# Z-Wear PM<sup>cold</sup> Data Sheet Tooling Alloys

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#### **Chemical Composition**

Carbon	1.1 %
Chromium	7.8 %
Vanadium	2.4 %
Molybdenum	1.6 %
Tungsten	1.1 %

#### Z-Wear PM<sup>cold</sup>

is a high-performance PM tool steel developed for special requirements and designed to ensure high wear resistance and cutting edge stability of the tools.

Its balanced alloy composition, such as the vanadium and carbon content, gives it a higher wear resistance in punching, forming and cutting tools compared to 1.2379.

Z-Wear PM<sup>cold</sup> has a very fine carbide and microstructure, which results in higher toughness compared to 1.3343. Furthermore, compared to conventional cold and highspeed steels, Z-Wear PM<sup>cold</sup> is easier to grind, polish and has a higher compressive strength.

The normal heat treatment allows low distortion hardening and a wide range of surface coatings.

#### **Typical Applications**

- \_ Stamping and Forming Tools
- \_ Fineblanking Tools
- \_ Cold Extrusion Dies
- \_ Thread Rolling Dies
- \_ Holepunches
- \_ Shear Blades and Industrial Knifes
- \_ Powder Pressing Tools

#### Physical Properties

Modulus of elasticity E [GPa ]	220
Density [kg/dm³]	7.78
Thermal Conductivity [W/(m*K)]	23.5
Coefficient of thermal expansion [mm/mm/K] over a temperature range of 20-325 °C	11.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>

#### Powder Metallurgical and Conventional Microstructure



The uniform distribution of carbides in the powder-metallurgical structure compared to conventional tool steels with big carbides and carbide clusters.

#### Toughness

Relative impact energy



#### **Relative Wear Resistance**



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#### Heat Treatment

### Soft Annealing

Z-Wear PM<sup>**cold**</sup> is heated uniformly to 900 °C and hold for 2 hours. Followed by cooling to 540 °C in the furnace at a cooling rate of 5 °C per hour. Then air cool to room temperature. The annealed hardness is about 230 HB.

#### **Stress Relieving**

Stress relieving is recommended after rough machining. Z-Wear PM<sup>cold</sup> is heated to 600 – 700 °C and hold for 2 hours. Followed by cooling to 500 °C in the furnace. Then air cool to room temperature.

#### Hardening

Hardening of Z-Wear PM<sup>cold</sup> usually involves two preheating steps according to the table on the right. Depending on the furnace type and charging, further preheating steps can be carried out.

The material is then quickly heated from the preheating temperature to the austenitizing temperature of 1,010 °C - 1,090 °C).

1,010 °C is recommended to achieve the highest notched impact strength.

1.090 °C is used for highest hardness. The holding time of 45 minutes should be adjusted accordingly for thick- or thin-walled material cross-sections.

#### Quenching

Quenching in air, hot bath or oil is possible. When using vacuum treatment, a quenching pressure of min. 6 bar is needed. To reach the highest toughness level, quenching in hot bath is recommended at approximately 550 °C.

#### Tempering

Tempering should be carried out immediately after the material has cooled down to below 40 °C or when the tool can be held with hands.

Triple tempering with a holding time of 2 hours in each stage at the tempering temperature is necessary.

It is important to ensure that the tools are cooled down to room temperature between the individual tempering stages.

#### Surface Treatments

Z-Wear PM<sup>cold</sup> can be nitrided or PVD/ CVD coated.

#### **Tempering Chart**



#### Heat Treatment Instructions

1 st preheating	450-500 °C	
2 nd preheating	850-900 °C	
Hardening	as specified in table	
Tempering	3 x each 2 hours as specified in table	

Required hardness HRc ± 1*	Hardening temp. °C	Holding time at hardening temp. min**	Tempering °C
58	1,010	45	540
60	1,050	45	520
62	1,070	45	520
64	1,090	45	530

\* Results may vary with hardening method and section size. Salt or oil quenching will give maximum response. Vacuum or atmosphere cooling may result

in up to 1-2 HRc points lower. \*\* Holding time in minutes, depending on tool sizes.

#### **Machining Data**

#### Turning

Cutting parameter	Turning with cemented carbide medium turning finish turning		HSS
Cutting speed (Vc) m/min.	70-90	90-130	12-15
Feed (f) mm/U	0.2-0.4	0.05-0.2	0.05-0.3
Cutting depth (a <sub>p</sub> ) mm	2-4	0.05-2	0.5-3
Tools according ISO	P 10-P 20*	P 10*	-

Use wear resistant coated cemented carbide, e.g. Coromant 4015 or Seco TP 100.

#### Milling

Face- and edge milling

Cutting parameter	Milling with cem Medium turning	ented carbide finish turning	HSS
Cutting speed (V <sub>c</sub> ) m/min.	70-90	90-130	15
Feed (f) mm/U	0.2-0.3	0.1-0.2	0.1
Cutting depth (a <sub>p</sub> ) mm	2-4	1-2	1-2
Tools according ISO	K 15*	K 15*	-

Use wear resistant coated cemented carbide, e.g. Coromant 4015 or Seco TP 100.

#### End milling

Cutting parameter	Solid carbide	Milling cutter w. indexable tips	Coated HSS
Cutting speed (V <sub>C</sub> ) m/min.	20-35	50-80	12*
Feed (f) mm/U	0.01-0.20**	0.06-0.20**	0.01-0.30**
Tools according ISO	K 20	P 25***	-

for TiCN-coated end mills made of HSS  $V_{\text{C}} \sim 25\text{--}30$  m/min.

\*\* depends on radial depth of cut and on milling cutter - diameter

\*\*\* Use wear resistant coated cemented carbide, e.g. Coromant 3015 or SEC0 T15M.

## Drilling

Spiral drill made of HSS

Driller-ø mm	Cutting speed (V <sub>c</sub> ) m/min.	Feed (f) mm/U
0 - 5	5 - 8*	0.05-0.15
5 – 10	5 - 8*	0.15-0.25
10 – 15	5 - 8*	0.25-0.35
15 –20	8 - 8*	0.35-0.40

for TiCN-coated end mills made of HSS  $V_{\text{C}} \sim 25\text{--}30$  m/min.

#### Carbide metal driller

Cutting parameter	Drill type Insert drill	solid carbide tip	Coolant bore driller with carbide tip*
Cutting speed (Vc) m/min.	80-110	40	35
Feed (f) mm/U	0.08-0.14*	* 0.10-0.15**	0.10-0.20**

\* driller with coolant bores and a soldered on carbide

tip \*\*depends on driller-diameter

#### Grinding

soft annealed	hardened
A 13 HV	B 107 R75 B3* 3SG 46 GVS** A 46 GV
A 24 GV	3SG 36 HVS**
A 60JV	B126 R75 B3* 3SG 60 KVS** A 60 IV
A 46 JV	B126 R75 B3* 3SG 80 KVS** A 60 HV
A 100 LV	B126 R100 B6* 5SG 80 KVS** A 120 JV
	soft annealed A 13 HV A 24 GV A 60JV A 60JV A 46 JV A 100 LV

\* for these applications we recommend

CBN-wheels

\*\* grinding wheel from the company Norton Co.

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