

Structure, magnetic and microwave studies of mechanically alloyed powders Fe₄₅Ni₃₅Co₂₀

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Abstract: Nanocrystalline Fe-35 wt%Ni-20 wt%Co has been prepared by using a high-energy planetary ball mill with increasing milling time from 4 to 36 h. Microstructural characterisations showed the development of an face-centred cubic nanostructured Fe-35 wt%Ni-20 wt%Co alloy with an average crystallite size of 8 nm. The magnetic investigation revealed that the nanostructures obtained from a milling time of 36 h have the highest magnetic saturation and the lowest coercive field. In addition, the hardness and the electromagnetic absorption of the Fe-35 wt%Ni-20 wt%Co alloy were found to increase with the milling time. These evolutions could be attributed to the crystallite size and the strain variations in the samples during milling.

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