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(57) Abstract

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The present invention relates to a method for fabricating aluminium metal matrix composites (MMCs) reinforced with Sagoon wood fly ash using the stir casting technique. Al 6063 alloy is used as the base matrix due to its lightweight and favorable mechanical properties. The fly ash, preheated at 60°C, is added in varying proportions (8 wt%, 12 wt%, and 16 wt%) and uniformly dispersed in the molten alloy through mechanical stirring to form a homogenous composite. The mixture is then cast into preheated moulds and allowed to solidify under ambient conditions. Mechanical testing reveals a notable enhancement in properties: the composite with 12 wt% fly ash shows a 14% increase in tensile strength, a 17% rise in impact strength, and a 12% improvement in Brinell hardness compared to the unreinforced alloy. Microstructural analysis confirms uniform distribution of fly ash and good interfacial bonding, making the composite suitable for structural and automotive applications.

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