BS S156 Steel

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Case Hardening Steel

BS S156 alloy steel also referred to as nitriding steel, is the VAR version of S82.

Typically, we supply the alloy in the normalised and softened delivery condition.

After surface treatment, the material offers a hard and durable wear-resistant surface making the product ideal for high-performance gearboxes in the motorsport sector. **BS S156** offers high tensile strength ranging from 1,320 to 1,520 MPa. The alloy should be supplied in the heat-treated condition for fabricated parts, which involves carburising, hardening, and tempering.

The material is manufactured by consumable electrode vacuum arc remelting (VAR) and is a 4% Ni-Cr-Mo case-hardening steel.



*Chemical Composition (weight %)

	С	Si	Mn	Р	S	Cr	Мо	Ni	Fe
Min.	0.14	0.10	0.25			1.00	0.20	3.80	Bal
Max.	0.18	0.35	0.55	0.015	0.012	1.40	0.30	4.30	Bal

^{*} Properties as per BS S156

*Mechanical Properties (typical)

Property	Minimum	Maximum	
UTS, MPa	1,320	1,520	
0.2% PS, MPa	1,030		
Elongation, %	11		
Reduction of area, %	40		
Izod impact, ft lbf	30		
Hardness, HB (normalised + softened)		277	

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Motorsport Applications: Benefits:

■ High tensile strength

Gears Final drive

Sockets

Case hardened Wear resistant

Propulsion shafts

Durable



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