

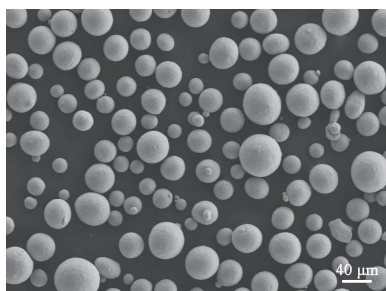
# BLT-Ti64

## Titanium Powder Designed for Additive Manufacturing

Ti-6Al-4V alloy has fine mechanical properties, biocompatibility and corrosion resistance, and has broad application prospects in aerospace, medical, chemical and other fields. For these applications, BLT has developed and produced high-quality BLT-Ti64 powders suitable for selective laser melting (SLM).

### → Product Features

Advanced Inert Gas Atomization process is adopted to produce BLTM powder. Combined with our optimized powder treatment process, we can provide BLT-Ti64 powder with superior quality in commercial scale.



- Low Oxygen Content
- High Purity
- Excellent Flowability
- Few Satellite Particles
- Highly Spherical
- High Consistency of Every Batch

### → Chemical Composition

BLT-Ti64 powder chemistry comply with ASTM B348, Grade 5, Grade 23.

The chemical composition is in compliance with standards ASTM F1580, ASTM F2924, ASTM F136, ASTM F3001.

	Chemical Composition (wt.%)										
Element	Ti	Al	V	Fe	C	N	H	O	Y	Other Elements	Other Elements
Grade 5	Bal.	5.5~6.75	3.5~4.5	≤0.30	≤0.08	≤0.05	≤0.015	≤0.20	≤0.005	each≤0.10	total≤0.40
Grade 23	Bal.	5.5~6.5	3.5~4.5	≤0.25	≤0.08	≤0.03	≤0.012	≤0.13	≤0.005	each≤0.10	total≤0.40

### → Particle Size Distribution and Powder Properties

Particle Size Distribution <sup>[1]</sup>	D10≥18μm, 32μm≤D50≤42μm, D90≤63μm
Hall Flow <sup>[2]</sup>	≤40s/50g
Apparent Density <sup>[3]</sup>	≥2.2g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Tap Density <sup>[4]</sup>	≥2.7g/cm <sup>3</sup>

[1] Particle Size Distribution test according to DIN EN ISO 3923, ASTM B822.

[2] Hall Flow test according to DIN EN ISO 4490, ASTM B213.

[3] Apparent Density test according to DIN EN ISO 3923-1, ASTM B212.

[4] Tap Density test according to BS EN ISO 3923, ASTM B527.

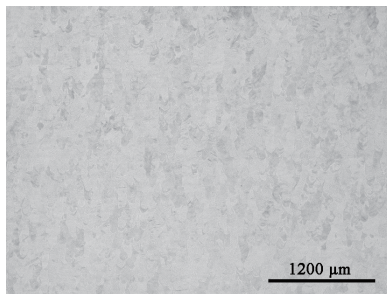
## → Printing and Heat Treatment

The BLT-Ti64 powder should be printed to AM components through selective laser melting process. Heat Treatment is used to optimize mechanical properties of the components and relieve stress. A recommended heat treatment condition is heat to 800 °C in vacuum furnace and maintain temperature for 2 hours, then cooling under argon quenching. This Material Data Sheet of BLT-Ti64 powder provides information and data for components built by BLT-S310.

## → Microstructure of the Printed Components

### Porosity

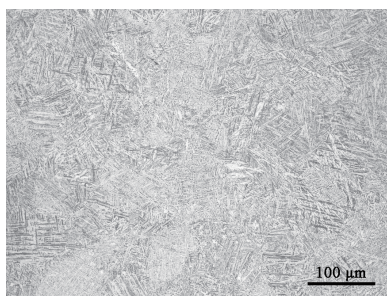
The printed components from BLT-Ti64 powder show a homogenous, dense internal structure. (Porosity $\leq$ 0.05%)



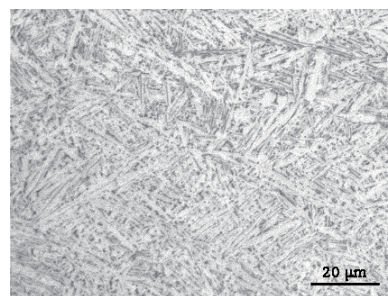
Porosity $\leq$ 0.05%

### Microstructure

Etched samples show a microstructure consist of  $\alpha$  phase and  $\beta$  phase, typical for Ti-6Al-4V alloy. As a result of rapid solidification, the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  phase is fine and distribute homogenously, leading to excellent comprehensive mechanical properties.



Microstructure (x 200 magnification)



Microstructure (x 500 magnification)

## → Typical Achievable Mechanical Properties

Material Properties		Tensile Strength <sup>[5]</sup> Rm (MPa)	Yield Strength <sup>[5]</sup> Rp0.2(MPa)	Fracture Elongation <sup>[5]</sup> A %	Reduction of Area <sup>[5]</sup> Z %	Young's Modulus <sup>[5]</sup> E (GPa)	Hardness <sup>[6]</sup> HV0.5
Test Result	(XY)	1000 $\pm$ 30	910 $\pm$ 30	17.5 $\pm$ 2.5	55 $\pm$ 5	110 $\pm$ 10	320 $\pm$ 15
	(Z)	1000 $\pm$ 30	950 $\pm$ 30	17.5 $\pm$ 2.5	55 $\pm$ 5	110 $\pm$ 10	

[5] Tensile test according to DIN EN ISO 6892-1. [6] Hardness test according to DIN EN ISO 6507-1.

## → Chemical and Physical Properties

Material Properties	Test Result
Chemical Composition <sup>[7]</sup>	Ti (balance) N ( $\leq 0.05$ wt.%) Al (5.5-6.75 wt.%) C ( $\leq 0.08$ wt.%) V (3.5-4.5 wt.%) H ( $\leq 0.015$ wt.%) O ( $\leq 0.20$ wt.%) Fe ( $\leq 0.30$ wt.%)
Surface Roughness (Ra) <sup>[8]</sup>	<10
Relative Density ( $\rho$ ) <sup>[9]</sup>	approx. 100 %

[7] Chemical composition analysis according to ASTM E1941-10, ASTM E2371-13, ASTM E1409-13, ASTM E1447-09.

[8] Surface roughness test according to DIN EN ISO 4288.

[9] The relative density is obtained by dividing the measured density by the theoretical density. The measured density test according to DIN EN ISO 3369.

## → Biological Characteristics

### Corrosion Resistance

Components were printed by BLT-Ti64 powder. In a standardized test <sup>[10]</sup>, the total metal ion release from each component into the specified solution at  $(37 \pm 1)^\circ\text{C}$  [ $(98.6 \pm 33.8)^\circ\text{F}$ ] in a time period of  $7d \pm 1h$  is about  $5\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ .

### Tarnish Resistance

The components printed by our BLT-Ti64 powder are considered tarnish-resistant <sup>[11]</sup>, which means when tested in accordance with standard <sup>[11]</sup>, there is no more than a very minor colour change and the products of tarnish are easy to remove by gentle rubbing or brushing.

### Biocompatibility

Several biological tests were conducted. And the biocompatibility of BLT-Ti64 powder was evaluated according to ISO 10993-1:2009 based on the test results. The test results are as follows:

Evaluation Tests	Test Result
In Vitro Cytotoxicity <sup>[12]</sup>	Nontoxicity
Irritation and Skin Sensitization <sup>[13]</sup>	Nonirritant
Genotoxicity <sup>[14]</sup>	Negative
Systemic Toxicity <sup>[15]</sup>	Nontoxicity

[10] Corrosion resistance test according to DIN EN ISO 22674.

[11] Tarnish resistance test according to DIN EN ISO 22674.

[12] In vitro cytotoxicity test according to DIN EN ISO 10993-5.


[13] Irritation and skin sensitization test according to DIN EN ISO 10993-10.

[14] Genotoxicity test according to DIN EN ISO 10993-3.

[15] Systemic toxicity test according to DIN EN ISO 10993-11 and DIN EN ISO 10993-11.


\*It should be pointed out that test results listed above only provide to user as a reference.

The producer should evaluate the biocompatibility of the component according to a particular purpose.

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