

THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS CURRENTLY USED IN IMPLANTS

Material	Modulus of Elasticity			Yield Strength (0.2% offset for metals)			Elongation to failure (percent)	Fatigue Limit			Sources of Information
	N/mm ²	kg/cm ²	lb/in ²	N/mm ²	kg/cm ²	lb/in ²		N/mm ²	kg/cm ²	lb/in ²	
cast Co-Cr alloy	0.21×10^6	2.2×10^6	31×10^6	448	4,570	65,000	8	310	3,160	45,000 (in air)	1,2
316-L annealed stainless steel	0.19×10^6	2.0×10^6	28×10^6	207	2,109	30,000	40	—	—	—	1,3
cold worked	0.20×10^6	2.1×10^6	30×10^6	690	7,031	100,000	12	345	3,515	50,000 (in air)	
Titanium (pure)	0.10×10^6	1.1×10^6	15×10^6	455	4,922	70,000	15	262	2,672	38,000 (in solvent)	4,5
Ti-6Al-4V	0.11×10^6	1.1×10^6	16×10^6	793	8,085	115,000	10	414	4,219	60,000 (in solvent)	4,6
ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene	1.4×10^3	14.1×10^3	200×10^3	21	211	3,000	200-400	11	112	1,600	7,8
polymethyl methacrylate (solid)	2.8×10^3	28.1×10^3	400×10^3	55	562	8,000	2	48	492	7,000	7,8
silicon rubber (Silastic; HV3602)	0.54- 2.0	5.55- 20.4	79- 290	8.3	84	1,200	300	—	—	—	9
bone	0.01×10^6	0.11×10^6	1.5×10^6	138	1,406	20,000	6.25	34	352	5,000	10,11
acrylic cement (Simplex P)	2.8×10^3	28.1×10^3	400×10^3	13.2	135	1,914	.25	—	—	—	12,13,14

*From 1. Weisman, 1968; 2. A.S.T.M. F 75-67; 3. A.S.T.M. F 56-71; 4. McMaster, 1970; 5. A.S.T.M., F 67-66; 6. A.S.T.M., F 136-70; 7. Several sources; 8. Materials in Design Engineering; 9. Author's tests; 10. See Chapter 3; 11. Burstein et al. 1972; 12. Swanson et al. 1971; Kling and Evans, 1967; 13. Weinstein et al. 1974; 14. Lautenschlager et al. 1974

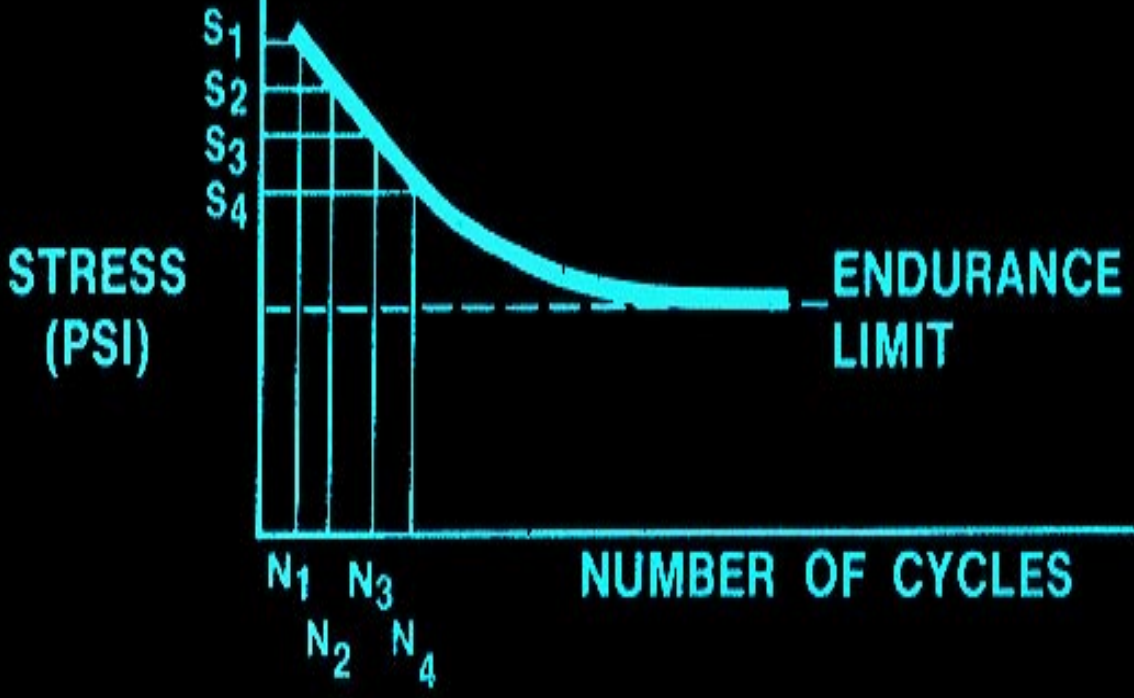
Yield and fatigue strength of different alloys proposed for use in hip prostheses (7, 10)

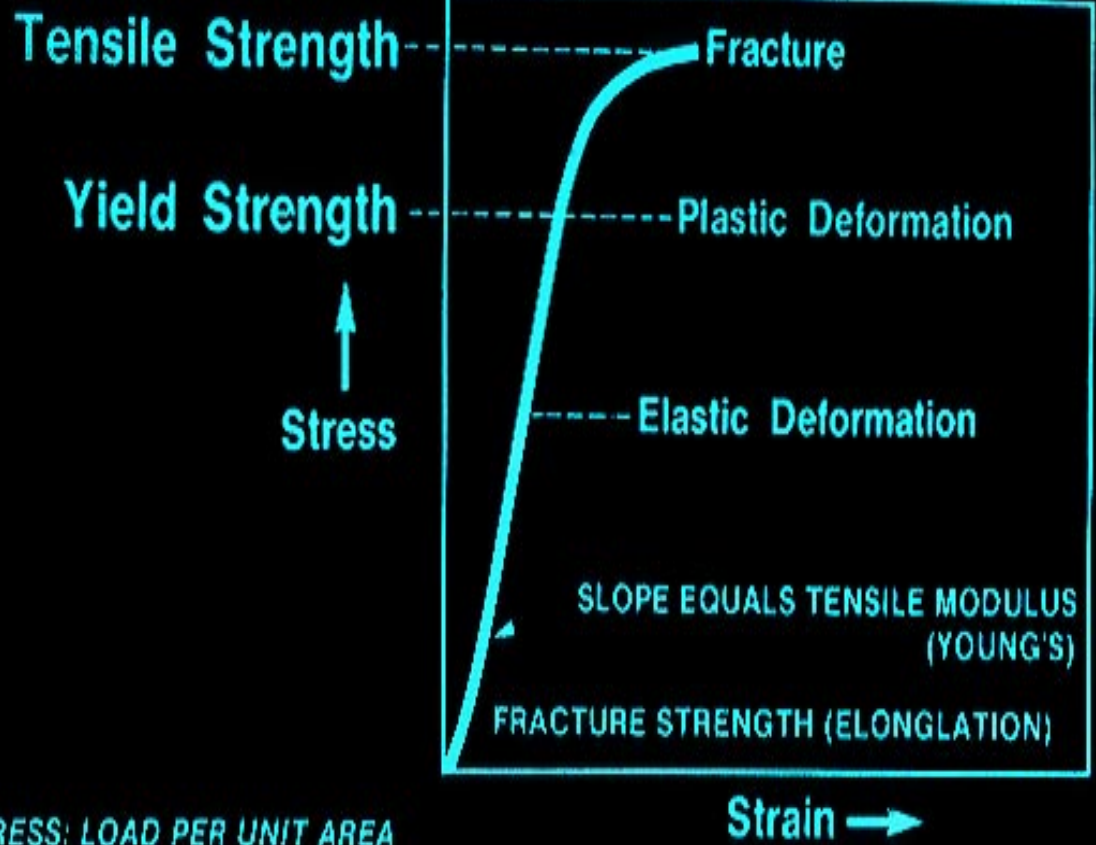
Alloy type	Yield strength			Fatigue strength		
	$\sigma_{0.2}$		Kp/mm ²	σ_{bw}		
	N/mm ²	PSI		N/mm ²	PSI	Kp/mm ²
CoCrMo	441	63990	45	196	28440	20
CoNiCrMo	637	92430	65	592	76790	54
FeCrNiMo	284	41240	29	245	35550	25
TiAlV	794	115180	81	392	56880	40
	Toughness	%	Hardness	V.P.N.		
CoCrMo	8			300		
CoNiCrMo	35			300		
FeCrNiMo	63			165		
TiAlV	10			300		

MAJOR ELEMENT COMPOSITION (%)

LOW CARBON STAINLESS STEEL 316L	(1)	IRON	Cr 17-20	Ni 10-14	·	F 138, F 139	
CAST Co-Cr ALLOY & H.I.P. ALLOY	(2)	COBALT	Cr 27-30	Mo 5	Ni 2.5	·	F 75, F 76
WROUGHT Co-Cr ALLOY	(3)	COBALT	Cr 19-21	Tu 14-16	Ni 9-11	·	F 90
FORGED Co-Cr ALLOY		COBALT	Cr 26-28	Mo 5.7	·		
TITANIUM UNALLOYED	(4)	TITANIUM				·	F 67
TITANIUM 6 AL - 4V	(5)	TITANIUM		Al 5.5-6.5	Va 3.5-4.5	·	F 136
MP - 35N (MULTIPHASE)		COBALT	Cr 19-21	Mo 9-10.5	Ni 33-37	·	

TYPICAL FATIGUE CURVE



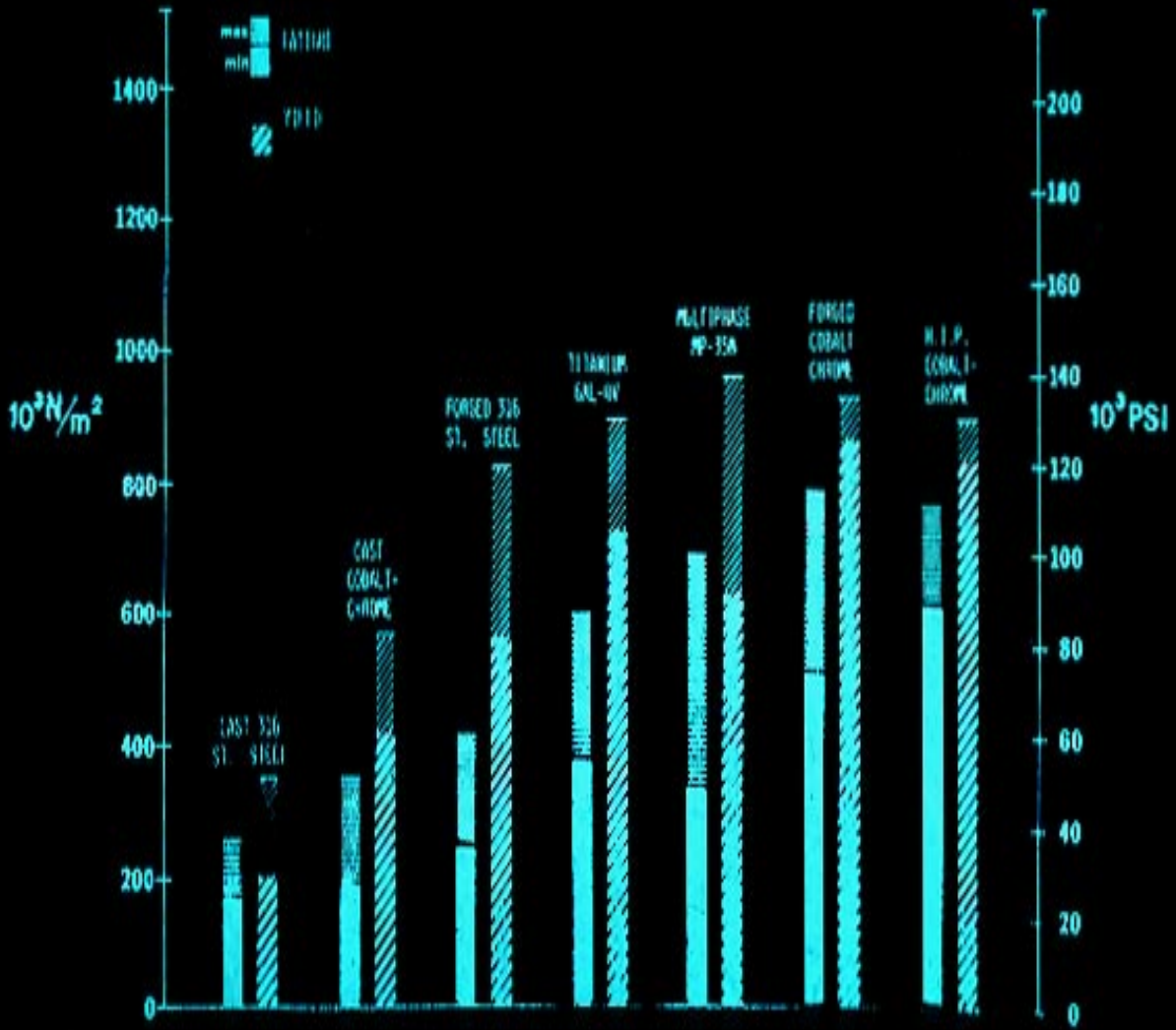


STRESS: LOAD PER UNIT AREA
 $STRESS = F/A$

STRAIN: ELONGATION PER UNIT LENGTH

$$\left(\frac{INCREASE\ IN\ LENGTH}{ORIGINAL\ LENGTH} \right)$$

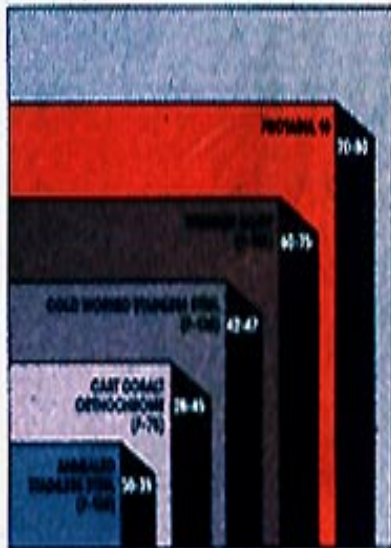
STRENGTHS OF IMPLANT ALLOYS



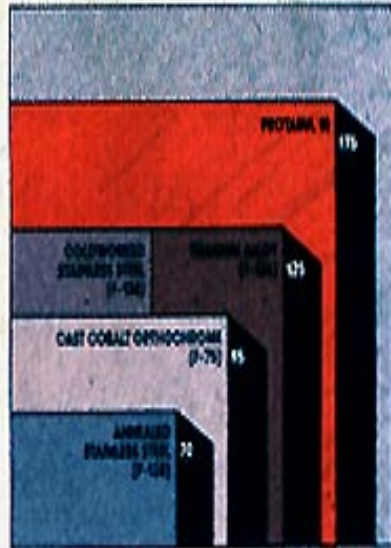
**TYPICAL MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF COMMONLY USED
ORTHOPAEDIC ALLOYS AND MICRO-GRAIN ZIMALOY**

Mechanical Property	ASTM F75 Requirements	Cast Co-Cr-Mo	316L Stainless Steel (cold worked)	Ti-6Al-4V (TITANIUM)	MP35N (cold worked) PROTASUL-10	Forged VITALLIUM FHS	MICRO-GRAIN ZIMALOY
Ultimate Tensile Strength	95,000 psi min.	105,000	140,000	140,000	175,000	180,000	188,000
Yield Strength	65,000 psi min.	75,000	110,000	130,000	140,000	130,000	133,000
Elongation	8% min.	8%	22%	10%	25%	15%	14%
Reduction of Area	8% min.	8%	55%	25%	65%		16%

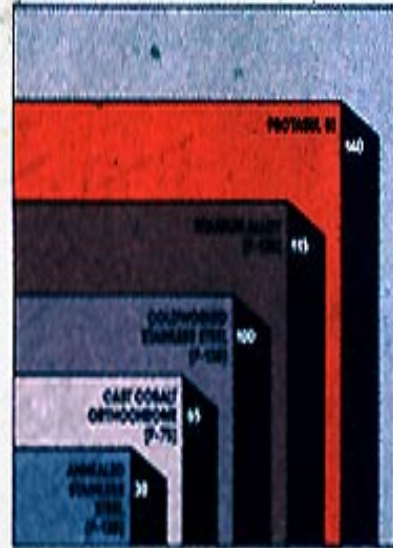
**FATIGUE STRENGTH:
ENDURANCE LIMIT (in 1000 psi)**



**TENSILE STRENGTH:
(in 1000 psi)**



**YIELD STRENGTH:
(in 1000 psi)**





100X

Figure 4. Microstructure of investment cast Co-Cr-Mo alloy.



100X

Figure 5. Microstructure of MICRO-GRAIN
ZIMALLOY.