

**Melting Point**

232°C

**Boiling Point**

2270°C

**Density**7.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (white tin)  
5.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (gray tin)**Appearance****Other Physical Properties**

Tin exists in two forms: gray tin and white tin. It is ductile and malleable.

**Chemical Properties**

Tin reacts very slowly with air.

**Compounds**

Tin compounds vary in color. (Most are white, but they can be yellow, brown, or gray.)

**Uses**

Tin is used to plate steel cans, in solder, and in bronze and pewter alloys.

**Notes**

Tin is obtained from its ore by smelting cassiterite, which is tin oxide.



▶ THESE CANS ARE MADE FROM STEEL COATED WITH A THIN LAYER OF TIN. BECAUSE TIN IS RELATIVELY UNREACTIVE, THE CANS WILL CORRODE MORE SLOWLY THAN CANS MADE OUT OF STEEL ALONE.

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