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- Rapid heat transport
- Customized expansion behaviour
- Lightweight solutions
- Customer-specific designs
- Functional surfaces
- Extended lifetime

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Our Aluminium Graphite metal matrix composites were designed to minimize stress in electronic packages whilst operating reliably in the desired manner. Many microelectronic and optoelectronic packages suffer from thermally induced stress that arises during assembly processes or operation. Aluminium Graphite’s coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) is well-aligned to semiconductor materials and eliminates strain in these systems. The excellent thermal conductivity facilitates an efficient heat dissipation. Schunk Carbon Technology produces customized lightweight components, beginning with sample parts for initial tests, for numerous applications.

- Microelectronic: carrier plates and housings
- Flanges for RF power amplifiers
- Heat sinks and heat spreaders

Ensuring the transport of tomorrow is ready today

Electrification is driving the development in transportation worldwide. Whether in automotive, railway or aeronautics, efficient power conversion systems are needed everywhere. Using Schunk’s lightweight Aluminium Graphite materials strongly impacts the reliability and lifetime of modules and systems.

Power electronic modules consist of several semiconductor dies that are mounted on ceramic substrates and generate heat during operation. This heat must be managed properly by using an adequate active or passive cooling concept. Aluminium Graphite (ALG) can support both solutions. Whether it is in the design of spacers for double-sided cooled modules, the base plates for conventional modules, or as pin-fin coolers for automotive power modules – ALG is the ideal thermal management material for power module packaging. This is not only due to its low coefficient of thermal expansion and high thermal conductivity, but also its notably low density, resulting in a 75% weight saving compared to copper components. Schunk supplies Aluminium Graphite parts in customized designs.

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One material. Countless industrial solutions

Keep stress and tension in your systems at high temperatures to a minimum. The unique combination of material properties makes Schunk’s Aluminium Graphite an ideal choice for numerous applications in a wide range of demanding environments.

The thermal expansion behavior of Aluminium Graphite (ALG) is well matched to that of semiconductor materials. This makes it an ideal candidate for applications where heat sinks are in close contact with chips and substrates. The additional benefits of a high thermal conductivity, good mechanical strength, and the possibility to produce parts with narrow dimensional tolerances provide an added value for customers.

For instance, ALG soldering jigs and fixtures can be produced with the more sophisticated features compared to conventional graphite jigs and offer the advantage of higher durability. ALG is also a suitable contact material in semiconductor devices in place of molybdenum in disc- and module-type packages. Convince yourself and get in touch with us for possible applications, such as:

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