



## GREY CAST IRON EN-GJL-250

Grey iron, or grey cast iron, is a type of cast iron that has a graphite microstructure. It is named after the grey colour of the fracture it forms, which is due to the presence of graphite. It is the most common cast iron and the most widely used cast material based on weight.

It is used for housings where the stiffness of the component is more important than its tensile strength, such as internal combustion engine cylinder blocks, pump housings, valve bodies, electrical boxes, and decorative castings. Grey iron also has very good damping capacity, hence its use as the base for machine tool mountings.

### Chemical Composition

Chemical composition can be defined by the manufacturer, as long as the material produced meets required mechanical property. A typical chemical composition to obtain a graphitic microstructure is 2.5 to 4.0% carbon and 1 to 3% silicon by weight. Graphite may occupy 6 to 10% of the volume of grey iron. Silicon is important to making grey iron because silicon is a graphite stabilizing element in cast iron, which means it helps the alloy produce graphite instead of iron carbides; at 3% silicon almost no carbon is held in chemical combination with the iron.

### Typical Mechanical Properties

Tensile Strength	250 - 350 MPa
Yield Strength	165 - 228 MPa
Elongation	0.3 - 0.8% min.
Compressive Strength	840 Mpa

### Comparative Specifications

Material	Country/Standards
EN-JL-1040	European Union / EN
EN-GJL-250	Germany / DIN
JL 250	International / ISO
FC250	Japan / JIS
HT250	China

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