MF5008 POLYMERS AND COMPOSITE MATERIALS

DETAILED SYLLABUS

OBJECTIVES

To impart knowledge on types, physical properties and processing of polymer matrix composites, metal matrix composites and ceramics matrix composites.

UNIT I PROCESSING OF POLYMERS

Chemistry and Classification of Polymers – Properties of Thermo plastics – Properties of Thermosetting Plastics - Extrusion – Injection Moulding – Blow Moulding – Compression and Transfer Moulding – Casting – Thermo Forming. General Machining properties of Plastics – Machining Parameters and their effect – Joining of Plastics – Thermal bonding – Applications.

UNIT II FIBERS AND MATRIX MATERIALS

Fibers – Fabrication, Structure, properties and applications – Glass fiber, Boron fiber, carbon fiber, organic fiber, ceramic and metallic fibers - whiskers–Fabrication of Matrix materials – polymers, metals and ceramics and their properties – interfaces – Wettability – Types of bonding at the interface – Tests for measuring interfacial strength - Physical and chemical properties.

UNIT III PROCESSING OF POLYMER MATRIX COMPOSITES

Thermoset matrix composites: hand layup, spray, filament winding, Pultrusion, resin transfer moulding, autoclave moulding - bag moulding, compression moulding with Bulk Moulding Compound and sheet Moulding Compound – thermoplastic matrix composites – film stacking, diaphragm forming, thermoplastic tape laying, injection moulding – interfaces in PMCs - structure, properties and application of PMCs –recycling of PMCs.

UNIT IV PROCESSING OF METAL MATRIX COMPOSITES

Metallic matrices: aluminium, titanium, magnesium, copper alloys – processing of MMCs: liquid state, Solid state, in situ fabrication techniques – diffusion bonding – powder metallurgy techniques interfaces in MMCs – mechanical properties – machining of MMCs – Applications.

UNIT V PROCESSING OF CERAMIC MATRIX COMPOSITES AND CARBON-CARBON COMPOSITES

Processing of CMCs: cold pressing, sintering, reaction bonding, liquid infiltration, lanxide process – in situ chemical reaction techniques: chemical vapour deposition, chemical vapour impregnation, sol-gel– interfaces in CMCs – mechanical properties and applications of CMCs– Carbon-carbon Composites – applications.

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