

Technical Specification of CVD Coatings – Hard Metals

Titanium Carbide (TiC), Titanium Nitride (TiN), Titanium Carbonitride (TiCN) and Aluminium Oxide (Al₂O₃)

Applications

TiC – used for cutting tools and improving the hardness of ceramics.
TiN – used for decorative coatings and cutting tools.
TiCN – used for abrasive and wear resistant coatings.
Al₂O₃ – used for hard coatings.

Properties

Coating	TiC	TiN	TiCN	Al ₂ O ₃
Purity (%)	99.8	99.0	>99.9	99.9
Density (g/cm ³)	4.9	5.2	4.2-5.2	4.0
Flexural Strength (MPa)	260	650	700	300
Hardness (Kg/mm ²)	3000	2800	3200	2800-3000
Thermal Expansion Coefficient (10 ⁻⁶ /°C)	7.0-7.9	9.4	8.5	7.0-8.3
Thermal Conductivity (W/mK)	21	19	36	25-29
Electrical Resistivity (Ωcm)	5x10 ⁻⁵	2.5x10 ⁻⁵	2x10 ⁻⁴	>1x10 ¹⁴
Standard Thickness	4-12μm	5-7μm	1-5μm	4μm
Oxidation Temperature (°C)	600-1200	450	900-1000	n/a
Friction Coefficient	0.35	0.3	0.45	0.2-0.3
Colour	Black	Golden	Blue, grey, bronze	Gold, white

CVD Methods

TiN

TiCl₄ + 0.5N₂ + 2H₂ → TiN + 4HCl
900-1200°C, up to 1atm
TiCl₄ + NH₃ + 0.5H₂ → TiN + 4HCl
480-700°C, 1KPa
Ti[N(CH₃CH₃)₂]₄ + NH₃ → TiN + gaseous hydrocarbons
320°C
Ti[N(CH₃)₂]₄ + NH₃ → TiN + gaseous hydrocarbons
320°C

TiC

TiCl₄ + CH₄ → TiC + 4HCl
700°C
TiCN
TiCl₄ + CH₃CN + 2.5H₂ → TiCN + CH₄ + 4HCl
700-900°C

Al₂O₃

2AlCl₃ + 3H₂O → Al₂O₃ + 6HCl
CO₂ + H₂ at high temperature is used to give the small amount of water needed.
1050°C, 1Torr



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