

forAM® 420 20-53 GA

Martensitic Stainless Steel powder for Additive Manufacturing

forAM 420 GA is a nitrogen gas atomized, good flowable spherical powder for additive manufacturing. It is a general-purpose medium carbon-chromium hardenable martensitic steel with good strength and good corrosion resistance in mild environments. It is capable of being through hardened up to 50 HRC by air-cooling in medium and small sections.

Typical applications are cutting utensils, surgical and dental instruments, molds and multi-purpose tools.

Equivalent materials:

- ≫ 1.4021/1.4028
- ≫ SAE 51420
- ➢ AISI 420

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Powder properties

Chemical composition, (typical values)				
Element	Content, %			
Cr	12.5			
Mn	1.2			
Si	0.5			
С	0.23			
0	0.06			
Fe	Balance			



Typical powder properties		
Nominal particle range	20-53 µm (max 8% under-, max 5% oversize)	MPIF05, ASTM B214, ISO4497
Hall flow	15 s/50 g	MPIF03, ASTM B213, ISO4490
Apparent density	4.1 g/cm ³	MPIF04, ASTM B212, ISO3923/1

Mechanical properties

Surface condition is machined					
Heat treatment	SR200 ⁽¹⁾	SR650 ⁽²⁾	QT200 ⁽³⁾		
Printed in Z-direction – Build direction					
UTS (MPa)	1,840	1,040	1,860		
YS (MPa)	1,240	860	1,470		
Elongation (%)	10	16	8		
IE Notch in Y direction (J)	23		38		

Heat treatment	SR200 ⁽¹⁾	SR650 ⁽²⁾	QT200 ⁽³⁾			
Printed in X/Y-direction – Perpendicular						
UTS (MPa)	1,920	1,070				
YS (MPa)	1,330	870				
Elongation (%)	12	16				
IE Notch in Z direction (J)						
Hardness (HRC)	50	32	48			



100 µm

SR200 – Build direction



QT200 – Build direction



SR650 – Build direction

(1) Stress relieved at 200 °C in air

(2) Stress relieved at 650 °C in Ar

(3) Quenched and Tempered – Austenitized at 980 °C in Ar followed by oil quench, Tempered at 200 °C in air

Standard packaging:

20 kg (4x5 kg, 1 L PE bottles packed in cardboard box) (Other tailored particle sizes, and packaging eg. 200 kg / 500 kg Flexbag,

are available under conditions)





At Höganäs, we have designed our high-quality 3D printing metal powders for the special requirements of additive manufacturing. Manufacturers all over the globe achieve optimal results with our products and value them for the following characteristics: excellent flowability, good spherical shape, controlled oxygen and nitrogen content, full and high packing density and perfect reproducibility.