

Wear and Microstructural Behavior of SiC-B₄C Reinforced Aluminium Metal Matrix Composite via Powder Metallurgy Technique

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Aluminium Composites has wide application in Automobile such as design of four wheeler rim, aerospace, sports, Machines etc. The problem associated with Aluminium alloy is their low wear resistance during machining therefore an attempt is made to improve the wear properties of pure Aluminium by reinforcing it with hybrid ceramic such as SiC-B₄C. In this research pure Al and Al with hybrid reinforcement of SiC-B₄C are fabricated using powder metallurgy technique. 10 billets i.e. Pure Al, Al-3wt%SiC7wt%B₄C, Al-5wt%SiC5wt%B₄C and Al-7wt%SiC3wt%B₄C are compacted with compaction loads of 3, 4 and 5 Ton and then Sintered near the melting point. Physical properties such as density, porosity, XRD and wear properties are calculated. On progressive addition of SiC-B₄C, significant enhancement in physical and wear properties are obtained. Effect of Compaction load on wear property is also illustrated in this research.

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