

REFERENCE DOCUMENT: Tutorial for CADS 3.0 Users

- 1. Starting with the known generic alloy and process, based on the desired allowable strength requirements; use CADS tool to search and select the right alloy.**
- 2. Starting at the Conceptual Design stage – This example will walk you through with the use of CAPS (Casting Alloy & Process Selector) and CADS tools all the way to finding a source using AFS Online Casting Source Directory Tool!**
- 3. Knowing the alloy category, group and sub-group; search and select the right alloy grade and export to an FEA Tool.**

1. Starting with the known generic alloy and process, based on the desired strength requirements; use CADs tool to search and select the right alloy.

Example: Engine Cradle fabrication being considered for converting into 356 Permanent Mold-Low Pressure Casting

Alloy: Aluminum 300 Series

Weight: 30 lbs

Overall length: 40 inch

Critical Section Thickness: 0.125 inch

Casting Process: Permanent Mold-Low Pressure

Minimum Ultimate strength at Room Temperature: 12 ksi

Safety Factor: 2.0 (so allowable stress would be 24 ksi)



Typical Inputs: Using the slider bar at top, move it till the desired value of 24 ksi and hit search button.

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Search Property Strength

Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)

0 350

Value: 24

Yield Strength (ksi)

0 254

Value: 0

Elongation %

0 50

Value: 0

Search by Selected Properties
Print Results

Alloy Type	Alloy Name	Designation	Designation Number	Casting Process	Thickness	
Iron	125-80-10	ASTM A 897/A 897M	125-80-10 [850-550-10]	Air-Set/Nobake Gas-Hardened/Coldbox Green Sand- Horizontally Parted Green Sand-Vertically Parted Shell Mold V-Process Sand	1 in	Select Alloy
Iron	150-100-7	ASTM A 897/A 897M	150-100-7 [1050-700-7]	Air-Set/Nobake Gas-Hardened/Coldbox Green Sand- Horizontally Parted Green Sand-Vertically Parted Shell Mold V-Process Sand	1 in	Select Alloy
Iron	175-125-04	ASTM A 897/A 897M	175-125-04 [1200-850-04]	Air-Set/Nobake Gas-Hardened/Coldbox Green Sand- Horizontally Parted Green Sand-Vertically Parted Shell Mold V-Process Sand	1 in	Select Alloy

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Selection of Alloys to Choose from:

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Click above to get access to MMDS tool designed to assist foundry, simulation and design engineers with comprehensive mold and core material properties being used in the metal casting industry.

Aluminum Alloys	380		A03080	Pressure Diecasting	0.11 x 0.50	Select Alloy
Aluminum Alloys	356		A03560	Pressure Diecasting	0.10 x 0.60	Select Alloy
Aluminum Alloys	356		A03560	Permanent Mold-Gravity/Tilt Pour		Select Alloy
Aluminum Alloys	356		A03560	Squeeze/Semisolid	1 x 0.83	Select Alloy
Aluminum Alloys	356		A03560	Vacuum Casting	1.29 x 1.60	Select Alloy
Iron	High Silicon Molybdenum	SAE J2582		Air-Set/Nobake Gas-Hardened/Coldbox Green Sand-Horizontally Parted Green Sand-Vertically Parted Shell Mold V-Process Sand	.625	Select Alloy
Iron	Class 40BNCE	ASTM A 48 [SAE J431]	Class 40BNCE	Air-Set/Nobake Gas-Hardened/Coldbox Green Sand-Horizontally Parted Green Sand-Vertically Parted Shell Mold V-Process Sand	1	Select Alloy
Iron	110-70-11	ASTM A897/A897M-06	110-70-11	Air-Set/Nobake Gas-Hardened/Coldbox Green Sand-Horizontally Parted Green Sand-Vertically Parted Shell Mold V-Process Sand	48 mm by 43 mm by 185 mm section of rectangular casting	Select Alloy
Iron	200-155-1	ASTM A897/A897M	200-155-1	Air-Set/Nobake Gas-Hardened/Coldbox Green Sand-Horizontally Parted Green Sand-Vertically Parted Shell Mold V-Process Sand	1 in	Select Alloy

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Detail Results of the down selected Alloy 356 Permanent Mold

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Chemical Composition Value Wt% (A=Max B=Min C=Typical)

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Chemical Composition
 Flexural Strength
 Impact Properties
 Mechanical Properties - Room Temperature Static
 Physical Properties
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Property Name	Property Value
Al	Remainder
Ca	Remainder
Composition_Type	Limits
Cu	Q 0.25
Fe	Q 0.6
Mg	AJ 0.2 B 0.45
Mn	Q 0.35
RE	Remainder
Reference	View in New Tab
Si	AJ 6.5 B 7.5
Sr	Remainder
Ti	Q 0.25
Y	Remainder
Zn	Q 0.35
Zr	Remainder

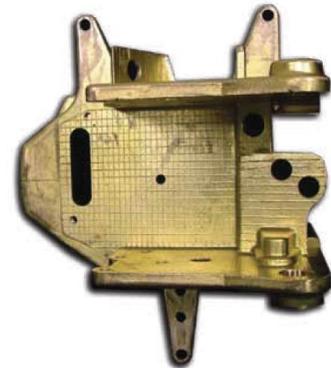
2. Knowing the alloy category, group and sub-group; search and select the right alloy grade and export to an FEA Tool.

Example: Green Sand Cast Ductile Iron seed Boot Grade 65-45-12

Alloy: Ductile Iron Grade 65-45-12

Weight: 15 lbs

Need to get all the strain fatigue properties



Use Select Alloy from Grade List of available data; Option 3 as shown below and pick the alloy grade within iron column as shown; use slider to scroll down the list.

Input Window:

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Search Available Grades

Iron Alloys

- 100-70-03
- 110-70-11
- 120-90-02
- 125-90-10
- 150-100-7
- 175-125-04
- 200-155-01
- 200-155-1
- 60-40-18
- 65-45-12

Aluminum Alloys

- 201
- 204
- 208
- 222
- 224
- 240
- 242
- 249
- 295

Magnesium Alloys

- A384
- ACM522
- ACM522
- AC535
- AE-F
- AE42
- AE42-F
- AE44
- AJ-F
- AJ50X-F

Steel Alloys

- 0030
- 0050
- 4340
- 8630
- C-Mn
- CA40
- CF8M
- Mn-Mo
- WCB

Copper Alloys

- C958 PA Cast Copper Alumin
- C958 Sand Cast Copper Alumin

Other Alloys

[Print Results](#)

Alloy Type	Alloy Name	Designation	Designation Number	Casting Process	Thickness
Iron	65-45-12	ASTM A 536 [SAE J434]	65-45-12 [D4512]	Air-Set/Nobake Gas-Hardened/Coldbox Green Sand-Horizontally Parted Green Sand-Vertically Parted Shell Mold V-Process Sand	Select Alloy
Iron	65-45-12	ASTM A 536 [SAE J434]	65-45-12 [D4512]	Air-Set/Nobake Gas-Hardened/Coldbox Green Sand-Horizontally Parted Green Sand-Vertically Parted Shell Mold V-Process Sand	Select Alloy

Down select Grade 65-45-12 to view and download the engineering data or print or export as CSV for inputting into FEA or Simulation tools.

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65-45-12 65-45-12 [D4512]

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Property Name	Property Value
Brinell_Hardness_Max	217
Brinell_Hardness_Min	156
Brinell_Hardness_Typ	186
Elongation_Max	13
Elongation_Min	12
Poissons_Tension_Typ	.288
Properties	Y-Block
Reduction_Type	11
Reference	View in New Tab
Ultimate_Strength_Max	84
Ultimate_Strength_Min	65

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Ultimate_Strength_Max	84
Ultimate_Strength_Min	65

Opening 65-45-1265-45-12[D4512].csv

You have chosen to open:

65-45-1265-45-12[D4512].csv
 which is: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File
 from: https://cads.metacastingdatabase.info

What should Firefox do with this file?

Open with Excel (default)

Save File

Do this automatically for files like this from now on.



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CADS V 3.0 – Casting Alloy Data Selector



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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	N	Strain/2	N	Plastic	Elastic					
2		Total Strain		Strain	Strain					
3	100	2.286935	100	1.927906	0.359029					
4	300	1.116713	300	0.788072	0.328641					
5	1000	0.593939	1000	0.295655	0.298284					
6	3000	0.393892	3000	0.120855	0.273037					
7	10000	0.293157	10000	0.04534	0.247816					
8	100000	0.212841	100000	0.006953	0.205887					
9	1000000	0.142275	1000000	0.000164	0.142112					
10										
11										

For the reference to the properties source data, if available, is shown highlighted in blue and hyperlinked to the abstract as well as to the source of the full document.

Reference abstract for the mechanical properties:

AFS RESEARCH REPORT

Strain-Life Fatigue Properties Database for Cast Iron

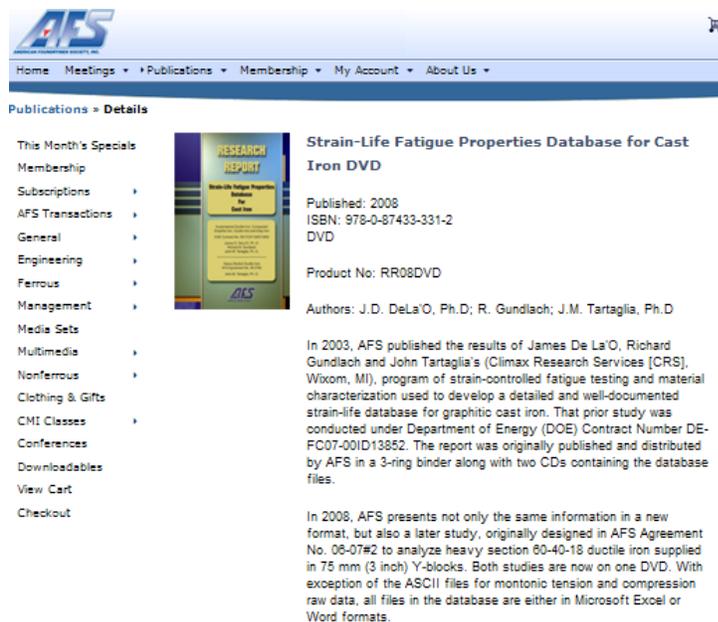
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The screenshot shows the AFS website interface. At the top is the AFS logo and a navigation menu with links for Home, Meetings, Publications, Membership, My Account, and About Us. Below the menu is a 'Publications > Details' section. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with categories like 'This Month's Specials', 'Membership', 'Subscriptions', 'AFS Transactions', 'General', 'Engineering', 'Ferrous', 'Management', 'Media Sets', 'Multimedia', 'Nonferrous', 'Clothing & Gifts', 'CMI Classes', 'Conferences', 'Downloadables', 'View Cart', and 'Checkout'. The main content area features a product titled 'Strain-Life Fatigue Properties Database for Cast Iron DVD'. It includes a small image of the DVD cover, publication details (Published: 2008, ISBN: 978-0-87433-331-2, DVD, Product No: RR08DVD, Authors: J.D. DeLa'O, Ph.D; R. Gundlach; J.M. Tartaglia, Ph.D), and two paragraphs of descriptive text. The first paragraph describes the 2003 study by James De La'O, Richard Gundlach, and John Tartaglia, which developed a strain-life database for graphitic cast iron. The second paragraph describes the 2008 update, which includes a later study on heavy section ductile iron and provides information on the DVD format and file types.

3.Starting at the Conceptual Design stage – This example will walk you through with the use of CAPS and CADS tools all the way to finding a source using AFS Online Casting Source Directory Tool!

Example: Steel fabrication being considered for converting into ductile iron casting

Weight: 20 lbs
 Overall length: 15 inch
 Minimum Section Thickness: 0.375 inch
 Maximum Section Thickness: 1"
 Min. Surface Finish Desired: 200 RMS
 Estimated Annual Volume: 5,000 pcs.
 Minimum Ultimate strength at Room Temperature: 48 ksi
 Minimum Tensile Yield Strength at Room Temperature: 27 ksi
 Hardness ranging from 96-140 BHN
 Safety Factor: 2.0 (to calculate the allowable stress)



Please type in or with a Control key, click on this <http://pda.metalcastingvirtuallibrary.net/caps/caps.aspx> ; which will launch CAPS and enter the inputs as shown below.

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Casting Alloy and Process Selector (CAPS) v1.0

The Casting Alloy and Process Selector (CAPS) has been developed based on best known data and practices for North American metalcasters. To help select a casting process for your component, enter the known data below. The greater the data provided, the more specific your results. Questions...contact PDA Customer service at info@pda-llc.com.

Alloy Selector

Do you know the Alloy? :

Enter Your Criteria Below

Hint: Begin search with 1 or 2 criteria and narrow the results from there.

20	Estimated Weight of New Component (in LBS)
20	Overall Length (in Inches)
0.25	Minimum Section Thickness (in Inches)
1	Maximum Section Thickness (in Inches)
250	Minimum Surface Finish Desired (in RMS)
	Maximum Surface Finish Desired (in RMS)
50	Estimated Annual Production Volume (in Number of Pieces)

Search Results

NOTE: The order below is not indicative of which alloy or process is best for your component. Look to the data to help determine the best combination.

Detailed Results

NOTE: Please contact your casting supplier for their specific capabilities.


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The search results will come up with 3 potential combinations of the alloy and process; down select the first one as shown below - Ductile iron and green sand horizontally parted process.

Select	Green Sand-Parted	Ductile Iron	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.03	0.05	39
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Low Alloy Steels	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.0625	0.1	40
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Lead	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.015	0.02	41
Select	Green Sand-Parted	High Copper Alloys	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.015	0.02	42
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Compacted Graphite Iron	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.03	0.05	43
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Gray Iron	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.03	0.05	44
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Corrosion Resistant Iron	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.03	0.05	45
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Superalloys	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.0625	0.1	46
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Malleable Iron	2	5	10	30	0.5	6	0.03	0.045	47
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Nickel-Base	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.0625	0.1	48
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Aluminum-Silicon (300 Series)	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.015	0.02	49
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Titanium	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.0625	0.1	50
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Nickel-Base	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.0625	0.1	51
Select	Green Sand-Parted	Heat	2	5	10	30	1	6	0.0625	0.1	52

Then, click on Casting Alloy Data Search Tool at the top main menu or on the right side bar or type in or with Control Key click on <http://afs.metalcastingvirtuallibrary.net/cads/cads.aspx> , which will launch CADS V3.0 and select Search option 1 – Generic Alloy Search as shown below by entering 60-40-18:

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Global Alloy Search

Search For: 60-40-18 Find

Print Results

Alloy Type	Alloy Name	Designation	Designation Number	Casting Process	Thickness
Iron	60-40-18	ASTM A 536 [SAE J434]	60-40-18 [D4018]	Air-Set/No Bake Gas-Hardened/Coldbox Green Sand-Horizontally Parted Green Sand-Vertically Parted Shell Mold V-Process Sand	Select Alloy
Iron	60-40-18	ASTM A 536 [SAE J434]	60-40-18 [D4018]	Air-Set/No Bake Gas-Hardened/Coldbox Green Sand-Horizontally Parted Green Sand-Vertically Parted Shell Mold V-Process Sand	Select Alloy

After selecting the alloy 60-40-18, all the details will be displayed as shown below, which can be printed or exported as CSV file, which can be imported and viewed into Excel.

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60-40-18 60-40-18 [D4018]

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Property Name	Property Value
Brinell_Hardness_Max	150
Brinell_Hardness_Min	170
Elongation_Max	25
Elongation_Min	18
Poissons_Tension_Typ	.288
Properties	Y-Block
Reduction_Typ	30
Reference	View in New Tab
Ultimate_Strength_Max	64
Ultimate_Strength_Min	60

Ductile Iron 60-40-18 Casting Conversion from Steel fabrication



To find a suitable metalcaster in North America, type this or with Control key, click on <https://www.castingsource.com/metalcaster-directory>, Casting Source Directory will show up as shown below automatically; enter the alloy type, select the process, enter the casting weight, select the country and finally state and you will see the list of foundries in your search results. If you know the name of the company, enter in the first search option.

CASTING SOURCE DIRECTORY

Congratulations on coming to the Casting Source Directory (CSD) web page. Thousands of casting buyers, specifiers and designers rely on the online and printed CSD to identify the ideal foundry to cast their needed parts, searching by metal, process, weight or location. If you are a metalcaster and would like to update your information, [click here](#) or contact Barb Jackowski at bjackowski@afsinc.org. All AFS Corporate Member foundries are listed in the CSD. To become a Corporate Member contact Ben Yates at byates@afsinc.org. To purchase the print version of the CSD, [click here](#).

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Casting Weight (lbs)

Country

US
▼

State

IL
▼