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ALUMINIUM BASE ALLOYS CONTAINING LITHIUM, COPPER AND MAGNESIUM

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: US4752343A] The present invention relates to Al-base alloys essentially containing Li, Cu and Mg, and having high specific characteristics and a high degree of ductility. Their composition is as follows (% by weight): -Li 1.7 to 2.9 -Cu 1.5 to 3.4 - <IMAGE> -Mg 1.2 to 2.7 -Fe </= 0.20 -Si </= 0.06 -Cr 0 to 0.3 -Mn 0 to 1.0 -Zr 0 to 0.2 -Ti 0 to 0.1 -Be 0 to 0.01 -Other elements (impurities) -each </= 0.05 -total </= 0.15 -balance: Al - The heat treatment comprises a homogenization step at about theta ( DEG C.)=535-5 (% Mg) which practically dissolves the compounds Al-Cu (Li-Mg); a solution treatment at between theta +10 DEG C.; a quenching step; and a tempering step at from 170 DEG to 220 DEG C. for a period ranging from 8 to 48 hours. The mechanical strength and ductility characteristics obtained are equivalent to those of conventional alloys 2000 or 7000.

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