COLD WORK TOOL STEELS

Application Segments

Cold Work

Available Product Variants

Long Products* | Plates | Open Die Forgings

* Presented data refer exclusivly to long products. Please observe the detailed explanations at the end of the data sheet (pdf).

Product Description

BÖHLER K490 MICROCLEAN is a high-performance cold work tool steel with a balanced property profile, manufactured using powder metallurgy. This powder metallurgical tool steel offers an outstanding combination of high wear resistance, compressive strength, toughness and very good machinability. Thanks to the resulting flexibility, BÖHLER K490 MICROCLEAN is used in virtually all cold work applications, and in many cases this material is the first choice for newly developed tools. The commonly used hardening temperatures of BÖHLER K490 MICROCLEAN also enable shared heat treatment with popular cold work tool steels (1.2379, D2), making it very economical in terms of heat treatment.

Process Melting

Powder metallurgy

Properties

- Toughness & Ductility : high
- Wear Resistance : high
- Compressive strength : high
- Dimensional stability : very high

Applications

- Machine knife (for producers)
- Coining
- Screws and Barrels
- Rolls
- Glasfibre reinforced plastics
- Rolling
- Fine Blanking, Stamping, Blanking
- Wear parts
- Components for the recycling industry
- Thread rolling
- Cold Forming
- Powder Pressing
- General Components for Mechanical Engineering
- Pill punching dies

Chemical composition (wt. %)

C	Cr	Mo	V	W	Nb
1.40	6.40	1.50	3.70	3.50	+

Material characteristics

	Compressive strength	Dimensional stability during heat treatment	Toughness	Wear resistance abrasive	Wear resistance adhesive
BÖHLER K490 MICROCLEAN	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
BÖHLER K100	★★	★★	★	★★★	★★
BÖHLER K105	★★	★★	★	★★	★★
BÖHLER K107	★★	★★	★	★★★	★★
BÖHLER K110	★★	★★★	★	★★★	★★
BÖHLER K190 MICROCLEAN	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
BÖHLER K294 MICROCLEAN	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
BÖHLER K340 ECOSTAR	★★★	★★★	★★	★★	★★
BÖHLER K340 ISODUR	★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★★
BÖHLER K346	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★
BÖHLER K353	★★	★★★	★★	★★	★★
BÖHLER K360 ISODUR	★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★
BÖHLER K390 MICROCLEAN	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
BÖHLER K497 MICROCLEAN	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
BÖHLER K888 MATRIX	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★	★★
BÖHLER K890 MICROCLEAN	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★

Delivery condition

Annealed

Hardness (HB)	max. 280

Heat treatment

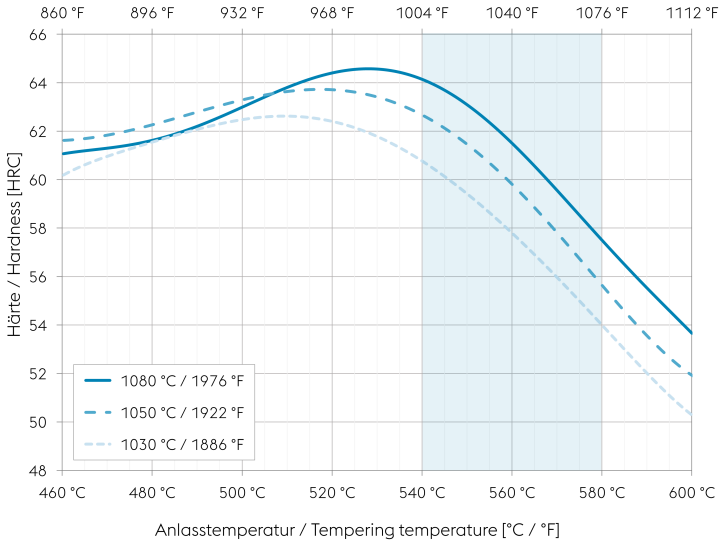
Stress relieving

Temperature	650 to 700 °C	After through heating, hold in neutral atmosphere for 1-2 hours. || Slow cooling in furnace || Intended to relieve stresses caused by extensive machining or in complex shapes.

Hardening and Tempering

Temperature	1,030 to 1,080 °C	Quenching: Oil, gas (N_2). || Holding time after temperature equalization: 20 to 30 minutes. || After hardening, tempering to the desired working hardness according to the tempering chart.

Tempering chart



Specimen size: square 20 mm (0,787 inch)

Slow heating to tempering temperature immediately after hardening.

Time in furnace 1 hour for each 20 mm (0,787 inch) of workpiece thickness but at least 2 hours.

Please refer to the tempering chart for guide values for the achievable hardness after tempering.

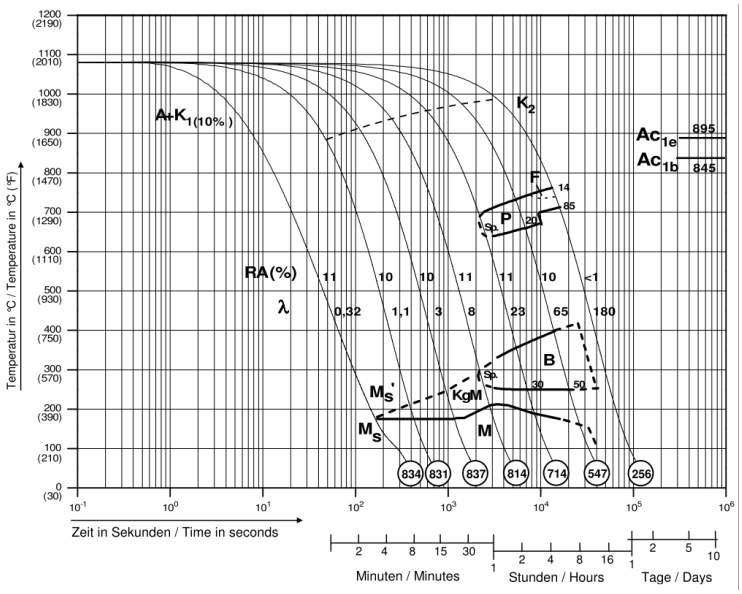
It is recommended to temper at least three times above the secondary hardness maximum.

Cooling in air to room temperature after each tempering step is recommended.

Tempering for stress relieving 30 to 50 °C (86 to 122 °F) below the highest tempering temperature.

Recommended tempering temperature range is indicated by the blue area in the chart.

Continuous cooling CCT curves



Austenitising temperature: 1080 °C (1976 °F)
Holding time: 30 minutes

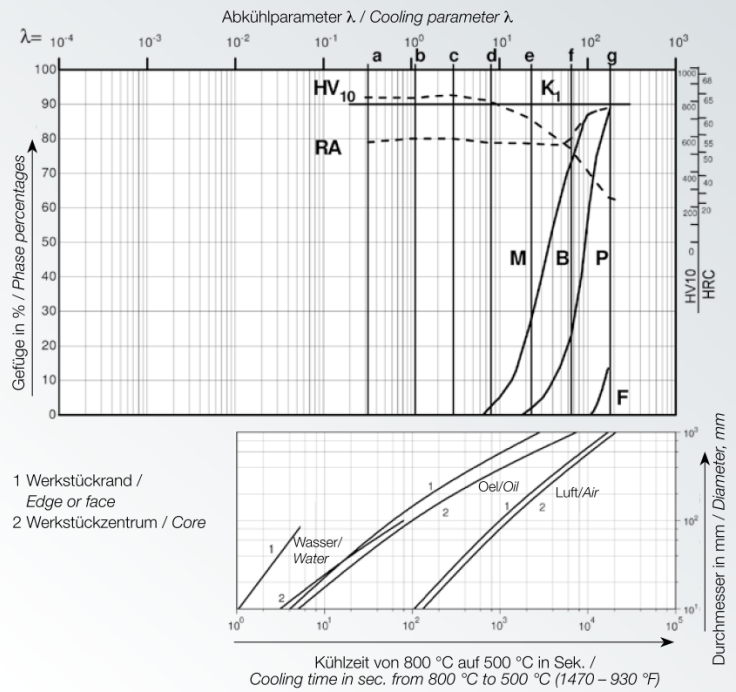
○ Vickers hardness

14...85 phase percentages

0.32...180 cooling parameter λ, i.e. duration of cooling from 800 to 500 °C (1472 to 932 °F) in s x 10^{-2}

A... Austenite
K... Carbide
P… Perlite
F... Ferrite
B…Bainite
M… Martensite
KgM... Grain boundary martensite
Ms… Martensite starting temperature

Quantitative phase diagram



HV10… Vickers Hardness
K... Carbide
RA... Residual austenite
M... Martensite
B... Bainite
P... Perlite
F... Ferrite

1... Edge or face
2... Core

Physical Properties

Temperature (°C)	20
Density (kg/dm³)	7.79
Thermal conductivity (W/(m.K))	19.6
Specific heat (kJ/kg K)	0.45
Spec. electrical resistance (Ohm.mm²/m)	0.55
Modulus of elasticity (10³N/mm²)	223

Thermal Expansions between 20°C | 68°F and ...

Temperature (°C)	100	200	300	400	500	600	700
Thermal expansion (10^{-6} m/(m.K))	10.6	11.1	11.6	11.9	12.3	12.6	12.8

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