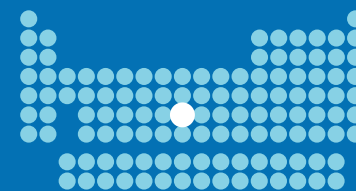


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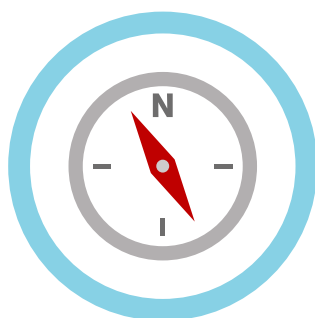
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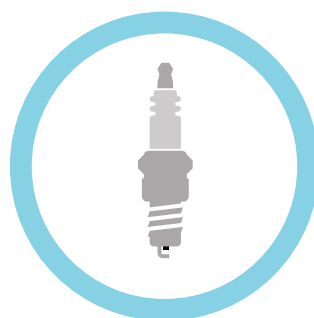


COMPASSES



The most corrosion-resistant metal, iridium is alloyed with osmium and used in pen tips and compass pivot points.

SPARK PLUGS



Iridium's high melting point and low reactivity means it is used in spark plugs, particularly in aviation.

ASTEROID IMPACT



The impact that wiped out dinosaurs 66 million years ago left a layer of iridium-rich clay in Earth's crust.