

Superhard tool materials

It is not only the extreme hardness of superhard tool materials but also their high heat-resistance which enables highest cutting rates and increased productivity. One disadvantage is however their low toughness. Economical application is only possible on extremely rigid

machines and for a specific range of application. Further information regarding PCD and CBN can be found in the DiamondTool section of this catalogue, our Cermet reamers are covered in the Technical Section under Reaming Tools.

Guhring description	Classification	Range of application	Average grain size	Diamond content
PCD	Fine grain	Aluminium and AISi-alloys <10%Si, magnesium alloys, brass, copper, bronze, wood composite materials excellent cutting edge quality high abrasion resistance excellent surface qualities	2-4µm	approx. 90%
	Medium grain	Universal grade (general finishing applications) AISi-alloys <14%Si, copper alloys, graphite and graphite composite materials, wood composite materials, unsintered ceramic and carbide (<15% binding metal content) excellent resistance good surface qualities	5-10µm	approx. 92%
	Coarse grain	Roughing and finishing applications AISi-alloys >14%Si and other abrasive machining applications, MMC, sintered ceramic and carbide (<15% binding metal content) extreme abrasion resistance, high shock resistance long tool life with acceptable to good surface quality	25µm	approx. 94%
	Mixed grain	Abrasive machining applications (i.e.: >14% AISi-alloys, MMC, composite materials) highest wear resistance, excellent shock resistance extreme abrasion resistance with good edge roughness long tool life with good surface quality	2-4µm+ 25µm	approx. 95%
CBN 10..	Low CBN-content	CBN tool material with carbide base for finishing machining of, for example, case hardened steels, heat-treatable steels, tool steels, grey cast iron, suitable for continuous and interrupted cut applications (especially hard turning) with a chip removal <0.5mm, high pressure resistance, low thermal conductivity, excellent abrasion resistance, chemical stability, good shock toughness for high removal rates, excellent surface finish and long tool life	2µm	50-65% CBN content
CBN 20..	High CBN-content with carbide base	CBN tool material with carbide base for the machining of, for example, pearlitic grey cast iron (> 45 HRC), hardened steel, tool and structural profile steels, powder metallurgic Fe-sinter materials, alloys on Ni/Cr basis (nickel base alloys - „superalloys“) thermal sprayed alloy & hard coatings on Co-, Ni- and Fe-basis suitable for continuous and interrupted cut applications with a medium chip removal (typical 0.5 - 1.5mm) high thermal conductivity, high break toughness, high surface qualities	2µm	80-95% CBN content
CBN 30..	High CBN-content without carbide base	Solid CBN tool material without carbide base for rough machining of pearlitic grey cast iron, chilled cast iron (> 45 HRC), hardened steels with high break toughness, excellent wear resistance, very good chemical stability, high specific removal rates For the application in tool holders, drilling and boring tools, recessing tools as well as cutter heads with clamping element and negative rake angle geometry	15µm	80-95% CBN content
Cermet	TCN 54 P15/P20	high cutting edge stability, for finishing tools such as reamers	< 2.5µm	

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