

Datasheet

Tool and high-speed steel

# Osprey® HWTS 50

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Powder designed for

Hot Isostatic Pressing (HIP)

Metal Injection Moulding (MIM)

Additive Manufacturing (AM)



## Product description

Osprey® HWTS 50 is a lean hot-work tool steel powder characterized by a lower carbon content compared with those of medium-carbon hot work tool steels (i.e., ~0.22 wt.% vs. ~0.4 wt.%) and modifications to the carbide-forming elements which ensures a comparable – or even enhanced – tempering resistance despite lower carbon wt.%. This alloy has been developed primarily for laser-based additive manufacturing process due to its enhanced printability, but is also available for Hot Isostatic Pressing (HIP) and Metal Injection Moulding (MIM).

This metal powder is manufactured by either induction melting under Vacuum Inert Gas Atomization

(VIGA) or melting under argon prior to Inert Gas Atomization (IGA), producing a powder with a spherical morphology which provides good flow characteristics and high packing density. In addition, the powder has a low oxygen content and low impurity levels, resulting in a metallurgically clean product with enhanced mechanical performance.

Sandvik has a patent pending for Osprey® HWTS 50 covering the composition of the alloy.

## Chemical composition (nominal), %

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C	0.18-0.25 *
Mn	0.10-0.50
Si	0.05-0.50
Cr	2.5-3.0
Mo	2.0-2.5
V	0.4-0.6
N	< 0.06

## Powder characteristics and morphology

### Powder for Additive Manufacturing

Osprey® metal powder for Additive Manufacturing is characterized by a spherical morphology and high packing density, which confer good flow properties. For powder bed processes these are essential when applying fresh powder layers to the bed to ensure uniform and consistent part build.

For blown powder processes, such as Direct Energy Deposition (DED), good flow ensures uniform build rates. Tight control of the particle size distribution also helps ensure good flowability. Low oxygen powders result in clean microstructures and low inclusion levels in the finished parts.

### Powder for Hot Isostatic Pressing (HIP)

Osprey® HIP powder has a spherical morphology, resulting in high packing density. In addition, the powder has a low oxygen content and low impurity levels, resulting in a metallurgically clean product with enhanced mechanical performance.

### Powder for Metal Injection Moulding (MIM)

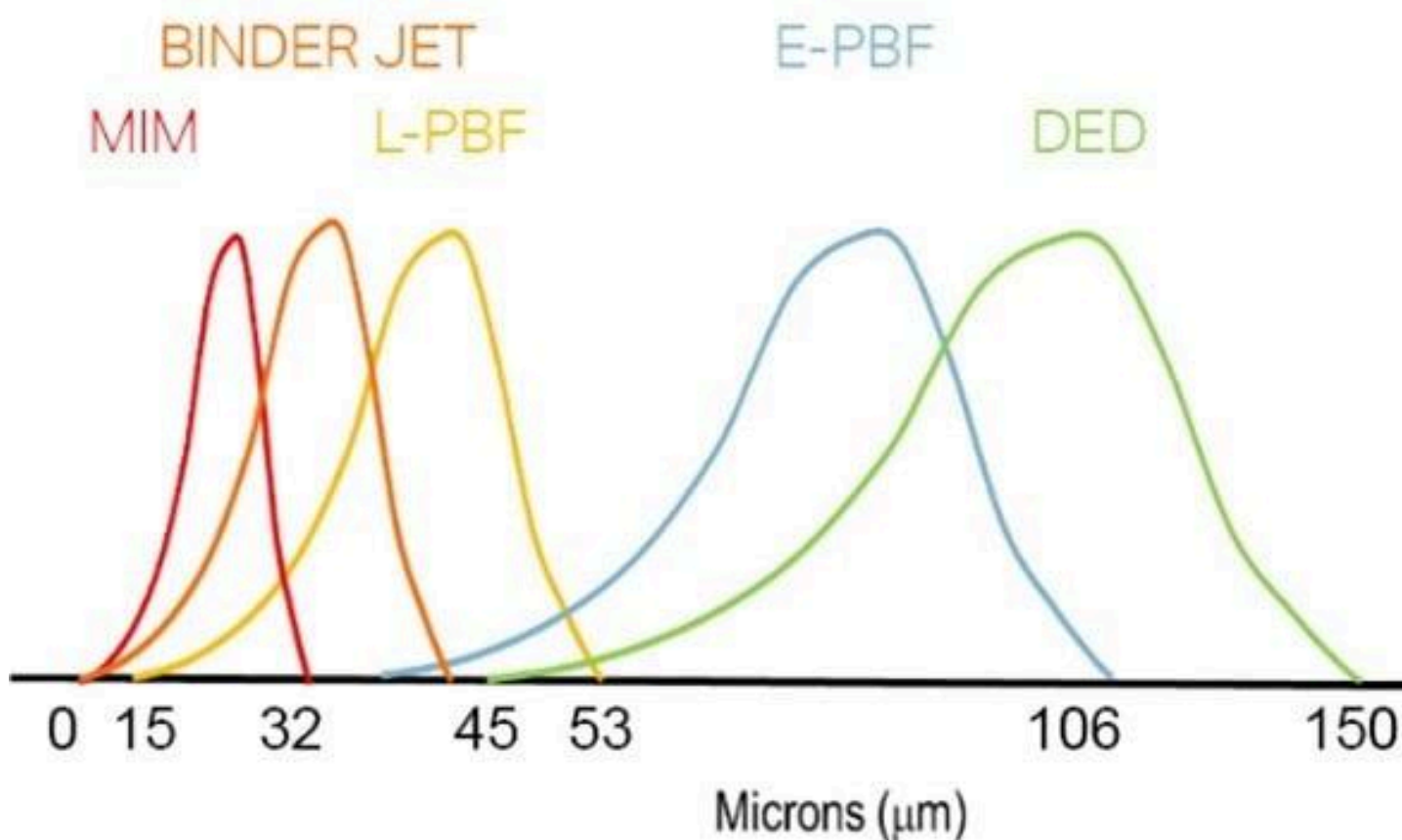
Osprey® MIM powder has a spherical morphology, resulting in high packing density. This enables the manufacture of feedstocks with high powder loading, which not only minimizes binder costs but also reduces part shrinkage during debinding and sintering. Spherical powder also has excellent flow characteristics, resulting in reduced tool wear and consistent mould filling.

Osprey® MIM powder's low oxygen content allows better control of carbon and consistency during sintering. Low oxygen levels, together with high packing density, also facilitate faster sintering.

## Particle size distribution

### Powder for Additive Manufacturing

Osprey® metal powder for Additive Manufacturing is available in a wide range of particle size distributions that are tailored to the individual Additive Manufacturing systems. They can also be tailored to the particular requirements of the end application, both in terms of mechanical performance and surface finish.



Process technology	Size (μm)
Binder jetting	≤ 16, ≤ 22, ≤ 32, ≤ 38, ≤ 45
Laser - Powder Bed Fusion (L-PBF)	15 to 53 and 10 to 45
Electron beam - Powder Bed Fusion (E-PBF)	45 to 106
Direct Energy Deposition (DED)	53 to 150

### Powder for Hot Isostatic Pressing (HIP)

Osprey® powder for Hot Isostatic Pressing (HIP) is available in a broad size range, typically <250

microns, resulting in a high packing density and tap density. Low oxygen levels, together with high packing density, also facilitate faster sintering.

### Powder for Metal Injection Moulding (MIM)

Osprey® metal powder for Metal Injection Moulding (MIM) is available in a wide range of particle size distributions, from under 5 µm up to 38 µm. The table shows our standard particle size distributions for MIM powders.

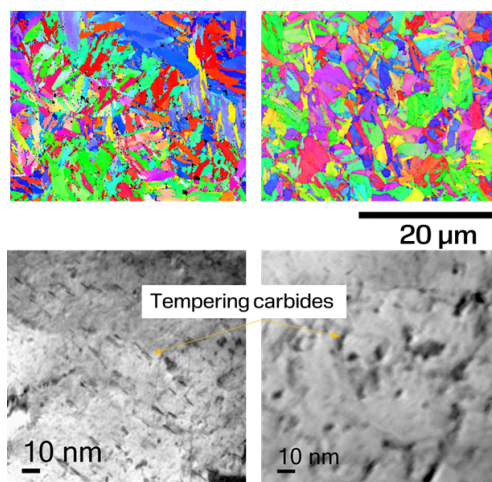
Size (µm)	D10 (µm)	D50 (µm)	D90 (µm)
≤ 38	5.5	13.0	31.0
≤ 32	5.0	12.0	29.0
80% ≤ 22	4.5	11.5	27.0
90% ≤ 22	4.0	10.5	22.0
90% ≤ 16	3.5	8.0	16.0

- Particle size measurements performed using a Malvern laser particle size analyzer, typical D10, D50 and D90 provided.

Tailor-made particle size distributions are available on request. Contact us to discuss your specific requirements.

## Microstructure

Processed both using Laser Powder Bed Fusion (L-PBF) and Directed Energy Deposition (DED), the as-built microstructure consists of a martensitic matrix with up to 10 vol.% retained austenite. Quenching results in a fully martensitic microstructure. The material can be tempered, either directly from as-built condition or after quenching, to desired hardness levels spanning from 40 HRC to ~50 HRC. A double tempering is recommended for this grade.



## Mechanical properties

### Laser Powder Bed Fusion (L-PBF)

Hardness and mechanical properties in as built condition

Direction	Hardness, HV10	Hardness, HRC	CVN Impact toughness, J	E-modulus, GPa	Yield strength, MPa	Tensile strength [MPa]	Elongation, %	Area reduction, %
Vertically built	490 +/-9	~48	34±1	211 +/-3	1530 +/-30	1607 +/-6	17.0 +/-0.9	57 +/-1
Horizontally built	500 +/-3	~48	39±1	210 +/-11	1400 +/-12	1632 +/-6	21.0 +/-0.1	60 +/-1

Hardness and mechanical properties after direct double tempering

Tempering temperature, 2x2h	Hardness, HV10	Hardness, HRC	CVN Impact toughness, J	E-modulus, GPa	Yield strength, MPa	Tensile strength, MPa	Elongation, %	Area reduction, %
350 °C	480 +/-8	~48	36 +/-1	210 +/-4	1515 +/-5	1605±5	16.0±1.0	58±1
600 °C	530 +/-2	~51	11 +/-2	208 +/-7	1730 +/-20	1833±6	11.8±0.3	63±1
615 °C	5055 +/-	~50	11 +/-2	220 +/-1	1582 +/-21	1708±4	14.5±0.1	60±3
650 °C	450 +/-3	~45	22 +/-1	206 +/-2	1413 +/-6	1520±1	12.3±0.3	61±2

Hardness and mechanical properties after quenching (1020 °C, 15 min followed by gas quenching) and double tempering

Tempering temperature, 2x2h	Hardness, HV10	Hardness, HRC	CVN Impact toughness, J	E modulus, GPa	Yield strength, MPa	Tensile strength, MPa	Elongation, %	Area reduction, %
600 °C	500±2	~49	13±2	210±6	1460±6	1590±5	10.0±1.0	59±2
630 °C	448±5	~45	20±1	200±2	1378±8	1490±3	15.3±1.5	63±1
650 °C	380±3	~40	>40	-	-	-	-	-

Hardness vs. Charpy V notch toughness in as deposited state

### Directed Energy Deposition (L-DED)

AB	Hardness, HRC	CVN Impact toughness, J
Horizontally built	48	20

Hardness vs. Charpy V notch toughness after direct double tempering

Tempering	Hardness, HRC	CVN Impact toughness, J
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temperature, 2x2h		
200 °C	48	22
300 °C	48	19
550 °C	49	12
600 °C	48	12
650 °C	42	21

Hardness vs. Charpy V notch toughness after quenching (1020°C, 15min followed by gas quenching) and double tempering

Tempering temperature, 2x2h	Hardness, HRC	CVN Impact toughness, J
200 °C	45	21
300 °C	45	18
550 °C	47	18
600 °C	47	19
650 °C	38	28

## Critical temperatures

**Critical temperatures, and residual stress in as built samples\***

AC1,°C	AC3,°C	Ms,°C	Mf,°C	Normal residual stress at 0° in martensite, MPa	Normal residual stress at 45° in martensite, MPa	Normal residual stress at 90° in martensite, MPa
~800	~890	~360	~190	-330	-300	-226

\* Tested at a C+N wt.% of 0.30

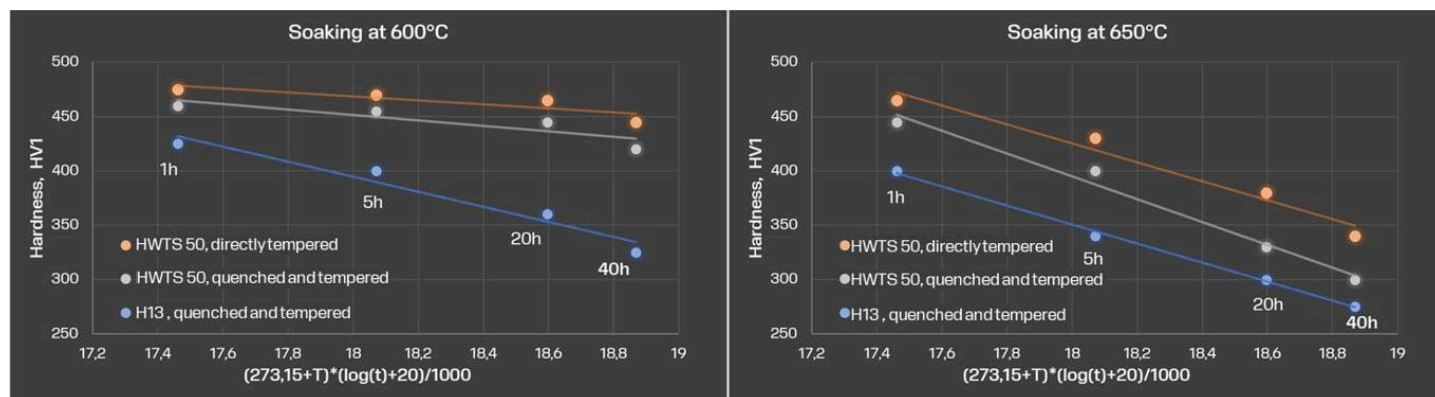
## Heat treatment

### Tempering curves

Typical tempering curves of HWTS 50 compared with wrought H13.

### Temper resistance

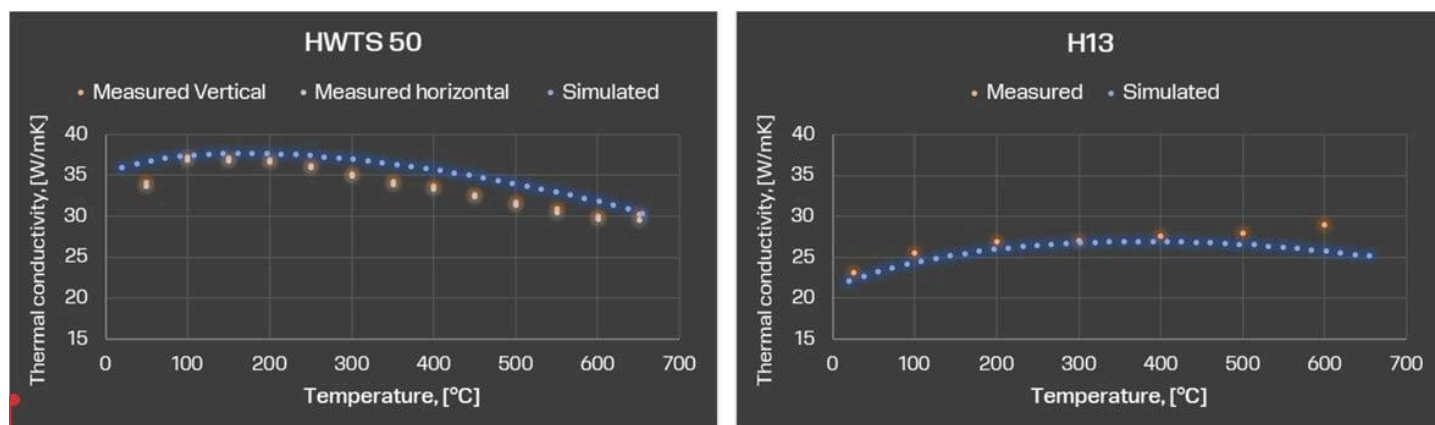
Typical tempering curves of HWTS 50 compared with wrought H13, the hardness is plotted against Larson miller tempering parameter after several hours of soaking at elevated temperatures.



## Thermal properties

### Thermal conductivity

Typical thermal conductivity after tempering to 48 HRC is compared with that of AISI H13 hot work tool steel.



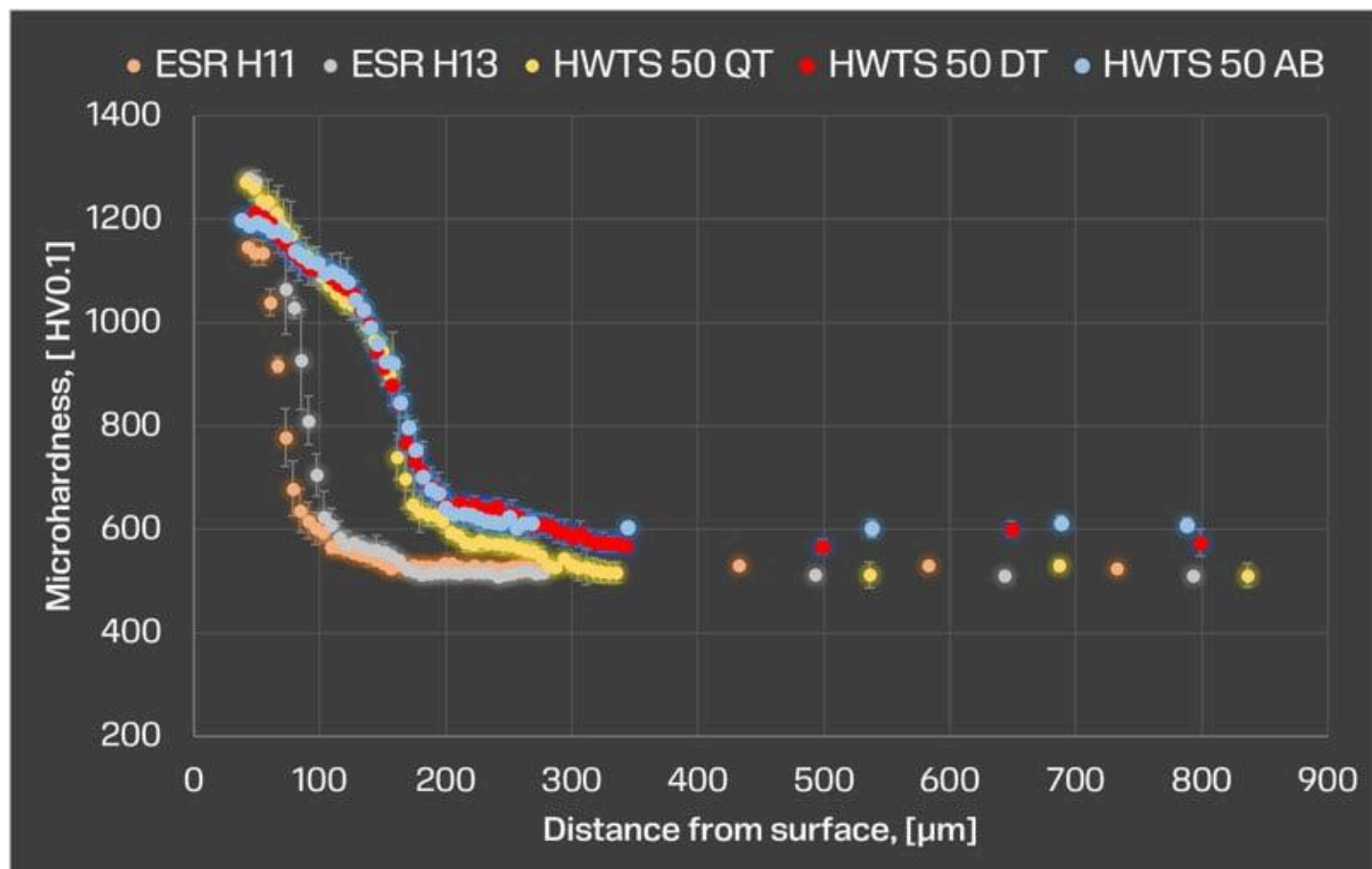
### Thermal fatigue damage

As a result of higher thermal conductivity, higher tempering and thermomechanical softening resistance, Thermal fatigue crack propagation depth is lower in HWTS 50 compared with AISI H13 and comparable to AISI H10 tool steel.



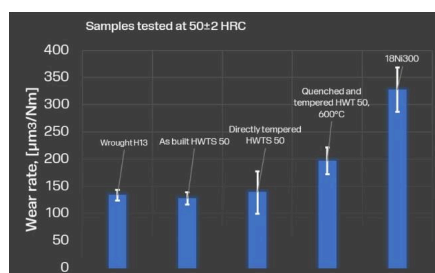
## Nitriding

Microhardness profiles after the nitriding process are shown and compared with those of AISI H13 and AISI H11 hot work tool steels. While the maximum microhardness is equal to those of AISI H13 and AISI H11 grades, the diffusion depth is significantly enhanced in HWTS 50 due to lower Cr and V contents.



## Wear resistance

The wear resistance of the samples was evaluated by a ball-on-disk type tribometer under dry sliding conditions and with an alumina pin loaded with a 5 N weight. Sliding distance: 250 m at 0.05 m/s speed.



## Testing

All Osprey® metal powders are supplied with a certificate of analysis containing information on the chemical composition and particle size distribution. Information on other powder characteristics is available upon request.

## Packaging

A wide range of packaging options is available, from 5kgs plastic bottles to 250kg metal drums.

5 kg (11 lbs) Plastic bottles  
6 kg (13 lbs) Plastic bottles  
10 kg (22 lbs) Plastic bottles  
20 kg (44 lbs) Metal cans  
100 kg (220 lbs) Steel drums  
150 kg (330 lbs) Steel drums  
250 kg (551 lbs) Steel drums

All packaging materials are suitable for air, sea and road freight.

Contact us for more information and to discuss your packaging requirements.