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Experimental Investigations on Material Characteristics of IN-SITU AL 6082- TiB₂ Composites

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Abstract: Aluminium based metal matrix composites (MMCS) are advanced materials having the properties of high specific strength and modulus, greater resistance, high elevated temperature and low thermal expansion coefficient. These composites are widely used in industries like aerospace, defence, automobile, biomaterials as well as sports etc. In present work aluminium alloy reinforced with TiB₂ MMCs materials are prepared by using stir casting technique. This technique has cost advantages over the composites made by other methods. For producing TiB₂, two halide salts namely KBF₄ and KTiF₆ are used. Two different volume fractions (0% and 9%) of particulate TiB₂ are used in the production of aluminium matrix composite at 750°C. An X-ray diffractometer is used to confirm the presence of TiB₂ as well as to estimate quantitatively the weight percentage of TiB₂ particles in the composite for the various reaction holding times. Microstructures of the composites are studied by Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM). The mechanical properties of the metal matrix composites were studied. The addition of TiB₂ particles results in increased mechanical properties, such as tensile strength and hardness.

Key words: Metal matrix composites; Aluminium; TiB₂ and Stir casting.

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