

Material : Gray Cast Iron

Method No. : B01

Results

The graphite flakes are uniformly distributed in the pearlitic matrix (A type graphite). Overetching should be avoided in order to prevent graphite pull-outs.

The below given preparation method gives perfect results.



Gray Cast Iron, Brightfield

Magnification: 550X Etching: 2% Nital

Preparation Method:

Cutting: Abrasive Cut-off machine with Metlab RC-50+ Abrasive wheel

Mounting: Mounting Press with Phenolic Powder

Mechanical Preparation: Metpol-A

Steps	Surface	Abrasive	Lubricant	Force per Sample, (N)/(PSI)	Time min.	Disc Speed, rpm	Relative Rotation
1	S/C Paper Disc	180 Grit	Water	25/5	2 min. or until plane	300	Contra
2	S/C Paper Disc	400 Grit	Water	25/5	2	300	Contra
3	S/C Paper Disc	800 Grit	Water	25/5	2	300	Contra
4	S/C Paper Disc	1200 Grit	Water	20/4	2	250	Contra
5	Velap Cloth	1μ Alumina Suspension	Water	15/3	4	150	Contra