

Wear Behavior of B₄C reinforced Al6063 matrix composites electrode fabricated by stir casting method

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Abstract

The aim of the study is to predict the surface topological characteristics of Al-B₄C composite electrodes and the OHNS Die steel in the Electrical Discharge Machining (EDM) Process. The surface characteristics of Composite electrodes are evaluated by using Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and EDAX Analytical Method. Surface roughness and hardness of the OHNS die steel was measured by the Stylus probe and Brinell hardness. The composite electrodes prepared by the Aluminium 6063 and B₄C materials. Both elements are mixed at molten state in the stir casting process at different compositions. The chemical composition properties of the Composite electrode is analyzed by the SEM and EDAX testing. The surface Roughness of the OHNS steel measured by the Brinell hardness tester. Based on the SEM and EDAX results, the 92% Al 8% B₄C was producing the good surface roughness in OHNS die steel.

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