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Material for Value-Tec fine, industrial and fibre grip tweezers

The material used for manufacturing the Value-Tec fine, industrial and fibre grip tweezers is a selected grade of non-magnetic AISI 202 stainless steel.

It is used for the following Value-Tec tweezers:

#50-014010 through #50-014220 Value-Tec fine tweezers

#50-014X20 through #50-014X70 Value-Tec reversed fine tweezers

#50-014310 through #50-014386 Value-Tec industrial strong tweezers

#50-014462 through #50-014482 Value-Tec fiber grip tweezers

General remarks:

- AISI 202 is an austenitic stainless steel (DIN 1.4373, X12CrMnNNi 18-9-5) and is a cost effective replacement for 304, 302 and 310 stainless steel with a lower Ni content
- Contains 17 19 wt% Chromium and contains significant amounts of Manganese and Nickel as additional alloy component. N is added to increase strength.
- Normally non-magnetic, but becomes magnetic when cold worked
- Can be hardened by heat treatment and precipitation hardening
- Can be work hardened, annealing is recommended for stress relieving
- Moderate corrosion resistance to most solvents, salts and moderate acids
- Generally used where both strength and corrosion resistance are required
- Typical applications include tweezers, tools, cooking equipment, hose clamps and architectural products

General composition of AISI 202

Element	Wt. %
С	≤0.15
Cr	17.0 – 19.0
Ni	4.0 – 6.0
Mn	7.5 – 10.0
Si	≤1.0
N	≤0.25
Р	≤0.06
S	≤0.03
Fe	Balance



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Properties of AISI 304

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Mechanical Properties		
State	Annealed	
Density	7.8 g/cm ³	
Hardness Rockwell B	90	
Hardness Rockwell C	27	
Tensile strength, ultimate	515 MPa	
Tensile strength, yield	275 MPa	
Elongation until break	40%	
Modulus of Elasticity	207 GPa	
Poisson's ratio	0.29	
Thermal Properties		
Coefficient of thermal linear expansion	17.3 x 10- ⁶ /°C (20-100°C)	
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion	17.8 x 10- ⁶ /°C (20-300°C)	
Specific heat capacity	0.50 J/(g.K)	
Thermal conductivity	16.3W/(m.K)	
Continuous use (service) temperature	500°C	
Maximum service temperature (short)	870°C	
Electrical Properties		
Resistivity	0.69 x 10-4 Ohm.cm	

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