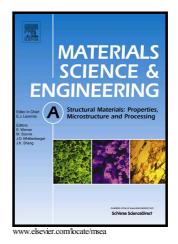
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Abstract:

Five different compositions of tungsten heavy alloy with Ni, Fe, Co and Mo were prepared through powder metallurgy route using liquid phase sintering. Three alloys were based on quaternary W-Ni-Fe-Co (with varying Ni to Fe ratio and Co content) and the other two quinary systems with Mo addition. The sintered alloy blanks (cylindrical cross section) were subjected to a thermo-mechanical treatment, which comprised three vacuum heat treatments (at 1100 °C for 1.5 h followed by oil quenching) before and in between multiple swaging operations (at 500 °C) with a total deformation of 53 %. This was followed by a detailed evaluation of different microstructural parameters in all compositions. Mechanical properties such as tensile strength, % elongation and impact were evaluated at the final stage (26 mm dia and 600 mm length). Increase in Co content resulted in better strength and elongation with marginal loss in impact values. The alloy containing 0.25 wt.% Mo showed the best combination of tensile and impact properties. Further increase in Mo concentration to 0.5 wt.% resulted in marginal increase in strength value but rapid deterioration in elongation and impact values. Scanning electron microscopy, electron probe micro analysis, quantitative metallography and fractography were carried out to establish an inter-relationship between microstructure, properties and fracture behaviour of the alloys investigated.

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