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(54) **Method for manufacturing copper alloys**

(57) The invention relates to a method for manufacturing copper based precipitation hardenable alloys, such as copper-chromium (CuCr), copper-chromium-zirconium (CuCrZr) and copper-zirconium (CuZr), wherein the method contains at least the steps:

- an elongated piece made of the desired alloy and having an essentially circular, rectangular or ring-like cross-section is cast by continuous casting,
- the cast piece is drawn, and
- at least one aging treatment is carried out for the final product.

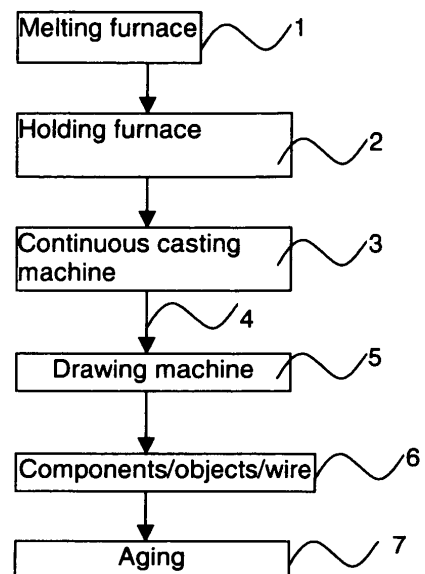


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