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Abstract:

Aluminum matrix composites (AMC) known for their superior mechanical properties are used in automotive applications. Currently, cast iron (CI) piston ring offer excellent wear-resistance at high temperatures. The limitation of the CI piston ring is the development of air pockets that leads to premature failure of the engine cylinder. To overcome this limitation, aluminium metal matrix composite (AMMC) was used as piston ring that offers more mechanical and tribological characteristics. Fabrication by novel encapsulation feeding technique was used to prevent the premature failure in this research.. The 6xxx series classified with magnesium as a major element with aluminium offers better properties. Among the Al-Mg/Si alloys, AA6061 has a good strength and wear rate. The composite material has better feasibility to control the engine tribological parameters. The research work aims at the development of a new aluminium hybrid composite material (AA6061/ alumina oxide/ silicon carbide / graphite) by novel encapsulation feeding technique using squeeze casting method with enhanced tribological and mechanical characteristics for the piston ring application.

Complete Specification

FIELD OF INVESTIGATION

The current invention relates to synthesize the new hybrid metal matrix composite using a novel encapsulation feeding technique through squeeze casting method. Aluminium alloy 6061 reinforced with aluminium oxide, silicon carbide and graphite were considered with enhanced mechanical and tribological characteristics for the piston ring materials with aim of improving engine efficiency, emission and economy.

DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ARTS

In today's scenario, automotive manufacturers are seeking for lightweight materials that offer engineering structures with better strength. Aluminium matrix composites due to their extraordinary properties, a developed lightweight material have been used in cylinders block, piston ring applications. The combustion heat taken up by piston and piston rings is transmitted to the coolant. Failure of the piston ring can affect the performance of the engine seriously. This leads to mechanical energy loss and emits significant amount of particulate emissions. Cast iron piston ring offer excellent wear-resistance at high temperatures. The limitation of the cast iron piston ring is the development of air pockets that lead to premature failure of engine cylinder. To overcome this limitation, Aluminium matrix composites developed using a novel encapsulation feeding technique was used to prevent the premature failure in this research. Selection of right material for an engineering application depends on parameters such as strength, wear, density, lightweight, melting point, cost, etc. Though, aluminium and mild steel showed better response compared to other materials. Steel density is three times of Al, with low CTE and thermal conductivity makes it an unlikely materials for piston ring. Al stands out as a better choice due to its good thermal conductivity. Moreover, CTE was found to be similar to Al piston and it satisfies the requirement of low weight. Al and its alloys show low hardness and degradation mechanical and tribological properties at elevated temperatures, which limits its application in engineering.

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