



Rio Tinto Metal Powders

Powder Metallurgy Products

At Rio Tinto Metal Powders (RTMP, formerly QMP) we manufacture powder from iron that is entirely sourced from low residual ore. Because of this, our powders are exceptionally clean and consistent.

As a part of Rio Tinto, RTMP has production facilities in Sorel-Tracy, Quebec, Canada; and Suzhou, China. We produce iron, pre-alloyed, and diffusion and organic bonded grade powders. Our metal powders are helping customers in a variety of industries, including new applications for the energy transition market.

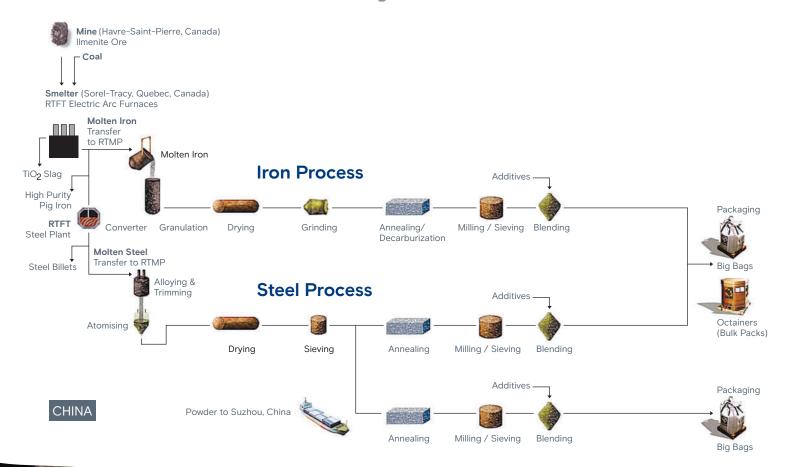
We have a full range of ferrous powder grades for virtually all powder metallurgy applications. Our high-quality powders can help you produce high-performance components. As your committed, long-term partner, RTMP offers you decades of technical expertise and knowledge as well as the significant resources and infrastructure of Rio Tinto, an international mining and metallurgical company.





Rio Tinto Metal Powders

Process summary







Rio Tinto is one of the world's leading metals and mining companies with a global workforce of **more than 50,000** and an extensive portfolio of operating assets spanning across Australia, Asia, North and South America, Europe, and Africa.

We mine ore to produce iron, aluminium, copper, molybdenum, gold, silver, tellurium, selenium, scandium, and industrial diamonds and minerals. Many of our materials are essential for the low-carbon transition, and for advancing human progress.

As a part of Rio Tinto, Rio Tinto Iron and Titanium (RTIT) has production facilities in Sorel-Tracy, Canada; Richard's Bay, South Africa; and Madagascar. Rio Tinto Metal Powders (RTMP) has an additional facility in Suzhou, China.

Sustainability

At Rio Tinto, sustainability is more than a catch phrase. Aligning our business strategy and daily practices around sustainability enables us to strengthen our operations and products, build enduring communities, and provide lasting benefit to customers, employees, and stakeholders.

Companywide, we have committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050 and target a **15% reduction** of scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2025, with a 50% reduction by 2030*.

Our RTIT operations in Quebec are run entirely on renewable hydropower, and we are actively pursuing additional sustainability initiatives. We developed ilmenite smelting in Sorel-Tracy, Quebec in the 1950s and through a joint agreement with the Canadian Government, we are investing \$537 million (C\$737 million) into reducing emissions at our RTIT operations by up to 70%. Early in 2023, RTIT started our BlueSmeltingTM demonstration plant in Sorel-Tracy. The BlueSmeltingTM project involves an ilmenite reduction technology that could produce 95% less greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) than the current process. This innovative technology was developed by scientists at Rio Tinto's Critical Minerals and Technology Centre in Sorel-Tracy. The demo plant can process up to 40,000 tonnes of ilmenite per year, making it the largest in the world based on this type of technology. This would enable us to produce titanium dioxide, steel, and metal powders with significantly lower carbon footprints. Furthermore, our iron products, including metal powders, are generated from the residual iron of our smelting process to produce titanium dioxide, without the need for any additional mining.

The GHG reduction initiative at RTMP operations involves modernising control systems for more efficient gas consumption in annealing furnaces and converting three annealing furnaces from natural gas to electric.

Safety

Safety is our number one priority at Rio Tinto. Our goal is for everyone to go home safe at the end of each day. We have global safety standards which address key areas of risks, and they provide consistency in safety management and performance across our global operations and projects. Our businesses are audited internally against these standards and are expected to meet safety performance requirements and targets.

Our commitment to safety has enabled us to achieve a safety performance which is higher than the industry average for all injury frequency rates.

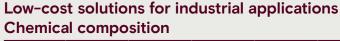
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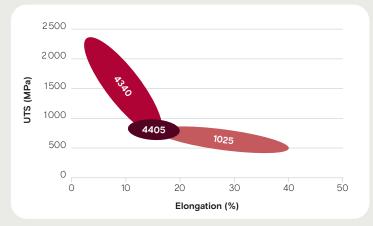
Additive Manufacturing

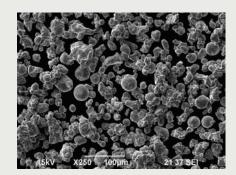
Metal additive manufacturing is going through a significant growth in capabilities with an increasing interest in industrial markets. Our mission is to help industries adopt this disruptive technology, even where cost is a key driver. Our low-cost ferrous water atomized powders are the real solution for industrial adoption of additive manufacturing.



| Grade | С | Mn | Мо | Cr | Ni | Si |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ATOMET 1025 | 0,20-0,35 | 0,70-0,90 | - | - | - | 0,10-0,25 |
| ATOMET 4340 | 0,38-0,43 | 0,60-0,80 | 0,20-0,30 | 0,70-0,90 | 1,60-2,00 | 0,10-0,25 |
| ATOMET 4405 | 0,55-0,60 | 0,15-0,20 | 0,80-0,90 | - | - | - |

Range of mechanical properties based on the applied heat treatment







Additive Manufacturing

Examples of mechanical properties measured on LPBF samples

| | АТОМЕ | ET 1025 ATOME | | T 4340 | ATOMET 4405 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Mechanical Properties | As-Built* | Annealed at 700 °C | As-Built** | Quench & Temper (200°C) | As-Built* |
| Relative Density (%) | > 99,2 | > 99,2 | > 99.2 | > 99,2 | > 99,5 |
| Ultimate Tensile Strength (MPa) | 780 ± 11 | 530 ± 10 | 990 ± 8 | 1520 ± 8 | 1350 ± 26 |
| Yield Strength (MPa) | 755 ± 11 | 480 ± 7 | 900 ± 10 | 1220 ± 13 | 1240 ± 24 |
| Elongation (%) | 18 ± 1 | 35 ± 3 | 15 ± 3 | 9 ± 2 | 5 ± 1 |
| Hardness (HRC) | 30 ± 3 | 10 ± 2 | 43 ± 3 | 53 ± 1 | 50 ± 2 |

- Any supplementary or different post processing can result in different values.
 Results of other heat treatment are also available upon request.
- Parameters developed to obtain these results could be provided with the powders.
- * Printed 0° direction to z axis
- ** Printed 45° direction to z axis

We have you covered for different technologies!

| Technology | PSD (µm) |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Laser Powder Bed Fusion | 18-53 |
| Powder Bed Binder Jetting | 18-53 |
| Direct Energy Deposition | 53-150 |
| Cold Spray Additive Manufacturing | 18-53 |
| E-Beam Additive Manufacturing | 53-150 |



Synergy[®] Series

Standard compaction

High performance powder mixes for enhanced productivity suitable for your most demanding powder metallurgy applications

Basic physical powder mixes properties

| Lubricant | Apparent density | Hall flow rate | Compressibility MPa | Green strength MPa |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Synergy® (0,60 %) | 3,14 | 33 | 382 | 11 |
| EBS wax (0,80 %) | 3,03 | 37 | 374 | 9 |

Synergy® powder mixes are the newest introduction to the Rio Tinto Metal Powders family of press-ready mixes.

Expand the possibilities of your process with exceptional lubrication performance even at reduced lubricant loading level. Achieve clean sintered parts without residues from delubrication thanks to a fully organic composition, free of zinc or other metals.

Compared to conventional PM lubricants, Synergy® Series mixes have improved apparent density and more stable flow properties. Enjoy the benefits of a well controlled and more stable manufacturing process such as reduced scrap rates and tighter dimensional tolerances.





Compared to regular premixes with EBS wax



Fully organic Zinc-free



Higher stroke rate provides increased productivity

Indicative results based on standard formulations. Individual results may differ based on specific process differences.

Synergy[®] Series

With excellent lubrication properties, Synergy® powder mixes can help achieve unparalleled process performance. The lubricant loading level can be reduced while preserving the ejection performance. This improves compressibility, flow behaviour and the mix apparent density.

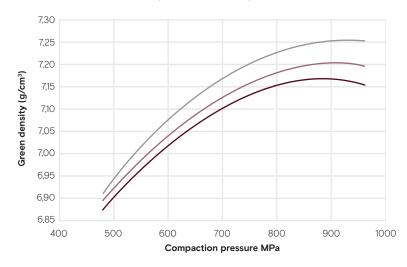
Superior surface finishes can be achieved at even low lubricant loads which reduces die wear and can reduce the need for secondary operations. In addition, Synergy® powder mixes lead to perfectly clean parts post sintering.

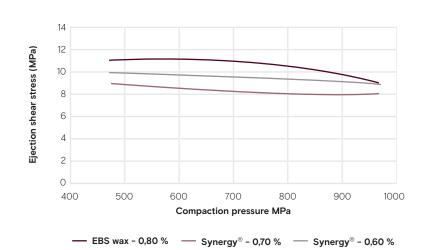
In comparison to regular PM lubricants, Synergy® allows for the compaction of taller parts due to a higher apparent density.

Basic physical powder mixes properties

| Lubricant | Synergy (0,60 %) | EBS wax (0,80 %) |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Apparent density (g/cm³) | 3,14 | 3,03 |
| Hall flow rate (s/50g) | 33 | 37 |
| Compressibility (MPa) | 382 | 374 |
| Green strength (MPa) | 11 | 9 |

Mix composition: ATOMET 1001HP + 1,80 % Cu + 0,70 % C + lubricant





Iron Grades

| | ATOMET 24 | ATOMET 25 | ATOMET 28/29 | ATOMET 1001 | ATOMET 1001HP |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| | For low and medium density PM applications. Very high green strength for more complex parts. | For low to medium density PM applications (6,2-6,5 g/cm³) requiring high green strength. | For medium density PM applications (6,4-6,8 g/cm³). Low growth characteristics and high green strength. | For highest density PM applications (6.8–7.2 g/cm³). High strength, high compressibility water atomized steel powder. | For soft magnetic PM applications which require an ultra pure steel powder. May be blended with ferro phosphorus for enhanced properties. |
| Apparent density, g/cm³ | 2,46 | 2,53 | 2,80/2,90 | 2,95 | 2,92 |
| Flow, s/50g | 30 | 29 | 27 | 26 | 25 |
| Chemistry, wt% | | | | | |
| Fe | 99+ | 99+ | 99+ | 99+ | 99+ |
| Mn | 0,008 | 0,008 | 0,008 | 0,20 | 0,05 |
| Ni | - | - | - | - | - |
| Мо | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cr | - | - | - | - | - |
| С | 0,01 | 0,03 | 0,05/0,03 | 0,004 | 0,004 |
| 0 | 0,15 | 0,18 | 0,14/0,20 | 0,08 | 0,05 |
| S | 0,006 | 0,006 | 0,006 | 0,009 | 0,009 |
| Cu | - | - | - | - | - |
| Particle Size Distribution, wt% | | | | | |
| +250 μm | Trace | Trace | Trace | Trace | Trace |
| 250/150 μm | 4 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 14 |
| 150/45 μm | 71 | 67 | 73 | 65 | 66 |
| -45 μm | 25 | 30 | 22 | 25 | 20 |
| Green Properties | | | | | |
| Density, g/cm³ at 600 MPa | 6,90 | 6,95 | 7,00 | 7,10 | 7,15 |
| Green Strength, MPa | 25 | 25 | 25 | 19 | 20 |
| Sintered Properties, g/cm³ | 2% Cu, 0,8% C | 2% Cu, 0,8% C | 2% Cu, 0,8% C | 2% Cu, 0,8% C | 0,4-0,55%C |
| Sintered Density, g/cm ³ | 6,70 | 6,70 | 6,70 | 7,00 | 7,00 |
| Transverse Rupture Strength, MPa | 940 | 900 | 900 | 1240 | 700 |
| Hardness, HRB | 79 | 80 | 82 | 92 | 50 |
| Tensile Strength, MPa | 530 | 500 | 430 | 590 | 280 |
| Dimensional Change, % from die size | +0,22 | +0,20 | +0,27 | +0.37 | +0,20 |
| Heat treated Properties * | | | | 2 % Cu, 0,7 % C | |
| Sintered Density, g/cm³ | | | | 7,1 | |
| Transverse Rupture Strength, MPa | | | | 1710 | |
| Hardness, HRC | | | | 42 | |
| Tensile Strength, MPa | | | | 1110 | |
| 3.7 | | | | | |

All mixes contain 0,5% wax. Sintered in a 90% nitrogen based atmosphere at 1120°C for 25 minutes.

^{*} Heat treatment: Austenitized for 15 minutes at 845°C. Oil quenched and tempered 60 minutes at 185°C.

Iron Grades - Consumables

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|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| | ATOMET 57 | ATOMET 56 | ATOMET 68 | ATOMET 86 | ATOMET 1001 ASN/ ATOMET 1001HP ASN | ATOMET 195SP |
| | Coarse iron powder for alloying, chemical applications, cementation, and environmental remediation (PRBs, soil mixing, etc). | Coarse iron powder for alloying, chemical applications, cementation, and environmental remediation (PRBs, soil mixing, etc). | High purity coarse iron powder for welding, alloying, and other applications. | High purity iron powder for oxygen lance cutting, environmental remediation (Injection), and other applications. | Iron powder for various battery, energy storage, and other application . | High purity fine Iron powder (sub 45µm) for seed cleaning, pharmaceutical, magnetic additive, chemical, and other applications. |
| Apparent density, g/cm³ | - | 3,70 | 3,27 | 2,90 | 3,10/3,21 | 3,07 |
| Chemistry, wt% | | | | | | |
| Fe | - | bal. | bal. | bal. | bal. | bal. |
| Mn | - | - | - | - | 0,18/0,04 | - |
| Ni | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Мо | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cr | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| С | 3,17 | 3,30 | 0,05 | 0,05 | 0,11/0,08 | 0,01 |
| 0 | 2,64 | 2,57 | 0,25 | 0,18 | 0,40 | 0,08 |
| S | 0,008 | 0,010 | 0,008 | 0,008 | 0,010/0,004 | 0,007 |
| Cu | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Particle Size Distribution, wt% | | | | | | |
| +600 μm | 21 | 0,10 | Trace | | | |
| 600/150 μm | 55 | 72 | 57 | | | |
| -150 μm | 24 | 27,9 | 43 | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| +250 μm | | | | Trace | Trace | Trace |
| 250/150 μm | | | | 6 | 11/15 | Trace |
| 150/45 μm | | | | 71 | 59 | 2 |
| -45 μm | | | | 23 | 30/26 | 98 |
| | | | | | | |



Prealloyed Grades

| | ATOMET 4001 | ATOMET 4201 | ATOMET 4401 | ATOMET 4601 | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---------|
| | For high performance, high strength powder metallurgy and powder forging applications. High compressibility Mo-prealloy powder. | For improved as-sintered toughness and hardenability. High compressibility Ni-Mo prealloy powder. | For high density PM applications requiring extra strength and surface hardening for wear resistance. High compressibility Mo-prealloy powder. | For exceptional as-sintresident toughness and hardena High compressibility N prealloy powder. | ability |
| Apparent density, g/cm³ | 2,94 | 2,93 | 2,93 | 2,91 | |
| Flow, s/50g | 25 | 26 | 25 | 25 | |
| Chemistry, wt% | | | | | |
| Fe | bal. | bal. | bal. | bal. | |
| Mn | 0,14 | 0,29 | 0,16 | 0,20 | |
| Ni | - | 0,46 | - | 1,80 | |
| Мо | 0,53 | 0,60 | 0,85 | 0,55 | |
| Cr | - | - | - | - | |
| С | 0,004 | 0,004 | 0,003 | 0,004 | |
| 0 | 0,10 | 0,10 | 0,08 | 0,10 | |
| S | 0,008 | 0,009 | 0,008 | 0,01 | |
| Cu | - | - | - | - | |
| Particle Size Distribution, wt% | | | | | |
| +250 μm | Trace | Trace | Trace | Trace | |
| 250/150 μm | 12 | 13 | 13 | 11 | |
| 150/45 μm | 66 | 66 | 66 | 66 | |
| -45 μm | 22 | 21 | 21 | 23 | |
| Green Properties | | | | | |
| Density, g/cm³ at 600 MPa | 7,10 | 7,05 | 7,10 | 6,95 | |
| Green Strength, MPa | 19 | 1,8 | 18 | 15,5 | |
| Sintered Properties, g/cm³ | 0,5%C | 0,5%C | 0,5%C | 0,5%C | |
| Sintered Density, g/cm ³ | 7,00 | 7,00 | 7,00 | 7,00 | |
| Transverse Rupture Strength, MPa | 825 | 840 | 980 | 1030 | |
| Hardness, HRB | 72 | 76 | 79 | 77 | |
| Tensile Strength, MPa | 385 | 440 | 490 | 490 | |
| Dimensional Change, % from die size | +0,19 | +0,04 | +0,15 | +0,08 | |
| Heat treated Properties * | 0,4-0,55%C | 0,4-0,55%C | 0,4-0,55%C | 0,4-0,55%C | |
| Sinter Hardened Properties ** | | | | 1,0%Cu | ı, 0,6% |
| Sintered Density, g/cm³ | 7,10 | 7,05 | 7,10 | 6,95 6,95 | |
| Transverse Rupture Strength, MPa | 1500 | 1806 | 1805 | 1570 1480 | |
| Hardness, HRC | 39 | 37 | 32 | 41 33 | |
| Tensile Strength, MPa | 866 | 897 | 905 | 1105 850 | |
| Dimensional Change, % from die size | | | | +0,38 | |

All mixes contain 0,5% wax. Sintered in a 90% nitrogen based atmosphere at 1120°C for 25 minutes.

 $^{^*}$ Heat treatment: Austenitized for 15 minutes at 845°C. Oil quenched and tempered 60 minutes at 185°C.

^{**} Sinter hardening: Cooling rate of 1,5°C/s from 650 to 400°C, tempered 60 minutes at 200°C.

Prealloyed Grades

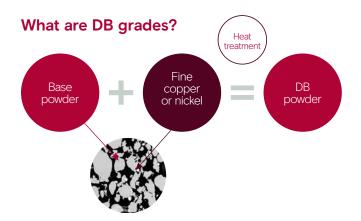
| | ATOMET 4701 | ATOMET 4801 | ATOMET 4901 |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| | Sinter hardening powder for high strength parts without oil quenching, induction hardening or other post-sintering heat treatments. | Sinter hardening powder for high strength applications requiring wear resistance. Optional tempering increases strength even further. | For the production of parts requiring high wear resistance and superior dynamic properties. |
| Apparent density, g/cm³ | 2,96 | 2,91 | 2,99 |
| Flow, s/50g | 26 | 25 | 24 |
| Chemistry, wt% | | | |
| Fe | bal. | bal. | bal. |
| Mn | 0,45 | 0,20 | 0,15 |
| Ni | 0,90 | 4,00 | - |
| Мо | 1,00 | 0,50 | 1,50 |
| Cr | 0,45 | - | - |
| С | 0,01 | 0,01 | 0,01 |
| 0 | 0,21 | 0,10 | 0,10 |
| S | 0,008 | 0,009 | 0,007 |
| Cu | - | - | - |
| Particle Size Distribution, wt% | | | |
| +250 μm | Trace | Trace | Trace |
| 250/150 μm | 14 | 10 | 12 |
| 150/45 μm | 66 | 66 | 66 |
| -45 μm | 20 | 24 | 22 |
| Green Properties | | | |
| Density, g/cm³ at 600 MPa | 6,90 | 6,85 | 7,05 |
| Green Strength, MPa | 16 | 11,5 | 1,3 |
| Sintered Properties, g/cm³ | 0,5%C | 0,5%C | 0,5%C |
| Sintered Density, g/cm³ | 7,00 | 7,00 | 7,00 |
| Transverse Rupture Strength, MPa | 1230 | 1220 | 1120 |
| Hardness, HRB | 91 | 98 | 86 |
| Tensile Strength, MPa | 620 | 610 | 570 |
| Dimensional Change, % from die size | +0,03 | -0,05 | +0,11 |
| Heat treated Properties * | | | 0,4-0,55%C |
| Sinter Hardened Properties ** | 1,0%Cu, 0,6%C | 1,0%Cu, 0,6%C | 1,0%Cu, 0,6%C |
| Sintered Density, g/cm³ | 6,90 | 6,85 | 7,05 7,05 |
| Transverse Rupture Strength, MPa | 1620 | 1570 | 1405 1500 |
| Hardness, HRC | 35 | 33 | 44 27 |
| | | | |
| Tensile Strength, MPa | 875 | 850 | 995 725 |

All mixes contain 0,5% wax. Sintered in a 90% nitrogen based atmosphere at 1120°C for 25 minutes.

^{*} Heat treatment: Austenitized for 15 minutes at 845°C. Oil quenched and tempered 60 minutes at 185°C.

^{**} Sinter hardening: Cooling rate of 1,5°C/s from 650 to 400°C, tempered 60 minutes at 200°C.

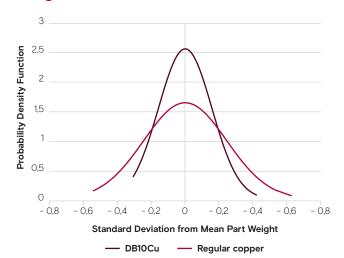
Diffusion bonded (DB) grades for improved part-to-part stability



Two families of grades

| | | Base | Nickel | Copper |
|--|--------|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| | DB46 | AT. 4001 (0,5% Mo) | 1,75 % | 1,5 % |
| Diffusion bonded base grades | DB48 | AT. 4001 (0,5% Mo) | 4 % | 1,5 % |
| | DB49 | AT. 4901 (1,5% Mo) | 4 % | 2 % |
| Copper rich diffusion bonded grade (to be added in premixes) | DB10Cu | AT. 1001 (0% Mo) | 0 % | 10 % |

Weight normal distribution



Why DB grades?

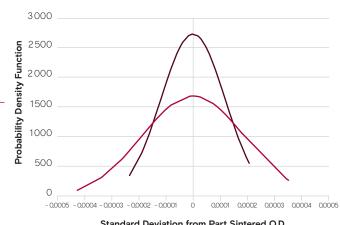
- Improved dimensional stability
- Reduced segregation of fine constituents and improved homogeneity
- More controlled and stable production process
- Reduced scrap rate

Example of improved performance

| DB10Cu | 1001 | 20% DB10Cu | 0,6% graphite | 0,7% lube |
|---------|------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| Reg. Cu | 1001 | 2% Reg. Cu | 0,6% graphite | 0,7% lube |

- Production of 2500 parts of each mix
- Evaluation of weight and dimensional stability

Sintered O.D. normal distribution



Standard Deviation from Part Sintered O.D.

— DB10Cu - Regular copper

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Diffusion and Organic Bonded Grades

| | ATOMET DB46 | ATOMET DB48 | ATOMET DB49 | FLOMET F49-Cu | FLOMET F49-Ni |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| | Excellent consistency and dimensional control for high performance powder metallurgy applications. | For demanding applications requiring excellent consistency and dimensional control in parts. | For demanding applications requiring very high strength and dimensional control in parts. | For demanding applications requiring direct hardening and very high strength parts. | For demanding applications requiring excellent fatigue properties and dimensional control in parts. |
| Apparent density, g/cm³ | 3,01 | 3,01 | 3,04 | 2,96 | 3,04 |
| Flow, s/50g | 24 | 24 | 24 | 30 | 31 |
| Chemistry, wt% | | | | | |
| Fe | bal. | bal. | bal. | bal. | bal. |
| Mn | 0,15 | 0,15 | 0,15 | 0,15 | 0,15 |
| Ni | 1,75 | 4,00 | 4,00 | - | 2,00 |
| Мо | 0,50 | 0,50 | 1,50 | 1,50 | 1,50 |
| Cr | | | | | |
| С | 0,005 | 0,006 | 0,02 | 0,01 | 0,01 |
| 0 | 0,09 | 0,09 | 0,09 | 0,1 | 0,1 |
| S | 0,008 | 0,008 | 0,008 | 0,007 | 0,007 |
| Cu | 1,50 | 1,50 | 2,00 | 2,00 | - |
| Particle Size Distribution, wt% | | | | | |
| +250 μm | Trace | Trace | Trace | Trace | Trace |
| 250/150 μm | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| 150/45 μm | 65 | 65 | 62 | 66 | 66 |
| −45 µm | 23 | 23 | 26 | 22 | 22 |
| Green Properties | | | | | |
| Density, g/cm³ at 600 MPa | 7,10 | 7,10 | 7,05 | 7,04 | 7,09 |
| Green Strength, MPa | 17 | 19 | 15 | 11 | 11 |
| Sintered Properties, g/cm³ | 0,5% C | 0,5% C | 0,5% C | 0,7% C | 0,6% C |
| Sintered Density, g/cm ³ | 7,00 | 7,00 | 7,00 | 7,00 | 7,00 |
| Transverse Rupture Strength, MPa | 1440 | 1590 | | 1400 | 1325 |
| Hardness | 89 HRB | 21 HRC | 30 HRC | 97 HRB | 93 HRB |
| Tensile Strength, MPa | 605 | 750 | | 850 | 715 |
| Dimensional Change, % from die size | +0,23 | +0,04 | | +0,11 | -0,11 |
| Heat treated Properties * | 0,4- 0,55%C | 0,4- 0,55%C | 0,4- 0,55%C | | |
| Sintered Density, g/cm ³ | 7,10 | 7,10 | 7,05 | | |
| Transverse Rupture Strength, MPa | 1400 | 1935 | 1680 | | |
| Hardness, HRC | 39 | 38 | 42 | | |
| Tensile Strength, MPa | 950 | 1150 | 985 | | |

Dimensional change, % from die size

All mixes contain 0,5% wax. Sintered in a 90% nitrogen based atmosphere at 1120°C for 25 minutes.

 * Heat treatment: Austenitized for 15 minutes at 845°C. Oil quenched and tempered 60 minutes at 185°C.



SMC applications

Soft Magnetic Composites (SMC) represent a class of powder metallurgy products that are responsible for a transformation in the field of electric motors. SMC, which are Fe-based powders that have been coated with an electrically insulating coating, are now a material option available to motor designers.

Laminated steels and permanent magnets both have unique properties that are highly desirable. However, SMC with their low cost and high degree of flexibility for the fabrication of complex shaped parts, allow for the design of highly efficient motors with high torque density.

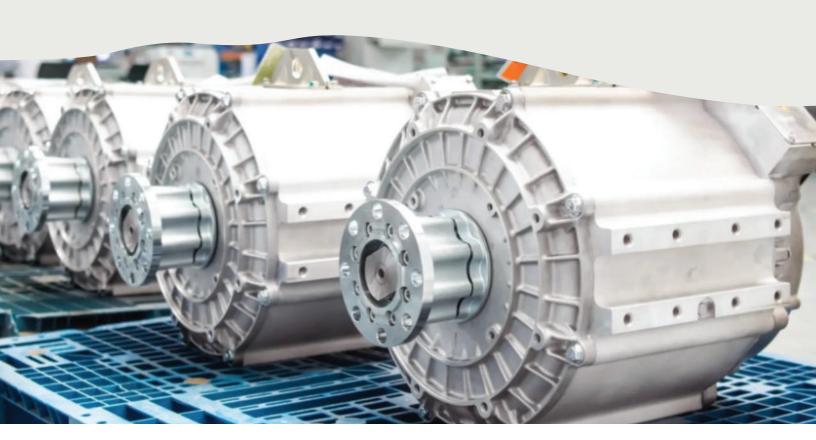
In some instances, replacing a laminated component with one made by SMC, formed into a more complex shape, can result in a significant decrease in the quantity of Cu wire used to have the motor turning. This change alone would directly translate into important weight and cost savings for the end user.

Non-moving components, such as cores, can also benefit from the unique properties conferred by SMC.

SMC properties

The mechanical and magnetic properties of a SMC can be adjusted by first selecting the proper material, by compacting it to the desired density, and then by performing the adequate thermal treatment. On that last point, SMC can be subdivided into two general families of materials; those which are heat treated and those which are steam treated; the later resulting in significantly higher strength but slightly higher losses.

Rio Tinto offers several SMC products in each of these categories. Technical representatives are available across the world to help you select the SMC material that is best suited for your application.





Heat treated SMC - low losses

| | | | Typical Properties | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--|
| SMC | Doneity | | TRS | Electrical | B [T] | | | н | Т | otal Fe losse | s @ 1T [W/kg | al . | Total Fe losses @ 1,5T [W/kg] | | | | |
| Product | Density [g/cm³] | Treatment | [MPa] | Resistivity [μΩ·m] | 10 kA/m | 12 kA/m | µmax | H _c [A/m] | 50/60Hz | 400Hz | 1000Hz | 2000Hz | 60Hz | 400Hz | 1000Hz | 2000Hz | |
| | 7,30 689MPa-60°C | 515°C | 45 | 1360 | 1,44 | 1,49 | 324 | 257 | 5,6 / 6,8 | 50 | 131 | 269 | 13 | 101 | 257 | 525 | |
| EM-300 | 7,41 827MPa-80°C | N ₂ -30min | 29 | 1350 | 1,50 | 1,56 | 355 | 232 | 5,2 / 6,3 | 46 | 120 | 249 | 12 | 94 | 241 | 496 | |
| EM-301 | 7,15 510MPa-60°C | 530°C Air-N ₂ -30min | 40 | 90 | 1,35 | 1,40 | 297 | 261 | 6,0 / 7,2 | 54 | 150 | 327 | 12 | 105 | 286 | 674 | |
| EM-301 | 7,43 758MPa-60°C | 515°C N ₂ -30min | 20 | 2100 | 1,49 | 1,54 | 309 | 232 | 5,2 / 6,3 | 46 | 122 | 250 | 12 | 95 | 245 | 515 | |
| F14 400 | 7,37 758MPa-80°C | 515°C | 24 | 940 | 1,44 | 1,51 | 310 | 262 | 5,8 / 6,9 | 50 | 132 | 271 | 13 | 103 | 262 | 532 | |
| EM-106 | 7,43 827MPa-80°C | N ₂ -30min | 40 | 120 | 1,50 | 1,56 | 335 | 258 | 5,6 / 6,8 | 51 | 140 | 312 | 13 | 105 | 282 | 617 | |
| | 7,15 503MPa-60°C | 480°C Air-N ₂ -30min | 49 | 500 | 1,39 | 1,44 | 367 | 292 | 6,7 / 8,0 | 57 | 151 | 317 | 14 | 115 | 307 | 570 | |
| EM-501 | 7,30 696MPa-60°C | 500°C N ₂ -60min | 26 | 90 | 1,53 | 1,56 | 380 | 234 | 5,1 / 6,2 | 48 | 140 | 330 | 13 | 99 | 311 | 576 | |

Heat treated SMC - low losses at very high frequencies and low applied field

| | | | | | | | | Ту | pical F | Proper | ties | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------------|-------|---------|--------|-------|--------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| SMC Product | | | TRS | Electrical | В | ті | | н, | | @ 0, | 05 T | Total Fe los | sses [W/kg] | @ (|)1 T | |
| | Density [g/cm³] | Treatment | [MPa] | Resistivity [μΩ·m] | 10 kA/m | 12 kA/m | µ max | [A/m] | 5kHz | 10kHz | 20kHz | 30kHz | 5kHz | 10kHz | 20kHz | 30kHz |
| EM-301 | 7,30 758MPa-60°C | 515°C N ₂ -30min | 21 | 3850 | 1,48 | 1,53 | 465 | 257 | 4,5 | 10 | 26 | 47 | 15 | 38 | 91 | 164 |

Steam treated SMC - high strength - low losses

| | | | | | | | | Typic | al Pro | perties | i | | | | |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------|-------|-----------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|------|-------|--------|
| SMC Product | Density | T | TRS | Electrical | В | m | Total Fe losses [W/kg] | | | | | @ 1,5 T | | | |
| | [g/cm ³] | Treatment | [MPa] | Resistivity [μΩ·m] | 10 kA/m | 12 kA/m | μmax | [A/m] | 50/60Hz | 400Hz | 1000Hz | 2000Hz | 60Hz | 400Hz | 1000Hz |
| EM-306 | 7,30 689MPa-60°C | Steam | 143 | 510 | 1,55 | 1,61 | 540 | 276 | 5,9 / 7,0 | 50 | 144 | 320 | 14 | 113 | 286 |

Steam treated SMC - high strength - high permeability

| | | | | | | | Ту | pical I | Propert | ies | | | | |
|---------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| | | | | | В | T | | | Total Fe losses [W/kg] | | | [W/kg] | | |
| ѕмс | Density [g/cm³] | Treatment | TRS [MPa] | Electrical Resistivity | | | µ max | H _e | | @ 1 T | | @ 1,5 T | | |
| Product | [g/cm ²] | | | [μΩ·m] | 10 kA/m | 12 kA/m | F | [A/m] | 50/60Hz | 400Hz | 1000Hz | 60Hz | 400Hz | 1000Hz |
| EM-703 | 7,30 689MPa-60°C | Steam | 165 | 1360 | 1,57 | 1,63 | 901 | 272 | 7,5 / 9,8 | 156 | 759 | 20 | 334 | 1192 |

N.B.: Data shown reflects actual results obtained either by Rio Tinto or by independent external laboratories. Fluctuations of the order of +/- 5% are expected depending on the thermal/steam treatment parameters used.

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