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# Dedication

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We wish to dedicate this book to our parents, Viola and Matthew Donachie, and our wives, Cynthia and Martha.

Our father was an outstanding self-taught metallurgist. He worked as an electrician in the steel mills in Motherwell, Scotland, for a short time before emigrating to the United States. “Scottie” to his friends, “Steve” to his family, and “Matthew” to later life acquaintances only, was a long time ASMer and introduced us to the art and science of the metallurgy field. Many an hour was spent by us at Steve’s labs in Holyoke, MA as we grew through elementary, junior high, and high school. Metallography was an art to be learned at the master’s knee. Photography was a passion. All sorts of improvisations were made in the lab to produce the most wondrous metallurgical results. A patient and thorough man, Steve was most responsible for each of us in turn to choose to become a metallurgist and, eventually, to go on to receive our doctorates in the field.

Vi was responsible for our education for a many a year because Steve was away for weeks at a time during the war years of the 1940s. She made certain that we accomplished our studies and encouraged us at all times. Little did we realize the depths of her own talent until we finally were off to college and discovered that Vi had become a painter on canvas, an architect of elegant enamelware, a ceramist, a weaver of some note, and an occasional judge at competitions. She presided over the Holyoke Woman’s Club and, at another time, over the Home Information Center. Yes, we remembered that she crocheted and occasionally knitted when we were younger, and her avid reading and breadth of knowledge of current affairs were remarkable. Still, Vi submerged most of her talents until later years to bring all her children to college and beyond. She was quite a remarkable woman!

The patience and character of many women are legendary, and we would like to hold out the examples of our wives, Cynthia (Steve’s wife) and Martha (Matt’s wife), who have put up with the workaholic nature of our lives for decades. As we have worked at various tasks over the years, they understood and helped to make it easier for us to complete those tasks. Many an evening was spent without our presence, yet they both have encouraged us. It is to them that we also dedicate this book.

With the help and encouragement of our parents and wives, we learned and, hopefully, practiced intellectual investigation and ethical exploration and exposition of knowledge in our chosen areas of metallurgy. We are truly indebted to all for the ways they have influenced our lives.

“How happy is he born and taught  
That serveth not another’s will  
Whose armour is his honest thought  
And simple truth his utmost skill!”

Sir H. Wotton in *The Golden Treasury*, F. T. Palgrave, 1861

Steve  
Matt

## Preface

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The superalloys are, indeed, super. For over 6 decades now, they have provided the most reliable and cost effective means of achieving high operating temperature and stress conditions in aircraft and, now, industrial gas turbines. They have resisted all efforts to reduce their importance and decrease the volume of use. Instead, superalloys continue in wide use in the gas turbine field and may well begin to see even more volume of use in other fields. Superalloys now find application in such diverse fields as oil equipment and biomedical implants. As we move through the first decade of the twenty-first century, superalloys seem secure. To be sure, advances in alloy chemistry are not so easy to achieve any more, but it is being done. Surface modification, partly through the application of coating technology, has extended the useful temperature range of alloys concurrent with the introduction of directional structures and then single crystals of superalloys. Melting technology is “head and shoulders” above that of just 15 years ago!

In the late 40s and 50s, there were some conferences and a few published books catering to the developing field of superalloys. At Special Metals, a new generation of processing was dawning as vacuum melting of commercial alloys became a reality. By the mid 60s, the majority of the alloys in use today, except for the directionally solidified ones, existed. The 60s saw the zenith of superalloy development as columnar grain alloys and single crystals were made feasible, and many polycrystalline alloys were brought to commercial reality. Papers on superalloys at the ASM and AIME meetings became fairly routine. At the end of the decade, an important conference was set into being by a dedicated group of metallurgists representing ASM, AIME, and ASME. The first International Conference on Superalloys was not originally intended to be the nucleus of a long running forum, but it did indeed become that. The conference, known as the Seven Springs Conference after the original and only conference location, has continued from 1968 into the twenty-first century. Some other conferences have been initiated and prospered as well. Some conferences cover only specific alloys; e.g. Inconel 718 and related alloys are the subjects of a continuing series of conference.

ASM was an early leader in the presentation of books on high-temperature behavior of metals. In 1979, ASM published *Source Book on Materials at Elevated Temperatures*, in 1984, the *Superalloys Source Book*, and in 1988, the first edition of *Superalloys: A Technical Guide*. Other books on high temperature behavior/properties have been published as well by ASM. The continued success of superalloy technology has encouraged us to undertake a total revision of *Superalloys: A Technical Guide*. The new Second Edition contains much more information than the previous edition and has been modified in layout to better accommodate the technical information provided. The text has been completely revised and expanded from that of the previous edition with many additional figures and new and revised tables.

Virtually all technical aspects of superalloys are covered in this edition. The book is not intended to be exhaustive in every respect, but we believe that the



reader will find it to be most comprehensive. Chapter 4 in particular is probably the most complete and up-to-date presentation on alloy melting available. Selection of alloys is covered with many suggestions to lead the reader to ask appropriate questions either of her/himself or others in the application or development of superalloys. Furthermore, the relation of properties and microstructure is covered in more detail than in previous books. The Guide has been reviewed for accuracy, but it is possible that errors will have occurred. The writers would appreciate receiving either corrections or suggestions (or both) from readers.

If you are new to the use of superalloys, we would strongly suggest starting with Chapter 1. “Superalloys for High Temperatures—A Primer” will suit the needs of readers who want just a brief introduction to superalloys and cannot spend more time on the subject. If you are knowledgeable in metallurgy but have limited knowledge of superalloys, you might wish to start with Chapter 3, “Understanding Superalloy Metallurgy,” before proceeding to one of the specialized chapters for more in-depth information. It is most likely that your immediate needs can be satisfied by perusing this book. However, on completing appropriate chapters, you may wish to pursue reading from one of the references listed in Appendix B.

The writers wish to thank all those who contributed to this book, including the many contributors to other ASM books and the *ASM Handbook* series. We extend our special thanks to John Marcin and Joe Goebel who extensively reviewed Chapters 5 and 13 respectively. This book is the product of the authors’ experience in superalloys, totaling close to 60 years between them, the authors’ personal biases, their technical files, and the extensive resources of ASM International. We particularly would like to thank Veronica Flint, retired from ASM International, for her encouragement to pursue this work and for her perseverance over the several years as the material made its way into electronic and now hard copy form. Veronica Flint and Matt have worked on several past ASM books. It was always been a pleasure to work with Veronica and was especially so on this significant update of an important technical field. The successful publication of this Second Edition is a tribute once more to the dedication of ASM International to providing the greatest access to materials information for the widest possible audience.

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## Chapter 1

# Superalloys for High Temperatures—a Primer

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### How and When to Use This Chapter

It is always difficult to locate concise but precise information on a subject. Executives and managers, particularly in industries using few superalloys, often need just basic information with the least extraneous or amplifying data. Purchasing agents or communications experts need a modest knowledge base to do their jobs more appropriately. The engineer may need more detail but still just a quick refresher about alloy types and design to start. The ability to lay hands on enough practical information to solve problems or answer questions about the superalloys is the basis for this book. The ability to know enough to ask questions and/or delve further into the superalloy field is the basis for this chapter!

The primer provided in this chapter supports such needs as those described previously by providing a concise overview of the major topics considered in the book, starting with a little history and then a statement about the nature of superalloys. This primer introduces the reader simply and directly to the wide variety of topics that must be considered in the application of superalloys. As for the book, whether the user is familiar with basic superalloy metallurgy or is a complete novice, this book provides a single-volume approach to the subject of superalloys. Theory is kept to a minimum, with practical knowledge stressed.

If you are new to the subject, start with this primer; it may be all that you need. If you are somewhat or strongly knowledgeable

in the field, check the table of contents and index for valuable insights into what you can find in each succeeding chapter.

### Some History

Designers have long had a need for stronger, more corrosion-resistant materials for high-temperature applications. The stainless steels, developed and applied in the second and third decades of the 20th century, served as a starting point for the satisfaction of high-temperature engineering requirements. They soon were found to be limited in their strength capabilities. The metallurgical community responded to increased needs by making what might be termed “super-alloys” of stainless varieties. Of course, it was not long before the hyphen was dropped and the improved iron-base materials became known as superalloys. Concurrently, with the advent of World War II, the gas turbine became a high driver for alloy invention or adaptation. Although patents for aluminum and titanium additions to Nichrome-type alloys were issued in the 1920s, the superalloy industry emerged with the adaptation of a cobalt alloy (Vitallium, also known as Haynes Stellite 31) used in dentistry to satisfy high-temperature strength requirements of aircraft engines. Some nickel-chromium alloys (the Inconels and Nimonics), based more or less, one might say, on toaster wire (Nichrome, a nickel-chromium alloy developed in the first decade of the 20th century) were also available. So, the race was on to make superior

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metal alloys available for the insatiable thirst of the designer for more high-temperature strength capability. It continues yet!

### What Are Superalloys and What Can You Do to Them?

Superalloys are nickel-, iron-nickel-, and cobalt-base alloys generally used at temperatures above about 1000 °F (540 °C). The iron-nickel-base superalloys such as the popular alloy IN-718 are an extension of stainless steel technology and generally are wrought. Cobalt-base and nickel-base superalloys may be wrought or cast, depending on the application/composition involved.

A large number of alloys have been invented and studied; many have been patented. However, the many alloys have been winnowed down over the years; only a few are extensively used. Alloy use is a function of industry (gas turbines, steam turbines, etc.). Not all alloys can be mentioned; examples of older and newer alloys are used to demonstrate the physical metallurgy response of superalloy systems (see Chapters 3 and 12). Figure 1.1 compares stress-rupture behavior of the three alloy classes (iron-nickel-, nickel-, and cobalt-base). A representative list of superalloys and compositions, emphasizing alloys developed in the United States, is given in Tables 1.1 and 1.2.

Appropriate compositions of superalloys can be forged, rolled to sheet, or otherwise produced in a variety of shapes. The more highly alloyed compositions normally are processed as castings. Fabricated structures can be built up by welding or brazing, but many highly alloyed compositions containing a large amount of hardening phase are difficult to weld. Properties can be controlled by adjustments in composition and by processing (including heat treatment), and excellent elevated-temperature strengths are available in finished products.

### A Short Review of the High-Temperature Strength of Metals

At ordinary temperatures, the strengths of most metals are measured in terms of short-time properties such as yield strength or ul-

time strength. However, when temperatures rise, particularly to temperatures (on an absolute temperature scale) of about 50% of the melting point/range for an alloy, strengths must be reckoned in terms of the time over which they are measured. Thus, if a metal is subjected to a load considerably less than the load (stress) that would break it at room temperature, but is at a high temperature, then the metal will begin to extend with time at load.

This time-dependent extension is called creep and, if allowed to continue long enough, will lead to fracture (or rupture, as it is called). Thus the creep strength of a metal or its rupture strength (technically called creep-rupture strength but more commonly called stress-rupture strength) or both are necessary components of understanding its mechanical behavior just as much as are the customary yield and ultimate strengths. Similarly, the fatigue (cyclic) capability will be reduced. So, to fully validate the capability of a metal alloy, dependent on application temperature and load, it may be necessary to provide yield and ultimate strengths, creep strengths, stress-rupture strengths, and appropriate fatigue strengths. Related mechanical properties such as dynamic modulus, crack growth rates, and fracture toughness also may be required. Appropriate physical properties such as thermal expansion coefficient, density, and so on complete the property list.

### Basic Metallurgy of Superalloys

Iron, nickel, and cobalt are generally face-centered cubic (fcc-austenitic) in crystal structure when they are the basis for superalloys. However, the normal room-temperature structures of iron and cobalt elemental metals are not fcc. Both iron and cobalt undergo transformations and become fcc at high temperatures or in the presence of other elements alloyed with iron and cobalt. Nickel, on the other hand, is fcc at all temperatures. In superalloys based on iron and cobalt, the fcc forms of these elements thus are generally stabilized by alloy element additions, particularly nickel, to provide the best properties.

The upper limit of use for superalloys is not restricted by the occurrence of any allotropic phase transformation reactions but is a function of incipient melting temperatures of alloys and dissolution of strengthening

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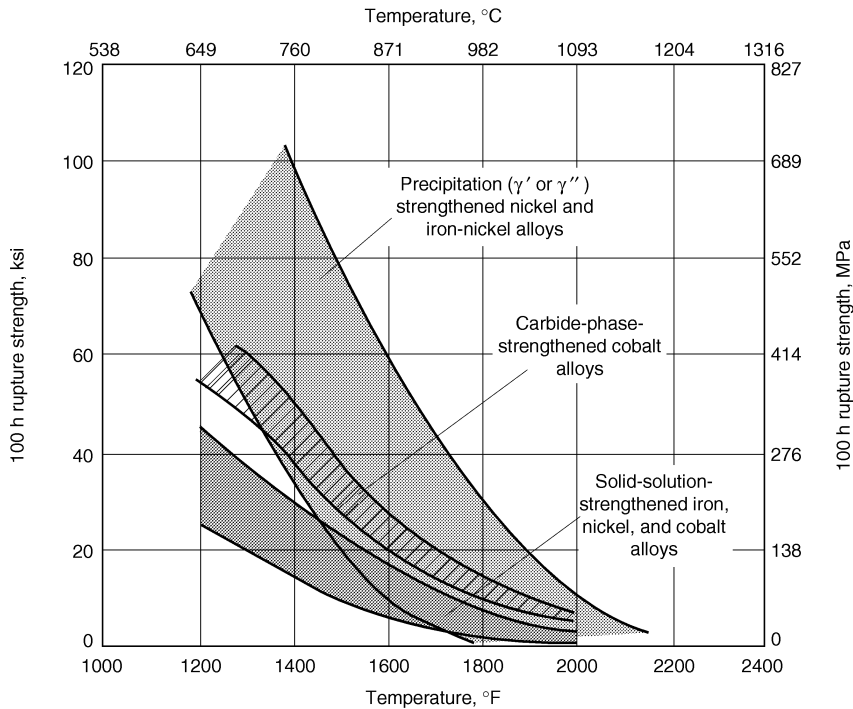


Fig. 1.1 Stress-rupture strengths of superalloys

phases. Incipient melting is the melting that occurs in some part of the alloy that, when solidified, is not at equilibrium composition and thus melts at a lower temperature than that at which it might otherwise melt. All alloys have a melting range, so melting is not at a specific temperature even if there is no nonequilibrium segregation of alloy elements. Superalloys are strengthened not only by the basic nature of the fcc matrix and its chemistry but also by the presence of special strengthening phases, usually precipitates. Working (mechanical deformation, often cold) of a superalloy can also increase strength, but that strength may not endure at high temperatures.

Some tendency toward transformation of the fcc phase to stable lower-temperature phases occasionally occurs in cobalt-base superalloys. The austenitic fcc matrices of superalloys have extended solubility for some alloying additions, excellent ductility, and (iron-nickel- and nickel-base superalloys) favorable characteristics for precipitation of uniquely effective strengthening phases.

Pure iron has a density of 0.284 lb/in.<sup>3</sup> (7.87 g/cm<sup>3</sup>), and pure nickel and cobalt have

densities of about 0.322 lb/in.<sup>3</sup> (8.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>). Iron-nickel-base superalloys have densities of about 0.285 to 0.300 lb/in.<sup>3</sup> (7.9 to 8.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>); cobalt-base superalloys, about 0.300 to 0.340 lb/in.<sup>3</sup> (8.3 to 9.4 g/cm<sup>3</sup>); and nickel-base superalloys, about 0.282 to 0.322 lb/in.<sup>3</sup> (7.8 to 8.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>). Superalloy density is influenced by alloying additions: aluminum, titanium, and chromium reduce density, whereas tungsten, rhenium, and tantalum increase it. The corrosion resistance of superalloys depends primarily on the alloying elements added, particularly chromium and aluminum, and the environment experienced.

The melting temperatures of the pure elements are as follows: nickel, 2647 °F (1453 °C); cobalt, 2723 °F (1495 °C); and iron, 2798 °F (1537 °C). Incipient (lowest) melting temperatures and melting ranges of superalloys are functions of composition and prior processing. Generally, incipient melting temperatures are greater for cobalt-base than for nickel- or iron-nickel-base superalloys. Nickel-base superalloys may show incipient melting at temperatures as low as 2200 °F (1204 °C). Advanced nickel-base single-crystal superalloys having limited amounts of

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Table 1.1 Nominal compositions of wrought superalloys

Alloy	Composition, %										
	Cr	Ni	Co	Mo	W	Nb	Ti	Al	Fe	C	Other
<b>Solid-solution alloys</b>											
<i>Iron-nickel-base</i>											
Alloy N-155 (Multimet)	21.0	20.0	20.0	3.00	2.5	1.0	...	...	32.2	0.15	0.15 N, 0.2 La, 0.02 Zr
Haynes 556	22.0	21.0	20.0	3.0	2.5	0.1	...	0.3	29.0	0.10	0.50 Ta, 0.02 La, 0.002 Zr
19-9 DL	19.0	9.0	...	1.25	1.25	0.4	0.3	...	66.8	0.30	1.10 Mn, 0.60 Si
Incoloy 800	21.0	32.5	...	...	...	...	0.38	0.38	45.7	0.05	...
Incoloy 800H	21.0	33.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	45.8	0.08	...
Incoloy 800HT	21.0	32.5	...	...	...	...	0.4	0.4	46.0	0.08	0.8 Mn, 0.5 Si, 0.4 Cu
Incoloy 801	20.5	32.0	...	...	...	...	1.13	...	46.3	0.05	...
Incoloy 802	21.0	32.5	...	...	...	...	0.75	0.58	44.8	0.35	...
<i>Nickel-base</i>											
Haynes 214	16.0	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	4.5	3.0	0.03	...
Haynes 230	22.0	55.0	5.0 max	2.0	14.0	...	...	0.35	3.0 max	0.10	0.015 max B, 0.02 La
Inconel 600	15.5	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.0	0.08	0.25 Cu
Inconel 601	23.0	60.5	...	...	...	...	...	1.35	14.1	0.05	0.5 Cu
Inconel 617	22.0	55.0	12.5	9.0	...	...	...	1.0	...	0.07	...
Inconel 625	21.5	61.0	...	9.0	...	3.6	0.2	0.2	2.5	0.05	...
RA333	25.0	45.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	...	...	...	18.0	0.05	...
Hastelloy B	1.0 max	63.0	2.5 max	28.0	...	...	...	...	5.0	0.05 max	0.03 V
Hastelloy N	7.0	72.0	...	16.0	...	...	0.5 max	...	5.0 max	0.06	...
Hastelloy S	15.5	67.0	...	15.5	...	...	...	0.2	1.0	0.02 max	0.02 La
Hastelloy W	5.0	61.0	2.5 max	24.5	...	...	...	...	5.5	0.12 max	0.6 V
Hastelloy X	22.0	49.0	1.5 max	9.0	0.6	...	...	2.0	15.8	0.15	...
Hastelloy C-276	15.5	59.0	...	16.0	3.7	...	...	...	5.0	0.02 max	...
Haynes HR-120	25.0	37.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	0.7	...	0.1	33.0	0.05	0.7 Mn, 0.6 Si, 0.2 N, 0.004 B
Haynes HR-160	28.0	37.0	29.0	...	...	...	...	...	2.0	0.05	2.75 Si, 0.5 Mn
Nimonic 75	19.5	75.0	...	...	...	...	0.4	0.15	2.5	0.12	0.25 max Cu
Nimonic 86	25.0	65.0	...	10.0	...	...	...	...	...	0.05	0.03 Ce, 0.015 Mg
<i>Cobalt-base</i>											
Haynes 25 (L-605)	20.0	10.0	50.0	...	15.0	...	...	...	3.0	0.10	1.5 Mn
Haynes 188	22.0	22.0	37.0	...	14.5	...	...	...	3.0 max	0.10	0.90 La
Alloy S-816	20.0	20.0	42.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	...	...	4.0	0.38	...
MP35-N	20.0	35.0	10.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MP159	19.0	25.0	36.0	7.0	...	0.6	3.0	0.2	9.0	...	...
Stellite B	30.0	1.0	61.5	...	4.5	...	...	...	1.0	1.0	...
UMCo-50	28.0	...	49.0	...	...	...	...	...	21.0	0.12	...
<b>Precipitation-hardening alloys</b>											
<i>Iron-nickel-base</i>											
A-286	15.0	26.0	...	1.25	...	...	2.0	0.2	55.2	0.04	0.005 B, 0.3 V
Discaloy	14.0	26.0	...	3.0	...	...	1.7	0.25	55.0	0.06	...
Incoloy 903	0.1 max	38.0	15.0	0.1	...	...	3.0	0.7	41.0	0.04	...
Pyromet CTX-1	0.1 max	37.7	16.0	0.1	...	...	1.4	1.0	39.0	0.03	...
Incoloy 907	...	38.4	13.0	...	...	4.7	1.5	0.03	42.0	0.01	0.15 Si
Incoloy 909	...	38.0	13.0	...	...	4.7	1.5	0.03	42.0	0.01	0.4 Si
Incoloy 925	20.5	44.0	...	2.8	...	...	2.1	0.2	29	0.01	1.8 Cu

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Table 1.1 (continued)

Alloy	Composition, %										
	Cr	Ni	Co	Mo	W	Nb	Ti	Al	Fe	C	Other
<b>Precipitation-hardening alloys (continued)</b>											
<i>Iron-nickel-base (continued)</i>											
V-57	14.8	27.0	...	1.25	...	...	3.0	0.25	48.6	0.08 max	0.01 B, 0.5 max V
W-545	13.5	26.0	...	1.5	...	...	2.85	0.2	55.8	0.08 max	0.05 B
<i>Nickel-base</i>											
Astrolay	15.0	56.5	15.0	5.25	...	...	3.5	4.4	<0.3	0.06	0.03 B, 0.06 Zr
Custom Age 625 PLUS	21.0	61.0	...	8.0	...	3.4	1.3	0.2	5.0	0.01	...
Haynes 242	8.0	62.5	2.5 max	25.0	...	...	...	0.5 max	2.0 max	0.10 max	0.006 max B
Haynes 263	20.0	52.0	...	6.0	...	...	2.4	0.6	0.7	0.09	0.6 Mn, 0.4 Si, 0.2 Cu
Haynes R-41	19.0	52.0	11.0	10.0	...	...	3.1	1.5	5.0	0.09	0.5 Si, 0.1 Mn, 0.006 B
Inconel 100	10.0	60.0	15.0	3.0	...	...	4.7	5.5	<0.6	0.15	1.0 V, 0.06 Zr, 0.015 B
IN-100	15	60	15	3	...	...	4.7	5.5	<0.6	0.15	0.06 Zr, 1.0 V
Inconel 102	15.0	67.0	...	2.9	3.0	2.9	0.5	0.5	7.0	0.06	0.005 B, 0.02 Mg, 0.03 Zr
Incoloy 901	12.5	42.5	...	6.0	...	...	2.7	...	36.2	0.10 max	...
Inconel 702	15.5	79.5	...	...	...	...	0.6	3.2	1.0	0.05	0.5 Mn, 0.2 Cu, 0.4 Si
Inconel 706	16.0	41.5	...	...	...	...	1.75	0.2	37.5	0.03	2.9 (Nb + Ta), 0.15 max Cu
Inconel 718	19.0	52.5	...	3.0	...	5.1	0.9	0.5	18.5	0.08 max	0.15 max Cu
Inconel 721	16.0	71.0	...	...	...	...	3.0	0.5	6.5	0.4	2.2 Mn, 0.1 Cu
Inconel 722	15.5	75.0	...	...	...	...	2.4	0.7	7.0	0.04	0.5 Mn, 0.2 Cu, 0.4 Si
Inconel 725	21.0	57.0	...	8.0	...	3.5	1.5	0.35 max	9.0	0.03 max	...
Inconel 751	15.5	72.5	...	...	...	1.0	2.3	1.2	7.0	0.05	0.25 max Cu
Inconel X-750	15.5	73.0	...	...	...	1.0	2.5	0.7	7.0	0.04	0.25 max Cu
M-252	19.0	56.5	10.0	10.0	...	...	2.6	1.0	<0.75	0.15	0.35 Hf, 0.06 Zr
MERL-76	12.4	54.4	18.6	3.3	...	1.4	4.3	5.1	...	0.02	0.10 max Cu
Nimonic 80A	19.5	73.0	1.0	...	...	...	2.25	1.4	1.5	0.05	...
Nimonic 90	19.5	55.5	18.0	...	...	...	2.4	1.4	1.5	0.06	...
Nimonic 95	19.5	53.5	18.0	...	...	...	2.9	2.0	5.0 max	0.15 max	+B, +Zr
Nimonic 100	11.0	56.0	20.0	5.0	...	...	1.5	5.0	2.0 max	0.30 max	+B, +Zr
Nimonic 105	15.0	54.0	20.0	5.0	...	...	1.2	4.7	...	0.08	0.005 B
Nimonic 115	20.0	55.0	15.0	4.0	...	...	4.0	5.0	...	0.20	0.04 Zr
C-263	15.0	51.0	20.0	5.9	...	...	2.1	0.45	0.7 max	0.06	...
Pyromet 860	13.0	44.0	4.0	6.0	...	...	3.0	1.0	28.9	0.05	0.01 B
Pyromet 31	22.7	55.5	...	3.2	...	1.1	2.5	1.5	14.5	0.04	0.005 B
Refractaloy 26	18.0	38.0	20.0	3.2	...	...	2.6	0.2	16.0	0.03	0.015 B
Rene 41	19.0	55.0	11.0	10.0	...	...	3.1	1.5	<0.3	0.09	0.01 B
Rene 88	16	56.4	13.0	4	4	0.7	3.7	2.1	...	0.03	0.03 Zr
Rene 95	14.0	61.0	8.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	2.5	3.5	<0.3	0.16	0.01 B, 0.05 Zr
Rene 100	9.5	61.0	15.0	3.0	...	...	4.2	5.5	1.0 max	0.16	0.015 B, 0.06 Zr, 1.0 V
Udimet 500	19.0	48.0	19.0	4.0	...	...	3.0	3.0	4.0 max	0.08	0.005 B
Udimet 520	19.0	57.0	12.0	6.0	1.0	...	3.0	2.0	...	0.08	0.005 B
Udimet 630	17.0	50.0	...	3.0	3.0	6.5	1.0	0.7	18.0	0.04	0.004 B
Udimet 700	15.0	53.0	18.5	5.0	...	...	3.4	4.3	<1.0	0.07	0.03 B
Udimet 710	18	55.0	14.8	3.0	1.5	...	5.0	2.5	...	0.07	0.01 B
Udimet 720	18	55	14.8	3	1.25	...	5	2.5	...	0.035	0.03 Zr
Udimet 720LI	16	57	15.0	3	1.25	...	5	2.5	...	0.025	0.03 Zr
Unitemp AF2-1DA	12.0	59.0	10.0	3.0	6.0	...	3.0	4.6	<0.5	0.35	1.5 Ta, 0.015 B, 0.1 Zr
Waspaloy	19.5	57.0	13.5	4.3	...	...	3.0	1.4	2.0 max	0.07	0.006 B, 0.09 Zr

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Table 1.2 Nominal compositions of cast superalloys

Alloy designation	Nominal composition, %											Other	
	C	Ni	Cr	Co	Mo	Fe	Al	B	Ti	Ta	W		Zr
<b>Nickel-base</b>													
B-1900	0.1	64	8	10	6	...	6	0.015	1	4(a)	...	0.10	...
CMSX-2	...	66.2	8	4.6	0.6	...	56	...	1	6	8	6	...
CMSX-4	...	bal	6.5	9	0.6	...	5.6	...	1.0	6.5	6	...	...
CMSX-6	...	bal	10	5	3	...	4.8	...	4.7	2	...	...	...
CMSX-10	...	bal	1.8-4.0	1.5-9.0	0.25-2.0	...	5.0-7.0	...	0.1-1.2	7.0-10.0	3.5-7.5	...	...
Hastelloy X	0.1	50	21	1	9	18	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Inconel 100	0.18	60.5	10	15	3	...	5.5	0.01	5	...	...	0.06	1 V
Inconel 713C	0.12	74	12.5	...	4.2	...	6	0.012	0.8	1.75	...	0.1	0.9 Nb
Inconel 713LC	0.05	75	12	...	4.5	...	6	0.01	0.6	4	...	0.1	...
Inconel 738	0.17	61.5	16	8.5	1.75	...	3.4	0.01	3.4	...	2.6	0.1	2 Nb
Inconel 792	0.2	60	13	9	2.0	...	3.2	0.02	4.2	...	4	0.1	2 Nb
Inconel 718	0.04	53	19	...	3	18	0.5	...	0.9	...	...	...	0.1 Cu, 5 Nb
X-750	0.04	73	15	...	...	7	0.7	...	2.5	...	...	...	0.25 Cu, 0.9 Nb
M-252	0.15	56	20	10	10	...	1	0.005	2.6	...	...	...	...
MAR-M 200	0.15	59	9	10	...	1	5	0.015	2	...	12.5	0.05	1 Nb(b)
MAR-M 246	0.15	60	9	10	2.5	...	5.5	0.015	1.5	1.5	10	0.05	...
MAR-M 247	0.15	59	8.25	10	0.7	0.5	5.5	0.015	1	3	10	0.05	1.5 Hf
PWA 1480	...	bal	10	5.0	...	...	5.0	...	1.5	12	4.0	...	...
PWA 1484	...	bal	5	10	2	...	5.6	...	...	9	6	...	...
Rene 41	0.09	55	19	11.0	10.0	...	1.5	0.01	3.1	...	...	...	...
Rene 77	0.07	58	15	15	4.2	...	4.3	0.015	3.3	...	...	0.04	...
Rene 80	0.17	60	14	9.5	4	...	3	0.015	5	...	4	0.03	...
Rene 80 Hf	0.08	60	14	9.5	4	...	3	0.015	4.8	...	4	0.02	0.75 Hf
Rene 100	0.18	61	9.5	15	3	...	5.5	0.015	4.2	...	...	0.06	1 V

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(a) B-1900 + Hf also contains 1.5% Hf. (b) MAR-M 200 + Hf also contains 1.5% Hf. (c) Designated R' 162 in U.S. patent 5,270,123. Also contains 0.02-0.07% C, 0.003-0.01% B, 0-0.3% Y, and 0-6% Ru.

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Table 1.2 (continued)

Alloy designation	Nominal composition, %											Other	
	C	Ni	Cr	Co	Mo	Fe	Al	B	Ti	Ta	W		Zr
<b>Nickel-base (continued)</b>													
Rene N4	0.06	62	9.8	7.5	1.5	...	4.2	0.004	3.5	4.8	6	...	0.5 Nb, 0.15 Hf
RR 2000	...	bal	10	15	3	...	5.5	...	4.0	...	...	...	...
SRR 99	...	bal	8	5	...	...	5.5	...	2.2	3	10	...	...
Rene N5	...	bal	7	8	2	...	6.2	...	...	7	5	...	...
Rene N6(c)	...	bal	4.25-6	10-15	0.5-2	...	5-6.25	...	...	7-9.25	5-6.5	...	...
Udimet 500	0.1	53	18	17	4	2	3	...	3	...	...	...	...
Udimet 700	0.1	53.5	15	18.5	5.25	...	4.25	0.03	3.5	...	...	...	...
Udimet 710	0.13	55	18	15	3	...	2.5	...	5	...	1.5	0.08	...
Waspaloy	0.07	57.5	19.5	13.5	4.2	1	1.2	0.005	3	...	...	0.09	...
WAX-20(DS)	0.20	72	...	...	...	...	6.5	...	...	...	20	1.5	...
<b>Cobalt-base</b>													
AlResist 13	0.45	...	21	62	...	...	3.4	...	...	2	11	...	0.1 Y
AlResist 213	0.20	0.5	20	64	...	0.5	3.5	...	...	6.5	4.5	0.1	0.1 Y
AlResist 215	0.35	0.5	19	63	...	0.5	4.3	...	...	7.5	4.5	0.1	0.1 Y
FSX-414	0.25	10	29	52.5	...	1	...	0.010	...	...	7.5	...	...
Haynes 21	0.25	3	27	64	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 Mo
Haynes 25; L-605	0.1	10	20	54	...	1	...	...	...	...	15	...	...
J-1650	0.20	27	19	36	...	...	...	...	3.8	2	12	...	...
MAR-M 302	0.85	...	21.5	58	...	0.5	...	0.005	...	9	10	0.2	...
MAR-M 322	1.0	...	21.5	60.5	...	0.5	...	...	0.75	4.5	9	2	...
MAR-M 509	0.6	10	23.5	54.5	...	...	...	...	0.2	3.5	7	0.5	...
MAR-M 918	0.05	20	20	52	...	...	...	...	...	7.5	...	0.1	...
NASA Co-W-Re	0.40	...	3	67.5	...	...	...	...	1	...	25	1	2 Re
S-816	0.4	20	20	42	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	4 Mo, 4 Nb, 1.2 Mn, 0.4 Si
V-36	0.27	20	25	42	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	4 Mo, 2 Nb, 1 Mn, 0.4 Si
Wt-52	0.45	...	21	63.5	...	2	...	...	...	...	11	...	2 Nb + Ta
X-40 (Stellite alloy 31)	0.50	10	22	57.5	...	1.5	...	...	...	...	7.5	...	0.5 Mn, 0.5 Si

(a) B-1900 + Hf also contains 1.5% Hf. (b) MAR-M 200 + Hf also contains 1.5% Hf. (c) Designated R' 162 in U.S. patent 5,270,123. Also contains 0.02-0.07% C, 0.003-0.01% B, 0-0.3% Y, and 0-6% Ru.



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melting-point depressants tend to have incipient melting temperatures equal to or in excess of those of cobalt-base superalloys.

### Some Superalloy Characteristics and Facts

- When temperatures go above about 1000 °F (540 °C), ordinary steels and titanium alloys are no longer strong enough for application. Steels also may suffer from enhanced corrosion attack.
- When the highest temperatures (below the melting temperatures, which are about 2200 to 2500 °F (1204 to 1371 °C) for most alloys) must be achieved and strength is the consideration, then nickel-base superalloys are the materials of choice.
- Nickel-base superalloys can be used to a higher fraction of their melting points than just about any other commercially available materials. Refractory metals have higher melting points than superalloys but do not have the same desirable characteristics as superalloys and are much less widely used.
- Cobalt-base superalloys may be used in lieu of nickel-base superalloys, dependent on actual strength needs and the type of corrosive attack expected.
- At lower temperatures, and dependent on the type of strength needs for an application, iron-nickel-base superalloys find more use than cobalt- or nickel-base superalloys.
- Superalloy strength properties are directly related not only to the chemistry of the alloy but also to melting procedures, forging and working processes, casting techniques, and, above all, to heat treatment following forming, forging or casting.
- Iron-nickel-base (sometimes designated nickel-iron-base) superalloys such as IN-718 are less expensive than nickel-base or cobalt-base superalloys.
- Most wrought superalloys have fairly high levels of the metal chromium to provide corrosion resistance. In the cast alloys, chromium was high to start but was significantly reduced over the years in order to accommodate other alloy elements that increased the elevated temperature strength of superalloys. In the superalloys based on nickel, the aluminum content of the alloys increased as chromium decreased. Thus, the oxidation resistance of nickel superal-

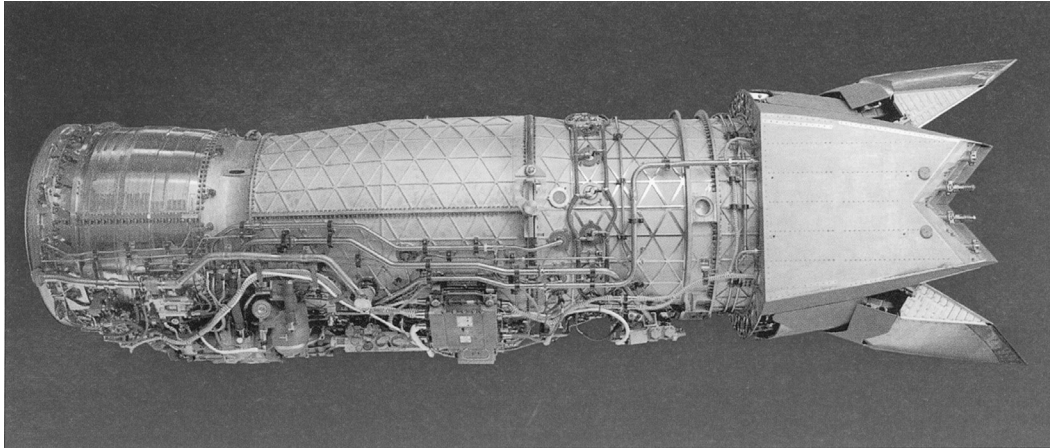
loys remained similar to original levels or even increased. However, resistance to other types of corrosion attack decreased.

- Superalloys have great oxidation resistance, in many instances, but not enough corrosion resistance. For many applications at the highest temperatures, above about 1400 °F (760 °C), as in aircraft turbines, superalloys must be coated. For very long-time applications at temperatures at or above about 1200 °F (649 °C), as in land-based gas turbines, superalloys may have to be coated.
- Coating technology is an integral part of superalloy development and application. Lack of a coating means much less ability to use superalloys for extended times at elevated temperatures.
- Many alloy elements are added to superalloys in minuscule to major amounts, particularly in the nickel-base alloys. Controlled alloy elements could be as many as 14 or so in some alloys.
- Nickel and cobalt as well as chromium, tungsten, molybdenum, rhenium, hafnium, and other elements used in superalloys are often expensive and strategic elements that may vary considerably in price and availability over time.

### Applications

The high-temperature applications of superalloys are extensive, including components for aircraft, chemical plant equipment, and petrochemical equipment. Figure 1.2 shows the F119 engine, which is the latest in a series of military engines to power high-performance aircraft. The gas temperatures in these engines in the hot sections (rear areas of the engine) may rise to levels far above 2000 °F (1093 °C). Cooling techniques reduce the actual component metal temperatures to lower levels, and superalloys that can operate at these temperatures are the major components of the hot sections of such engines.

The significance of superalloys in today's commerce is typified by the fact that, whereas in 1950 only about 10% of the total weight of an aircraft gas turbine engine was made of superalloys, by 1985 this figure had risen to about 50%. Table 1.3 lists some current applications of superalloys. It will be noted, however, that not all applications re-



**Fig. 1.2** F119 gas turbine engine—a major user of superalloys

**Table 1.3 Some Applications of Superalloys**

Aircraft/industrial gas turbine components:

- Disks
- Bolts
- Shafts
- Cases
- Blades
- Vanes
- Combustors
- Afterburners
- Thrust reversers

Steam turbine power plant components:

- Bolts
- Blades
- Stack-gas reheaters

Selected automotive components, such as:

- Turbochargers
- Exhaust valves

Metal processing, such as in:

- Hot work tools and dies
- Casting dies

Medical components, such as in:

- Dentistry
- Prosthetic devices

Space vehicle components, such as:

- Aerodynamically heated skins
- Rocket-engine parts

Heat treating equipment:

- Trays
- Fixtures
- Conveyor belts

Nuclear power systems:

- Control-rod drive mechanisms
- Valve stems
- Springs
- Ducting

Chemical and petrochemical industries:

- Bolts
- Valves
- Reaction vessels
- Piping
- Pumps

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quire elevated-temperature strength capability. Their high strength coupled with corrosion resistance have made certain superalloys standard materials for biomedical devices. Superalloys also find use in cryogenic applications.

### What to Look for in This Book

The text provides those who desire it a very complete understanding of superalloys. The chapters “Selection of Superalloys,” “Understanding Superalloy Metallurgy,” “Structure/Property Relationships,” plus “Corrosion and Protection of Superalloys” enhance ability to make design decisions on superalloy use.

For those involved in processing the superalloys, virtually all process operations are included, starting with a very comprehensive look at the initial formulation of superalloys in the chapter “Melting and Conversion.” Subsequently, the gamut of operations is covered from casting to machining and finishing.

If you are experiencing problems with superalloys, reference to the chapters mentioned in the first paragraph of this section is in order. If failures are occurring, check the chapter “Failure and Refurbishment.”

For those desiring a little retrospective look at the current state of superalloy applications and potential future directions, the chapter “Superalloys—Retrospect and Future Prospects” may be of interest.

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