

**Japan Society of Powder and Powder Metallurgy (JSPM)**  
**Guidelines for Submissions to “Journal of the Society of Powder and Powder Metallurgy”**  
(Revised: January, 2023)

1. Aims and Scope

These guidelines relate to the submission of paper, rapid communication, short note, technical report, memorial lecture of JSPM Award, general review, and review for publication in “J. Jpn. Soc. Powder and Powder Metallurgy”.

2. Types of Papers

Submitted paper, rapid communication, short note, technical report, memorial lecture of JSPM Award, general review, and review must contribute to JSPM and to the relevant fields.

2.1 Paper

A summary of the results of research, development, and study on fields relevant to JSPM, with high novelty and reliability

2.2 Rapid Communication

A communication regarding important research findings that needs to be published immediately, even if the research is still in progress

2.3 Short Note

A note regarding findings that are worth publishing, but are supported by less research data than a “paper”

2.4 Technical Report

A summary of data obtained through experiments and/or tests, which should serve as useful and important technical data

2.5 Technical Rapid Communication

A communication regarding new manufacturing technologies, newly developed products, developments and improvements in measuring techniques

2.6 New Techniques and New Products

A summary regarding of original new technologies, newly developed products, developments in measuring techniques and/or product improvements which have been put into practical use.

2.7 Memorial Lecture of JSPM Award

A summary of research achievements upon which a JSPM Award has been bestowed

2.8 Review (General Review)

A general commentary on a particular subject, which is based on a reference and technical data

2.9 Review

A clear description of a particular subject that has already been published

3. Copyright

3.1 The copyrights of paper, rapid communication, short note, technical report, memorial lecture of JSPM Award, general review, and review published in “J. Jpn. Soc. Powder and Powder Metallurgy” belong to JSPM.

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The corresponding author shall be a person capable of carrying out the following responsibilities.

5.1 The corresponding author will be responsible for everything from submission to publication (submission, peer review, proofreading, payment of publication fees, etc.) with the JSPM secretariat.

5.2 The corresponding author shall enter his/her e-mail address in the footnotes of the manuscript.

5.3 As a general rule, only one corresponding author can be accommodated in a manuscript. In addition, with the consent of all authors, the corresponding author can be substituted by another author of the manuscript. However, this is limited to cases in which the editorial committee has accepted the offer submitted with the reason.

#### 6. Multiple, redundant or concurrent publication

Submitted paper, rapid communication, short note, and technical report are limited to those have not been previously published in any other publications prior to the Journal of JSPM and have not been currently submitted to any other publications.

#### 7. Manuscript receipt date

The reception date of a submitted manuscript shall be the date in which the manuscript has been submitted to our online manuscript submission and review system. Note that a manuscript that violates these submission guidelines and is not compliant with “The Instructions of J. Jpn. Soc. Powder and Powder Metallurgy” (specified separately) may not be accepted.

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The decision as to whether or not a submitted manuscript will be published is made following a peer review by the Editorial committee.

#### 9. Withdrawal of Manuscript

A submitted manuscript for which corrections were requested by the Editorial committee and for which a corrected version is not submitted one month from the date the manuscript is

returned will be regarded as withdrawn.

## 10. Manuscript and Submissions

10.1 A submitted manuscript shall be prepared in English.

10.2 Submissions should be made via the online manuscript submission and review system Editorial Manager.

## 11. Publication Fee

11.1 The contributor shall pay a publication fee (specified separately). If you wish to have a figure(s) printed in color, you shall pay for the actual cost incurred.

11.2 Errata owing to author's mistake can be published after publication of the article. Author will bear the actual cost of the correction. In case of the serious correction related to understanding of the contents, the decision as to whether or not the correction will be published is made by the Editorial committee.

11.3 As desired, the contributor of an article can request a PDF file and the reprints of the article at cost.

## 12. Resubmission to the Collaborative Publication of the English Journal "Materials Transactions"

12.1 A paper (in Japanese) published in "J. Jpn. Soc. Powder and Powder Metallurgy" can also be submitted in its English version to "Materials Transactions" within one year of the date of publication. It is not possible to change the author(s) and the content of the paper. It should be stated as a footnote that the article has already been published in Japanese as follows:

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12.2 The category types that can be submitted to "Materials Transactions" include "Papers", "General Review" and "Review". Under the categories specified in "Materials Transactions," these category types correspond to "Regular Articles", "Review" and "Overview", respectively.

## **Guidelines for Submission of New Technologies and New Products**

(Revised July, 2019)

1. These guidelines relate to submission of new technologies and new products for publication in "J. Jpn. Soc. Powder and Powder Metallurgy."
2. The submission must relate to original new technologies, newly developed products, developments in measuring techniques, or product improvements in the fields related to powder and powder metallurgy, which have been put into practical use.
3. A contributor shall be a corporation member or own a regular membership at the time in

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4. The submitted article is required to include the following information (including technologies and photographs of products):
  - ① Background and purpose of the development
  - ② Technical achievements and features
  - ③ Intended use, range of application, actual production, etc.
  - ④ Future developments
  - ⑤ Patent(s) (each accompanied with a publication number, a patent number, etc.)
5. The authors of “new technologies and new products” published in “Journal of Japan Society of Powder and Powder Metallurgy” can be candidates of the award of “new technologies and new products” of Japan Society of Powder and Powder Metallurgy.
6. Submissions shall apply to the “The Instructions of J. Jpn. Soc. Powder and Powder Metallurgy”, with the exception that an abstract (in English along with its Japanese translation) is not required.
7. Publications shall be of 3 or less printed pages, and the contributor of the publication shall pay a publication fee specified below (you can request 100 reprints or a PDF file).

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8. Other regulations apply to “The Guidelines for submission to J. Jpn. Soc. Powder and Powder Metallurgy”.

**Japan Society of Powder and Powder Metallurgy (JSPM)**  
**Instructions of “J. Jpn. Soc. Powder Powder Metallurgy”**

(Revised January 2023)

## **1 Introduction**

A submitted manuscript shall be prepared in English. In principle, the number of printed pages for a manuscript for “new technologies and new products” should be 3 or less pages and that for a “technical rapid communication” should be 4 or less pages. Otherwise, there is no limitation on the number of printed pages for a manuscript.

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- ② Use a font size of 12 points and set the number of letters per line to 80 and the number of lines per page to 40.
- ③ Use the Times New Roman font, and the Symbol font for Greek letters.
- ④ Format using single spacing for all lines, except before headlines, in which case, please use double space.

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#### ① Submission Categories

A submitted manuscript should belong to one of the following categories: paper, rapid communication, short note, technical report, memorial lecture of JSPM Award, general review, review, technical rapid communication, summarization, new

technologies and new products, and Materials Transactions.

② Title

A title should be specific and describe the submitted contents. The title (including a subtitle) should be comprised of 120 or less letters. For the title, the first letter of each word should be in uppercase, with the exceptions of articles, prepositions, conjunctions, and relative pronouns.

③ Author's Name

Please write the author's name in full in the order of the given name and the family name, with the first letter of the given name and all letters of the family name appearing in uppercase. Please insert "and" before the name of the author listed last. Please add an asterisk mark in superscript "\*" to the corresponding author.

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### **2.3 Abstract and Key Words (Required Field)**

An abstract should be comprised of 200 or less words. Please select 5 or less key words and list them after the abstract. As shown in the Manuscript Samples, they should have the headlines "ABSTRACT" and "KEY WORDS," respectively, with all letters appearing in bold uppercase. As for the key words, letters other than proper nouns should be in lowercase.

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Please use double spacing before each headline. For all other lines, please use a single space format.

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Please use double spacing before each headline. For a headline number, a number should be formatted in bold type and followed by one space without a period.

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- (d) In figures and captions, only the initial letter of a first word should appear in uppercase, and other letters should be formatted in lowercase. As for the font type, Times New Roman should be used.
- (e) Letters in figures should be typed in a font size of 9 points or larger in consideration of balance of the letter when was printed.
- (f) In the case of a figure that is originally in color, please paste it as it is in color without changing it to gray scale. In principle, a figure, even if it is originally in color, will be printed in black and white.
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- (d) The title of the Journal of JSPM should be written as “J. Jpn. Soc. Powder Powder Metallurgy,” and the abstracts of annual meetings should be written as “Abstracts of Spring/Autumn Meeting JSPM, publication year (Christian era year)”
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«Examples»

- 1) H. Nakayama, K. Yamagami, H. Kyogoku, S. Komatsu: J. Jpn. Soc. Powder Powder Metallurgy, **44** (1997) 427-431.
- 2) T. Watanabe: Shinban Funmatsuyakin, Gijutsushoin, (1976) 25.
- 3) P. Nielsen, Y. L. Liu, N. Hansen: Proceedings of 1993 Powder Metallurgy World Congress, Y. Bando and K. Kosuge ed., Kyoto, Japan Society of Powder and Powder Metallurgy, (1993) 58-61.

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Paper ←Category

If different authors belong to different organizations, please assign numbers to the organizations.

Investigation of Fine Heterogeneous Microstructure on the Mechanical Properties of MIM Fe-Ni Alloy Steels

Write an author's name in full, with the family name spelled all in uppercase.

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**ABSTRACT** 200 words or less

The influence of nickel particle sizes, nickel mass%, and sintering temperatures on the microstructure and mechanical properties of injection molded Fe-Ni compacts have been studied. The mixed elemental carbonyl iron and water-atomized nickel powders were utilized in this study. Tempered compact added 6 mass% fine nickel powder which was sintered at 1250 °C for 1 hour showed superhigh strength of 2040 MPa with elongation of 8.1 %, the best properties among reported data in MIM low alloy steel compacts. These excellent mechanical properties by fine heterogeneous microstructure of the compact are explained in terms of the complicated networks of nickel content variation throughout the steel matrix.

**KEY WORDS** ←5 or less key words. Letters other than proper nouns should be in lowercase.

Fe-Ni alloy steels, fine heterogeneity, microstructure, nickel rich phase, nickel diffusibility.

(Use double spacing before a headline.)

Put no period after a headline number.

**1 Introduction** ←Put a headline and its number in bold type.

The excellent mechanical properties offered by MIM Fe-Ni alloy steels have been widely known. Since then, numerous efforts have been put into placed by various researchers in order to

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elongation<sup>2)</sup>. The Ni concentration profile obtained by electron probe microanalyzer (EPMA) found out that peaks and valleys of Ni content were dispersed throughout the mezzo heterogeneous microstructure matrix<sup>1-3)</sup>.

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**4 Discussion**

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4.1 The Nickel Diffusibility

Topography of Ni element by EPMA analysis has confirmed that compacts with fine Ni powder demonstrates excellent Ni diffusion into the surrounding matrix as shown in Fig. 3 (a). There were some Ni free regions in Fe-6Ni-c alloy matrix where Ni did not diffuse at all. Fe-6Ni-f alloy compact where Ni effectively diffused throughout the matrix, offered superior mechanical properties over Fe-6Ni-m and Fe-6Ni-c compacts. For this point, attention should also be given to

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### 5 Summary

The effect of Ni distributions to the matrix has been studied for obtaining the excellent mechanical properties of injection molded Fe-Ni alloy steels using mixed elemental powders. Tempered Fe-6mass%Ni compact with fine mixed elemental powders achieved superhigh ultimate strength of 2040 MPa, yield strength of 1200 MPa, hardness of 56 HRC, and elongation of 8.1 %. EPMA analysis for Ni distribution confirmed fine and heterogeneous microstructure showed better performance in their mechanical properties. Therefore, careful control of the dispersion state of the Ni concentration throughout the matrix is a key factor for their excellent properties.

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### References

Use a colon after an author's name.

1) H. Miura, M. Matsuda : Material Transactions, **43** (2002) 343-347.

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2) M. Matsuda, H. Miura : Metals and Materials International, **9** (2003) 537-542.

3) H. Miura, S. Mitomi, S. Ando, T. Honda : J. Jpn. Soc. Powder Powder Metallurgy, **42** (1995) 378-382.

When referring to the Journal of JSPM, write the title as indicated here.

4) Materials Standards for Metal Injection Molded Parts, 2007 Edition, MPIF, Princeton, NJ, (2007) 16-17.

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5) Metals Handbook, 10th ed., vol. 1, ASM Int., Materials Park, OH, (1990) 430-448 and 793-800.

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Fig. 1 Schematic illustration of the experimental apparatus. (One column)

Fig. 2 Relationship between relative density and energy density. (Layer thickness; 100 μm)  
(One column)

Table 1 Mixing ratio of wax based binder. (Both columns)

Fig. 3 SEM images of mixed powder and binder: a) under 90 μm and b) under 180 μm in diameter. (One column)

Table 2 Laser forming conditions in this study. (One column)

Table 3 Results of preliminary experiment by laser forming. (One column)

Fig. 4 Sectional micrographs of specimens formed with different mixing ratio of powder and binder. (Scan rate; 250 mm/s Scan pitch; 100 μm Layer thickness; 400 μm) (Both columns)

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## «Manuscript Sample 3» Figures, Photos, and Tables

### «Notes»

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Fig.1

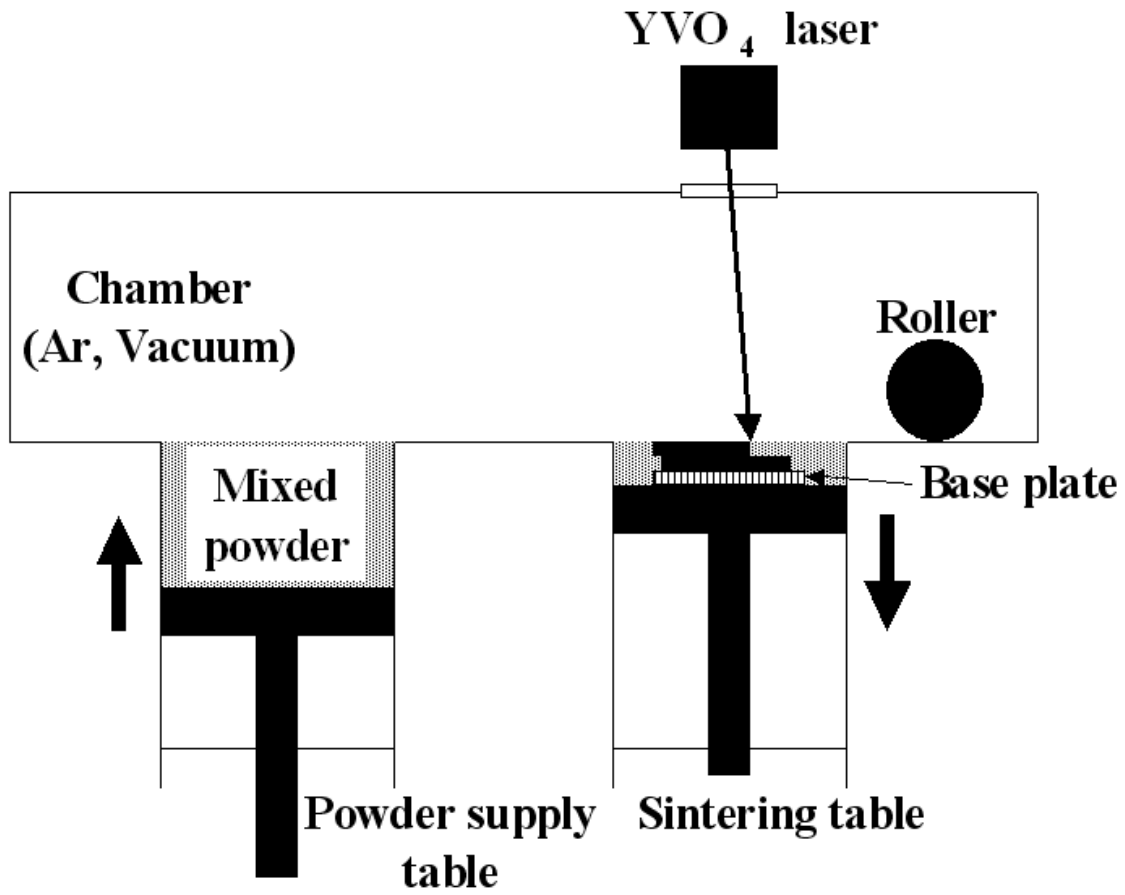


Fig.2

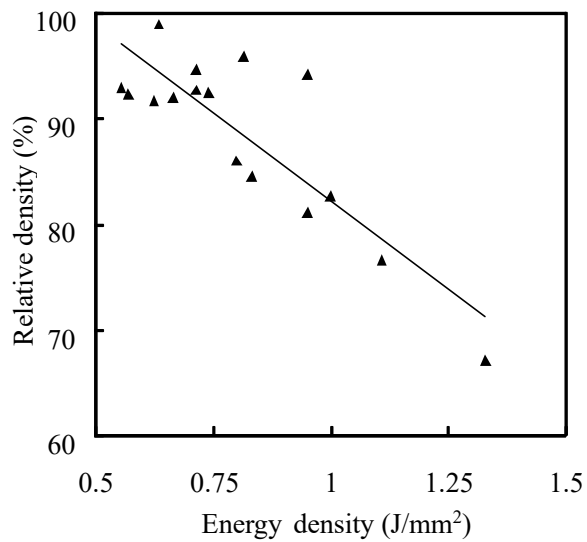


Table 1

	APP	CW	PW	SA
Specific gravity [Mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	0.860	0.995	0.895	0.941
Mixing ratio [mass%]	25	10	64	1

Fig.3

