# **SALAMANDER SUPER**

#### DESCRIPTION

SALAMANDER SUPER is a high quality ceramic bonded clay graphite crucible range manufactured by plastic forming techniques.

# **APPLICATIONS**

SALAMANDER SUPER crucibles are used to provide consistent performance in fuel-fired furnaces and medium / high frequency induction furnaces. The smaller sizes are typically used to melt precious metals, while larger sizes can be used for some ferrous alloys such as grey iron as well as to melt non-ferrous alloys.

## TYPICAL METAL CASTING TEMPERATURE

850 - 1600°C (1562 - 2912°F)

## **PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**

- Clean melting
- · Good thermal conductivity
- Good resistance to chemical corrosion
- High refractoriness

#### **IDENTIFICATION**

SALAMANDER SUPER crucibles are coloured black except for certain smaller sizes that are supplied unpainted.

### **PATTERN RANGE**

SALAMANDER SUPER crucibles are available in a range of sizes as A-shapes, F-shapes (bilge), and E-shape cylinders to suit a wide spectrum of end user requirements. Ladle liners are also available in standard or bottom pour configuration.

# **QUALITY**

SALAMANDER SUPER crucibles are manufactured from premium grade raw materials to ISO9000:2000 quality standards.

## **PREHEATING / FIRST USE**

**FUEL-FIRED FURNACES:** A new crucible should be pre-heated empty in order to minimise the temperature gradient across the crucible wall. If the furnace refractories have been repaired or if there is a risk of the crucible having absorbed some moisture, then the furnace should initially be heated slowly up to circa 200°C and held at this temperature until all moisture has been driven off.



A new crucible should initially be heated slowly and evenly to 600°C on low power, avoiding local impingement of flame. Subsequently the full heat input rate should be utilised to achieve a uniform bright red condition over the whole crucible (circa 900°C / 1650°F) at which point the crucible should be charged immediately taking care to avoid packing metal tightly or bridging ingots across the crucible. The furnace controls can then be set to achieve the desired metal operating temperature and heating should continue at the full rate until the metal has reached the desired temperature.

In the case of crucibles to be fed with molten metal, it is important that the crucible body temperature is equivalent to or slightly above that of the molten metal in order to minimise thermal stress.

INDUCTION FURNACES: Small Salamander Super crucibles are sometimes used in medium to high frequency induction furnaces. The heat-up procedure is dependent on furnace frequency, coil dimensions, and the resistivity of the metal being melted. It is recommended where possible to preheat the crucible empty. The furnace should initially be run at 20% of maximum power until the crucible shows signs of red heat. After 30 minutes the power can be increased to 50% of the maximum. Loosely charge the crucible with metal and maintain the power level at 50% until approximately half the crucible contains molten metal. The power should then be increased to maximum.

# **CHARGING**

As soon as the crucible has reached the specified pre-heat temperature, charge and melt immediately. Charge light scrap and returns first in order to form a cushion for heavier material. Use tongs to charge ingots and place large pieces and ingots vertically allowing space for expansion. Only add flux once the metal is molten.

## FULL LINE OF CRUCIBLES AND ACCESSORIES TO MEET EVERY APPLICATION



**EXCEL, HIMELT** Roller-Formed SIC



**EXCEL E**Roller-Formed SIC



INDUX Clay Graphite



ISO-ALUSTAR ISO-Pressed Clay Graphite



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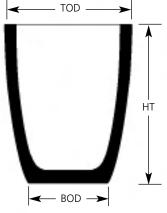


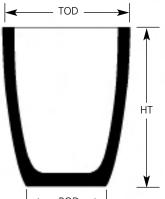
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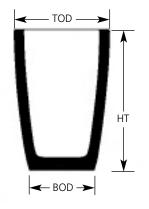


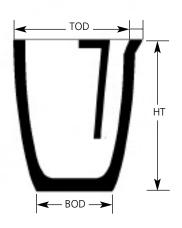












# **Crucibles for Lift Out and Bale Out Furnaces**

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|-------------------|---|------|------|-------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| SUPER<br>A-SHAPES | TOD   | НТ   | BOD  | Brass<br>Capacity | Brimful<br>Capacity |  |  |
| (A)               | (mm)  | (mm) | (mm) | (Kg)              | (Litres)            |  |  |
| A5/0              | 32  | 35   | 24   | 0.09              | 0.01                |  |  |
| A3/0              | 46  | 52   | 30   | 0.22              | 0.03                |  |  |
| A1/0              | 60  | 67   | 41   | 0.56              | 0.07                |  |  |
| A0.5              | 68  | 78   | 48   | 1.0               | 0.13                |  |  |
| A1                | 79  | 97   | 55   | 1.5               | 0.20                |  |  |
| A1.5              | 90  | 92   | 55   | 1.9               | 0.25                |  |  |
| A2                | 95  | 109  | 61   | 2.5               | 0.33                |  |  |
| A3                | 105   | 127  | 70   | 3.7               | 0.49                |  |  |
| A4                | 114   | 141  | 76   | 5.6               | 0.75                |  |  |
| A5                | 124   | 152  | 86   | 6.8               | 0.90                |  |  |
| A6                | 130   | 165  | 95   | 9.0               | 1.2                 |  |  |
| A7                | 140   | 175  | 105  | 11.0              | 1.5                 |  |  |
| A8                | 156   | 184  | 108  | 12.5              | 1.7                 |  |  |
| A10               | 160   | 200  | 110  | 18                | 2.4                 |  |  |
| A12               | 171   | 210  | 121  | 18                | 2.4                 |  |  |
| A16               | 184   | 232  | 130  | 23                | 3.1                 |  |  |
| A20               | 197   | 260  | 145  | 30                | 4.0                 |  |  |
| A25               | 210   | 280  | 155  | 36                | 4.8                 |  |  |
| A30               | 232   | 290  | 160  | 43                | 5.7                 |  |  |
| A40               | 232   | 318  | 160  | 50                | 6.7                 |  |  |
| A50               | 248   | 324  | 180  | 60                | 8.0                 |  |  |
| A60               | 276   | 362  | 190  | 77                | 10                  |  |  |
| A70               | 292   | 375  | 200  | 93                | 12                  |  |  |
| A80               | 300   | 397  | 210  | 105               | 14                  |  |  |
| A90               | 310   | 397  | 220  | 115               | 15                  |  |  |
| A100              | 324   | 400  | 230  | 120               | 16                  |  |  |
| A120              | 333   | 435  | 240  | 138               | 18                  |  |  |
| A150              | 362   | 452  | 250  | 168               | 22                  |  |  |
| A200              | 400   | 491  | 285  | 239               | 32                  |  |  |

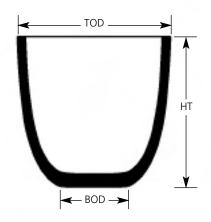
| SUPER<br>C-SHAPES<br>(C) | TOD<br>(mm) | HT<br>(mm) | BOD<br>(mm) | Brass<br>Capacity<br>(Kg) | Brimful<br>Capacity<br>(Litres) |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                          |             |            |             |                           |                                 |
| C30                      | 165         | 245        | 110         | 17                        | 2.3                             |
| C80                      | 225         | 353        | 160         | 45                        | 6.0                             |
| C150                     | 275         | 435        | 200         | 86                        | 11                              |
| C200                     | 292         | 470        | 210         | 109                       | 15                              |

## **Bottom Pour Crucibles**

| SUPER<br>A-SHAPES | TOD  | HT   | BOD  | Brass<br>Capacity<br>(Kg) | Brimful<br>Capacity<br>(Litres) |  |
|-------------------|------|------|------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| (AP)              | (mm) | (mm) | (mm) |                           |                                 |  |
| AP30              | 232  | 290  | 160  | 43                        | 5.7                             |  |
| AP40              | 232  | 318  | 160  | 50                        | 6.7                             |  |
| AP50              | 248  | 324  | 178  | 60                        | 8.0                             |  |
| AP51              | 248  | 324  | 178  | 60                        | 8.0                             |  |
| AP60              | 276  | 362  | 190  | 77                        | 10                              |  |
| AP61              | 276  | 362  | 190  | 77                        | 10                              |  |
| AP70              | 292  | 375  | 200  | 93                        | 12                              |  |

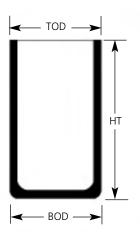
# **Crucibles for Bale Out Furnaces**

| SUPER<br>BASINS<br>(B) | TOD<br>(mm) | HT<br>(mm) | BOD<br>(mm) | Brass<br>Capacity<br>(Kg) | Brimful<br>Capacity<br>(Litres) |  |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| B173                   | 397         | 343        | 215         | 126                       | 22                              |  |
| B176                   | 397         | 432        | 215         | 174                       | 28                              |  |



# **Cylindrical Crucibles for Induction Furnaces**

| SUPER<br>E-SHAPES<br>(E) | TOD  | HT<br>(mm) | BOD<br>(mm) | Brass<br>Capacity | Brimful<br>Capacity<br>(Litres) |
|--------------------------|------|------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
|                          | (mm) |            |             | (Kg)              |                                 |
| E3014                    | 47   | 88         | 47          | 0.42              | 0.07                            |
| E3013                    | 47   | 88         | 47          | 0.38              | 0.07                            |
| E1251                    | 58   | 128        | 50          | 0.60              | 0.10                            |
| E115                     | 59   | 155        | 54          | 1.10              | 0.19                            |
| E3016                    | 62   | 88         | 62          | 0.92              | 0.16                            |
| E1255                    | 64   | 154        | 52          | 1.60              | 0.27                            |
| E125                     | 65   | 124        | 65          | 0.80              | 0.14                            |
| E467                     | 70   | 152        | 70          | 1.75              | 0.30                            |
| E250                     | 80   | 250        | 80          | 4.1               | 0.70                            |
| E468                     | 82.5 | 156        | 82.5        | 2.3               | 0.40                            |
| E406*                    | 82.5 | 156        | 82.5        | 3.0               | 0.51                            |
| E303                     | 110  | 200        | 110         | 6.4               | 1.1                             |
| E301                     | 100  | 265        | 100         | 7.4               | 1.3                             |
| E300                     | 110  | 265        | 110         | 8.6               | 1.5                             |
| E96                      | 130  | 250        | 130         | 14                | 2.3                             |
| E93                      | 135  | 200        | 135         | 11                | 1.8                             |
| E323                     | 165  | 318        | 165         | 25                | 4.3                             |
| E375                     | 205  | 270        | 195         | 26                | 4.4                             |
| E305                     | 310  | 500        | 310         | 120               | 21                              |



# Brass capacity is calculated as follows:

A-Shapes and C-Shapes - 90% of brimful Basins - With a freeboard of 75mm Cylinders - 70% of brimful

Sizes A5/0 - A5 have no pouring lip

Sizes A6 - A200 normally have a pouring lip but are also available without lip, reference AN

All dimensions are subject to normal manufacturing tolerances

Morganite also supplies a complete range of accessories including stands to provide uniform heating and appropriate mechanical support of the crucible base, and covers to exclude impurities and reduce atmospheric oxidation.

# **SALAMANDER SUPER**

### **INSTALLATION**

Salamander Super crucibles are used free standing in lift out furnaces. In **fuel fired furnaces** the stand should be made from similar material to the crucible to ensure uniform heating of the crucible base and provide sufficient mechanical support. The diameter of the stand should be at least the same as the base of the crucible and the height should be such that the base of the crucible is level with the centre line of the burner. The stand and crucible should be installed centrally in the furnace. In **induction furnaces** the crucible stands on a refractory pedestal and must be installed centrally within the coil. A thin layer of coke dust or other carbonaceous material should be sprinkled on to the stand or pedestal to prevent the crucible sticking to it.

# **INDUCTION FURNACES**

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#### **CLEANING OUT**

Crucibles should be cleaned out carefully between melts while red hot in order to remove any build-up of corrosive slag.

### **SAFETY**

Proper safety clothing must be worn at all times. Ensure that no moisture is introduced into the melt. Provision should be made underneath the furnace to catch metal that may be discharged.

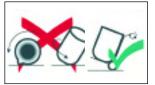
## **CRUCIBLE CARE**



Store crucibles off the floor in a dry, warm place.



Do not nest one inside another. Separate layers with hardboard.



Do not roll crucibles. Move using a sack truck with padding.



Check thoroughly for cracks or damage before use.



Use the correct crucible stand which must be central and support the whole base.



Allow space for expansion between crucible and furnace lining/cover.



Use correctly positioned grip bricks in tilting furnaces, leaving gaps for expansion. Do not hang crucible on spout.



The flame path must be tangential to the crucible.



Ingots should be loaded carefully into the crucible using tongs.



First charge with light returns, as a cushion, then add ingots vertically.



Only add flux after the metal is molten.



Avoid ingress of cold air by ensuring that the drain hole is sealed



Lift-out tongs should hold crucible on it's lower third and fit evenly on both sides.



The crucible must be emptied before switching off the furnace.



The crucible should be cleaned out carefully every day while still red hot







