

General

15-5PH is a stainless, martensitic, and hardenable Cr-Ni-Cu Steel with high strength and ductility as well as good weldability and forgeability. Typical fields of application are in medical, automotive, and aerospace areas. Through solution annealing and subsequent ageing, an increase in strength occurs. 15-5PH is applicable in a temperature range from -200 °C to 300 °C.

Material Structure

SLM[®]-processed components out of 15-5PH exhibit a homogeneous, nearly nonporous texture, with mechanical characteristic values in the range of material speci cations. Through subsequent post processing such as heat treatment (e.g. precipitation hardening), the components' properties can be adapted to meet specific requirements.

Chemical composition [Mass fraction in %]^[8]

Fe	Cr	Ni	Cu	Nb + Ta	Mn	Si	Ρ	S	С	N	0
Balance	14.50 – 15.50	3.50 – 5.50	2.50 – 4.50	0.15 – 0.45	1.00	1.00	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.10	0.10

Powder properties

Particle size ^[8]	10 – 45 µm	Particle shape ^[9]	Spherical
Mass density ^[2]	7.8 g/cm ³	Thermal conductivity	11 W/(m·K)



Layer thickness	s 30 þ	1m ^[3]		As-built		Heat-trea	ted ^[13]	
Build-up rate [7]		[cm ³ /h]			10.4 cm³/h			
Component density ^[6]		[%]			> 99	.5 %		
Tensile test ^[10]				М	SD	М	SD	
Tensile strength	R _m	[MPa]	Н	1237	6	1426	15	
			V	1206	66	1426	17	
Offset yield strength	R _{p0,2}	[MPa]	Н	831	18	1244	58	
			V	873	47	1289	13	
Elongation at break	А	[%]	Н	17	1	14	1	
			V	14	1	12	1	
Reduction of area	Z	[%]	Н	57	2	37	1	
			V	51	7	46	3	
Young's modulus	E	[GPa]	Н	174	8	199	31	
			V	182	15	188	7	
Hardness test ^[11]				М	SD	М	SD	
Vickers hardness		HV10			3	459	6	

Roughness measurement ^[12]	As-built			
			М	SD
Roughness average	Ra	[µm]	10	2
Mean roughness depth	Rz	[µm]	62	11



Layer thickne	ss 50	um ^[4]		As-built		Heat-trea	ted ^[13]
Build-up rate [7]		[cm ³ /h]			15.3 cm³/h		
Component density ^[6]	[%]				> 99	9.5 %	
Tensile test ^[10]				М	SD	М	SD
Tensile strength	Rm	[MPa]	Н	1263	7	1412	87
			V	1202	18	1485	4
Offset yield strength	R _{p0,2}	[MPa]	н	845	22	1281	43
			V	1003	21	1322	5
Elongation at break	A	[%]	н	17	1	12	1
			V	11	1	11	3
Reduction of area	Z	[%]	н	59	4	39	4
			V	41	18	37	13
Young's modulus	E	[GPa]	н	173	13	191	28
			V	191	9	209	9
Hardness test ^[11]				М	SD	M	SD

Hardness test ^[11]		М	SD	М	SD
Vickers hardness	HV10	367	4	-	-

Roughness measurement ^{[12}	As-built			
			М	SD
Roughness average	Ra	[µm]	12	5
Mean roughness depth	Rz	[µm]	65	26



Layer thickness 60 µm ^[5]			As-built Heat-treated [13]						
Build-up rate [7]		[cm ³ /h]			24.6 cm ³ /h				
Component density ^[6]		[%]			> 99.5 %				
Tensile test ^[10]				М	SD	М	SD		
Tensile strength	Rm	[MPa]	Н	1247	12	1451	14		
			V	1205	4	1466	6		
Offset yield strength	R _{p0,2}	[MPa]	Н	778	42	1290	22		
			V	870	61	1315	10		
Elongation at break	A	[%]	Н	14	1	8	3		
			V	13	1	10	2		
Reduction of area	Z	[%]	Н	37	1	19	12		
			V	51	7	36	5		
Young's modulus	E	[GPa]	Н	181	23	192	13		
			V	182	19	195	6		
Hardness test ^[11]			•	M	SD	М	SD		
Vickers hardness		HV10			43	452	2		

Roughness measurement ^[12]	As-built			
			М	SD
Roughness average	Ra	[µm]	26	6
Mean roughness depth	Rz	[µm]	157	41



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- ^[1] Material according to ASTM A564.
- ^[2] Material density varies within the range of possible chemical composition variations.
- ^[3] Material data file: 15-5PH_SLM_MBP3.0_30_CE2_400W_Stripes_V1.2
- [4] Material data file: 15-5PH_SLM_MBP3.0_50_CE2_400W_Stripes_V1.2
- ^[5] Material data file: 15-5PH_SLM_MBP3.0_60_CE2_400W_Stripes_V1.0
- ^[6] Optical density determination by light microscopy.
- ^[7] Theoretical build-up rate for each laser = layer thickness x scan speed x track distance.
- ^[8] With respect to powder material.
- ^[9] According to DIN EN ISO 3252:2001.
- ^[10] Tensile test according to DIN EN ISO 6892-1:2017 B (DIN 50125:2016 B6x30); orientation: 0°, 90°; testing machine: Zwick 1484; load range: 200 kN; testing speed: 0,008 1/s; testing temperature: room temperature; test laboratory: EWIS GmbH. Test samples were turned before tensile test.
- ^[11] Hardness testing according to DIN EN ISO 6507-1:2018.
- ^[12] Roughness measurement according to DIN EN ISO 4288:1998; $\lambda c = 0.8$ mm.
- ^[13] Heat Treatment: 1) Solution annealing: 1050 °C, 1 h; air quenching 2) Ageing: 450 °C, 1 h; air quenching.

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