



FOURTH GENERATION NICKEL BASE SINGLE CRYSTAL SUPERALLOY

TMS-138 / 138A

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TMS-138 / 138A

These are the 4th generation nickel-base single crystal superalloys containing ruthenium additions. Both TMS-138 and TMS-138A possess excellent high temperature creep strengths, microstructural stability and hot corrosion resistance.

Chemical composition, wt%

Alloys	Co	Cr	Mo	W	Al	Ta	Hf	Re	Ru
TMS-138	5.8	3.2	2.8	5.9	5.9	5.6	0.1	5.0	2.0
TMS-138A	5.8	3.2	2.8	5.6	5.7	5.6	0.1	5.8	3.6

Heat Treatment Condition (Typical)

Solution; 1300°C/1h+1340°C/5h→R.T. *, Aging; 1100°C/4h→R.T. +870°C/20h→R.T.*

*Gas Fan Cooling (GFC)

	TMS-138 / TMS-138A
Solidus Temperature	: 1390°C / 1390°C
Solvus Temperature	: 1300°C / 1290°C
Heat Window for Solution Treatment	: 44°C / 50°C

Physical Constants and Thermal Properties

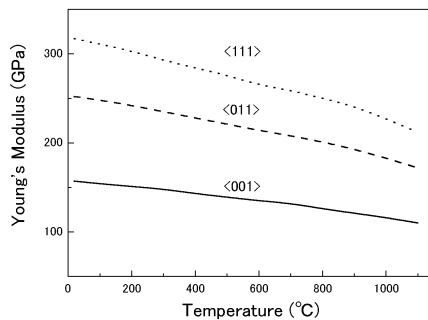
TMS-138 / TMS-138A

Density..... at R.T.....8.95 / 9.02 g/cc

Coefficient of Expansion.....20 – 200°C.....11.2 / 10.7 x10⁻⁶

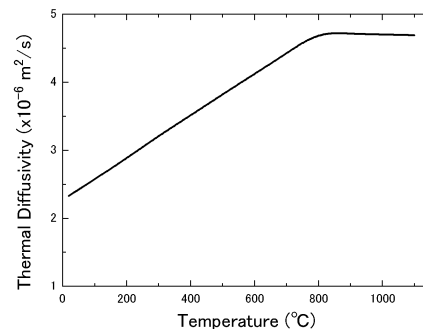
Young's Modulus (TMS-138)

Resonance method



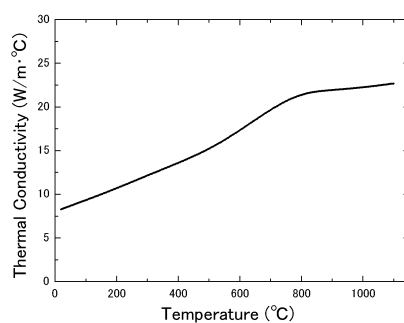
Thermal Diffusivity (TMS-138)

Laser-Flush Method



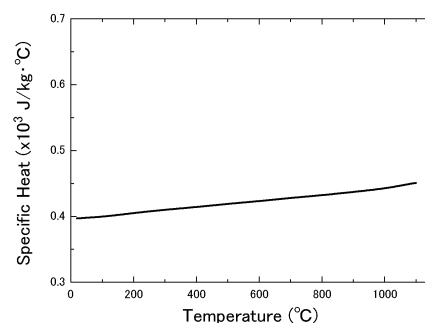
Thermal Conductivity (TMS-138)

Laser-Flush Method



Specific Heat (TMS-138)

Adiabatic calorimeter

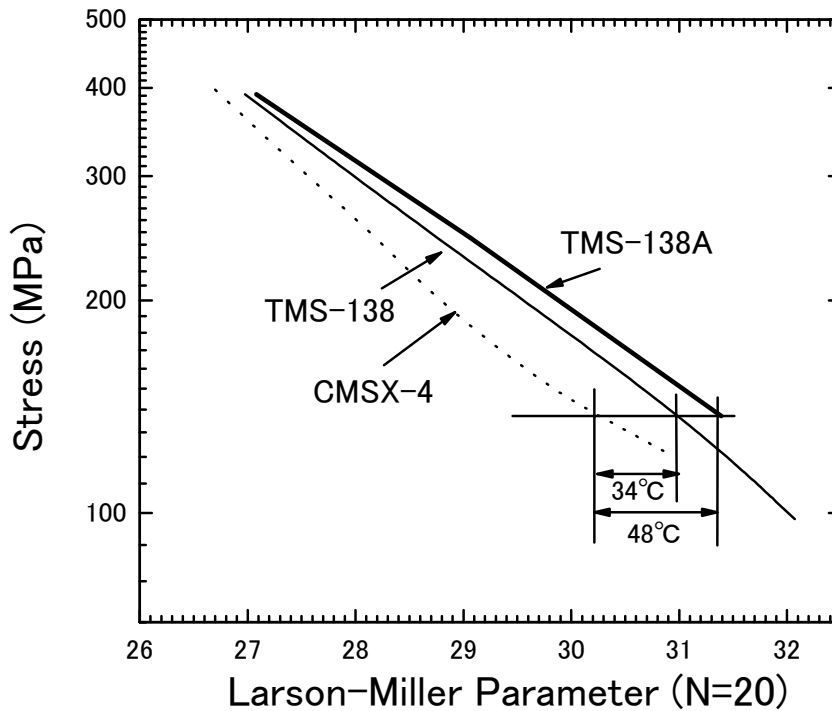


Typical Mechanical Properties

Creep Rupture Strength (TMS-138 / TMS-138A)

Conditions		Rupture life τ h	Elongation %	Reduction of Area %
Temperature	Stress, MPa			
900°C(1173K)	392.0	986.9 / 1223.8	20.8 / 31.8	31.2 / 35.5
1000°C(1273 K)	245.0	380.5 / 688.2	28.1 / 17.0	31.5 / 32.7
1100°C(1373 K)	137.2	412.3 / 722.4	7.6 / 8.7	32.1 / 35.7
1150°C(1423 K)	98.0	343.3 / -	9.9 / -	35.0 / -
1150°C(1423 K)	137.2	81.5 / -	12.6 / -	33.9 / -

Larson-Miller Plot (= $T(20+\log(\tau))$)

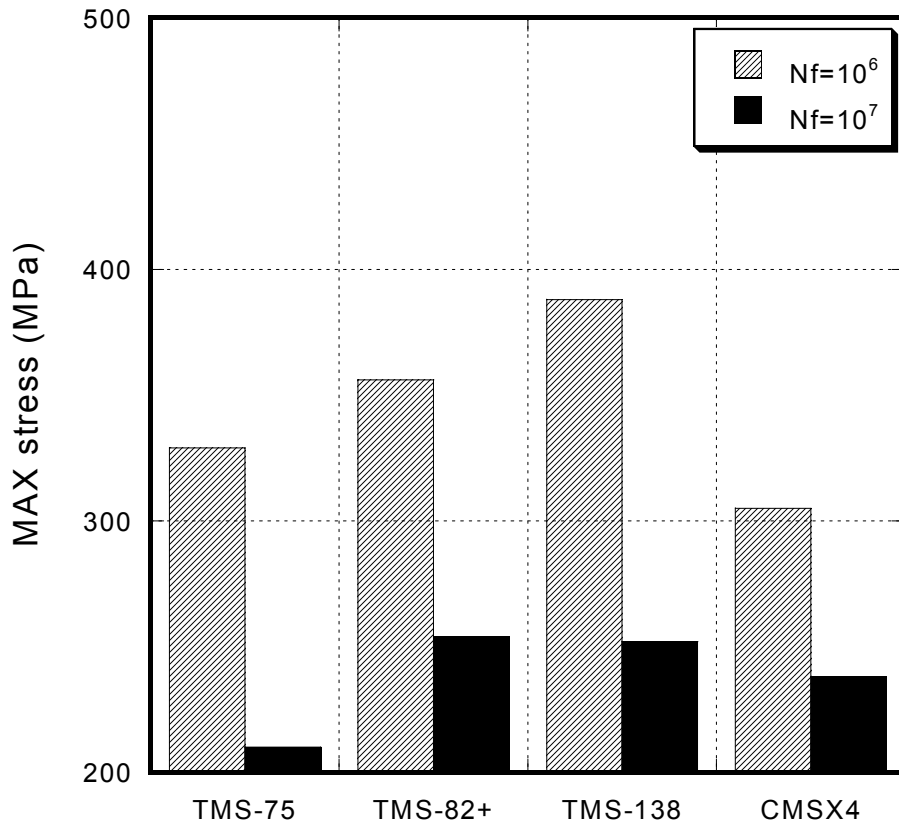


Tensile Strength (TMS-138)

Temperature °C(K)	0.2% Proof Stress MPa	UTS MPa	Elongation %	Reduction of Area %
500 (773)	804	958	8.8	9.2
800 (1073)	869	1208	12.5	12.1

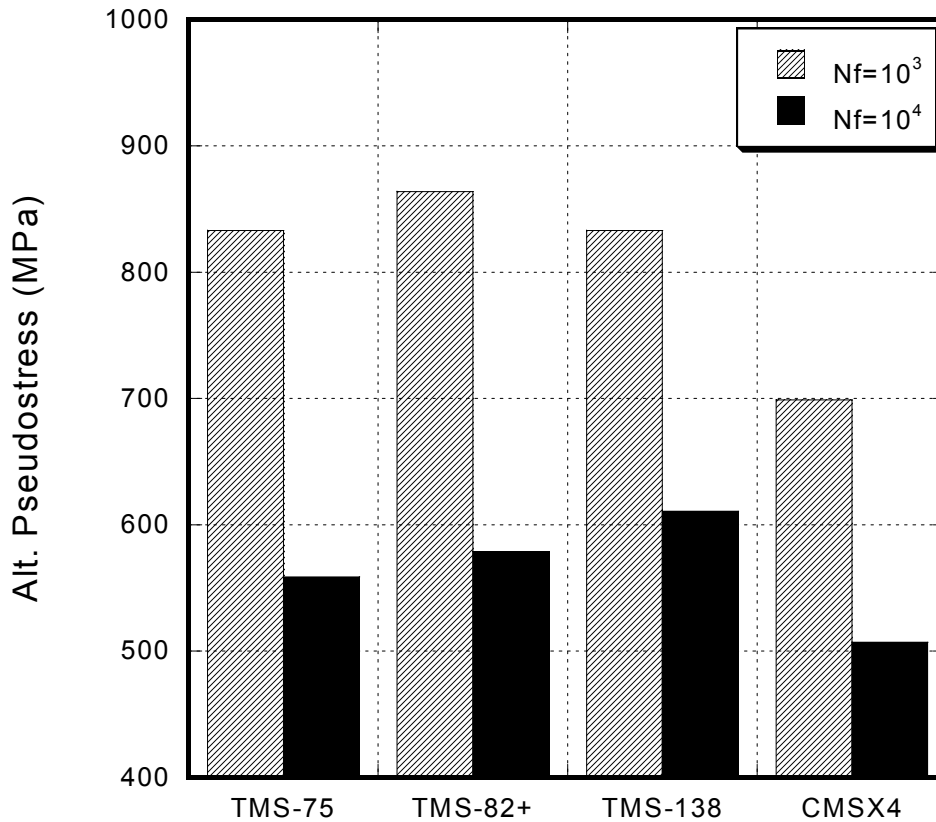
High Cycle Fatigue (TMS-138)

HCF failure stress ratio of TMS alloys and CMSX-4 at 1373K; R ratio: 1.0



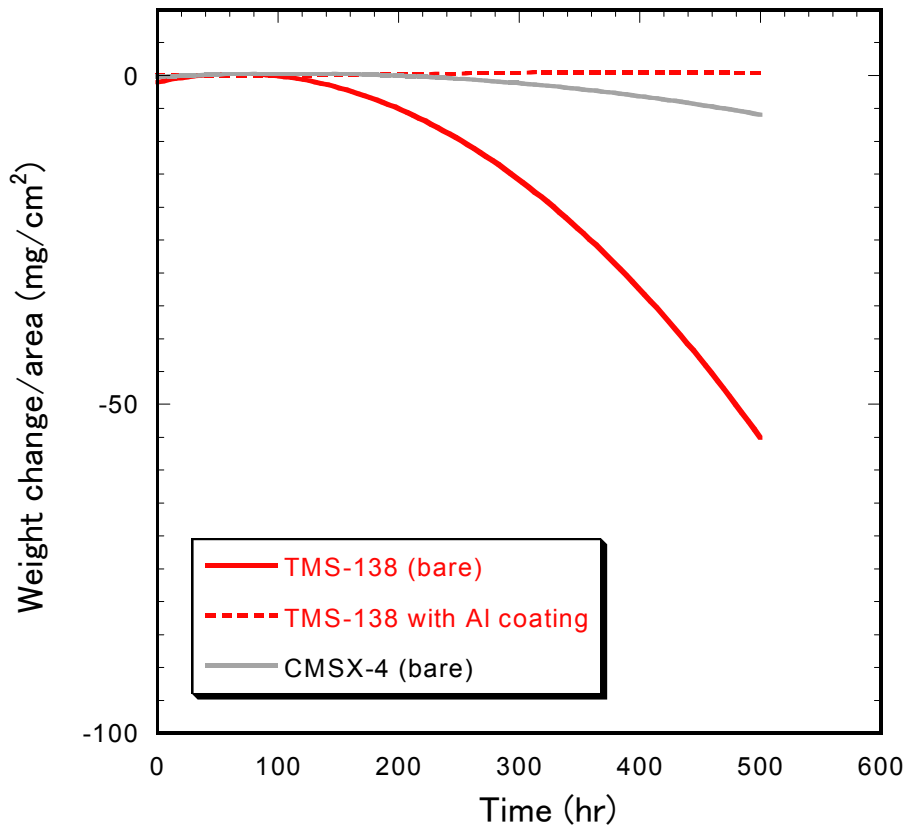
Low Cycle Fatigue (Strain: Constant)

LCF failure stress ratio of TMS alloys and CMSX-4 at 1073K; R ratio: 1.0.



Oxidation Properties (TMS-138)

Static oxidation tests of both bare alloys and Al coated TMS-138 alloy at 1373K in air.



Related Articles

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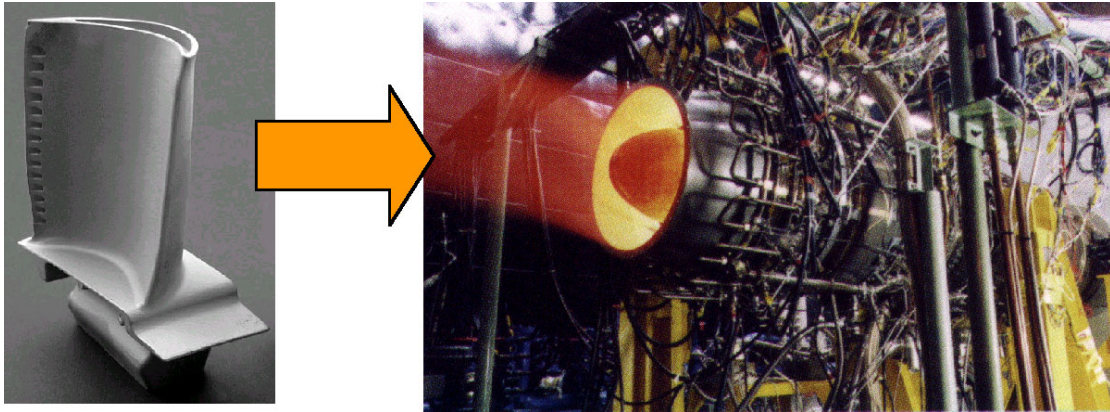
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Application Examples

At ESPR project*, endurance test of HTCE (High Temperature Core Engine constructed employing TMS-138 superalloy) was successfully conducted at 1650°C turbine inlet temperature that is the highest level in the world.

*ESPR project : Research and Development of Environmentally Compatible Propulsion System for Next-generation Supersonic Transport (organized by New Energy Development Organization in Japan).



Out view of test bench installed TMS-138 blades.

Turbine inlet gas temperature : 1650°C

High Temperature Materials 21 Project

On June 1, 1999, ex-NRIM (now NIMS) launched an R&D project, "High Temperature Materials 21 (HTM 21)" Project, (1999. 6--2010. 3). In this Project we develop high temperature materials for 1700°C ultra-efficient gas turbines in power generations, small but efficient gas turbines for local power systems, next generation jet engines, high performance space rockets, and so on. These materials include Ni-base single crystal superalloys up to 5th generation alloys with new coating systems, as well as alloys with new concepts, e.g., platinum group metals (PGMs)-base refractory superalloys, Cr-base alloys, and so on. Materials design of empirical and theoretical approaches and microstructure analysis to support the alloy design and developments are also conducted with a major importance. We have world wide collaborations to enhance the high temperature materials researches mentioned above (Director; Hiroshi Harada).