

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

C	Cr	Mo	W	Co	V
1.05	4.0	6.0	5.0	7.8	1.6

SAFETY DATA SHEET SDS: B

STANDARDS

- Europe: HS 5-6-2-8

DELIVERY HARDNESS

- Typical soft annealed hardness is 270 HB
- Cold drawn and cold rolled material is typically 10-40 HB harder

DESCRIPTION

C8 is a conventionally manufactured cobalt-alloyed high speed steel, characterised by a high resistance to high temperatures, and a very high hardness.

APPLICATIONS

- End mills
- Milling cutters
- Twist drills

FORM SUPPLIED

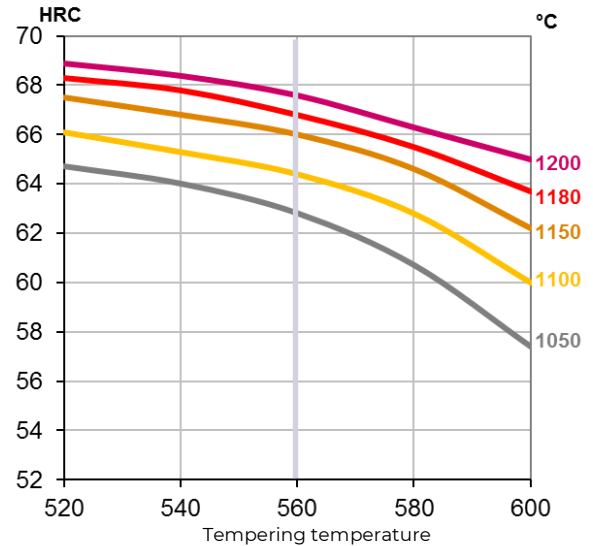
- Round bars
- Flat bars
- Square bars

Available surface conditions: drawn, ground, peeled, hot rolled, turned.

HEAT TREATMENT

- Soft annealing in a protective atmosphere at 850-900°C for 3 hours, followed by slow cooling 10°C per hour down to 700°C, then air cooling.
- Stress-relieving at 600°C to 700°C for approximately 2 hours, slow cooling down to 500°C.
- Hardening in a protective atmosphere with preheating in 2 steps at 450-500°C and 850-900°C and austenitising at a temperature suitable for chosen working hardness.
- 3 tempers at 560°C are recommended with at least 1 hour holding time each time.

GUIDELINES FOR HARDENING



Hardness after hardening, quenching and tempering 3x1 hour

Tool	Hardening	Tempering
Single-edge cutting tools	1200°C	550-570°C
Multi-edge cutting tools	1150-1180°C	550-570°C
Cold work tools	1050-1150°C	550-570°C

PROCESSING

C8 can be worked as follows:

- machining (grinding, turning, milling)
- polishing
- hot forming
- electrical discharge machining
- welding (special procedure including preheating and filler materials of base material composition).

GRINDING

During grinding, local heating of the surface, which can alter the temper, must be avoided. Grinding wheel manufacturers can provide advice on the choice of grinding wheels.

SURFACE TREATMENT

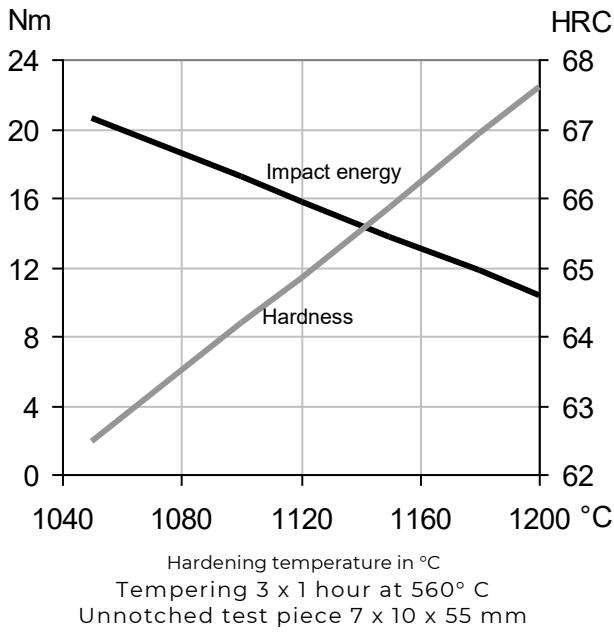
The steel grade is a perfect substrate material for PVD coating. If nitriding is requested, a small diffusion zone is recommended but avoid compound and oxidized layers.

PROPERTIES

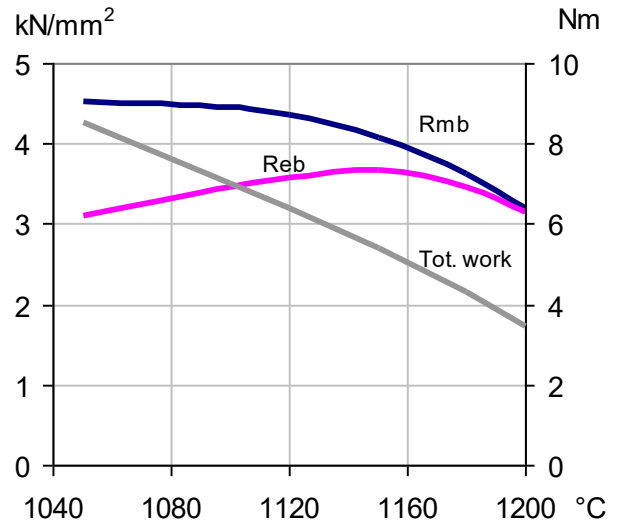
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Temperature	20°C	400°C	600°C
Density g/cm ³	8.1	8.0	7.9
Modulus of elasticity kN/mm ²	230	205	184
Thermal expansion ratio per °C	-	11.5x10 ⁻⁶	11.8x10 ⁻⁶
Thermal conductivity W/m°C	24	28	27
Specific heat J/kg °C	420	510	600

IMPACT TOUGHNESS



4-POINT BEND STRENGTH



Hardening Temperature in °C
Tempering 3 x 1 hour at 560°C
Dimension of test piece Ø 4.7 mm
Rmb = Ultimate bend strength in kN/mm²
Reb = Bend yield strength in kN/mm²
Tot. work = Total work in Nm

COMPARATIVE PROPERTIES

