

Hardness and Elasticity Measurements

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Introduction

Production of glassy metal

- » Fusion of alloy
- » Rapid quenching

Vicker Hardness Test

- » Tensile strength
- » Critical crack length

PRODUCTION

• $(Mo_{0.6} Ru_{0.4})_{1-x} B_x$

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• Glassicity range from x=14 to x=24



FUSING THE ALLOY

Mini-Arc Melter



Copper mould



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• Rapid quenching of MoRuB

- » Employed cooling rates up to 10/6 K/sec
- Crystallization time
 - Hours for Fused Silica
 - Seconds for Glassy Metals



Ultra- rapid Quenching







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Apparatus For Hardness Test

- Example values MoRuB₁₇
 - » d=24.5 µm





VICKER HARDNESS TEST

- V.H = (1854)(m) / d² = [Gpa]
 - » V.H.=1556.4 G Pa
- Tensile Yield strength: σ_{Y} = V.H / 300
 - » σ_{γ} =5.2 G Pa

• 5.2 Gpa is in agreement with literature

Calculations

Stress Intensity Factor/ Fracture toughness:
K_{IC}=45 M Pa /m^{1/2}

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Critical Crack Length: L_c= (K_{IC}/σ_Y)²
» Lc=75 μm



- Confirmed the amorphous state
 - » X-ray Diffraction (Brian)

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- Confirmed composition
 - » Through thermal analysis (Barbara)
- Measured strength values (within 10%)
 - » Vicker Hardness test

Continuation of Work

- » Will characterize full amorphous range for MoRuB
- » Will study the changing trends of Yield strength and elasticity due to the varying Boron atomic percent in MoRuB





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