

Saint-Gobain Ceramics Product Offering



Typical Physical Properties

Saint-Gobain Ceramics offers a broad range of ceramic materials to meet your exact needs for a wide variety of applications. With decades of experience, we can supply these materials as finished components, unfinished, machined blanks, pressed near net shape blanks, high volume pressed net shape components, and complex, highly machined parts.

Hexoloy® SA Silicon Carbide – high hardness, compressive strength and light weight

Hexoloy® SP Silicon Carbide – improves upon the exceptional friction properties of Hexoloy SA SiC through the addition of spherical pores

Hexoloy® SE Silicon Carbide – produced in a proprietary extrusion process with extreme hardness and high strength for severe environment applications.

Hexoloy® SG Silicon Carbide – a unique electrically conductive analog of sintered silicon carbide.

Enhanced Hexoloy® SA Silicon Carbide – exhibits reduced microporosity which results in increased flexural strength and a higher Weibull modulus.

AlNimax™ HP Aluminum Nitride – high purity, fully dense ceramic material featuring excellent plasma resistance

Norbide® Hot Pressed Boron Carbide – the third hardest material known to man, lowest density

Noralide® NBD-200 Hot Pressed Silicon Nitride – ideal for applications where maximum fracture toughness and flexural strength are required.

See the table inside for typical properties of these materials. Saint-Gobain Ceramics application engineers can assist you with the design of cost-effective high performance components for your specific need.



Hexoloy® SA SiC

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Physical	Units	Hexoloy® SA	Hexoloy® SP	Hexoloy® SE	Enhanced Hexoloy® SA
Composition*		SSiC	SSiC	SSiC	SSiC
Grain Size	µm	4-10	4-10	4-10	4-10
Density	g/cm ³	3.1	3.04	3.07	3.1
Hardness (Knoop 0.1 kg load)	kg/mm ²	2800	2800	2800	2800
Hardness (Vickers 10 kg load)	GPa	–	–	–	–
Flexural Strength 4 pt @ RT**	MPa x 10 ³ lb/in ²	380 55	240 35	380 55	428 62
Compressive Strength @ RT	MPa x 10 ³ lb/in ²	3900 560	– –	– –	3900 560
Modulus of Elasticity @RT	GPa x 10 ⁶ lb/in ²	410 59	400 58	350 N/A	410 59
Weibull Modulus (2 parameters)	–	8	19	8	12
Poisson Ratio	N/A	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
Fracture Toughness @ RT Double Torsion & SENB	MPa x m ^{1/2} x 10 ³ lb /in ² /in ^{1/2}	4.60 4.20	4.3 3.9	4.60 4.20	4.60 4.20
Fracture Toughness @RT Indentation	MPa x m ^{1/2}	–	–	–	–
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion RT to 700°C	x 10 ⁻⁶ mm/mmK x 10 ⁻⁶ in/in°F	4.02 2.20	4.2 2.3	4.02 2.20	4.02 2.20
Max. Service Temp (air)	°C °F	1900 3450	1900 3450	1900 3450	1900 3450
Mean Specific Heat @ RT	J/gmK	0.67	0.59	0.67	0.67
Thermal Conductivity @RT	W/m°K Btu/ft h°F	125.6 72.6	110 64	125.6 72.6	125.6 72.6
@100°C	W/m°K Btu/ft h°F	– –	– –	– –	– –
@200°C	W/m°K Btu/ft h°F	102.6 59.3	– –	102.6 59.3	102.6 59.3
@400°C	W/m°K Btu/ft h°F	77.5 44.8	– –	77.5 44.8	77.5 44.8
Permeability @RT to 1000 °C		Impervious to gases over 31 MPa			
Apparent Porosity	%	–	–	0.6	–
Electrical Resistivity @RT**** @1000°C	ohm-cm ohm-cm	10 ² -10 ⁸ 0.01-0.2	N/A N/A	10 ² -10 ⁸ 0.01-0.2	10 ² -10 ⁸ 0.01-0.2
Emissivity	–	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Dielectric Constant (RT, 1 MHz)	–	–	–	–	–
Loss Tangent (RT, 1 MHz)	–	–	–	–	–
Pore Volume Fraction	%	–	4.0-6.0	–	–
Pore Size (Typical)	µm	–	50	–	–

* Composition code: SSiC = Sintered Silicon Carbide; AlN = Aluminum Nitride; B₄C = Boron Carbide; Si₃N₄ = Silicon Nitride

** Test Bar Size: 3 x 4 x 45 mm (0.118" x 0.157" x 1.772")

*** RT to 1000°C

**** Dependent upon dopants in Hexoloy® SA SiC which will decrease electrical resistivity

N/A = Not Applicable or Not Available

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Physical	Units	Hexoloy® SG	AlNimax™ HP	Norbide® Hot Pressed	Noralide® NBD-200
Composition*		SSiC	>99.9 AlN	B ₄ C	Si ₃ N ₄
Grain Size	µm	4-10	3	8	<2
Density	g/cm ³	3.0	3.26	2.50	3.18
Hardness (Knoop 0.1 kg load)	kg/mm ²	2800	N/A	2800	N/A
Hardness (Vickers 10 kg load)	GPa	–	–	–	16
Flexural Strength 4 pt @ RT**	MPa x 10 ³ lb/in ²	311 N/A	340 N/A	425 N/A	806 N/A
Compressive Strength @ RT	MPa x 10 ³ lb/in ²	– –	– –	2900 420	3500 –
Modulus of Elasticity @RT	GPa x 10 ⁶ lb/in ²	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	440 N/A	320 N/A
Weibull Modulus (2 parameters)	–	18	N/A	N/A	N/A
Poisson Ratio	N/A	0.17	N/A	0.18	N/A
Fracture Toughness @ RT Double Torsion & SENB	MPa x m ^{1/2} x 10 ³ lb /in ² /in ^{1/2}	3.9 N/A	2.6 N/A	3.1 N/A	N/A N/A
Fracture Toughness @RT Indentation	MPa x m ^{1/2}	–	–	–	4.1
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion RT to 700°C	x 10 ⁻⁶ mm/mmK x 10 ⁻⁶ in/in°F	4.6 N/A	5 N/A	5 N/A	2.9*** N/A
Max. Service Temp (air)	°C °F	1900 3450	N/A N/A	600 1112	N/A N/A
Mean Specific Heat @ RT	J/gmK	0.65	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thermal Conductivity @RT	W/m°K Btu/ft h°F	118 –	80 N/A	90 N/A	N/A N/A
@100°C	W/m°K Btu/ft h°F	– –	– –	– –	29 –
@200°C	W/m°K Btu/ft h°F	92 –	– –	– –	– –
@400°C	W/m°K Btu/ft h°F	70 –	– –	– –	– –
Permeability @RT to 1000 °C		Not impervious	Impervious to gases over 31 MPa		
Apparent Porosity	%	–	–	–	–
Electrical Resistivity @RT**** @1000°C	ohm-cm ohm-cm	1.0 N/A	>10 ¹³ N/A	0.3 N/A	>10 ¹² N/A
Emissivity	–	0.9	0.9	N/A	N/A
Dielectric Constant (RT, 1 MHz)	–	–	9	–	–
Loss Tangent (RT, 1 MHz)	–	–	<10 ⁻³	–	–
Pore Volume Fraction	%	–	–	–	–
Pore Size (Typical)	µm	–	–	–	–

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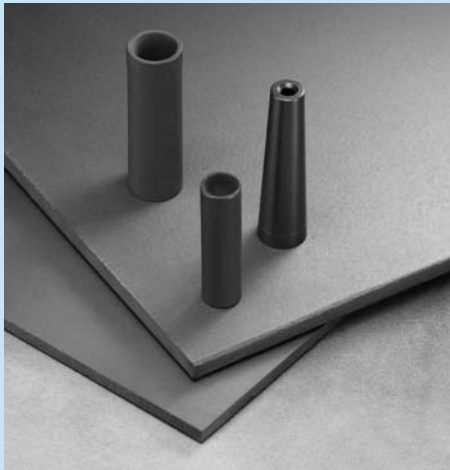
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Typical sealface and bearing components currently fabricated in Hexoloy® SP SiC



Ceramic Tile Components



Norbide® Hot Pressed Boron Carbide



Hexoloy® SE SiC Beams



Noralide® NBD-200 Hot Pressed
Silicon Nitride

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