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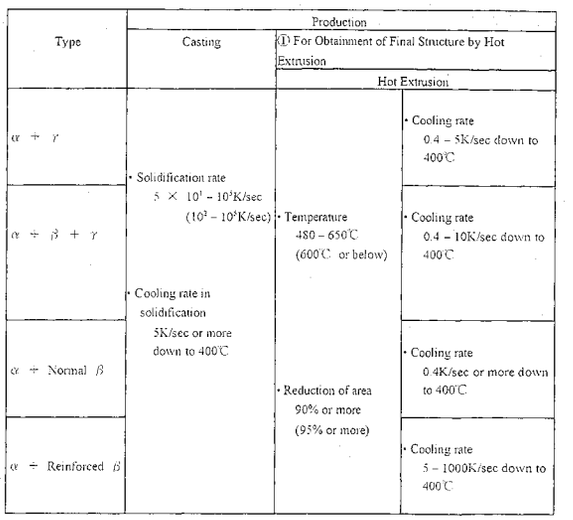
## (54) Method for producing brass

(57) A method is disclosed for producing brass, which comprises the step of producing brass extrusions by hot extrusion of brass on the conditions: (1) that apparent Zn content (AZC) in the material composition is 37-46% by wt. wherein AZC=[B+t ·Q)/(A+B+t · Q)]x100 in which: A=Cu content in wt%, B=Zn content in wt%, T=Zn equivalent (wt%) of an added third element, Q=third element content in wt%; (2) that the temperature at the time of extrusion is in the range of 480-650°C; and (3) that the sectional reduction ratio at the time of extrusion is 90% or more. The extrusion temperature is lower than the temperatures usually employed. The resulting brass extrusions exhibit useful improvements in the balance of corrosion resistance, machinability, ductility and strength.

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