

M2 Series 5 Steel H13

Parameter for GE Additive's Concept Laser M2 Series 5

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Hot-Working Tool Steel

Tool Steel H13 has a chemical composition according to ASTM A681. Hot-working tool steels are a class of medium-carbon high strength alloys that maintain high strength and hardness at elevated temperatures. The combination of high strength and hardness with good wear resistance make hot-working tool steels excellent materials for applications such as pressure die casting, extrusion, die forgings, and other applications requiring hot or cold-working.

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The novel H13 parameter has recently been developed for the M2 Series 5 machine. The base parameter is a 50 µm parameter that produces surface roughness less than 10 µm without bead blasting or shot peening for most surfaces, while delivering good productivity with dual lasers. Moreover, the parameter exceeds the minimum tensile properties specified in AMS 6408 for conventional processed parts in the heat-treated state.



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With corresponding approval* H13 Steel can be used for manufacturing pressure die casting, extrusion, die forgings, and other applications requiring hot or cold-working.

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POWDER CHEMISTRY

H13 Steel powder chemical composition et al. according to ASTM A681.

MACHINE CONFIGURATION

- Concept Laser M2 Series 5 (single-laser or dual-laser)
- Argon gas
- Rubber recoater blade

AVAILABLE PARAMETERS

Base Parameter 181

50 µm layer thickness, rubber recoater

THERMAL STATES

- 1. As-Built
- 2. Pre-Heating + Austenitizing + Tempering (PH+A+T) PH: 788°C, 2 hours, A: 996°C, 15 minutes, T: 552°C, 2 hours

HEAT TREAT COMPARISON

- 🗅 Parameter 181 As-Built 🛛 🔅
- Parameter 181 PH+A+T



Spider Plot is generated by normalizing typical material data (containing both horizontal and vertical data) against a range defined for each material family. For **Tool Steel** alloys, the ranges are as follows: UTS: 900-1900 MPa, 0.2%YS: 600-1600 MPa, Elongation: 0-10 %, Density: 99-100 %, Productivity: 5-30 cm³/h, Surface Quality (all): 40-5 µm

	(cm³/h)
Typical build rate ¹ w/coating	17.7
Theoretical melting rate ² bulk per Laser	18

¹Using standard Factory Acceptance Test layout and 2 lasers ²Calculated (layer thickness x scan velocity x hatch distance)

PHYSICAL DATA AT ROOM TEMPERATURE

	Surfac	e Roughness Ra** (μm)	Surface Roughness Ra** (µm)				
	45°	60°	75°				
Upskin	11	8	6	Н	Н 13		
Downskin	24	12	7	7 V			
	Relative Density (%)		Harc (HV	lness /10)	Poisson's Ratio		
Thermal State	Н	V	Н	V	Н	V	
As-Built	99.9	99.9	535				
PH+A+T	99.9	99.9	551				

TENSILE DATA

Tensile testing done in accordance with ASTM E8 and ASTM E21

Test Temperature: RT	Modulus of Elasticity (GPa)		0.2% Stre (MI	0.2% Yield Strength (MPa)		Ultimate Tensile Strength (MPa)		Elongation (%)		Reduction of Area	
Thermal State	Н	V	Н	V	Н	V	Н	V	Н	V	
As-Built	160	147	975	1110	1510	1875	2.5	6.5			
PH+A+T	203	208	1505	1520	1790	1800	8.0	8.5			

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** Roughness measurements have been performed according to DIN EN ISO 4287 and DIN EN ISO 4288. In general analysis of the surface quality is strongly dependent on the methodology used and therefore deviations might be observed depending on methodology used. Vertical and horizontal sidewalls have been characterized using a tactile system, overhangs using an optical system.

H: HORIZONTAL (XY) orientation V: VERTICAL (Z) orientation



PH+A+T

As-Built

Crack sensitivity

In general Tool Steel H13 is susceptible to microcrack formation. The occurrence of microcracks is highly dependent on the microstructural evolution during solidification and determined by local chemistry and cooling rate conditions. A crack-free microstructure is dependent on batch chemistry variations as well as different part & print layouts which should be considered during the development process.

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