

Material Product Data Sheet

Nickel Chromium Alloy / Boron Nitride Thermal Spray Powders for Abradable Coatings

Powder Products: Metco 301C-NS, Metco 301NS

1 Introduction

Metco™ nickel chromium alloy / boron nitride thermal spray powders are designed to produce abradable coatings for clearance control applications in the compressor section of jet engines.

Clearance control coatings are used in applications where rotating components may come into contact with the coating as a result of design intent or operational surges. The coatings are designed to minimize the wear to the rotating components while maximizing gas path efficiency by providing clearance control in seal areas.

The powder materials discussed herein are cermet composites, consisting of a nickel-chrome alloy, boron nitride, and aluminum, and are manufactured using mechanical cladding techniques.

The powders were designed to produce coatings with varied erosion resistance and abradability, as desired by the customer to suit the end application, and for service temperatures up to 815 °C (1500 °F). Powders are best applied using the combustion powder Thermospray™ process using either hydrogen or acetylene as the fuel gas.

1.1 Typical Uses and Applications

Abradable coatings for:

- High pressure compressor stages (titanium-based or nickel-based alloy blades)
- Outer and inner air seals
- Jet engine fuel nozzle valve seals

Short term, these coatings can withstand service temperatures up to 815 °C (1500 °F).

Quick Facts	
Classification	Abradable, nickel-based
Chemical formula	Ni 13Cr 8Fe 6.5BN 3.5Al 2Organic binder
Manufacture	Mechanically clad
Purpose	Clearance control coatings
Morphology	Irregular, smooth
Apparent density	$3.2 \pm 0.2 \text{ g/cm}^3$
Service temperature	≤ 815 °C (1500 °F)
Process	Combustion Powder Thermospray [™]



SEM Photomicrograph of Metco 301NS powder.

2 Material Information

2.1 Chemical Composition

Product	Weight Percent (nominal)					
	Nickel	Chromium	Iron	Boron Nitride	Aluminum	Binder
Metco 301C-NS	67	13	8	6.5	3.5	2
Metco 301NS	67	13	8	6.5	3.5	2

2.2 Particle Size Distribution and Recommended Spray Process

Product	Nominal Range μm	Recommended Spray Process
Metco 301C-NS	-120 + 45	Combustion Powder Thermospray
Metco 301NS	-120 + 45	Combustion Powder Thermospray

Upper particle size analysis using sieve in accordance with ASTM B214; lower size analysis using laser diffraction (Microtrac)

2.3 Key Selection Criteria

- For most applications, Metco 301NS is the material of choice.
- Always choose the material that meets the customer material and process specifications.

2.4 Related Products

Coatings of Metco 301NS and Metco 301C-NS have higher temperature capability than comparable aluminum-silicon abradable powders such as Al-Si-BN, Al-Si-Graphite, Al-Si-Polyester and Al-Si-Polyimide, as well as Ni-Graphite powders.

- Coatings exhibit improved erosion resistance versus Ni-Graphite coatings.
- While capabilities are similar to coatings of Nickel-Chromium-Aluminum-Bentonite materials, coatings of Metco 301NS and 301C-NS have higher density and improved oxidation resistance resulting from the higher chromium content.
- Similar functionality and temperature capabilities to CoNiCrAlY-based plasma sprayed abradables.

2.5 Customer Specifications

Product	Customer Specifications		
Metco 301C-NS	Avio 4800M/11		
	MTU MTS 1069 MTL 116		
	Rolls-Royce OMAT 3/113A		
	Rolls-Royce plc MSRR 9507/10		
Metco 301NS	GKN Aerospace PM 819-66		
	Honeywell 91547-M3976		
	Honeywell FP 5045, Type XX		
	Honeywell M3970		
	Pratt & Whitney PWA 1342		
	Rolls-Royce Corporation EMS 56730		
	Rolls-Royce Corporation PMI 1410		
	Snecma DMR 33.085		

3 Coating Information

3.1 Key Thermal Spray Coating Information

Specification		Data	Data			
Recommended Process		Combustion Powder Thermosp	Combustion Powder Thermospray [™]			
Recommended Fuel Gas ^a		Hydrogen or Acetylene	Hydrogen or Acetylene			
Color As Sprayed		Grey	Grey			
Surface Profile	As Sprayed (Ra) Machined	30 μm 15 – 20 μm	1200 µin 600 – 800 µin			
Macrohardness	HR15Y	45 ± 5 to 58 ± 6				
Density	g/cm ³	4.4 – 4.5				
Weight		0.44 kg/m2/0.1mm	0.023 lb/ft2/0.001in			
Thickness limitation		None	None			
Maximum Service Temperature		815 °C	1500 °F			
Substrate Preheat Temperature		95 °C	200 °F			
Substrate Temperature During Spraying (max)		175 °C	350 °F			
Typical Application Rate Per Pass		0.15 mm	0.006 in			
Post Finishing Techniques		Machining (tungsten carbide to	Machining (tungsten carbide tooling), avoid grinding			

^a For best abradability, hydrogen is the recommended fuel gas. For applications where better erosion resistance is desired, acetylene can be used as the fuel gas, but some loss of abradability will be evident.

3.2 Coating Parameters

Please contact your Oerlikon Metco Account Representative for parameter availability. For specific coating application requirements, the services of Oerlikon Metco's Coating Solution Centers are available.

Recommended Combustion Powder Spray Guns			
Metco 6P-II			
Metco 6P-II with Metco 6PT Extension Module			

4 Commercial Information

4.1 Ordering Information and Availability

Product	Order No.	Package Size	Availability	Distribution
Metco 301C-NS	1000325	5 lb (approx. 2.25 kg)	Stock	Global
Metco 301NS	1000133	5 lb (approx. 2.25 kg)	Stock	Global

4.2 Handling Recommendations

Store in the original container in a dry location. Open containers should be stored in a drying oven at temperatures below 38 °C (100 °F) to prevent moisture pickup. Tumble contents prior to use to prevent segregation.

4.3 Safety Recommendations

See SDS 50-153 (Safety Data Sheet) in the version localized for the country where the material will be used. SDS are available from the Oerlikon web site at www.oerlikon.com/metco (Resources – Safety Data Sheets).

