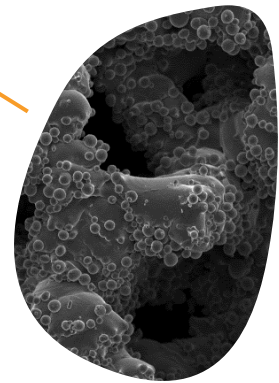


CONCELOC at 25x magnification



CONCELOC at 80x magnification

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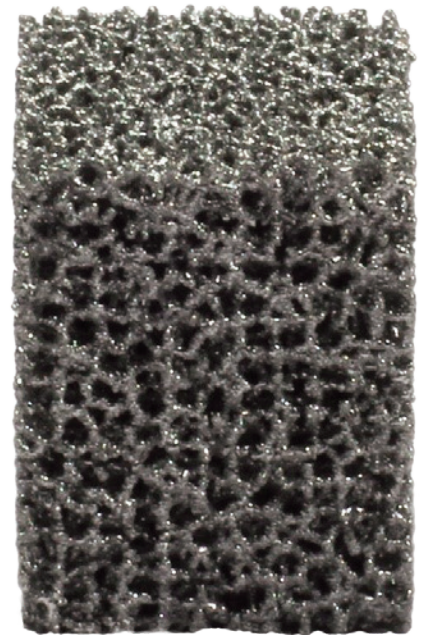
Material specifications

CONCELOC[◇]

Advanced Porous Titanium

Customized, proprietary porous structure technology

Through our pioneering approach to design, Smith+Nephew engineers have developed a proprietary method for creating a fully randomized porous structure with predictable porosity, pore size and node interconnectivity. Devices incorporating the patented CONCELOC Advanced Porous Titanium are created in a virtual environment and then fabricated at Smith+Nephew via additive manufacturing.



Design flexibility

Additive manufacturing (AM), commonly referred to as 3D printing, is a novel manufacturing method that involves the use of a laser or electron beam, for example, to sinter polymer or metal powders into a solid part that is built layer-by-layer. This unique fabrication method provides greater design flexibility compared to standard, subtractive manufacturing, i.e., machining. AM has also enabled Smith+Nephew to develop this custom porous structure for biological fixation combined with complex device geometries that would be difficult, expensive or impractical to attain through conventional fabrication methods. This design flexibility was leveraged to produce a roughened texture that is mapped on to the bone-interfacing surfaces of the virtual models to provide friction for enhanced initial stability. Furthermore, solid reinforcements can be added as an integral part of the porous structure where desired, since both solid and porous features are fabricated layer-by-layer at the same time.

Material

CONCELOC is made from Ti-6Al-4V and meets the ASTM and ISO standards for that alloy, with a good clinical history and over 40 years of use in medical devices.¹⁻⁴

Porosity

CONCELOC Advanced Porous Titanium has an interconnected network of pores with an average porosity of 80% in the near-surface regions where the initial fixation will occur, and an average overall porosity of 63%.⁵ These porosities are within the range of 60-80% porosity reported for other advanced porous structures.⁶⁻⁹

Pore size

CONCELOC has pore sizes greater than 100 μm , which the literature suggests is beneficial to biological fixation.¹⁰⁻¹² CONCELOC Advanced Porous Titanium has an average pore size that ranges from 202 to 342 μm overall and from 484 to 934 μm at the surfaces of the porous structure.^{5,13}

Mechanical properties*

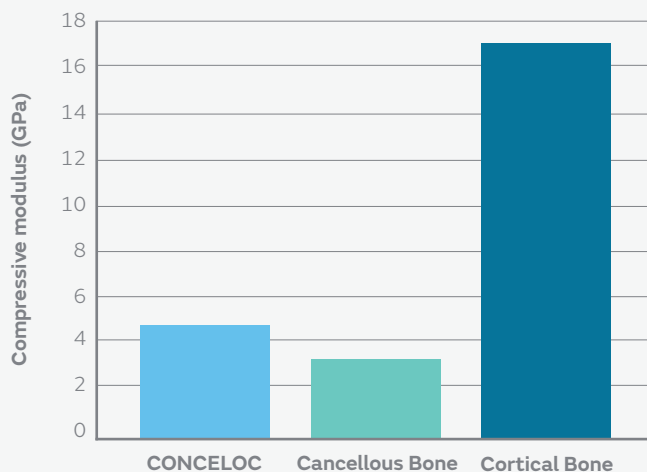


Figure 1: Compressive modulus measured for the CONCELOC^o Advanced Porous Technology¹⁴ compared to values reported for cancellous¹⁵ and cortical¹⁶ bone.

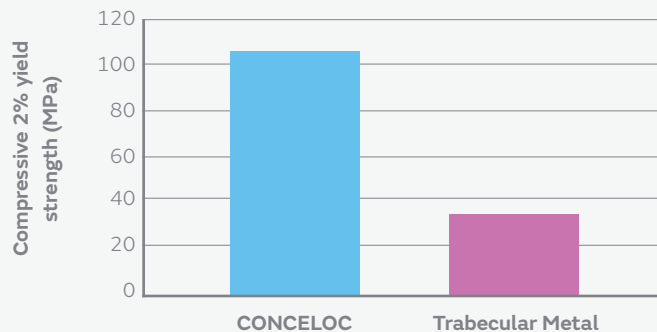


Figure 2: Compressive yield strength of the CONCELOC Advanced Porous Technology¹⁷ compared to that reported for Trabecular Metal.¹⁸

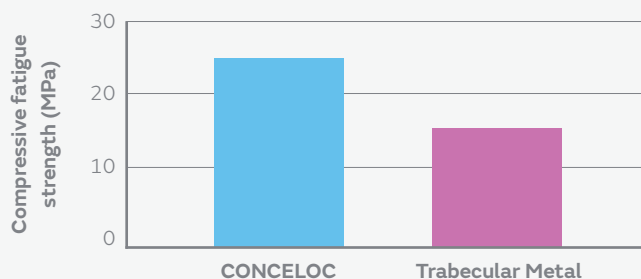


Figure 3: Compressive fatigue strength of the CONCELOC Advanced Porous Technology¹⁹ compared to that reported for Trabecular Metal.¹⁸

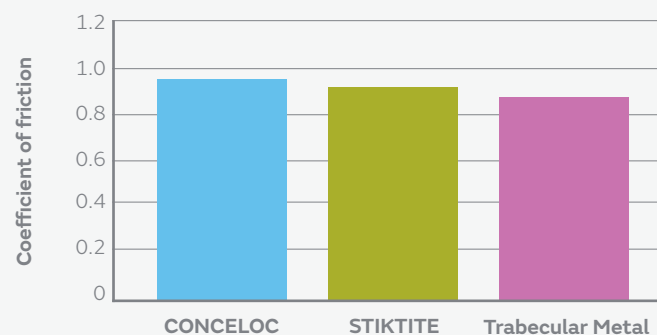


Figure 4: Coefficient of friction of CONCELOC Advanced Porous Technology²⁰ compared to that reported for STIKTITE²⁰ porous coating and Trabecular Metal.²¹

The CONCELOC and STIKTITE^o porous structures were tested against 10 lb/ft (0.16 g/cm) foam.¹¹ The test method for these porous structures differed from that used for Trabecular Metal that was tested against cancellous bone.

Material properties*

	CONCELOC	STIKTITE	Trabecular Metal	Tritanium	Regenerex	Gription
Material	Titanium Alloy	CP Titanium	Tantalum ²³	CP Titanium ²³	Titanium Alloy ²⁴	CP Titanium ⁶
Modulus of Elasticity	4.3 GPa ¹⁴	113 GPa** ²⁵	1.3-3.9 GPa ^{18,26}	113 GPa** ²⁵	1.9 GPa ²⁴	113 GPa** ²⁵
Compressive 2% Yield Stress	101.2 MPa ¹⁷	N/A	36.9 MPa ¹⁸	N/A	N/A	N/A
Porosity	Up to 80% ⁵	62% ²⁷	80% ²²	72% ²⁸	67% ²⁴	63% ²⁹
Pore Size (Ave)	202-934µm ^{5,13}	194µm ²⁷	430µm ²¹	311-546µm ²⁸	100-600µm ²⁴	300µm ²⁹
Coefficient of Friction	0.95 ²⁰	0.93 ²⁰	0.88 ²¹	1.01 ²⁸	N/A	1.2 ⁶
Porous Matrix or Coating	Porous Matrix	Coating	Porous Matrix	Both	Both	Coating

* Data for competitive porous structures was obtained from the referenced literature with test methods that differ between porous structures. Data is tabulated for general comparisons only.

**Ti-6Al-4V substrate with coating.

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