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**PAPER TEMPLATE SAMPLES**

abstract (SAMPLE-ABST HEAD-Arial 10BOLD)

The Abstract heading uses **ABSTHEAD** format (**ARIAL 10 BOLD**). The abstract length should be 75 to 150 words. Use “body” text style (Times New Roman 10) and leave a line break between paragraphs. Do not indent paragraphs.Columns should be left-justified.

**Keywords**: Use five to 10 keywords, “body” text style (Times New Roman 10)

introduction (SAMPLE-HEAD1)

The Introduction header uses the style format designated **HEAD1 (ARIAL 10 BOLD).** Leave a line break between paragraphs. Do not indent paragraphs. Use “body” text style (Times New Roman 10). Other subheads within this section should be all uppercase letters HEAD2 (ARIAL 10). Do not leave a line break below subheads.

Sub-subheads should be typed in upper and lowercase letters Head3 (Arial 10, Underline) and Head4 (Arial 10), there is no line break below these subheads. See sample subheads that follow.

DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS (Sample-head1)

This section may include subheads. Do not indent paragraphs. Use “body” text style for the main text.

experimental (Sample-Head2)

This subhead is identified with a HEAD2 style format and uses “body” text style for the main text.

CHEMISTRY Effect ON PROPERTIES (Sample-HEAD2)

This is another sample of subhead (HEAD2). There may be several second level subheads within each second level heading. “Body” text style is used for the main text.

Yield Stress (Sample-Head3)

This is a third level subhead (Head3). There may be several third level subheads. “Body” text style is used for the main text.

Predicted Values (Sample Head4)

This is a fourth level sub-subhead (Head4). There may be several fourth level subheads. “Body” text style is used for the main text.

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* This unordered list has bullet symbols, no numbers.
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CAPTION NOTE: At the end of each caption, acknowledge the source of any artwork as follows: (Artwork courtesy of ST Foundry, Inc.)



Figure 1. This photo (JPEG file format) was inserted by pulling down the Insert menu on the tool bar and choosing Picture.

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Table 1. Alloy “A” Composition

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Al | Cu | Zr | Zn | Fe | Cr |
| 1.00 | 2.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 |
| 7.00 | 8.00 | 9.00 | 12.00 | 2.00 | 3.00 |

**Temperatures**

Temperatures must be listed in Fahrenheit (F) and Celsius (C). Fahrenheit units must be followed by Celsius units in parentheses [i.e., 32F (0C)].

TEMPERATURE *INCREMENT / DIFFERENTIAL*

Degree symbols are used only when referring to a temperature *differentia****l***. [(i.e., the melt temperature increased by 100°F (55.6°C)]

**Mechanical properties**

Mechanical properties should be reported in MPa.

(1 MPa = 0.1450377 Ksi).

**Metric & English Units**

Metric and English units are both used in the text. Metric should be converted to English and vice versa.

Inches & feet

Use abbreviations for inches and feet (in., ft.), not symbols.

**Equations**

Create equations in *Equation Editor* (found under the Insert/Equation tab) and number equations consecutively. Left align the equation and right align the equation number as follows:

 a + b = c Eqn. 1

Conclusion (conc HEad)

This section head uses the style format designated **CONC HEAD** (**ARIAL 10 BOLD**). Leave a line break between paragraphs, no paragraph indent. Use “body” text style for the main text (Times New Roman 10).

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**Oversize figures & Tables**



***Figure 2. A schematic of a tool force measurement system is illustrated above. (Artwork courtesy of ST Foundry, Inc.)***

Table 1. Chemical Analysis Results for the Aging Effect on Tool Force

acknowledgments (head1)

The Acknowledgment section is an optional section that uses a **head1** style **(ARIAL 10 BOLD),** and “body” text style is used for the main text.

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additional reading

Any pertinent books, research articles, etc., that the author(s) feel may be of interest to their readers but are not used as reference in the submitted paper, may be listed in **ADDITIONAL READING** (**ARIAL** 10 BOLD) and “body” text style is used for the main text. This subhead should be listed after the **REFERENCE** listings, as an unordered list (Times New Roman 10pt, align left).