

# ALUMINUM ALLOYS

Category:

Low CTE  
High strength  
High modulus



## Aluminum-alloys for Optics

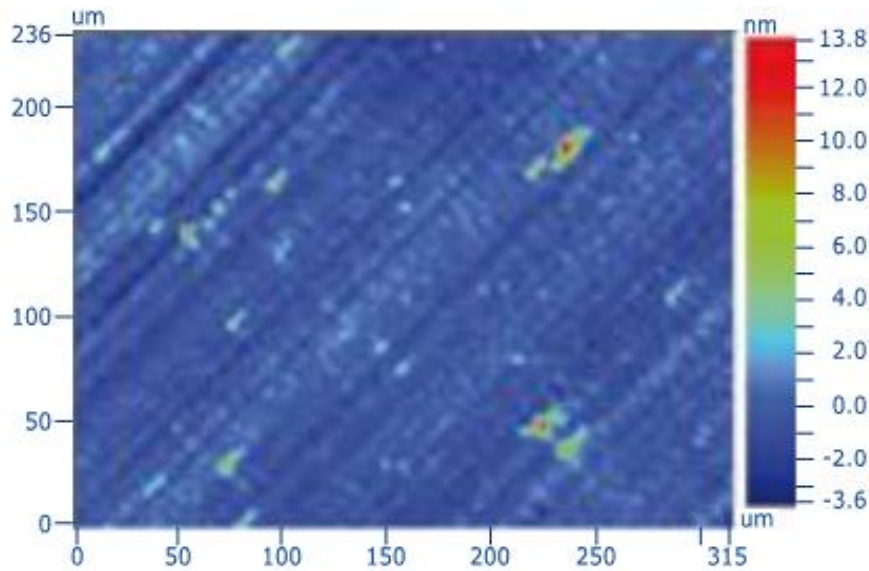
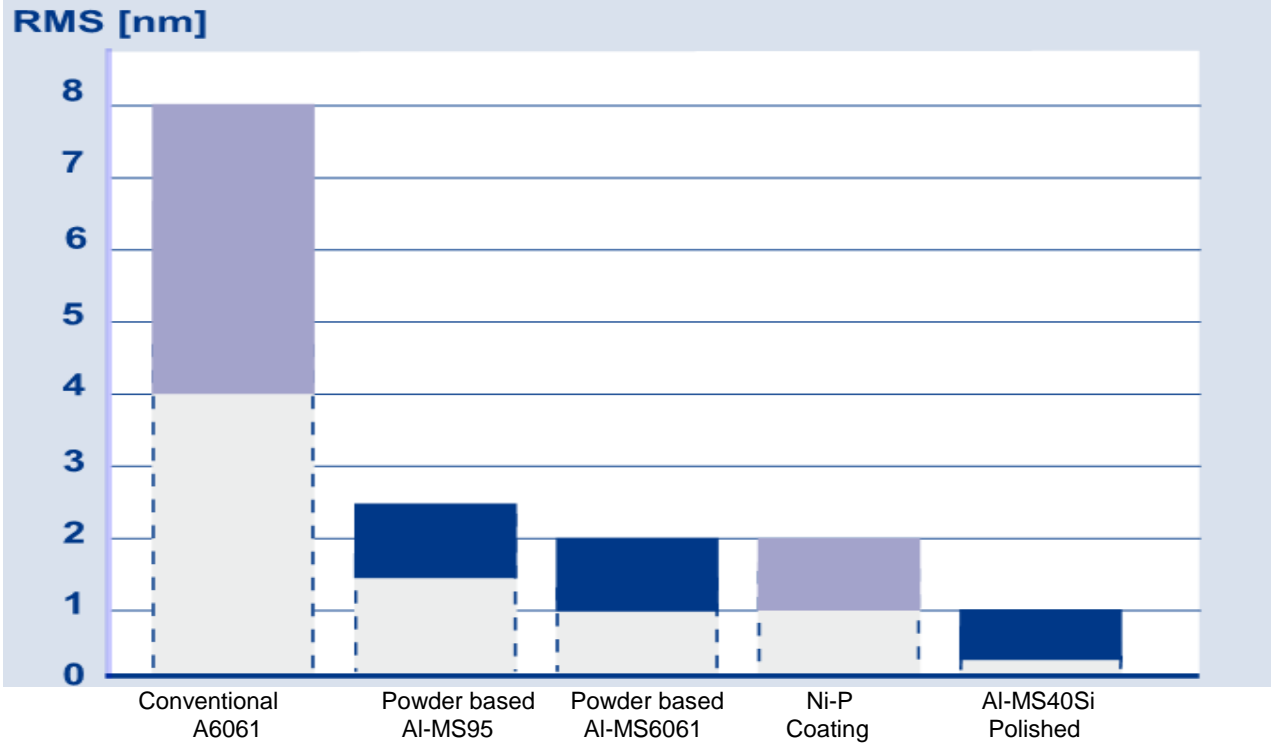
AMT has three alloys available for Optical application. All of them show significant improvement compared to conventional Aluminum alloys for Optics. They can be polished to a much higher precision.

- 1. AI-MS6061:** Powder based Aluminum A6061 alloy. Because of the very small grain size strength and elongation is increased. Compared to conventional A6061 surface roughness can be increased by a factor of 4 if Diamond machined.
- 2. AI-MS95:** A high strength powder based Aluminum alloy. If a higher strength is required AI-MS95 is the choice. Often used for Moulds and Inserts, AI-MS95 offers advantages compared to conventional alloys like brass- Cu-Ni, Cu-Be. No coating or post machining is required. Surface roughness can be below 1nm.
- 3. AI-MS40Si:** AI-MS40Si shows a low CTE comparable to Nickel. Bi-metallic effects can be avoided if Nickel coated. The modulus of AI-MS40Si is above 100GPa. Very stiff and lightweight mirrors can be made of it.
- 4. AI-SF52:** AI-SF52 shows a low CTE, high elastic modulus, high temperature strength, excellent machining behavior.

	Unit	AI-SF52	AI-MS6061	AI-MS95	AI-MS40Si
<b>Alloy</b>					
<b>Process</b>		<b>Powder</b>	<b>Powder</b>	<b>Powder</b>	<b>Powder</b>
<b>Elastic modulus</b>	<b>Gpa</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Density</b>	<b>g/cm<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2,83</b>	<b>2,70</b>	<b>2,95</b>	<b>2,54</b>
<b>Yield strength</b>	<b>Mpa</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Tensile strength</b>	<b>Mpa</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Elongation</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Hardness</b>	<b>HB</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Thermal Expansion</b>	<b>ax10<sup>-6</sup></b>	<b>16,7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13,5</b>

Fig. 1: Properties of Aluminum alloys for Optics

## Surface finish after diamond machining



### Surface statistics:

Ra : 0.65 nm  
 Rq : 0.93 nm  
 Rz : 13.23 nm  
 Rt : 17.39 nm