



Description

Kovar® is a vacuum-melted iron-nickel-cobalt alloy with a nominal composition of 29% Nickel, 17% Cobalt, and balance Iron. Designed to match the thermal expansion characteristics of borosilicate glass and alumina ceramics, it is widely used in hermetic sealing applications.

AKA: Pernifer® 2918¹, Dilver® P1², Nilo® K³.

Applications

Power tubes, microwave tubes, diodes and transistors, hermetically sealed electronic packages, hybrid packages.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Density	8.35g/cm ³
Specific gravity	8.36
Curie temperature	435°C
Melting point	1449°C
Electrical resistivity	49 microhm-cm
Thermal conductivity	0.17 W/mK
Specific heat	0.44 J/g°C

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Tensile strength	518 MPa
Yield strength	276 MPa
Elongation	30%
Hardness	80 HRB
Modulus of elasticity	207 kMPa

LINEAR COEFFICIENT OF PHYSICAL THERMAL EXPANSION

Temperature °C	Temperature CTE (ppm/°C)
25-100	5,86
25-200	5.2
25-300	5.13
25-350	4.89
25-400	5.06
25-450	5.25
25-500	6.15
25-600	7.80
25-700	9.12
25-800	10.31
25-900	11.26

SPECIFICATIONS

ASTM	F15
MIL	1-23011 CL1
AMS	1-23011 CL1
UNS	K94610

CHEMISTRY

28 Nickel Ni 58.6934	29%
27 Cobalt Co 58.933	17%
26 Iron Fe 55.847	Balance
C	0.02%
Si	0.2%
Cr	0.2%

FORMS AVAILABLE:



Coil



Sheet



Plate



Rod



Bar



Wire

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More than just metal

We're one of Europe's leading suppliers of premium quality refractory metals and alloys, soft magnetic alloys, and controlled expansion alloys. We hold a large stock of UK-certified, materials, all with full chain custody. With a deep technical understanding, comprehensive workshop facilities, and top accreditations, we help our customers get more from their materials.

Knowledge and advice

Our team understands exactly how our products are made, how they will behave in different situations, and how they should perform. Their knowledge and expertise helps save time, effort and cost by ensuring that all materials are sourced, processed and tested to perform in the most effective way.

We partner with leading academic institutions and scientific organisations that add value to our service and help develop solutions to the challenges impacting our customers. We're keen to share these unique insights in order to deliver practical operational improvements.

Workshop and machining

Our purpose-built facilities are centred around a fully equipped workshop designed to address almost any customer request:

- CNC Proturn RLX 1630 lathe for high precision rod and bar processing
- Saws to cut bars, plate and billets from Ø 2mm to Ø 270mm
- Guillotines for sheet and coil
- Grinding machinery
- De-coiler to check for imperfections before shipping
- Coil handling equipment to inspect product before dispatch
- Water jet and laser cutting
- Heat treatments

Quality control

All orders are fully tested before shipping.

Our state-of-the-art metrology lab features:

- Micrometers, verniers and gauges for all applications
- Surface roughness tester
- Straightness and roundness testing apparatus
- Magnetometers for measuring inductance, coercive and saturation
- Capabilities for evaluating properties such as CTE, tensile and elongation.

Best practice

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Discover how we can **optimise** operational performance

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