Boron Nitride (BN) ceramic powders are exceptionally lubricious additives for high performance solid and viscous lubricants. Applications for BN as a lubricant include:

- Fillers for solid polymer shapes used as sliding components, etc.
- Dispersions in oils, greases, and aqueous solutions
- Water and aerosol-based coatings for metalworking, glassforming, and other processing applications
- Metal matrix and ceramic-metal composites for abradable seal and other demanding uses
- Electrodeposited, plasma, and thermal spray coatings

BN brings the following performance benefits to lubricating systems:

• Low coefficient of friction – measured as low as 0.12 in graphite-like BN grades*

Boron Nitride powder additives for high performance lubrication

- High temperature and chemical stability lets BN perform where other lubricants fail
- High thermal conductivity improves heat dissipation and reduces localized overheating; this is combined with excellent dielectric properties
- A high load-carrying capacity makes BN useful under extreme pressure or vacuum
- Low thermal expansion minimizes internal force generation in high temperature applications
- BN's white color gives lubricating systems a cleaner appearance vs. graphite or molybdenum disulfide

Engineered to your specifications

GE Advanced Ceramics (formerly Advanced Ceramics Corp. and now part of GE Quartz) offers over 75 grades to suit your application, with a broad range of densities, surface areas, and particle sizes. GE also has the expertise to tailor the properties of BN powder to meet a broad range of customer requirements.

GE Advanced Ceramics is a leading producer of BN and serves the global market with facilities in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

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* Falex Corporation COF Test

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Boron Nitride Lubrication Powders.

Falex 4-Ball Extreme Pressure Test

BN and other solid lubricants were tested in Fomblin[®] oil samples, showing the following results. BN outperformed the other materials, accepting a 25-50% higher force before reaching the weld point.

Sample	Weld Point (kgf)	Average Scar Diameter (mm) @ 315 kgf @ 400 kgf		
Fomblin [®] (F), control	315	WELD		
F/5% BN (Grade AC6004)	620	0.902	1.024	
F/5% BN (Grade AC6003)	620	0.850	0.984	
F/5% MoS ₂	500	0.861	1.001	
F/5% SbO ₂	400	0.818	WELD	
F/5% Graphite (S4742)	400	0.839	WELD	
F/5% Graphite (GP603)	400	0.851	WELD	
F/5% Teflon	500	no data	1.11	

See : "Boron Nitride Powder – A High Performance Alternative for Solid Lubrication" (Pub. No. 81506) for additional information.

Typical Properties for Selected BN Grades

	HCPL	AC6003	AC6004	AC6041	NX1
Crystal Size µm	8	0.5	10	4	0.5
Avg. Part Size µm	9-12	7-11	12-13	5-6	0.7
Avg. Surf Area m ² /g	7	29	2	10	20
Tap Density g/cc	0.5	0.35	0.55	0.3	0.12
Oxygen %	0.4	2	0.3	0.3	0.9-1.2
Soluble Borates %	0.2	0.2	0.15	0.2	0.1
Carbon %	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.03

Additional product specification sheets are available from GE Advanced Ceramics.

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NX1 10,000X



10 Microns HCPL 2000X



2 Microns AC6003 10,000X



10 Microns AC6004 2000X



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