hardness	50 - 55 BHN	55 - 60 BHN	55 - 60 BHN
Compressive Strength	60 -70 MPa	120 MPa	70 - 80 MPa
Specific Gravity	2.65	2.65	2.65

Chemical Composition - Al-Si12

Element		%	
Silicon	Si	10.00 - 13.00	
Iron	Fe	0.60 maximum	
Manganese	Mn	0.50 maximum	
Titanium	Ti	0.20 maximum	
Nickel	Ni	0.10 maximum	
Copper	Cu	0.10 maximum	
Zinc	Zn	0.10 maximum	
Magnesium	Mg	0.10 maximum	
Lead	Pb	0.10 maximum	
Tin	Sn	0.05 maximum	
Aluminium	Αl	Balance	
Total Impurities 0.15 maximum			

Comparative Specifications		
ISO AI-Si12	ISO Al-Si12Fe	
EN AC 44 100	France: AS 13	
Germany: G-AlSi12 (230)	Italy: UNI 4514	
ASTM A413	Japan: AC 3A	

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