

Tweezer material selection guide*

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METAL	NON-MAGNETIC	HARDNESS	CORROSION RESIST.	CHEMICAL RESIST.	CLEANROOM	TEMPERATURE RESIST.	ESD SAFE	BIOCOMPATIBILITY
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SA						•	•	
S	•	٠		•		•	•	•
C	•		•			•	•	•
NC	٠						•	
TA	٠	•	٠				•	
N	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
BR	٠		•		•		•	•

COATING	NON-MAGNETIC	HARDNESS	CORROSION RESIST.	CHEMICAL RESIST.	CLEANROOM	TEMPERATURE RESIST.	ESD SAFE	BIOCOMPATIBILITY
SA+DC		٠	٠	۲	٠	٠	٠	
SA+NE					•			•
SA+T		•					•	
SA+DN					•			•

PLASTIC	NON-MAGNETIC	HARDNESS	CORROSION RESIST.	CHEMICAL RESIST.	CLEANROOM	TEMPERATURE RESIST.	ESD SAFE	BIOCOMPATIBILITY
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CERAMIC	NON-MAGNETIC	HARDNESS	CORROSION RESIST.	CHEMICAL RESIST.	CLEANROOM	TEMPERATURE RESIST.	ESD SAFE	BIOCOMPATIBILITY
SA+MZ		٠		٠	٠	۲		٠
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DEFINITION Those materials which do not acquire mag-netic properties, either transient or perma-nent, when placed in a magnetic field or subjected to a magnetization process

Good

Poor

Excellent Very good

NON-MAGNETIC

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HARDNESS	The resistance of a material to penetration
CORROSION RESISTANCE	The capability of material to withstand the deterioration and chemical breakdown dur- ing surface exposure in a specific environ- ment
CHEMICAL RESISTANCE	The strength of a material to protect against chemical attack or solvent reaction
CLEANROOM	A controlled environment typically used in manufacturing
TEMPERATURE RESISTANCE	The resistance of material properties to de- crease as temperature increases
ESD SAFE	A material that reduce static electricity to protect electrostatic-sensitive devices
BIOCOMPATIBILITY	The capability of a material to exist in har- mony with tissue without causing deleteri- ous changes

* Material selection chart is intended as a starting point to select material. Techni-pro recommends always testing our specific product with your application

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letal tweezer materials	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	MAIN FEATURES & APPLICATIONS
сх	Superalloy Anti-Acid, Anti-Magnetic (Superalloy Ni-Cr-Mo)	Fully non-magnetic - • strength - I hardness - < resistance to fatigue - • shape retention - corrosion resistance to most chemicals, salts and acids TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Non-magnetic tools for electronic and watch industry applications and for laboratory and medical applications in aggressive chemical environments
SA	Anti-Acid, Anti-Magnetic Stainless Steel (AISI 316L)	Non-magnetic - I toughness - corrosion resistance to most chemicals, salts and acids TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Tweezers for the electronic industry, watch-makers, jewelers and laboratory and medical applica- tions in moderately aggressive chemical environments
S	Stainless Steel (AISI 420)	Magnetic - strenght - hardness - resistance to corrosion TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Tweezers and cutting tools for the electronic industry, watch-makers, jewelers and laboratory and medical applications in mild aggressive chemical environments
C	Carbon Steel (AISI 1060)	Magnetic - strenght - hardness - resistance to corrosion TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Tweezers and cutting tools for the electronic industry, watch-makers, jewelers applications
NC	Superalloy Anti-Acid, Anti-Magnetic (Superalloy Ni-Cr-Mo)	Fully non-magnetic - • strength - I hardness - • resistance to fatigue - • shape retention - Corrosion resistance to most chemicals, salts and acids TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Non-magnetic tools for electronic and watch industry applications and for laboratory and medical applications in aggressive chemical environments
ТА	Titanium (Nonferrous alloy, Grade 1)	Fully non-magnetic - mechanical properties - ductility - corrosion resistance - melting point (high temperature resistance) TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Handling of components in cleaning/chemical processes at high temperature, histology, biology, medicine, surgery. Used when high strength-to-weight ratio is required. Bio-compatible
N	Nickel (Nonferrous alloy CuNi18Zn20)	Non-magnetic - soft and elastic - Cold workability (forming) - water and steam - resistance to saltwater corrosion - resistance to alkalies and organic acids - resistance to inorganic acids TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Handling of scratch-sensitive parts in electronic, micro-mechanical and jewellery applications
BR	Brass (Nonferrous alloy CuZn37)	Non-magnetic - • cold workability (forming) - • mechanical properties - corrosion resistance - • corrosion resistance by fresh water and steam TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Tweezers for handling scratch-sensitive mechanical parts, watch components, magnets

Coating tweezer materials



	COATING DESCRIPTION	MAIN FEATURES & APPLICATIONS
SA + DC	High-tek Diamond coating	ESD-safe material - hardness - wear resistance - friction coefficient - adherence to the tweezers - humidity resistant - chemical stability and corrosion resistance - 100% biological compatibility TYPICAL APPLICATIONS DLC tweezers are ideally suited for applications in medical, biological and clean room environments, as well as perfect for handling hard / abrasive materials.
SA + NE	Engineering ESD epoxy coating (polyester + epoxy resins + conduc- tive additives)	ESD-safe material - • general resistance - • dispersion - I impact-resistant surface - • elasticity - I functional permanent graffiti protection - • cleanliness TYPICAL APPLICATIONS ESD tweezer coating for an enhanced operator comfort
SA + T	Industrial PTFE coating	■ abrasion resistance - ■ toughness - ■ chemical corrosion resistance - ● cleanliness - ● heat resistance - ● cryogenic stability TYPICAL APPLICATIONS PTFE-coated tweezers are recommended when specimen material is fragile. It reduces the rate of heat during critical cryo work and reduces the corrosive action of acids and bases on tweezers tips. The PTFE coating also gives some protection of the metal when using with chemical compound.
SA + DN	Engineering ESD foam grip (PVC foam)	ESD-safe material - softness - flexibility - tear resistance - abrasion/wear resistance - chemical resistance chemical resistance TYPICAL APPLICATIONS ESD-safe handles, floor and work surface mats. ESD ergonomic tweezer cushion grips for an enhanced operator comfort. Ideal for repetitive handling tasks in specimen preparation, electronics, instrumentation, laboratories and forensics. Especially useful for handling ESD sensitive compo- nents or small static items

Plastic tweezer materials



	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	MAIN FEATURES & APPLICATIONS
• (2) • CP	High-performance plastic - Carbon PEEK (polyetheretherketone reinforced with carbon nano)	ESD safe material - • hardness - I rigidity - • flexural strength - • wear resistance - • dimension stability - • resistance to chemicals and aggressive agents - • resistance to thermal ageing - • heat capability TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Handling of components in cleaning/chemical/assembly processes at high temperature (soldering).
CF ● ֎ ●	Engineering plastic - Carbon fiber (PA66/CF30 polyamide 66 reinforced with 30 wt% carbon fibre)	ESD safe material - I rigidity - I tensile strenght - I flexural strength - I fatigue resistance - I creep resistance - I wear and abrasion resistance - I chemical resistance - heat capability TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Handling of sensitive components and devices in electronics assembly and lab applications. Clean room compatible.
● ③ ●	High performance plastic - PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride carbon fibre reinforced)	ESD safe material - • mechanical strength - • toughness - abrasion resistant - • high purity - • chemical resistance - resistant to UV and nuclear radiation (sterilisation) - • heat capability TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Handling of very scratch - and contamination - sensitive components, cleaning and etching pro- cesses. Clean room and medical device approved material.
DG	Engineering plastic - Delrin (POM/GF30 acetal resin reinforced with 30 wt% glass fibre)	 tensile strenght - flexural strength - fatigue resistance - creep resistance - wear resistance - abrasion resistance - hydrolytic resistance (hot water) - chemical resistance - insulating TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Handling of very scratch sensitive components (ceramic and glass devices, wafers, capillary)

Ceramic tweezer materials



	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	MAIN FEATURES & APPLICATIONS
SA + MZ	Advanced white ceramic (Zirconia Toughened Alumina)	strength - ● hardness - no open porosity - ● hard surface - ◆ abrasion resistance - ◆ wear resistance - ◆ flexural strength - ◆ fracture toughness - ■ corrosion resistance - ● thermal prop- erties - ● temperature stability - electrically insulating TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Soldering processes, handling of components during thermal and chemical processes. Generally used when very rigid tips are required
SA + ZJ	ESD advanced black ceramic (Zirconia Toughened Alumina)	ESD-safe material - • strength - • hardness - no open porosity - • hard surface - • abrasion re- sistance - • wear resistance - • flexural strength - • fracture toughness - I corrosion resistance - • thermal properties - • temperature stability TYPICAL APPLICATIONS Handling of EOS/ESD sensitive components, handling of components during thermal, chemical and soldering processes. Generally used when very rigid tips are required