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## BORON CARBIDE



Figure 1: Typical Powder Morphology (SEM 500X)

## 1. PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

HAl's Boron Carbide Thermal Spray Powder is used by Customers applying PVD coatings on metals and other materials. Boron Carbide is selected for sputtering most often due to its electrical resistivity and high hardness properties.

| Molecular Formula | $\mathrm{B}_{4} \mathrm{C}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| CAS \# | $12069-32-8$ |
| Melting Point $\left[{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right]$ | 2,445 |
| Hardness, (Knoop) | $2,900-3,580$ |
| Crystal Structure | Rhombohedral |
| Density $\left[\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}\right.$ ] | 2.52 |

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Product Code: 008
Technical Data Sheet

## 2. CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 2.1. Typical Chemical Analysis

| Element | Weight Percent |
| :---: | :---: |
| Boron | 78 min. |
| Carbon | 21 min. |
| Aluminum | $<0.01$ |
| Iron | $<0.01$ |
| Silicon | $<0.03$ |
| Oxygen | $<0.03$ |

## 3. POWDER MORPHOLOGY AND PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION

### 3.1. Powder Morphology

3.1.1. Powder has an angular shape as produced by the fused and crushed process
3.1.2. Typical Powder Morphology using SEM is shown in Figure 1.

### 3.2. Particle Size Distribution

3.2.1. The typical powder size range measured with Tyler according to ASTM B214 is -270 mesh $+10 \mu \mathrm{~m}$
3.2.2. Table 1 shows the required and typical particle size distribution measured with Microtrac according to ASTM B822
3.2.3. Figure 2 shows the typical Microtrac particle size distribution graph

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Table 1: Typical and Required Microtrac Particle Size Distribution

| Percentile | $\begin{gathered} \text { Typical Particle } \\ \hline \text { Size } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Mean | Required Particle Size |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| [\%] | [ $\mu \mathrm{m}$ ] |  |  |
| 0.01 | 11.02 |  |  |
| 5.00 | 15.55 | $\mathrm{D}_{10}$ | 12-22 $\mu \mathrm{m}$ |
| 10.00 | 17.95 |  |  |
| 16.00 | 20.26 |  |  |
| 50.00 | 29.14 | $\mathrm{D}_{50}$ | 25-35 $\mu \mathrm{m}$ |
| 84.00 | 38.82 |  |  |
| 90.00 | 41.88 |  |  |
| 95.00 | 45.90 | $\mathrm{D}_{90}$ | 40-50 $\mu \mathrm{m}$ |
| 99.99 | 62.06 |  |  |



Figure 2: Typical Microtrac Particle Size Distribution

