

# Belmont

## Belmont 2% Lithium Copper

Lithium copper has gained recognition in recent years as one of the best deoxidizers and degasifiers for pure copper and also for copper and nickel-base alloys. It is especially useful for pure copper castings, since it does not reduce conductivity. Other deoxidizers reduce casting conductivity drastically. The production of copper castings with well over 90% conductivity is possible when the proper melting and deoxidation procedures are used.

Belmont 2% Lithium Copper is used to eliminate gas holes, porosity and metal oxides, while providing the added benefit of increased fluidity. The resultant castings typically exhibit finer grain structure and greater strength.

Belmont 2% Lithium Copper is a solid piece of metal in alloy form which readily dissolves in the molten metal without reaction or disturbance. This is not always the case with pure lithium encased in a copper cartridge or tube, which may pick up moisture.

### Suggested Application Practice

Belmont 2% Lithium Copper is usually added at the rate of one pound of lithium copper per 100 pounds of molten metal. The amount used may need to be increased if increased gas pick up is suspected, or with high-nickel content alloys.

The melting and pouring temperature for pure copper or other alloys should be the same as usual. A cover on the melt, particularly on pure copper, helps prevent excessive gas pick up. A dry charcoal cover is used by many foundries.

Belmont 2% Lithium Copper should be added shortly before the metal is poured—after the cover, slag and oxides have been removed from the melt. If gates and risers are added to cool overheated metal, they should be added after the addition. The lithium copper should be plunged to the bottom of the crucible, using a graphite rod or other device. This is important, since lithium copper always works upward, not downward. After it has reacted for a few minutes, a test plug should be poured. If the test plug puffs up, an additional treatment with Belmont 2% Lithium Copper is required. If the plug shows a shrink on the top (concave), the metal is ready to pour.

### Forms Available

Belmont 2% Lithium Copper is normally available in 1-pound saw-cut pieces. Other shapes are available upon request.

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