Copper Refining: Fact file

| World production | 15 million tonnes per year (13 million tonnes primary copper, 2 million <br> tonnes from recycling) |
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| UK production | Zero |
| Manufacture | Electrolytic purification |
| Raw material | Copper-containing scrap or 'blister copper', which is impure copper that <br> has been extracted from copper ore. |



Figure: Chart to show the percentage amount of copper used for different sectors.

Table: Table to show the percentage amount of copper used for different sectors (as shown above).

|  | Electrical (eg wiring, motors) | $57 \%$ |
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|  | Construction (eg plumbing, roofing) | $19 \%$ |
|  | Industrial machinery (eg heat exchangers) | $17 \%$ |
|  | Other (eg coinage) | $7 \%$ |

