

SAINT-GOBAIN PERFORMANCE CERAMICS & REFRACTORIES

ADVANCAL®

NEW MATERIAL FOR REDUCTION CELLS





ADVANCAL® BLOCKS

HIGH PERFORMANCE REFRACTORIES FOR ALUMINUM MELTING AND HOLDING FURNACES



Innovative refractory technologies have set a new performance standard for reduction cell sidewall blocks.

With their outstanding corrosion resistance, new Advancal® blocks last longer than conventional blocks.

As a result, substantial savings are made on replacements and cell disruption is minimized - significant benefits for any aluminium plant operator.

Approved by leading technology suppliers Advancal® keeps on delivering long after other blocks have been taken out.



For more information

FEATURES & BENEFITS



High oxidation resistance



up to 40% better corrosion resistance



Outstanding chemical resistance



Extended service life

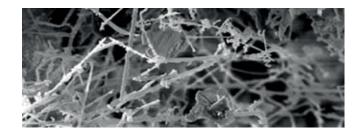


Thinner sidewalls to maximize

ADVANCAL® - NEW MICROSTRUCTURE

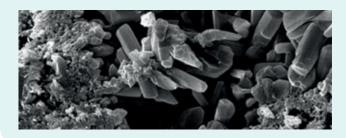
TYPICAL NITRIDE BONDED SIC

- Predominant α Si₃N₄
- Unstable bonding system
- Susceptible to oxidation in medium temperatures
- · No protection once oxidized



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- Predominant β Si₃N₄
- · Stable bonding phase system
- · Resistance to oxidation in any temperature range
- "SELF" protection system against oxidation



CASE STUDY

CORROSION RESISTANCE

Comparison of corrosion resistance after oxidation (500 hrs - 900°C)

RESULT

Superficial contamination with no penetration to the body.

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OXIDATION RESISTANCE

Comparison of oxidation behavior (500 hrs - 900°C)

RESULT

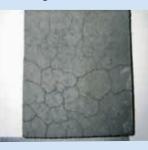
No cracks.

BLOCKS AFTER 500 HRS

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