



Large Ceramic Precision Balls

Morgan now has a developed technology to produce extremely accurate and large precision balls in full ceramic, even an extended stem or other shapes are possible.

When required, a sphericity $< 1\mu\text{m}$ has been achieved on a 120mm diameter sphere. A surface roughness up to Ra 0.02 is possible.

Materials applicable are Silicon Nitride, Silicon Carbide and Zirconia depending on your application. Whether it's a check valve, unidirectional bearing, ball hinge, bearing pad or a precision instrument, ceramics can make the difference.



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Our products are used in industries as diverse as energy, mining, mineral processing and materials handling industries.



Specifications

Size:	Up to 200mm possible, fully dense
Ceramic material:	Si ₃ N ₄ , SiSiC, SiSiC, ZrO ₂
Accuracy:	Sphericity < 1 μm
Surface finish:	Ra0.02 or lower is possible
Compressive strength:	3000 Mpa or above, with smooth surface finish

Materials

Summary of available materials for ceramic precision balls.

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Properties ¹	Units	Nilcra [®] Zirconia MS Grade	Nilcra [®] SiAlON E	Nilcra [®] Sintered Silicon Carbide
Density	g/cm ³	5.74	3.21	3.1
Fracture Toughness	MPa√m	12	8	3
Flexural Strength ²	MPa (kpsi)	820 (118)	650 (94)	450 (65)
Weibull Modulus ³		>30	15	12
Compressive Strength	MPa (kpsi)	1990 (289)	3500 (435)	3000 (435)
Hardness, Vickers	HV _{0.3} kg/mm ²	1120	1630	2650
Modulus of Elasticity	GPa (x10 ⁶ psi)	205 (30)	320 (46)	400 (58)
Poisson's Ratio		0.31	0.28	0.16
Average Grain Size	μm	40	1 - 10	1 - 5
Electrical Resistivity	ohm.cm	>10 ¹¹	>10 ¹²	>10 ⁴
Thermal Conductivity	W/m.K (BTU/hr/ft.°F)	3.08 (1.8)	25 (14)	125 (72)
Coefficient Thermal Expansion	x 10 ⁻⁶ /°C (°F)	10.2 (5.7)	3.2 (1.7)	3.2 (1.7)
Specific Heat	J/g.K	0.47	0.65	0.67
Thermal Shock Resistance, ΔT	°C (°F)	375 (705)	600 (1100)	900 (1650)
Colour		White	Black	Black

* All values quoted are based on test pieces and may vary according to component design. These values are typical and should be treated as indicative and for guidance only.

Notes: 1. Testing carried out at room temperature 20°C (70°F). 2. Four point bend test. 3. Calculated from production batch flexural strength data.