

Sheath Material Data Sheet

Name	Mild Steel
Peak Sensors Colour Code	Black
Application Notes	Ceramic support tube (Plated) Occasional sensor protection use
Basic Composition	Fe, C
Temperature Limits	550 °C
International Standards	Seamless Pipe
Properties Density	7.9 g/cm ³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	
Thermal Conductivity	

Name	321 SS
Peak Sensors Colour Code	Silver
Application Notes	Commonly called 18/8. Excellent corrosion resistance and remains ductile. Used for MI sheathing for type J and Pt 100's. Withstands hot crude oil products, steam and combustion gases. Carbon dioxide to 650 °C. Air up to 900 °C without temperature variation.
Basic Composition	Cr 18%, Ni 9%, Mn 2%, Si 1%, C 0.1%, Bal Fe
Temperature Limits	800 °C
International Standards	BS 970 321 S31, W No 1.4541
Properties Density	7.9 g/cm ³
Melting Range	Approx 1400 °C
Specific Heat	500 J/Kg °C
Coefficient of Expansion	17 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	14.7 W/m °C

Name	310 SS
Peak Sensors Colour Code	Silver
Application Notes	Commonly called 25/20. Good oxidation resistance and resistant to sulphur and reducing atmospheres. High temperature sheathing. Carbon dioxide to 900 °C. Continuous operation in air up to 1150°C, without temperature variation. Not recommended for use continuously between 550 °C and 850 °C.
Basic Composition	Cr 25%, Ni 20%, Mn 2%, Si 2%, C 0.02%, Bal Fe.
Temperature Limits	1100 °C
International Standards	BS 970 Grade 310 S31, W No 1.4841
Properties Density	7.9 g/cm ³
Melting Range	Approx 1400 °C
Specific Heat	500 J/Kg °C
Coefficient of Expansion	16.5 x10 m ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	14.7 W/ C

Name	316 SS
Peak Sensors Colour Code	Silver
Application Notes	Excellent corrosion and pitting resistance. Similar to 321 SS but with better acid resistance. Usually used in chemical plants and many other industrial applications.
Basic Composition	Cr 17.5%, Ni 12.5%, Mn 2%, Si 1%, Mo 2-2.5%, C 0.03%, Bal Fe.
Temperature Limits	800 °C
International Standards	BS 970 Grade 316, W No 1.4401
Properties Density	7.9 g/cm ³
Melting Range	Approx 1400 °C
Specific Heat	500 J/Kg °C
Coefficient of Expansion	17 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	14.7 W/m °C

Name	4C54, Ferritic, 446 SS
Peak Sensors Colour Code	Blue
Application Notes	Very good resistance to sulphurous gases and salts. Good resistance to oxidation in air. Good resistance to oil ash

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	corrosion, molten copper, lead, tin. In sulphurous reducing atmosphere 446 performs better than austenitic steels, although Nitrogen concentrations can result in early failure. Hot gasses containing hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide can cause carburisation, if Oxygen is present for an oxide layer to form 446 performs well, otherwise failure occurs quickly.
Basic Composition	Cr 26.5%, Mn 0.8%, Si 0.5%, N 0.2%, C 0.2% Max, P 0.03 Max, S 0.15 Max, Bal Fe
Temperature Limits	1100°C in air and oxidising conditions
International Standards	1.4749, 446-1
Properties Density	7.6 g/cm ³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	460 rising to 670 J/Kg °C
Coefficient of Expansion	13.5 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	17 rising to 28 W/m °C

Name	353 MA□
Peak Sensors Colour Code	
Application Notes	Very good resistance to oxidation, combustion gasses and carburisation. Good resistance to nitriding gasses. Excellent in petrochemical furnaces including cracked ammonia.
Basic Composition	Cr 25%, Ni 35%, Si 1.6%, Mn 1.5% Max, N 0.16%, C 0.05, P 0.04 Max, S 0.03 Max, Ce 0.05, Bal Fe
Temperature Limits	1175 °C
International Standards	UNS S 35315
Properties Density	7.89 g/cm ³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	450 rising to 670 J/Kg °C
Coefficient of Expansion	18.5 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	11 rising to 28 W/m °C

Name	Sanicro 31 HT□
Peak Sensors Colour Code	
Application Notes	Performs well in salt baths for heat treatment, cyanide or neutral salt baths.
Basic Composition	Cr 21%, Ni 31%, Si 0.6%, Mn 0.6%, Ti 0.5%, Al 0.5%, C 0.7, S 0.03, P 0.015 Max, S 0.01 Max, Bal Fe
Temperature Limits	1100 °C Max in air or oxidation gases
International Standards	N 08811/N08810, W Nr 1.4959 (W 1.4876)
Properties Density	7.9 g/cm ³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	460 rising to 680 J/Kg °C
Coefficient of Expansion	18.5 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	11.6 rising to 31 W/m °C

Name	253 MA□
Peak Sensors Colour Code	Pink
Application Notes	Very good resistance to oxidation, combustion gasses and carburisation.
Basic Composition	Cr 21%, Ni 11%, Si 1.7%, Mn 0.8% Max, N 0.17%, C 0.08, P 0.04, S 0.03, Ce 0.05, Bal Fe
Temperature Limits	1150 °C Max in Air, oxidation and carburisation.
International Standards	1.4835, S 30815, W Nr 1.4893
Properties Density	7.8 g/cm ³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	440 rising to 690 J/Kg °C
Coefficient of Expansion	16 rising to 24 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	14.5 rising to 29 W/m °C

Name	Alloy 600 (Inconel□)
Peak Sensors Colour Code	Red
Application Notes	A strong oxidation resistant material at high temperatures particularly with cycling. Good resistance to carburisation. Resists Sulphur compounds and carbon dioxide to moderate temperatures only. Excellent neutral and alkaline salt bath

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	resistance Good in many acid salt baths. Good for nitriding atmospheres.
Basic Composition	Ni 72% Min, Cr 14-17%, Fe 6-10%.
Temperature Limits	1100 °C
International Standards	W No 2.4816, UNS N06600
Properties Density	8.472 g/cm ³
Melting Range	1354 to 1413 °C
Specific Heat	444 J/Kg °C
Coefficient of Expansion	10 rising to 16 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	15 rising to 27 W/m °C

Name	Alloy 800 HT (Incoloy [®])
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	Resistance to high temperature corrosion. Excellent oxidation and carburisation resistance. Reasonable sulphur resistance at moderate temperatures Alloy 800 and Alloy 800 H are very similar but they have lower creep rupture strength at temperature.
Basic Composition	Ni 30-35%, Cr 19-23%, Fe 39.5% Max,
Temperature Limits	1100 °C
International Standards	W No 1.4876, UNS N08811
Properties Density	7.945 g/cm ³
Melting Range	1357 to 1385 °C
Specific Heat	460 J/Kg °C
Coefficient of Expansion	14 rising to 18 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	11 rising to 32 W/m °C

Name	Pyrosil
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	MI Thermocouple types K and N sheathing. Better oxidation resistance than Alloy 600
Basic Composition	Ni Cr Si
Temperature Limits	1250 °C
International Standards	
Properties Density	
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	
Thermal Conductivity	

Name	Platinum
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	Direct contact with molten glass
Basic Composition	Pt
Temperature Limits	Depends on expected lifetime
International Standards	
Properties Density	21.45 g/cm ³
Melting Range	1769
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	9.1 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	74 W/m °C at 20 °C

Name	Platinum 10% Rhodium
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	Direct contact with molten glass. Higher strength at elevated temperature
Basic Composition	Pt 90%, Rh 10%
Temperature Limits	1700 *
International Standards	
Properties Density	20.00 g/cm ³
Melting Range	1840 to 1870
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	8.6 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	31 W/m °C at 20 °C

Name	Platinum Grain Stabilised
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Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	Direct contact with molten glass. As Platinum but with higher stress rupture strength and creep behaviour. Grain stabilisation reduces degradation at temperature and allows for a thinner wall. Avoids Rhodium inclusion which can discolour glass.
Basic Composition	Pt
Temperature Limits	1700 *
International Standards	
Properties Density	21.45 g/cm ³
Melting Range	1769
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	9.1 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	74 W/m °C at 20 °C

Name	Platinum 10% Rhodium Grain Stabilised
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	Direct contact with molten glass. As Platinum 10% Rhodium but with higher stress rupture strength and creep behaviour. Grain stabilisation reduces degradation at temperature and allows for a thinner wall.
Basic Composition	Pt 90%, Rh 10%
Temperature Limits	1700 *
International Standards	
Properties Density	19.80 g/cm ³
Melting Range	1840 to 1870
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	8.6 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	31 W/m °C at 20 °C

Name	Kanthal AF, Kanthal APM
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	High resistance to attack by sulphur. Resists carburisation at temperature. Very little scaling reduces furnace contamination. Better heat transfer than ceramic.
Basic Composition	Cr 22%, Al 4-6%, Fe Balance.
Temperature Limits	1400 °C
International Standards	
Properties Density	7.1 g/cm ³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	12 rising to 16 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	12 rising to 32 W/m °C

Name	Kanthal Super
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	Less brittle than ceramics. Excellent in corrosive furnaces. Suppresses electromagnetic oscillations.
Basic Composition	Molybdenum disilicide MoSi ₂
Temperature Limits	1700 °C
International Standards	
Properties Density	
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	
Thermal Conductivity	

Name	Recrystallised Alumina (Alsint)
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	A pure and tough ceramic exhibiting hardness and vacuum tightness. Excellent in oxidising and reducing atmospheres. Fair thermal shock resistance. Used with R, S and B thermocouples.
Basic Composition	Al ₂ O ₃ 99.7%
Temperature Limits	1750 °C
International Standards	DIN VDE 0335 C799
Properties Density	3.9 g/cm ³

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Melting Range	2072
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	8 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	26 W/m °C

Name	Pythagoras
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	Good thermal shock resistance. Used with J, K, N and E conductors.
Basic Composition	Al ₂ O ₃ 60%
Temperature Limits	1500 °C
International Standards	DIN VDE 0335 C610
Properties Density	2.6 g/cm ³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	6 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	2 W/m °C

Name	Sillimanite 60
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	Very good thermal shock resistance. Porous
Basic Composition	Al ₂ O ₃ 73 to 75%
Temperature Limits	1600 °C
International Standards	DIN VDE 0335 C530
Properties Density	2.35 g/cm ³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	5.7 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	1.4 W/m °C

Name	Silicon Carbide (Clay Bonded)
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	Excellent thermal shock resistance. Tends to have thick wall to improve strength. A porous material that usually has a lining refractory for Platinum sensors. High thermal conductivity. Not suitable for highly oxidising atmospheres.
Basic Composition	SiC 70 – 90 %
Temperature Limits	1400 °C
International Standards	
Properties Density	2.4 g/cm ³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	5.0 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	28.0 W/m °C

Name	Silicon Carbide (Recrystallised)
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	Excellent thermal shock resistance. A porous material that usually has a lining refractory for Platinum sensors. High thermal conductivity.
Basic Composition	SiC ≥ 99%
Temperature Limits	1600°C in oxidising atmosphere, 2000°C in protected atmosphere
International Standards	
Properties Density	2.6 to 2.7 g/cm ³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	4.5 x10 ⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	30.0 W/m °C

Name	Syalon 101
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	A strong and thermal shock resisting material for use in molten metals with little wetting or dross build up. Good in molten aluminium or salt baths. Fairly expensive
Basic Composition	Silicon Nitride, Aluminium Oxide

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Temperature Limits	1000°C (1250°C in controlled conditions)
International Standards	
Properties Density	3.26 g/cm³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	3.2 x10⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	16.7 W/m °C

Name	Quartz
Peak Sensors Colour Code	None
Application Notes	Low coefficient of expansion, High thermal shock resistance. Very Brittle.
Basic Composition	SiO₂
Temperature Limits	1500 °C (Then flows under own weight)
International Standards	
Properties Density	2.2 g/cm³
Melting Range	1683
Specific Heat	670 J/Kg °C
Coefficient of Expansion	5.5 x10⁻⁷ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	1.4 W/m °C

Name	Monel 400
Peak Sensors Colour Code	
Application Notes	Resists sea water, steam, Salt and caustic solutions, Used in heat exchangers Other Monel materials available
Basic Composition	Ni 67%, Cu 28%, F3 3%, Mn 2%
Temperature Limits	0 to 480°C
International Standards	UNS N00440
Properties Density	8.84g/cm³
Melting Range	1320°C
Specific Heat	430 J/Kg °C
Coefficient of Expansion	14 x10⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	High

Name	Hastelloy C276
Peak Sensors Colour Code	
Application Notes	Corrosion resistance in reducing and oxidising atmospheres. Severe environments, Maintains corrosion resistance after welding.
Basic Composition	Ni 57%, Mo 16%, Cr 15.5%, Fe 5.5%, W 3.8%
Temperature Limits	1040 °C
International Standards	UNS N10276
Properties Density	8.9g/cm³
Melting Range	1325 - 1370°C
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	12.8 x10⁻⁶ /°C
Thermal Conductivity	High

Name	Hastelloy B2
Peak Sensors Colour Code	
Application Notes	Significant resistance to reducing environments, and many acids
Basic Composition	Ni 68%, Mo 28%, Fe 2%, Co 1%, Cr 1%.
Temperature Limits	815 °C
International Standards	UNS 10665
Properties Density	
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	
Thermal Conductivity	High

Name	Cast Iron
Peak Sensors Colour Code	
Application Notes	Inexpensive material used in molten Aluminium. It has a relatively short life due to oxidation but other materials also have their drawbacks in this application. Brittle metal

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Basic Composition	Fe, C (3 to 3.5%)
Temperature Limits	900 °C in Aluminium
International Standards	
Properties Density	7.9 g/cm³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	
Thermal Conductivity	High

Name	Brass
Peak Sensors Colour Code	
Application Notes	Inexpensive engineering material. Easily machined to complex shapes. Readily available. Becomes brittle with heat
Basic Composition	Cu 85%, Zn 15%.
Temperature Limits	
International Standards	
Properties Density	8.8 g/cm³
Melting Range	
Specific Heat	
Coefficient of Expansion	
Thermal Conductivity	High