

Experimental determining parameters of Kohlrausch regression dependence for porous compacts from waxy powder compositions

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Producing casting blocks with improved dimensional geometric characteristics is an important production problem. The investment casting method allows ensuring the production of complex configuration castings, and also makes it possible to combine individual parts into solid-cast assemblies. Due to the multistage process and the high cost of materials, rejects are unacceptable, however in some cases the total value of rejects may reach a third, because of deformation processes caused by technological features of production and the properties of the materials used. One of the options for reducing the stress-strain state of the investment pattern structure is the compaction of model mass powders. However, the total effect of the relaxation of the components of the pressed investment pattern after unloading results in compact dimensions increase. At the same time, the distortion of the resulting product dimensions will be significantly lower than when it is made by pouring a liquid waxy material. To find the optimal mode for obtaining a pressed waxy model with a small size distortion, it is necessary to perform a series of experiments determining the rheological characteristics of the materials. Relaxation of stress under conditions of constant compression deformation is described by the Kohlrausch equation. In the course of the experiment, the relationship between the stresses that arise when compacting the waxy body formed from the powders of various fractions and porosity of the compacts was obtained. Assessing the strength of compacts with stresses that appear during their manufacture, difference in stresses is found and the parameters of the Kohlrausch equation for a compact from a model material are determined. The obtained results allow predicting the final dimensions of the compact sections, and in the future they can be used to compile a mathematical model for the process of obtaining porous pressed investment patterns from the model materials used in foundry.

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