

Structural evolution of the mechanically alloyed Fe₆₂Nb₈B₃₀ powder mixtures

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Abstract : Fe₆₂Nb₈B₃₀ amorphous alloy was prepared by mechanical alloying in a planetary ball mill from pure elemental powders. Structural properties of the milled powders were investigated by X-ray diffraction. The mixing of Nb and B leads to the formation of a bcc Nb(B) solid solution after 1 h of milling. A highly disordered Fe(Nb, B) structure in addition to a small amount of the un-reacted γ -Fe and the bcc Nb(B) solid solution are obtained after 25 h of milling. The amorphous state is reached on further milling (up to 125 h).

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