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A study on the effect of electric current density on surface roughness and hardness of metallic mesostructures manufactured by rapid tooling and electroforming process

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خلاصه مقاله:

Miniaturization of industrial equipment and products decreases the dimensions, volume, and weight while increasing the production speed. Nowadays, metallic micro and mesostructures are widely used in different and influential industries worldwide, such as automotive, electronics, robotics, biomedical engineering, and aerospace. This study investigates the effect of electric current density on the surface roughness and hardness of mesostructures manufactured through rapid tooling and electroforming process, which is an inexpensive production process and, meanwhile, can be accurate. Accordingly, a series of polymeric molds are produced using the DLP (digital light processing), and then electroforming is employed to produce metallic mesostructures with patterns of polymeric molds. Specimens are made from copper, and the study range for the effect of current density on the surface roughness and hardness of specimens is $1-9 \text{ (A/dm}^2\text{)}$. Results show that increasing current density increases and decreases surface roughness and hardness, respectively. The present study demonstrates the importance of adjusted current density to the surface roughness and hardness of mesostructured specimens produced through the electroforming process. The results of this study can be used for a more detailed investigation of electroforming performance to reduce internal defects, in addition to finding the optimal current density for manufacturing mesostructures.

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