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ADDITIVE

## Formetrix L-40

Metal Powders for Laser Powder Bed Fusion 3D Printing



*Industrial die, printed using LPBF*

Laser Powder Bed Fusion (LPBF) is one of the premier metal 3D printing technologies. It features density levels over 99% and among the highest available feature resolution in metals.

One major drawback to using this technology for many applications has been a lack of hard metals that are easily printable without cracking.

**MacLean Additive has solved this challenge with a new class of steel powders that combine high hardness and toughness and are printable at room temperature using standard commercial equipment.**

Applications:

- Tools, dies and fixtures
- Valves
- Gears

### Formetrix L-40 Key Features:

- Case Hardening: Up to 70 HRC
- High Core Properties:
  - Hard: >50 HRC
  - Ductile: >10% Elongation
  - Tough: 65J (v-notch, as built)
- Easy to Print (RT to 200°C)

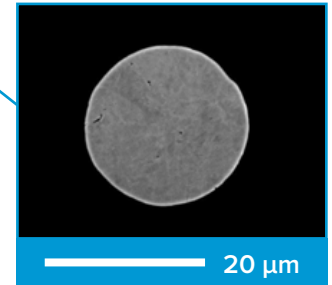
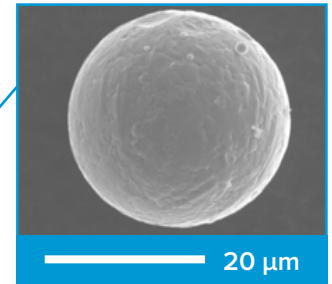
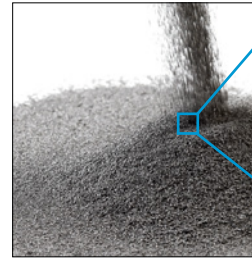
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## Mechanical Properties When Printed Using Laser Powder Bed Fusion

Property	Formetrix L-40		
	As-Built	Heat Treated Core	Heat Treated Case
<b>Hardness*</b> , Rockwell HRC	46	51	66-70
<b>Tensile Strength**</b> , MPa	1500	1650	
<b>Yield Strength**</b> , MPa	1300	1350	
<b>Elongation**</b> , %	14+	10	
<b>Charpy V-notch***</b> , J	65		

\*ASTM E384    \*\*ASTM E8-E8m -16a    \*\*\*ASTM E23- 16b

SEM Images of Formetrix L-40



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Property	Formetrix L-40
<b>Thermal Expansion Coefficient*</b> , ppm/°C @ 20°C	11.2
<b>Thermal Conductivity **</b> , W/m·K @ 25°C / 200°C / 500°C	17.3 / 21.1 / 23.6
<b>Specific Heat **</b> , J/Kg·K @ 25°C / 200°C / 500°C	442 / 525 / 642

\*ASTM E228    \*\*ASTM E1461-13

## Powder Chemistry

Element	Formetrix L-40 Weight %
Iron (Fe)	Balance
Chromium (Cr)	>10.5%
Nickel (Ni)	<5%
Molybdenum (Mo)	<5%
Copper (Cu)	<1%
Niobium (Nb)	<1%
Carbon (C)	<1%
Nitrogen (N)	<1%

## Powder Properties

Material	Formetrix L-40
<b>Melt Point</b> , °C	1506
<b>Density</b> , g/cm <sup>3</sup>	7.78
<b>Morphology</b>	Spherical
<b>Size Range</b> , μm	-53/+15

## Standard Packaging

25 lb (11,3 kg)	Custom quantities upon request
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