

# Comparison of the Influence of Cutting Methods on Mechanical Strength Between New Glass-Like Carbon Composites and Conventional Glassy Carbon

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**Abstract.** Mechanical properties of four kinds of glassy carbon were compared with various machining speeds. As the result, 1) Strength was highly affected by smoothness of the cut surface. 2) Glassy carbon composites were less respondent to the roughness of cut surface, compared with pure G.C.

## INTRODUCTION

Glassy carbon has not been used widely in industrial fields, because of its difficulties to machine, fragility, and high cost, in spite of the excellent properties such as very low permeability, highly resistant against chemicals.

In order to utilize those excellent properties in industrial uses, such as fuel cell separators, semi-conductor processing parts and so on, we have developed two kinds of glass like carbon composites which have high strength and better machinability than a pure glassy carbon.

Since the strength of glassy carbon bodies is, in general, strongly affected by roughness of machined surface of the bodies, we investigated those relationship about four kinds of glassy carbons (above-mentioned two ones are included).

## EXPERIMENTAL

Four kinds of glassy carbon plates, which are shown in Table I), were cut into 200x100mm specimens by a diamond wheel cutting tool (resin bond wheel 150 $\phi$  mm x 0.5mm thickness, 3200 rpm).

Bending strength of these specimens, each of which were cut at various speeds, were measured as shown in Fig 1).

To relate edge chips occurred on cut surface with bending strength, we select index-I (see Fig2) so that we can compute the edge chips numerically.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Photo I) shows one example of edge chips occurred on cut surface. each spec-

Table I Glassy carbons used for this experiment.

(Composition, wt%)				
phenolic resin	100	70	70	50
carbon				
graphite powder	0	30	0	30
fibrous carbon	0	0	30	20
(Properties)				
Youngs Modulus (kg/mm <sup>2</sup> )	2920	2640	3160	2730
Electric resistivity ( $\mu\Omega$ cm)	4700	4230	4530	4010
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.53	1.58	1.50	1.55
Permeability (cm <sup>2</sup> /sec)	10	3x10	10	9x10

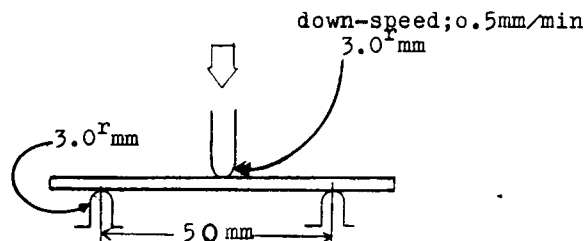


Fig 1) Method of measuring bending strength

imen was likely to bear the more edge chips like Photo I), the more fast become the cutting speed.

Table 2) shows the relation between cutting speed, edge chips and bending strength each other about four kinds of samples.

Bending strength of each sample more or less depended on cutting speed (i.e. degree of edge chips on cut surface).

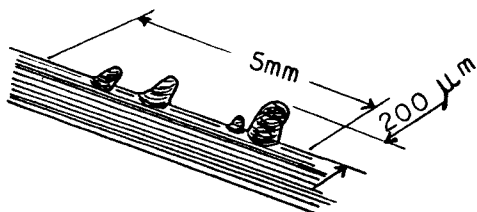


Fig2) Explanation of the index I.

$I = A \times N$   
 (in this case  $I = 200 \times 4$ )  
 A; maximum depth of chips.  
 in this case 200.  
 if the depth is less than 100,  
 $A = 0$   
 N; the number of chips.  
 in this case 4.

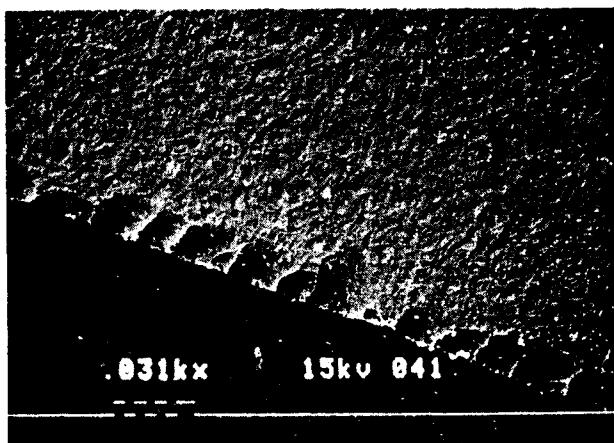


Photo 1) Edge chips on cut surface.

Especially bending strength of sample-A very strongly depended on degree of edge chips.

Relation between index I and bending strength suggests that bending strength is affected by edge chips in the order of  $A \gg B \approx C > D$ .

Compared cutting speed with index I, sample B is easiest to be machined. On the other hand, sample C is most difficult to cut.

It is estimated that easiness of cutting is in the order of  $B > A \approx D > C$ .

Artificial graphite powder and fibrous carbon in the glass like carbonaceous composites are estimated that they play roles such as  
 A) graphite powder; it makes easier to cut the composites, increase the cutting speed, but lessen the strength of them.

B) fibrous carbon; it makes more difficult to cut the composites, decreases the cutting speed, but raises the strength and makes the strength less respondent to edge chips.

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Table 2) The relation between cutting speed, index I and bending strength.

cutting speed (mm/min)	sample A		sample B		sample C		sample D	
	I	B.S (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	I	B.S (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	I	B.S (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	I	B.S (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )
10	0	980	0	750	200	1930	0	1810
50	200	790	0	660	800	1870	200	1880
100	500	570	100	680	1200	1900	400	1830
500	1100	280	600	610	2500	1610	900	1710