

Making hard turning less hard than it seems!



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WHAT IS **hard turning?**

Tungaloy has always been a pathfinder in hard turning applications, *making hard turning less hard than it seems...*

HARD TURNING commonly refers to turning operations of a part or bar stock harder than 50HRC on a lathe or turning center. In profiling hardened steel parts, grinding had long been the first-choice process for manufacturers to obtain the dimensions required on the workpiece. This was true until polycrystalline cubic boron nitride (PcBN) was introduced in late 1970s, which eventually impelled a shift from time- and energyconsuming grinding operations to hard turning operations. Hard turning started to rapidly develop in the beginning of the 1990s as the availability of **PcBN** and ceramics increased, along with further advancement in physical vapor deposition (PVD) coating technologies and the capability of designing and building turning machines that are rigid, stable, and accurate enough to successfully finish hard turning. These advancements have made finish hard turning a viable alternative to grinding, as an accurate finishing operation.



Tool materials for hard turning

Natural and synthetic diamonds are used for precision turning of non-ferrous metals. The hardest of all materials, however, cannot be used to machine steel because of its strong affinity for iron at high temperature.

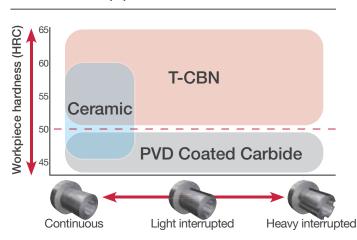
PcBN solves this problem because of its hardness, which is approximately the same as diamond, and its thermal stability and inertness to iron at elevated temperatures. These unique properties make **PcBN** a perfect cutting tool material for machining hard, abrasive ferrous workpiece materials at higher cutting speeds.

Ceramic also have excellent wear resistance at high cutting parameters. Ceramic inserts are economically priced when compared with other insert grades and can be applied to high speed, continuous turning of hardened parts. Their low thermal shock resistance and fracture toughness, however, require blunt cutting edge geometry, which creates a stronger cutting force and lessens the surface finish potential. Tungaloy's **LX11** is the ceramic grade most suitable for turning hardened steel.

Hard turning on low power machines poses challenges in terms of reliability and cost effectiveness. The **PVD-coated carbide grade** makes a great alternative in such machine setups. Tungaloy's **AH8000 series** is not only efficient in turning heat-resistant superalloys but also proven to have superior performance in hard turning where high cutting parameters are not attainable. Its superior fracture toughness makes the grades excellent alternatives, over PcBN and ceramic grades, for efficient turning of hardened steel and tempered steel at low speed settings.

Grade recommendations for

different applications



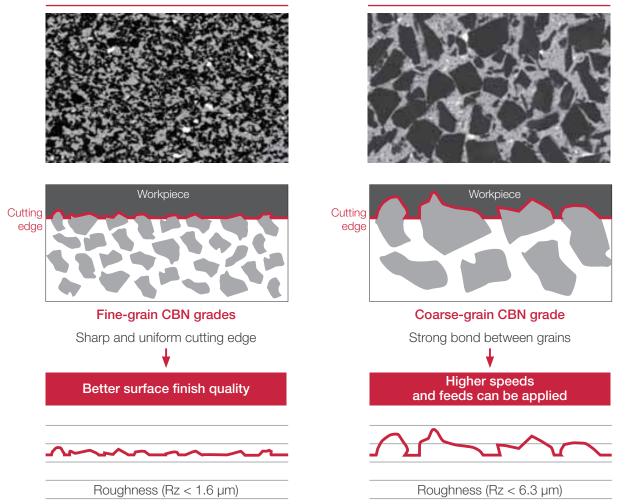


TUNGALOY'S CBN

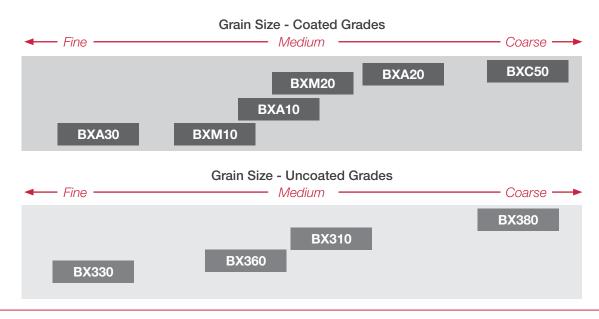
Coarse grain (Grain size: 3 - 6 µm)

CBN grain sizes and their effects on surface roughness

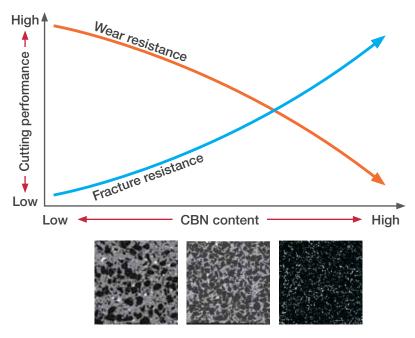
Fine grain (Grain size: $\leq 1 \ \mu m$)



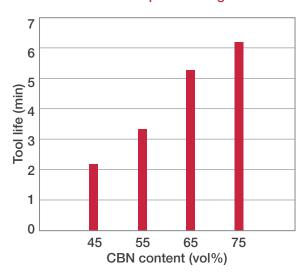
CBN inserts are generally used in a finishing process. A **CBN** insert grade with coarse abrasive grains will output a rough surface and may not be able to achieve the surface quality required. To achieve superior surface quality of Rz = 3.2 or better, always use a fine grain **CBN** insert.



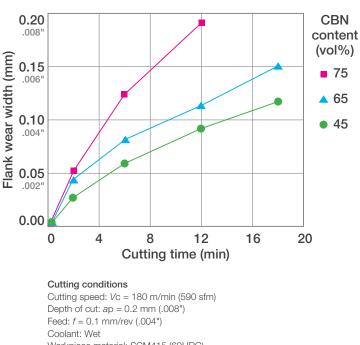
Wear and fracture resistance in terms of CBN content



The lower the CBN content is, the more wear resistant the grade will be, and the higher the CBN content is, the more fracture resistant the grade will be when turning hardened steel.



Interrupted Cutting



Continuous Cutting

Workpiece material: SCM415 (60HRC)



Cutting conditions Cutting speed: Vc = 180 m/min (590 sfm) Depth of cut: ap = 0.1 mm (.004")

Feed: f = 0.1 mm/rev (.004") Coolant: Dry Workpiece material: SCM435 (60HRC)

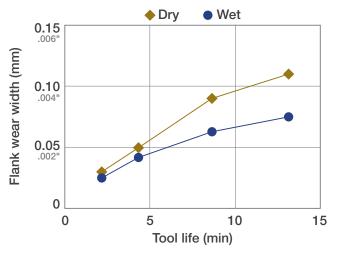
> **High CBN content** High fracture resistance

Typical parts



Tool Holders

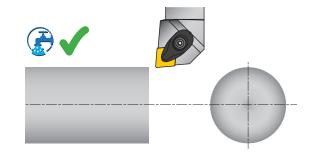
Coolant effect - Continuous cutting



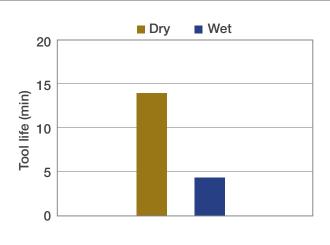
Wet cutting improves tool life for continuous cutting operations.

Cutting conditions

Cutting speed: Vc = 180 m/min (590 sfm)Depth of cut: ap = 0.2 mm (.008")Feed: f = 0.1 mm/rev (.004")Workpiece material: SCM415 (60HRC)



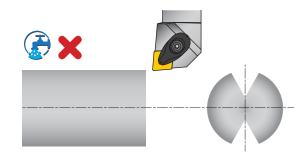
Coolant effect - Interrupted cutting



Dry cutting improves tool life for interrupted cutting operations.

Cutting conditions

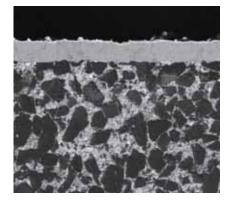
Cutting speed: Vc = 150 m/min (492 sfm)Depth of cut: ap = 0.2 mm (.008")Feed: f = 0.2 mm/rev (.008")Workpiece material: SCM415 (60HRC)



Use of coolant



BENEFITS OF **Coated CBN**



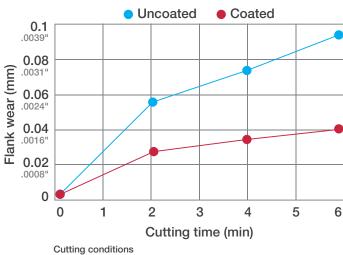
Anti-oxidation wear

PVD coating protects **CBN** from interacting with oxygen.

Enhanced wear resistance

CBN has high thermal conductivity and plastic deformation resistance, preventing the coating from delaminating under extreme temperatures generated during hard turning process.

Coated Grades: BXA10, BXA20, BXA30, BXM10, BXM20, and BXC50



Cutting speed: Vc = 180 m/min (590 sfm)Depth of cut: ap = 0.2 mm (.008")Feed: f = 0.1 mm/rev (.004")Coolant: Dry Workpiece material: SCM415 (60HRC) Insert wear after 6 minutes



Coated



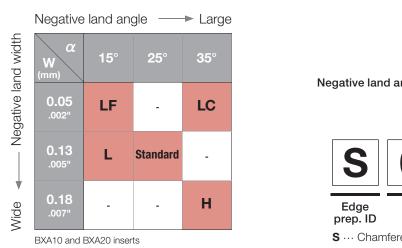
CBN GRADES

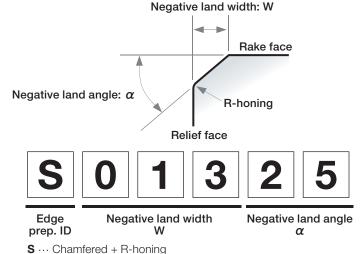
Tungaloy's hard-turning CBN grades and their properties

Grade	CBN grain size Fine Medium Coarse	CBN content	Binder type Ceramic Metal	Recommended cutting speed (Vc)	Application range
BXA10 TiCN/TiAIN- based multilayer	•	•	•	100 - 230 m/min 328 - 754 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted
BXA20 TiAIN-based multilayer	•	•	•	60 - 180 m/min 197 - 590 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted
BXA30 TiAIN monolayer	•	•	•	70 - 250 m/min 206 - 762 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted
BXM10 TiCN-based multilayer	•	•	•	150 - 350 m/min 492 - 1148 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted
BXM20 TiCN-based multilayer	•	•	•	70 - 220 m/min 230 - 394 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted
BXC50 TiCNO monolayer	•	•	•	70 - 120 m/min 230 - 394 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted
BX310	•	•	•	100 - 300 m/min 328 - 984 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted
BX330	•	•	•	50 - 200 m/min 164 - 656 sfm	Continuous
BX360	•	•	•	50 - 200 m/min 164 - 656 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted
BX380	•	•	•	70 - 120 m/min 230 - 394 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted

EDGE REPARATIONS

Edge preparation - Designation

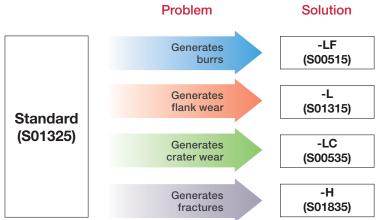




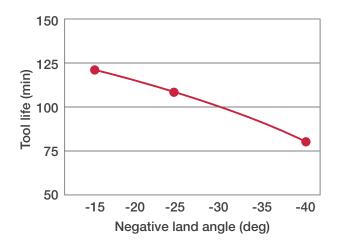
Five standard edge preparations are available for BXA10 and BXA20 inserts for hard turning.

Edge preparation - Selection guide

Based on the performance of the insert with standard edge preparation, the following solutions are recommended.



Edge preparation - Continuous cutting



Cutting conditions

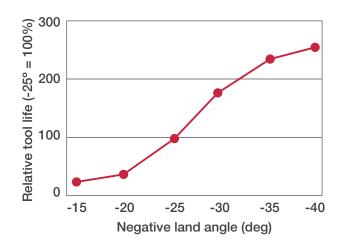
Cutting speed: Vc = 100 m/min (328 sfm)Depth of cut: ap = 0.25 mm (.010")Feed: f = 0.1 mm/rev (.004")Coolant: Dry Continuous cutting Workpiece material: SCM415 (60HRC) Criteria: VBmax=0.15mm

Edge preparations

Width: 0.13mm Angles: -15, -25, and -40° Honed to: R0.01~0.02 mm (R.0004" ~ .0008")

The smaller the negative land angle is, the more wear resistant the cutting edge will be in continuous cuts.

Edge preparation - Interrupted cutting



Cutting conditions

Cutting speed: Vc = 100 m/min (328 sfm)Depth of cut: ap = 0.25 mm (.010")Feed: f = 0.15 mm/rev (.006")Coolant: Dry Workpiece material: SCM415 (60HRC) Criteria: Fracture

Edge preparations

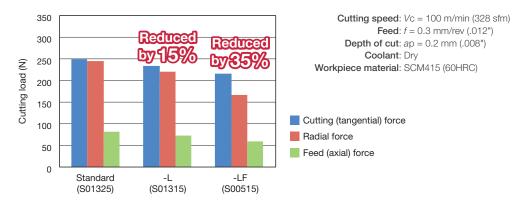
Width: 0.13 mm Angles: -15, -20, -25, -30, -35, and -40° Honed to: R0.01~0.02 mm (R.0004" ~ .0008")

The larger the negative land angle is, the more fracture resistant the cutting edge will be in interrupted cuts.



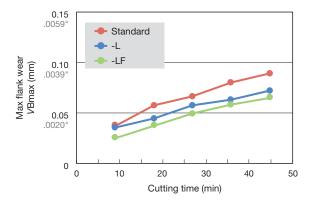
Edge preparation - Cutting loads

The -L and -LF edge preparations provide reduced cutting loads over the insert with standard edge preparation.



Edge preparation - Flank wear

The -L and -LF edge preparations provide reduced flank wear over the insert with standard edge preparation.



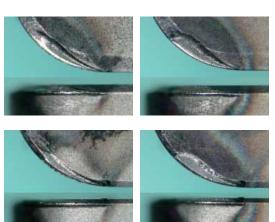
Cutting speed: Vc = 130 m/min (426 sfm) Feed: f = 0.15 mm/rev (.006") Depth of cut: ap = 0.2 mm (.008") Coolant: Wet Workpiece material: SCM415 (60HRC)

Edge preparation - Crater wear

The -LC edge preparation provides reduced crater wear over the insert with standard edge preparation. As a result, insert fracture induced by crater wear is reduced.

Standard (S01325)

-LC (S00535)



Cutting speed: Vc = 200 m/min (656 sfm) Feed: f = 0.1 mm/rev (.004") Depth of cut: ap = 0.2 mm (.008") Coolant: Dry Workpiece material: SCM415 (60HRC)

After 2 min

After 6 min



CHIPBREAKERS

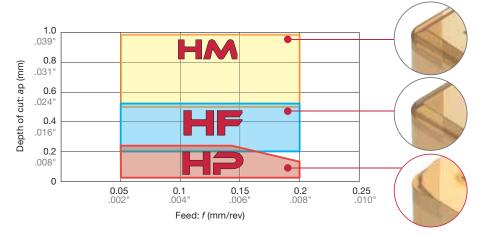


Negative Inserts

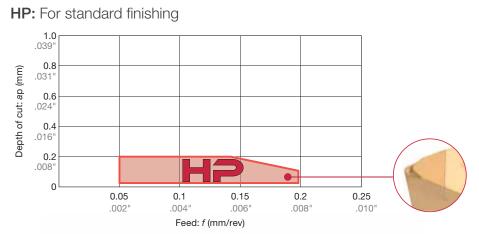
Three standard types of chipbreakers are available for negative inserts:

HP: For standard finishing

HF: For removable carburized layer (at light DOC) of case-hardened steel **HM:** For removable carburized layer (at great DOC) of case-hardened steel



Positive Inserts

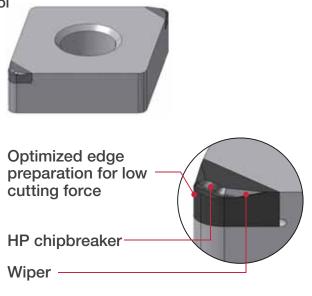




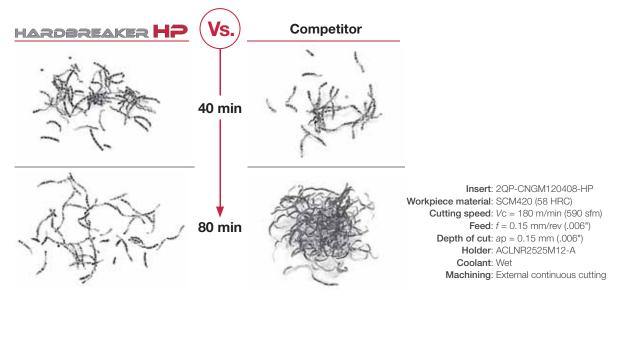
HP - HardBreakers for finishing hardened steel

Innovative 3D chipbreaker for efficient chip control

- By separating the chipbreaker from the cutting edge, the cutting force imposed on the cutting edge during machining is significantly reduced, thus providing long tool life.
- The cutting edge preparation is designed to ensure easy cutting at low cutting forces, while maintaining close tolerances with no deviations.
- The HP style chipbreaker, combined with built-in wipers, yields excellent surface quality and good chip control.



Consistent and durable chip breaking



Chatter-free machining

HARDBREAKER



Due to low cutting force, chatter stability is greatly improved.

Competitor (without breaker)



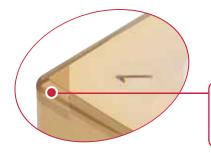


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HF & HM - HardBreakers for removing carburized layer

Two types of chipbreakers provide excellent chip control in a wide application range

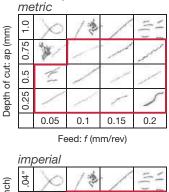
HARDBREAKER

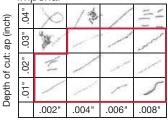


Single-sided CBN insert provides high stability in heavy machining

Excellent chip control in small depth of cut due to the high functional nose
Delivers exceptional surface finishes

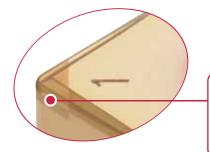
HF chipbreaker





Feed: f (in/rev)



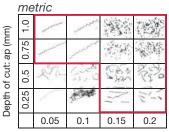


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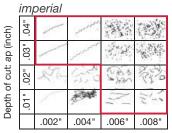
- Provides ideal chip control in large depth of cut with the well-designed chipbreaker
- Suitable for medium cutting or roughing



HM chipbreaker



Feed: f (mm/rev)



Feed: f (in/rev)

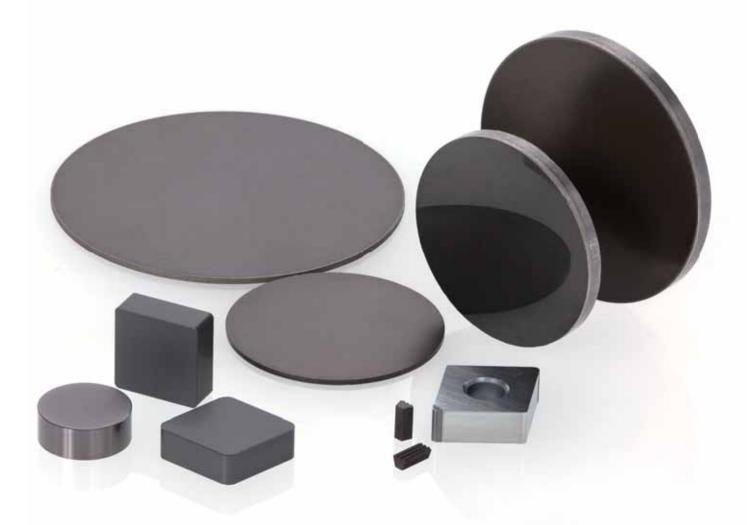


TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

Tungaloy is the market leader of CBN Blanks

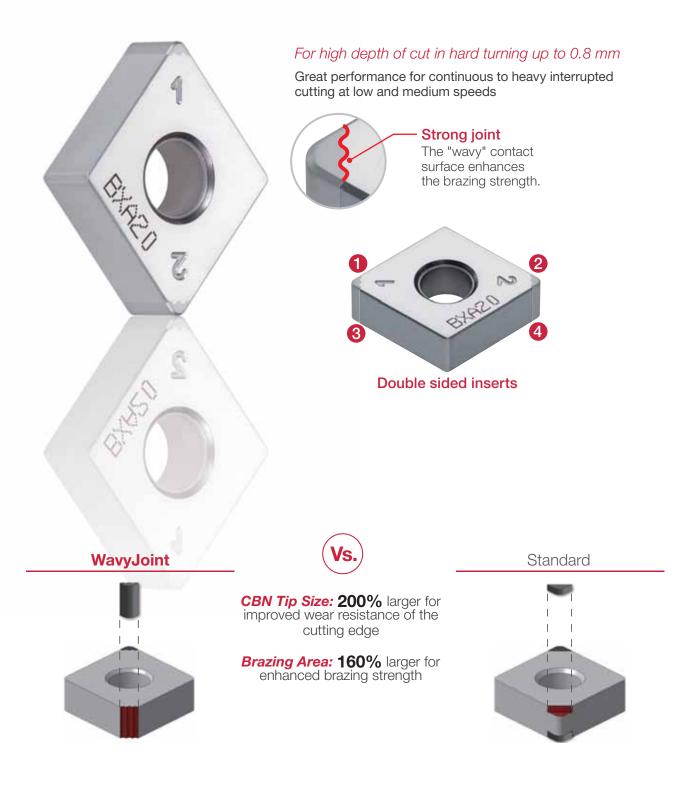
Made by Tungaloy

Carefully-selected micron-sized cubic boron nitride powers are sintered with a ceramic or metallic binder under high-temperature, high-pressure (HTHP) environment of over 5 GPa (over 725,189 psi) at 1400 °C -1500 °C (2552 °F - 2730 °F) in Tungaloy's latest sintering equipment. The **CBN** blanks will then undergo strict quality screening before being fabricated into **CBN** inserts. Tungaloy welcomes customers to collaborate with its Advanced Materials Team to develop customized **CBN** grades perfectly tailored to the customer's specific hard turning needs. Tungaloy offers a high level of performance in the most challenging hard turning applications but can also bring these unique products to the customers in a short time span.



Wavy Joint

New brazing technology for increased machining efficiency - "WavyJoint"





For more information

CERANIC SERIES

Medium speed, continuous turning of hardened steel

Ceramic

Ceramic cutting tools make a great alternative for efficient and economical hard turning generally due to its excellent wear resistance at high cutting speeds.

However, ceramics suffer lack of fracture toughness and thermal shock resistance, and, as the result, any type of shocks or impact during machining must be avoided to prevent chipping or fracture.

LX11 is Tungaloy's oxide-based ceramic grade composed of aluminum oxide (Al_2O_3), or alumina, in a titanium nitride (TiN) coating. It is suited for hard turning in continuous to light-interrupted cuts, where surface finish requirements are moderate.

LX21 is another alumina-based ceramic grade of Tungaloy with higher bend strength than **LX11** to enhance the grade's fracture resistance. Designed with fracture toughness, **LX21** is best suited for interrupted cuts or large removal applications, such as hard turning of steel rolls.

Ceramic Grades

Grade	Grain size Fine Medium Coarse	Main component Al₂O₃-TiC	Recommended cutting speed (Vc)	Application range								
LX11 TiN monolayer	•	٠	60 - 180 m/min 197 - 590 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted								
LX21	•	•	60 - 150 m/min 197 - 490 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted								



PVD COATED CARBIDE SERIES

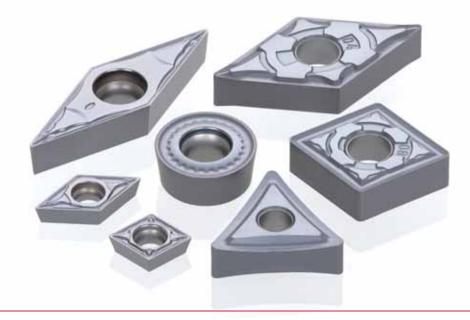
Cost-effective solution for turning hardened steel

The AH8000 series

Tungaloy's **AH8000** series features a nano multi-layered PVD coating with high Al content. This provides the grades with multiple characteristics, including high hardness, good cutting edge integrity, and strong adhesion to the tough carbide substrate, all of which are vital for efficient turning of hardened steel. The **AH8000** series is particularly suited for hard turning applications using moderate cutting speeds of up to 50 m/min and large depths of cut of 0.5 mm or greater.

The AH8000 Series

Grade	Grain size Fine Medium Coarse	Main component WC-Co	Recommended cutting speed (Vc)	Application range
AH8005 AlTiN multilayer	•	•	~ 50 m/min ~ 164 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Interrupted
AH8015 AITiN multilayer	•	•	~ 50 m/min ~ 164 sfm	Continuous Light Heavy Interrupted Heavy





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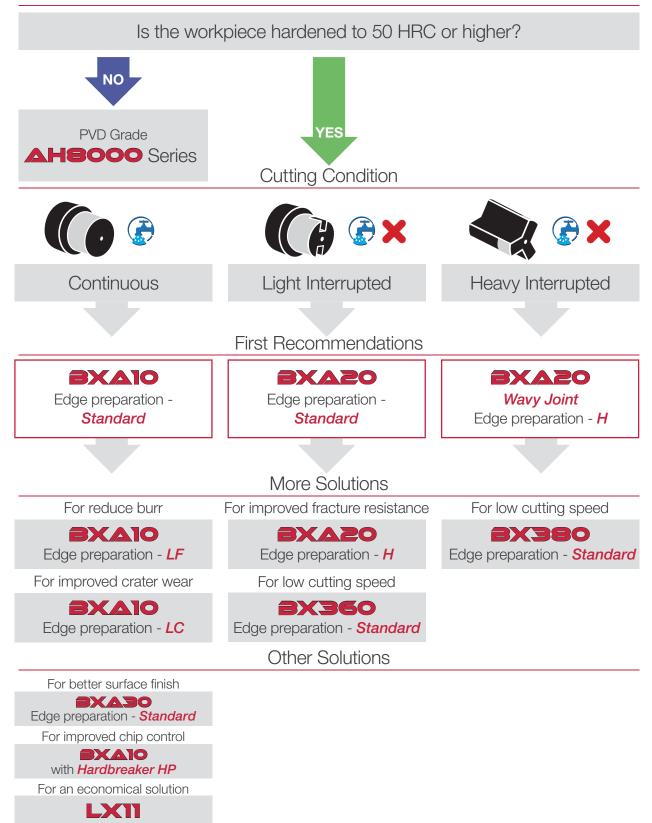
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SELECTION GUIDE

Tungaloy's recommended solutions for hard turning

Get started!



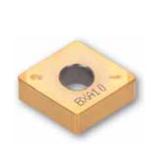
HARD TURNING SERIES - FIELD TEST REPORTS

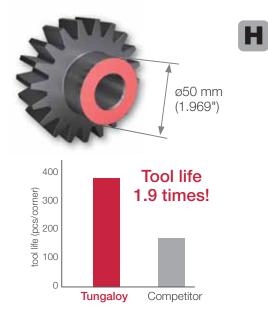
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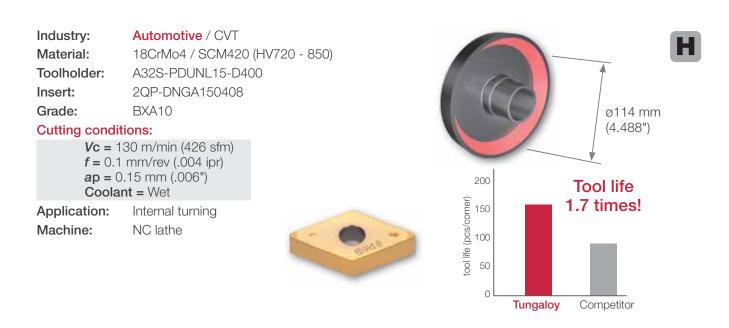
Industry:	Automotive / Gear
Material:	18CrMo4 / SCM420 (62HRC)
Toolholder:	ACLNL2525M12-A
Insert:	2QP-CNGA120408
Grade:	BXA10
Cutting condit	ions:
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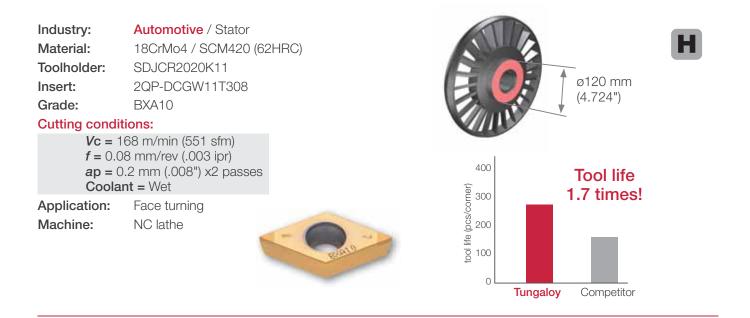
Vc = 100 m/min (328 sfm) f = 0.05 mm/rev (.002 ipr) ap = 0.15 mm (.006") Coolant = Wet

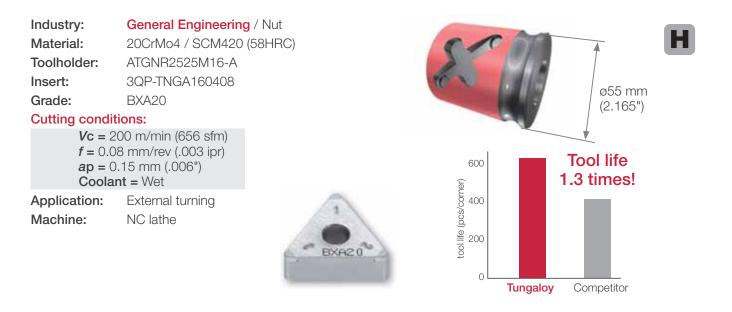
Application:Face turningMachine:NC lathe





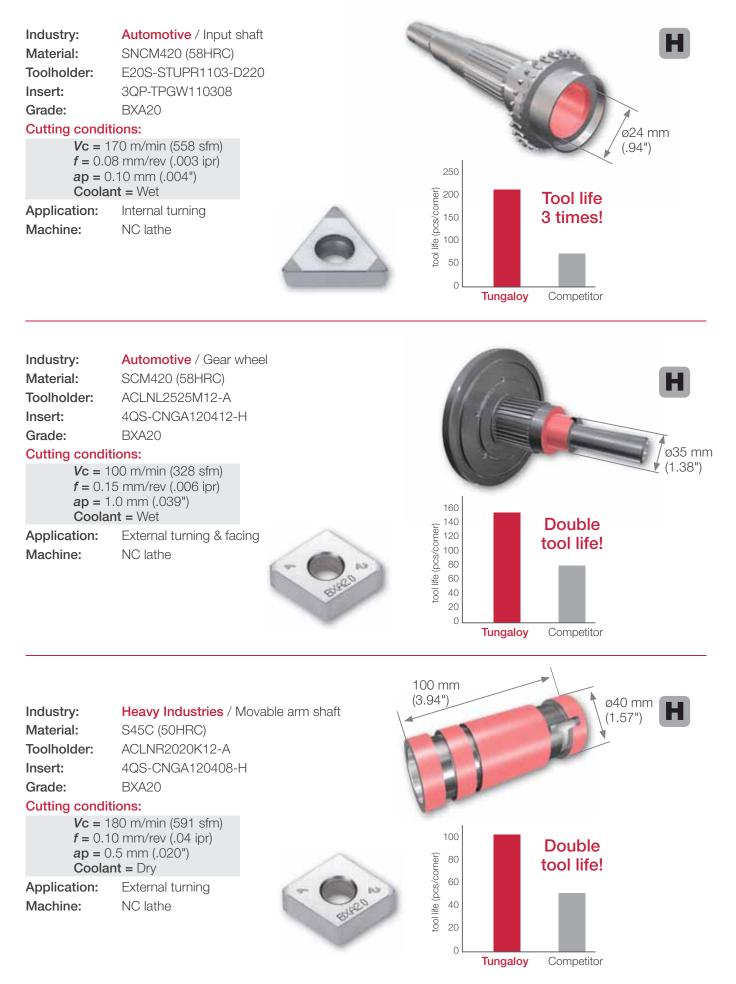


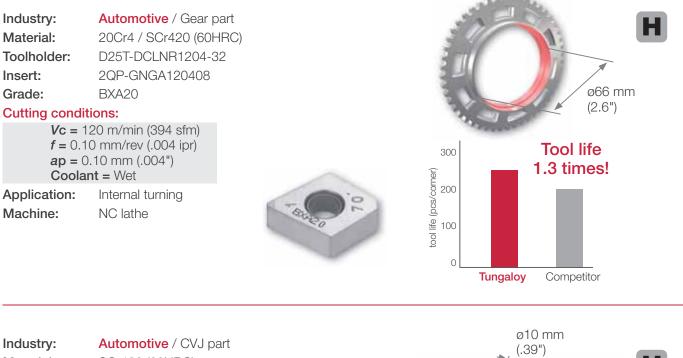


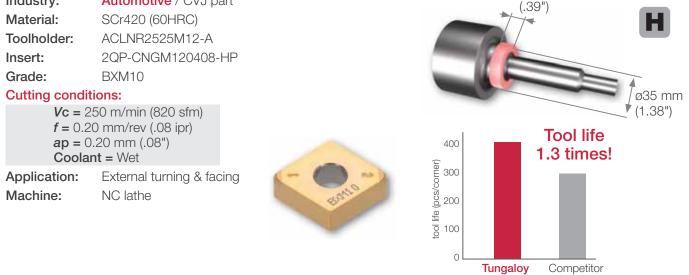


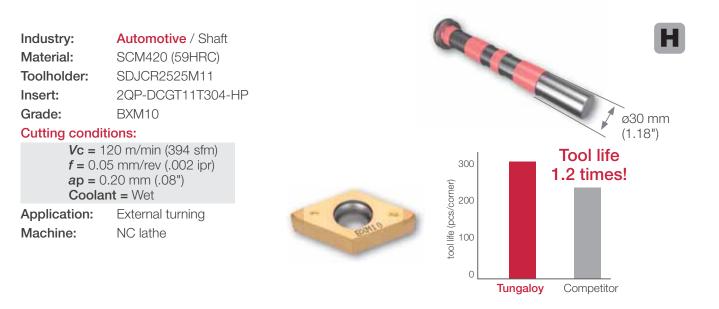


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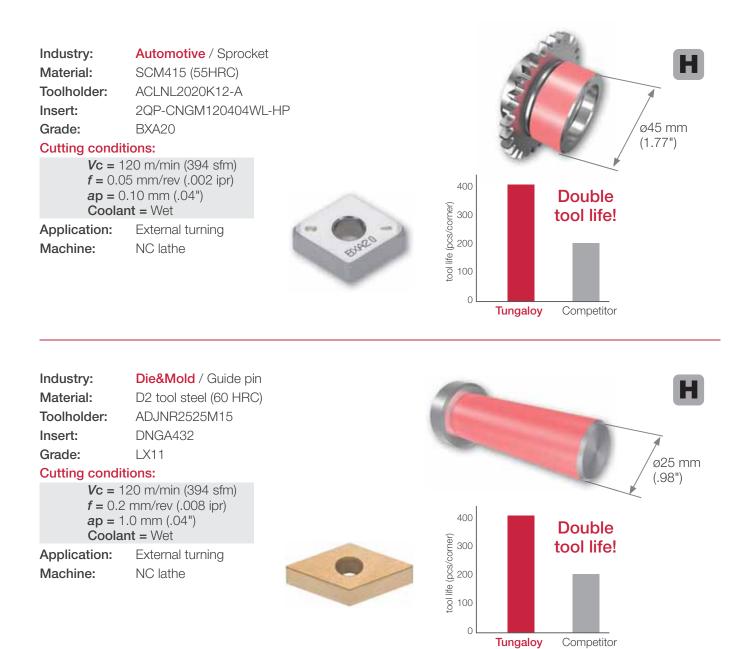








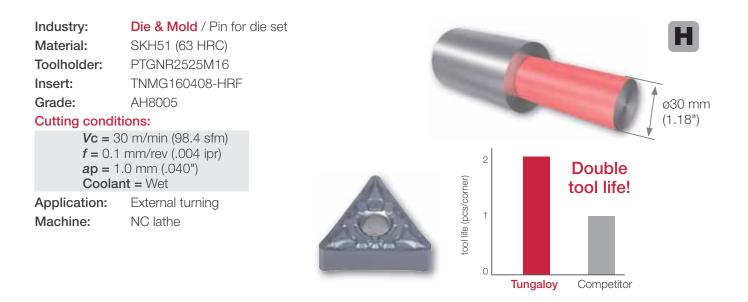
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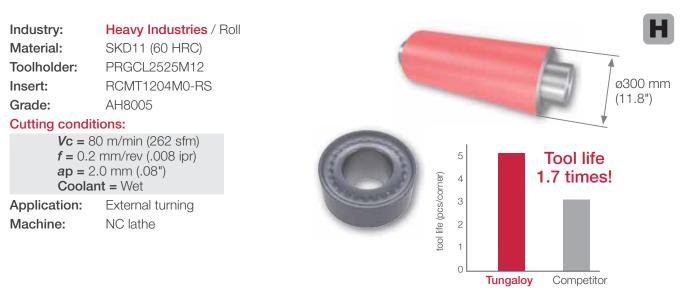


Industry: Material: Toolholder: Insert: Grade: Cutting condit	Automotive / Guide starter gear 16MnCr5 (58 HRC) ACLNL2525M12-A CNGA120408 LX11 ions: 0 m/min (295 sfm)							
ap = 0	8 mm/rev (.003 ipr) .05 mm (.002") ht = Wet							
Application: Machine:	External turning NC lathe							



<i>f</i> = 0.6 <i>a</i> p = 1	General Engineering Tool steel (49 HRC) PCLNR3232P19E CNMG190616-HRM AH8005 tions: 66 m/min (216 sfm) 65 mm/rev (.023 ipr) .25 mm (.010") nt = Dry	g / Toggle pin	6 (Jaj		Ø120 mm (4.72") Double tool life!
Application: Machine:	External turning NC lathe	HOD	tool life (pcs/corner)	Tungaloy	Competitor

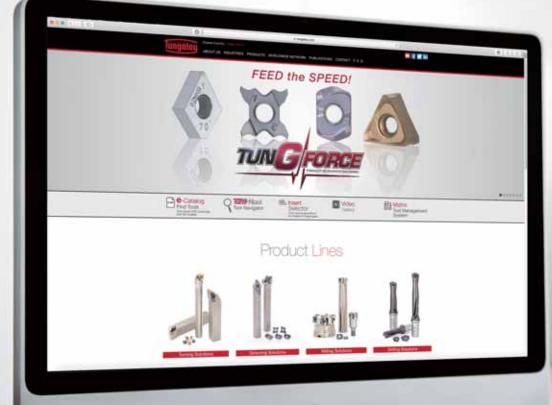




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