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Effect of Holding Time, Grain Size and Compacting Pressure Parameters Against Compressive Strength of Aluminum - 5% Fly Ash

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Abstract. This research is aimed to analysis the effect of holding time, grain size and compacting pressure parameter against compressive strength of Aluminum-5% fly ash using powder metallurgy method. The irregular form and homogeneous particles of aluminum powder used in this research is produced by Merck German, while fly ash is taken from residual combustion coal in forging process in mechanical engineering workshop of Politeknik Negeri Sriwijaya (Polsri) which is mashed up to grains size 140 and 270 mesh, pressed with holding time 60 and 120 seconds, with compacting pressure 139 N/mm² and 275 N/mm² by cold iso-static pressing. The green body resulted from these processes then sintered up to 550°C. Taguchi Method is used to determine factors which affect optimum condition of compressive strength of Aluminum-5% fly ash. The research result using ANOVA show that the holding time, grains size, , and compacting pressure parameters has significantly affect the compressive strength of Aluminum-5% fly ash.

Introduction

Aluminum has such a good properties like light-weight, anti-corrosion and good thermal conductivity. That is why mostly used in automotive industry.

Fly ash is solid waste of power plant coal-fired steam that contains of heavy metals. The Ministry of Environment of Republic of Indonesia has set it as hazardous and toxic materials (B3). Fly ash contains elements of the combined materials and some metals that have high value, so fly ash likely to be exploited [8]. At this time the fly ash is waste material of resulted from combustion coal which has low economic value, so the utilization of materials which are made with aluminum alloy-fly ash (ALFA) is very advantageous in terms of the economy compared with other alloys.

The main factors in producing of ALFA using the powder metallurgy method are the process of compacting and its large grains. For that reason, this research will be limited to the alloys from a mixture of aluminum powder as a matrix with a reinforcement of 5% fly ash, fly ash which is taken from the combustion of coal in subdivision of forging in workshop of Mechanical Engineering Politeknik Negeri Sriwijaya. This research takes sintering temperature of 550 °C, variations in pressure compaction are 139 and 275 N/mm², the anchoring process of compacting 60 and 120 seconds, and the fly ash grains are 140 and 270 mesh.

This research aims to determine the compressive strength of ALFA. In addition to the effect of holding time and the percentage of contribution, alloy solidification pressure (compacting) and large grain size fraction of fly ash by weight 5% at 550 °C sinter temperature compressive strength of the alloy with the approach using the Taguchi method, and validation data with analysis of variance, so that it can be seen that the optimal composition of each of these factors. While for compressive strength testing used standard ASTM C 773-88.

Theoretical Background

The use of aluminum as the metal each year is on the order of a second after the iron and steel, non ferrous metals among the highest. Until now the production of aluminum ingot aluminum Indonesia types reached 256 thousand tons per year [8].

Aluminum weighs about one-third of steel, easily bent, be treated with the machine, cast, drawn (drawing), and extruded. Aluminum is also the conductor of both heat and electricity. While, it is compared to its mass, aluminum has advantages over copper, which is now a metal conductor of heat and electricity is pretty good, but heavy enough.

Al-Fly Ash Utilization to manufacture of automotive components and other applications can reduce the huge expenditure in terms of energy consumption [6]. Al-Si alloys (hypo-eutectoid) / Al₂O₃ casting method and the addition of 3 wt% Al₂O₃ causes increased hardness of 27 BHN to 37 BHN and UTS from 75 MPa to 93 MPa [5].

A similar study of aluminum due to the influence of compaction pressure and sintering temperature. The results show a maximum thermal conductivity of 2.306 gr/cm³ after sintering, the maximum hardness of 44 BHN and the maximum transverse fracture strength of 20.7 MPa occurs at a temperature of 5000C and a pressure of 435 MPa [7].

Fly ash has color grey. The density of fly ash is 2.1-2.9 gr/cm³, it is mainly effect by Fe₂O₃. The properties of fly ash are depending on the origin of the type of coal being burned. Most of the fly ash are contain SiO₂ + Al₂O₃ + Fe₂O₃ more than 70% and oxides of Mg, Ca, Na, K, in a relatively small amount. Mechanical testing intended to simulate the loading pattern that will be experienced by the material at the operating conditions of the material one is a test press (compressive strength).

Axial stress (σ) in the specimen is calculated by dividing the load F to the cross-sectional area (A) [4].

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$$

Where: F = Force (N) ; A = Surface area (mm²)

Result and Discussion

Compressive strength of the specimens was measured in mechanical laboratory using Hydraulic Material Tester Machine GUNT 310 Germany based on ASTM C 773-88 standard, each specimen were tested 5 times, same condition and randomly. The result can be seen in table 1.

Table 1: Compressive Test Result Of Specimen

Std	Run	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Number of Sample	Response
		Size of Grains (mesh)	Holding Time (Sec)	Compacting Pressure (N/mm ²)		Compressive Strength (N/mm ²)
3	1	270	60	275	1	198.43
					2	197.96
					3	198.04
					4	198.27
					5	197.86
2	2	140	120	275	1	156.69
					2	157.21
					3	156.86
					4	157.11
					5	157.44
1	3	140	60	139	1	112.33
					2	111.87
					3	112.42
					4	112.04
					5	111.98
4	4	270	120	139	1	183.09
					2	182.87
					3	183.13
					4	182.98
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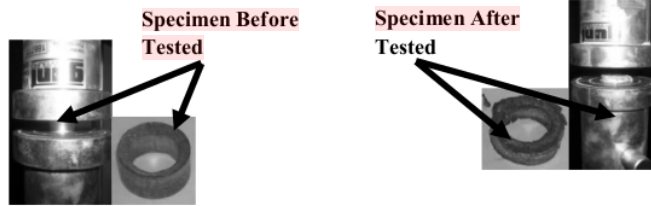


Fig 1: Specimen Before and After Tested

Table 2: Combination Factor and Level Compressive Strength Result

Eks	Factor			Replication					Total	Mean
	A	B	C	1	2	3	4	5		
1	1	1	1	112.33	111.87	112.42	112.04	111.98	560.64	112.13
2	1	2	2	156.69	157.21	156.86	157.11	157.44	785.31	157.06
3	2	1	2	198.43	197.96	198.04	198.27	197.86	990.56	198.11
4	2	2	1	183.09	182.87	183.13	182.98	182.77	914.84	182.97
Average									812.84	162.57
Total									3251.35	650.27

Table 3: ANOVA Average Compressive Strength Specimen

Source	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	F ₀	F _{Tabel}	Percentage
A	15649.22	1	15649.22	285660.8	4.49	74%
B	1109.31	1	1109.31	20249.26	4.49	5%
C	4511.71	1	4511.71	82356.73	4.49	21%
Error	0.88	16	0.055			
Total	21271.1	19				

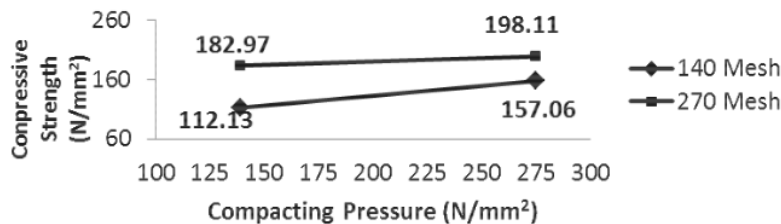


Fig.2: Effect Grain Size and Compacting Pressure to Compressive Strength Value Specimen

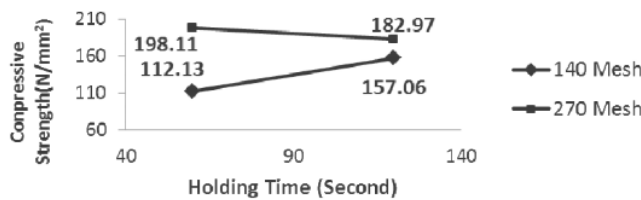


Fig. 3: Effect Grain Size and Holding Time to Compressive Strength Value Specimen

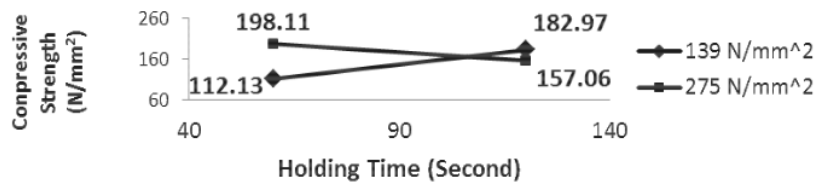


Fig.4: Effect of Holding Time and Compacting Pressure to Compressive Strength Specimen

It can be seen on Fig. 2, the highest compressive strength obtained in the large size 270 mesh with 120 seconds of holding time. This is consistent with the analysis of variance; the greatest significant influence is grains size factor, with 74% the percent contribution. The compressive strength will be increase that is caused by increase of compacting pressure and large grain size. This is due to a given load on the compressive strength test will be converted into energy that will be absorbed by the specimen.

Conclusions

Based on the results of research and data analysis of Aluminum-5% fly ash using powder metallurgy process can be concluded as follows:

1. Using Taguchi Method Approach L4 Array and ANOVA, F counting > F table, so grain size, holding time and Compacting pressure has effected the compressive strength with convenience level 95 % ($\alpha = 0.05$).
2. The main factor which influences compressive strength is the grain size. The smaller the grain size, the higher compressive strength of ALFA.
3. The response value of compressive strength is 198.43 N/mm² that is obtained factor combination and level of grain size 270 meshes, holding time 60 second and compacting pressure 275 N/mm².

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