Rheological Properties of Magnetorheological Polishing Fluid for Micro Mould Polishing

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ABSTRACT

Complex surface features such as micro-grooves on micro mould which was produced by the micro-milling process have a significant problem of raised edge or top burr formation. This problem can be solved by using magnetorheological polishing (MRP) technique. MRP capable to ultra-fine three-dimensional profile structures. produce However. а tailored magnetorheological polishing fluid (MRPF) need to be used. This paper presents the effects of MRPF mixture components on their rheological properties. D-optimal mixture design of experiment was used to formulate the MRPF with various composition. The MRPF samples than analyzed using MCR Rheometer for rheological properties. It is found that each MRPF component composition has a significant effect on rheological properties. The result indicates that an optimum composition of MRPF to meet the MRP requirement is by having a volume percentage of carbonyl iron particle (CIP) and abrasive particles at 35% and 10% respectively. The finding of this study produced a significant statistical model of MRPF composition that beneficial for micro mould polishing technology.

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