## **ZIRCON**

Zircon is a naturally occurring refractory mineral and is therefore subject to variability. It is chemically inert and is stable to very high temperatures. Zircon has a very high thermal conductivity and acts as a chill to eliminate metal mold reactions and burnin, resulting in a smooth cast surface. Zircon is available in both granular and flour form.





Zircon is almost exclusively used in the primary slurry and as a primary stucco. Because of its high density, zircon provides excellent flow characteristics in a primary slurry. The round grains do not cause defects such as rough casting surfaces.

### Typical Material Properties\*

%	Sand	Flours
Zirconium Dioxide (ZrO <sub>2</sub> )	≥65.0%	≥65.0%
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	≤33.0	≤33.0
Alumina (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	≤2.0	≤2.0
Titania (TiO <sub>2</sub> )	≤0.35	≤0.35
Ferric Oxide (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	≤0.05	≤0.05
Melting Point	4001°F (2205°C)	4001°F (2205°C)
Specific Gravity	4.5	4.5
Refractive Index	2	2
Hardness (Mohs)	7.5	7.5
Thermal Expansion Coefficient (cm/cm/°C)	4.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>

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### Particle Size\*\*

Zircon Sand

96-111 AFS

#### Zircon Flours

	200 Mesh	325 Mesh	400 Mesh
Particle Size (Microns) d 50%	20	14	10.5
Residue in 200 Mesh (%) maximum	0.5 - 3.0	_	_
Residue in 325 Mesh (%) maximum	_	0.5 - 6.0	_
Residue in 400 Mesh (%) maximum	_	_	1.0 - 6.0

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