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Effect of Ti_3SiC_2 on friction and wear properties of Cu alloy matrix composite

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Ti_3SiC_2 -Cu alloy matrix composite (T-Cu) of brake pad was fabricated through partly replacing flake graphite in graphite-Cu alloy matrix composite (G-Cu) of brake pad with Ti_3SiC_2 particle as antifriction component. Friction and wear properties of T-Cu and G-Cu composites were measured in order to investigate the effect of Ti_3SiC_2 and obtain the effect differences of Ti_3SiC_2 and flake graphite on them. Friction coefficients of G-Cu and T-Cu decreased as applied loads increased from 100 N to 400 N within 900 s. Friction coefficients of T-Cu were 1.5-2 times as those of G-Cu in the same conditions. Friction coefficients of T-Cu increased slightly with measured time increase, while the G-Cu's was almost constant. T-Cu showed relatively stabler average friction coefficients than those of G-Cu from room temperature to 500° measured in the conditions of 200 N load, 1.2 m/s speed and within 900 s. Average wear rates of G-Cu and T-Cu decreased with applied load increase. Worn surfaces of T-Cu were smoother than those of G-Cu after being worn. Wear resistance of T-Cu was better than that of G-Cu. Ti_3SiC_2 had superior properties and distributed evenly in Cu alloy matrix. Interdiffusion of Ti_3SiC_2 and Cu alloy matrix enhanced their combination and prevented Ti_3SiC_2 fall off easily from Cu alloy matrix. Lubricant films were formed on T-Cu surfaces consisting of Ti and Si oxides, which effectively improved T-Cu oxidization resistance. Thus comprehensive properties of T-Cu were better than those of G-Cu.

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