

# Al-Sb-Ti (Aluminum-Antimony-Titanium)

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[1997Kim] determined partial isothermal sections for this system at 1300 and 1100 °C.

## Binary Systems

The Al-Sb phase diagram [Massalski2] depicts the congruently-melting compound AlSb (B3-type cubic) at the midcomposition. An update on the Al-Ti system appears in this issue. A schematic partial Sb-Ti phase diagram [Massalski2] depicts seven intermediate compounds: TiSb<sub>2</sub> (CuAl<sub>2</sub>-type tetragonal), TiSb (NiAs-type hexagonal), Ti<sub>6</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> (orthorhombic), Ti<sub>5</sub>Sb<sub>3</sub> (orthorhombic), Ti<sub>2.5</sub>Sb (BiTi<sub>2</sub>-type tetragonal), Ti<sub>3</sub>Sb (Cr<sub>3</sub>Si-type cubic), and Ti<sub>4</sub>Sb (Ni<sub>3</sub>Sn-type hexagonal). Not all of these appear to be established as equilibrium phases.

## Ternary Isothermal Sections

With starting metals of 99.99% Al, 99.99% Sb, and 99.8% Ti, [1997Kim] prepared seven alloy compositions,

which were given a final anneal at 1300 °C for 16 h or at 1100 °C for 1 week. The phase equilibria were studied by x-ray diffraction, electron probe microanalysis and differential thermal analysis. The partial isothermal sections constructed by [1997Kim] at 1300 and 1100 °C are redrawn in Fig. 1. A ternary compound  $\tau$  (denoted  $\phi$  by [1997Kim]) was found to be stable up to 1500 °C, with a homogeneity range of 11.0-17.1 at.% Al, 19.2-25.5 at.% Sb, and 63.0-65.4 at.% Ti. It has the  $D8_m$ ,  $W_5Si_3$ -type tetragonal structure, with  $a = 1.0447$  to  $1.0484$  nm and  $c = 0.5239$  to  $0.5275$  nm [1997Kim]. It forms tie-lines with Ti<sub>3</sub>Sb, ( $\beta$ Ti), ( $\alpha$ Ti), and TiAl ( $\gamma$ ) at 1300 °C and with Ti<sub>3</sub>Sb, ( $\beta$ Ti),  $\alpha_2$ , and TiAl ( $\gamma$ ) at 1100 °C.

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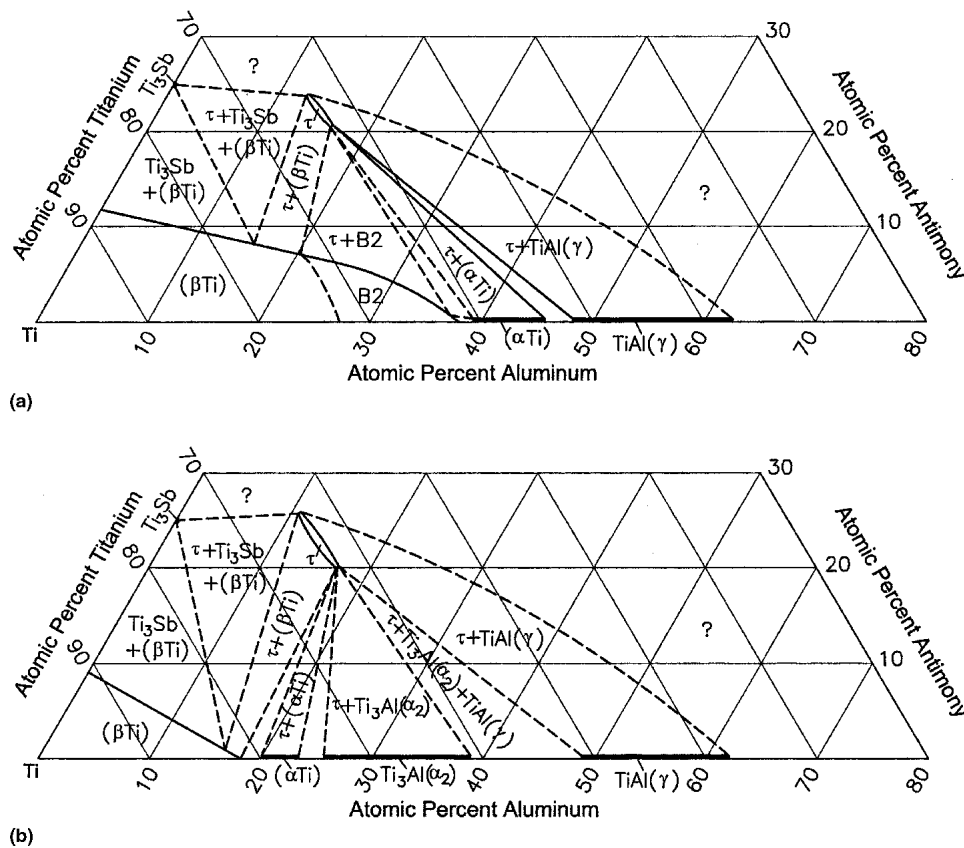


Fig. 1 Al-Sb-Ti partial isothermal sections at (a) 1300 and (b) 1100 °C [1997Kim]