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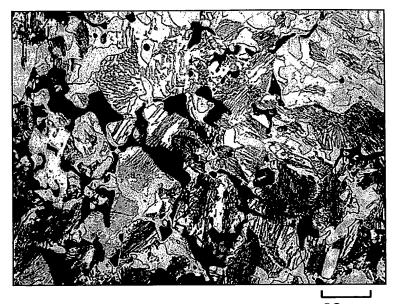
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(54) Sintered materials for valve guides and production methods therefor

(57) A sintered material for valve guides consists of, by mass %, 1.3 to 3 % of C, 1 to 4 % of Cu, and the balance of Fe and inevitable impurities. The sintered material exhibits a metallic structure made of pores and a matrix, the matrix is a mixed structure of a pearlite phase,

a ferrite phase, an iron carbide phase, and a copper phase, and a part of the pores includes graphite that is dispersed therein. The iron carbide phase is dispersed at 3 to 25 % by area ratio and the copper phase is dispersed at 0.5 to 3.5 % by area ratio with respect to a cross section of the metallic structure, respectively.

Fig. 1A



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