

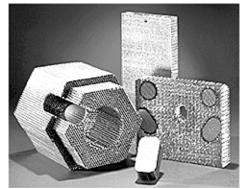
Higrid[™] Corrugated Aluminum Honeycomb

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Description

HIGRID high-strength corrugated aluminum honeycomb offers an ideal solution for fastener inserts and edge reinforcements in honeycomb structures. It also excels as a high-impact energy absorber. Produced by bonding together corrugated sheets of aluminum foil, much higher densities are possible than with conventional expanded honeycomb.

In sandwich structures where localized strength and stiffness are required, HIGRID outperforms alternative materials. Easier to use than



microballoon epoxy potting compounds, it is also stronger and more reliable with no possibility of bubbles or voids. If damaged, HIGRID will deform instead of exhibiting epoxy's brittle behavior. HIGRID is also lighter and less expensive than aluminum extrusions and machined aluminum details, without any of the fit-up problems between these metal parts and the surrounding core. Before installation, simply wrap the plug in core-splice adhesive and insert it into the low-density core. After bonding, it is ready to accept fasteners.

For fastener inserts, edge reinforcements and high-impact energy absorbers, HIGRID is the answer.

Applications

- Fastener inserts
- Edge reinforcements
- Lateral edge closeouts of control surfaces
- Reinforcement around actuator attachments
- High load energy absorbers
- Edge framing for load carrying
- · Localized strength and densification
- Any application requiring very high mechanical strength

Features

- Much stronger than epoxy-filled honeycomb
- Higher strength-to-weight than metal inserts
- Excellent shear strength between skin and core
- Pre-cut to size, easy installation
- Reliable, no air bubbles or voids
- Tight tolerance eliminates fit-up problems
- · Benign failure mode
- No irritants or evolving gases
- No shelf life limitation



Availability

• Blocks

Flat sheets

• Fabricated shapes

HIGRID corrugated aluminum honeycomb is produced in 5052 alloy, with either our DURA-CORE[™] II modifed conversion coating or our PAA-CORE[™] phosphoric acid anodized protection. Custom dimensions, cell sizes, tolerances and mechanical properties are available.

How to Order

When ordering, please specify HIGRID using the following format:

Example: HIGRID - PAA - 22.1 - 1/8, where

Product	Coating	Density	Cell Size		
HIGRID	DUR or PAA	22.1	1/8		

Available Dimensions

	Standard		Maxir	mum	Tolerance		
	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	
Ribbon (L)	96	2438	96	2438	+1.0 / -0.0	+25.4 / -0.0	
Transverse (W)	12	305	5 24 610		±1.0	±25.4	
Thickness (T)	16	406	16	406			
		up to 4 i	±0.005	±0.127			
		over 4 ir	±0.062	±1.575			
Density	see	mechanic	al characteristic	±15%			
Cell Size	see	mechanic	al characteristic	s chart	±15%		

Higrid Mechanical Characteristics (Typical values at 75° F - US units)											
Density	Cell Size	Crush Strength	Compressive Strength				Beam Shear Strength				
lbs/ft ³	inches	psi		p	si		psi				
			Bare Stabilized			L			W		
		Typical	Typical	Minimum	Typical	Minimum	Typical	Minimum	Typical	Minimum	
16.0	3/16	2200	3200	2500	3300	2600	1800	1440	900	740	
22.1	1/8	3800	5600	4500	5700	4600	3200	2500	2300	1500	
22.1	3/16	3400	5000	4000	5100	4100	2800	2210	1400	1100	
25.0	3/16	3800	5600	4500	5700	4600	3000	2500	1600	1250	
35.0	1/8	5800	8000	6400	8500	6500	4900	3700	2200	1500	
41.0	3/32	6200	9700	7800	10000	8000	5600	4200	2200	1500	
45.0	1/8	8200	10000	8300	11500	8500	5600	4200	2200	1500	
55.0	3/32	10000	12500	10000	15800	11000	6600	4900	2450	1950	

Higrid Mechanical Characteristics (Typical values at 23° C - Si/metric units)											
Density	Cell	Crush	Compressive Strength			Beam Shear Strength					
	Size	Strength									
lbs/ft ³	inches	MPa		MI	Pa		MPa				
			Bare Stabilized			L			W		
		Typical	Typical	Minimum	Typical	Minimum	Typical	Minimum	Typical	Minimum	
16.0	3/16	15.2	22.1	17.2	22.8	17.9	12.4	9.9	6.2	5.1	
22.1	1/8	26.2	38.6	31.0	39.3	31.7	22.1	17.2	15.9	10.3	
22.1	3/16	23.4	34.5	27.6	35.2	28.3	19.3	15.2	9.7	7.6	
25.0	3/16	26.2	38.6	31.0	39.3	31.7	20.7	17.2	11.0	8.6	
35.0	1/8	40.0	55.2	44.1	58.6	44.8	33.8	25.5	15.2	10.3	
41.0	3/32	42.7	66.9	53.8	69.0	55.2	38.6	29.0	15.2	10.3	
45.0	1/8	56.5	69.0	57.2	79.3	58.6	38.6	29.0	15.2	10.3	
55.0	3/32	69.0	86.2	69.0	108.9	75.8	45.5	33.8	16.9	13.4	

Roll-Forming Grades

If your operation calls for roll-forming HIGRID, Alcore has optimized these following grades for enhanced roll-formability:

• 22.1 - 3/16 • 25.0 - 3/16 • 41.0 - 3/32 • 55.0 - 3/32

Should you need roll-formed HIGRID but cannot or choose not to roll-form it yourself, please ask us about Alcore Precision Processing™. Besides roll-forming to your requirements, we can also pot, stabilize, rout, heat form, planform, chamfer, saw, bond, 3- and 5-axis machine and more. If you need this in a hurry, we also offer Alcore Precision Express™, where your custom-machined core details can be on their way to you within 48 hours of your order. Please contact your Alcore customer service representative for more information.

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