

Chairman's Introduction
(Copper Development Association)

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There is a large demand for brass throughout the world. Consumption in Europe alone of wrought material exceeded 1,000,000 tonnes in 1999 and, if foundry ingots (castings) are taken into account, the figure exceeds 1,500,000.

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The greatest users of brass in Europe are the Italians closely followed by the Germans. The UK and France are also significant users.

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The demand for brass is not static in Europe as might be expected but has grown at over 2½% per annum over the last 20 years.

The market for brass in Italy, Europe's greatest user, has grown by a fifth in the last 5 years demonstrating that there are significant opportunities for designing in brass.

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Left to right - Top Row:

KeyMed Borescope, Samuel Heath Perkomatic Door Closer

Bottom Row:

MECO Valve Chest, Taps, bodies cast brass tops deep drawn brass and plated to suit.