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MATERIAL

While pure copper features great thermal and electrical conductivities, it lacks strength for load-bearing or structural applications. Additional alloying elements can improve mechanical properties, while decreasing conductivity. CuNi2SiCr is SLM Solutions' high-strength, beryllium-free copper alloy with ultimate tensile strengths of up to 670 MPa and an outstanding corrosion resistance, especially against stress-corrosion cracking due to the additions of nickel and silicon. CuNi2SiCr is ideally suited for pistons, electrodes, or wear and sliding applications. Due to its sensitivity for oxygen pick-up, the maximum oxygen content during the process shall not exceed 500 ppm.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

Aff. C18000[1]								
	Cu	**Ni**	**Si**	**Cr**	**Fe**	**Mn**	**Pb**	**Total others**
Min.	Bal.	2.00	0.50	0.20				
Max.		3.00	0.80	0.50	0.15	0.10	0.02	0.10

POWDER PROPERTIES

Particle Size[1]	20 - 63 µm
Mass Density[2]	≈ 8.84 g/cm³
Particle Shape[3]	Spherical

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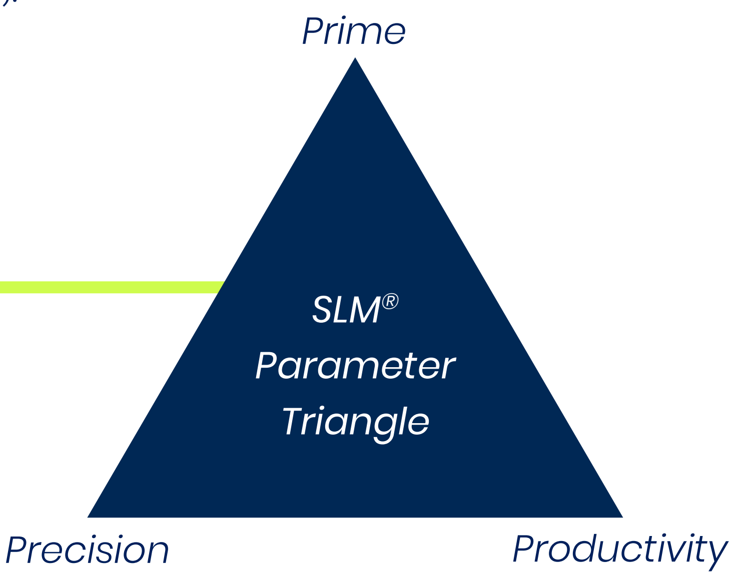
SLM® PARAMETERS

It only takes 3 tools to make you successful with metal additive manufacturing:

1. The **SLM® machine** fitting your needs,
2. The **metal powder** that defines the later purpose and functionality of a part,
3. Precisely engineered **SLM® parameters** as the missing link.

Our open parameters are the result of our vast experience in multi-laser technology and a diligent development and qualification procedure. They are key to produce fully functional parts with properties you can expect and rely on – whether you are new to AM or a large-scale production operator. We offer them in three categories to you: from high-resolution complex details (**Precision**) up to the highest build rates (**Productivity**) or right in between (**Prime**).



MATERIAL QUALIFICATION

As one of the inventors of the selective laser melting process, we impose the most comprehensive test procedures on ourselves: hundreds of samples, multiple systems, various powder batches, numerous heat-treatments, machined vs. near-net-shape tensile specimens, several surface roughness conditions and angles, fatigue behavior, corrosion investigation, creep testing... Did we miss anything? Get in touch with us!

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PRECISION

Parameter Set	CuNi2SiCr_PREC_MBP3_V1.0 (30 µm)
Machine Compatibility	SLM® 280 2.0, SLM® 280 Production Series (400 W)
Validated Data Preparation	Materialise SLM Build Processor
Theoretical System Build Rate[4]	23.3 cm³/h (Twin)
Minimum Relative Density[5]	99.9 %

Mechanical Properties[6]

M: Mean | SD: Standard Deviation

Non-heat-treated (NHT)

	Tensile strength R_m [MPa]		Yield strength $R_{p0.2}$ [MPa]		Elongation at break A [%]	
Machined	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
Horizontal	310	5	255	5	36	3
Vertical	275	5	235	5	40	2

Heat-treated (AGED)[7]

	Tensile strength R_m [MPa]		Yield strength $R_{p0.2}$ [MPa]		Elongation at break A [%]	
Machined	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
Horizontal	665	5	575	5	18	2
Vertical	610	5	540	5	23	3

Hardness[8]

M: Mean | SD: Standard Deviation

	Vickers hardness HV10	
	M	SD
NHT	105	5
AGED[7]	210	5

Surface Roughness[9]

M: Mean | SD: Standard Deviation

	Roughness average Ra [µm]		Mean roughness depth Rz [µm]	
	M	SD	M	SD
As built	15	2	87	5
Corundum	5	1	32	5
Corundum + Glass bead	5	1	28	2

Conductivity[10]

M: Mean | SD: Standard Deviation

	Electrical conductivity [MS/m]		Electrical conductivity [%IACS]	
	M	SD	M	SD
NHT	8	1	13	1
AGED[7]	23	1	40	1

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PRIME

Parameter Set	CuNi2SiCr_PRIM_MBP3_V1.0 (60 µm)
Machine Compatibility	SLM® 280 2.0, SLM® 280 Production Series (700 W)
Validated Data Preparation	Materialise SLM Build Processor
Theoretical System Build Rate[4]	51.4 cm³/h (Twin)
Minimum Relative Density[5]	99.1%

Mechanical Properties[6]

M: Mean | SD: Standard Deviation

Non-heat-treated (NHT)

	Tensile strength R_m [MPa]		Yield strength $R_{p0.2}$ [MPa]		Elongation at break A [%]	
Machined	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
Horizontal	315	5	245	5	36	3
Vertical	275	5	230	10	33	3

Heat-treated (AGED)[7]

	Tensile strength R_m [MPa]		Yield strength $R_{p0.2}$ [MPa]		Elongation at break A [%]	
Machined	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
Horizontal	670	20	580	15	18	2
Vertical	630	15	550	10	22	2

Hardness[8]

M: Mean | SD: Standard Deviation

	Vickers hardness HV10	
	M	SD
NHT	105	5
AGED[7]	225	5

Surface Roughness[9]

M: Mean | SD: Standard Deviation

	Roughness average Ra [µm]		Mean roughness depth Rz [µm]	
	M	SD	M	SD
As built	22	2	122	9
Corundum	11	2	64	10
Corundum + Glass bead	8	2	46	7

Conductivity[10]

M: Mean | SD: Standard Deviation

	Electrical conductivity [MS/m]		[%IACS]	
	M	SD	M	SD
NHT	8	1	22	1
AGED[7]	14	1	38	1

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DISCLAIMER

The properties and mechanical characteristics apply to powder that is tested and sold by SLM Solutions, and that has been processed on SLM Solutions machines using the original SLM Solutions parameters in compliance with the applicable operating instructions (including installation conditions and maintenance). The part properties are determined based on specified procedures. More details about the procedures used by SLM Solutions are available upon request.

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NOTES

[1] With respect to powder material. Compositions stated as mass or weight percent. Chemistry is similar to C18000/CW111C.

[2] Material density varies within the range of possible chemical composition variations.

[3] According to DIN EN ISO 3252:2001.

[4] Theoretical system build rate = layer thickness x scan speed x hatch distance x number of lasers. The value represents a comparable indicator but remains a theoretical value after all. It does expressively not reflect true build rates, which are influenced by part geometry, ratio between hatch and contour areas, area of exposure, recoating times, and more.

[5] Optical density determination at test specimens by light microscopy according to internal specification. Relative density may vary depending on part geometry, orientation, volume, and other process factors.

[6] Tensile testing was performed in accordance to DIN EN ISO 6892-1:2017 B and conducted at room temperature. Samples are either machined before testing or tested in near-net-shape without any surface finishing (geometry according to DIN 50125:2016-D6x30). Values include overlap samples, i.e. multiple lasers work simultaneously on one specimen. All data is derived from standardized SLM Solutions qualification jobs. Samples are built out of both virgin powder as well as used powder.

[7] Heat treatment: Solution annealing for 15 min at 930 °C, followed by water quenching. Then aging for 2 h at 540 °C, followed by air-cooling. Process parts under inert atmosphere during all thermal post-processing steps.

[8] Hardness testing according to DIN EN ISO 6507-1:2018. Measurement direction “2” according to VDI 3405 2.1. Values include overlap samples, i.e. multiple lasers work simultaneously on one specimen. All data is derived from standardized SLM Solutions qualification jobs. Samples are built out of both virgin powder as well as used powder.

[9] Roughness measurement on vertical walls according to DIN EN ISO 4288:1998; λc = 2.5 mm. Glass bead blasting is an additional post-processing step after corundum blasting. Values include overlap samples, i.e. multiple lasers work simultaneously on one specimen. All data is derived from standardized SLM Solutions qualification jobs. Samples are built out of both virgin powder as well as used powder.

[10] Electrical conductivity measurement according to DIN EN 2004-1, ASTM E1004.