Metallic Glasses and Their Composites

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Handbook

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Due to their excellent structural, functional, magnetic, chemical and biological properties metallic glasses are suitable for a great many applications, including in such areas as microelectromechanical devices, pressure sensors, orthopaedic screws and precision surgical instruments.