METALS

Types, Properties, Uses in Building Construction

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INTRODUCTION

- Frequently applied in building industry because of their:
 - durability
 - strength
 - resistance to weather and corrosion
- Most common metals used in construction industry are:
 - Carbon steel
 - Aluminum
 - Copper
 - Stainless steel
- These metals form everything from door frames and highways, to pipes and staircases.

CARBON STEEL

- An alloy obtained by mixing carbon & iron, also called mild steel
- Material of choice due to its properties:
 - High tensile strength, hardness & wear resistance
 - Good formability & weld ability
- Uses:
 - beams for structural framework
 - gears, shafts, nails, pipelines, couplings, cutting tools, blades, punches, springs, wires
 - rectangular tubing for welded frames, trailer beds, bridges



STAINLESS STEEL

- A steel alloy that contains a minimum of 10.5% chromium and levels of nickel, molybdenum & niobium
- amount of several different metals can be adjusted to create different grades of stainless steel with different properties
- Most common grade is 301- ductile, easily welded
- Properties:
 - Corrosion and stain resistant
- Uses:
 - roofing, drainage components
 - handrails, balustrading
 - architectural cladding, structural applications
- Famous architectural structures- Chrysler Building in New York City



Chrysler Building



STAINLESS STEEL



Stainless Steel Sheet



Stainless Steel Pipes



Stainless Steel Sheet and Coil

- Sheet and Coil
 - Hot rolled
 - Cold rolled
 - Special finishes
- Bars-Hot & Cold Rolled
 - Rounds
 - Squares
 - Hexagons
 - Flats
 - Ground & polished

- Strip
 - Hot rolled
 - Cold rolled
- Tubing
 - Seamless
 - Welded
 - Sanitary
- Pipe
 - Seamless
 - Welded
 - Hollow Bar

ALUMINUM

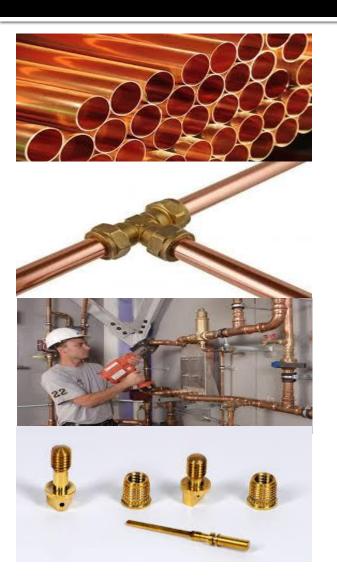
- Commonly used metal is processed into sheets, tubes and castings
- Properties:
 - resistant to corrosion
 - highly conductive and ductile
 - resistant to harsh weather
- Used in:
 - Windows, doors, ceilings, roof covers, HVAC ducts
 - handles, wires, outdoor signage, street lights







COPPER



- Soft metal popular in building industry mainly as chief component of pipes
- Properties:
 - ductile, malleable, electrically conductive metal
 - resistant to corrosion from water and soil
- Uses:
 - ideal for hot and cold water outlets
 - Ideal for heating, ventilation and air conditioning applications

BRASS

- An alloy of copper and zinc has number of applications in construction industry
- Exclusively used for its stunning gold-like decorative look in building areas where there is a low friction requirement- locks, door knobs
- Special corrosion resistant brass is suited where water temp. is high or contamination is present in water





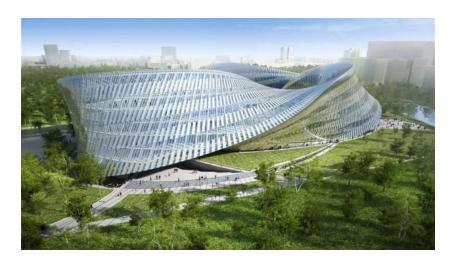
Copper belfry of St. Laurentius Church



Eiffel Tower in Paris, wrought iron



Burj Khalifa in Dubai, Iron



Swallow's Nest Cultural Centre in Taiwan, Steel



Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles, Stainless Steel



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