

ERASTEEL

ASP®
TOOL STEELS

MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER!



ERASTEEL, THE MARKET LEADER IN POWDER METALLURGY HIGH-SPEED STEELS

Erasteel is a major player of Powder Metallurgy High-Speed Steels and High-Speed Steels market with high-end conventional steels.

With its ASP® range, Erasteel is the world leading producer of Powder Metallurgy High-Speed Steels for high performance tooling and components with production facilities in France, Sweden and China in addition to sales offices throughout the world.

Erasteel also produces HIP powder, such as stainless powder, tool steel powder and High-Speed Steel powder under the brand name Pearl®.

Erasteel is fully involved in reducing its overall environmental impact. Indeed, its High-Speed Steels are **already made from 92% recycled materials**. These good results are nevertheless still challenged. Erasteel has the ambition to become the first producer in the world to reach 100% recycled High-Speed Steels by developing specific processes in order to recycle new sources of end-of-life materials. For the most common grades, the decrease of CO₂ emissions thanks to this recycling rate is 85% compared to a 100% production from metallic ones. This calculation includes the energy to melt and refine the scraps.

All plants are **ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified** and all emissions in air or water are carefully treated, cleaned and controlled.



Söderfors Sweden - Durin atomization tower



Choosing an Erasteel solution means choosing:

- the **most carbon-free High-Speed Steels producer** on the market
- a **more virtuous production and metallurgical solutions** that combine economic and environmental issues

INNOVATION & EXPERTISE

Erasteel has achieved a **high standard of quality and experience in the processing of Powder Metallurgy Steels and High-Speed Steels**. A policy of continuous investments has enabled Erasteel to use the latest technologies to improve both quality and productivity and develop new products in line with customers' needs.

Customer-oriented Research & Development

- A solution-oriented spirit to **meet and support customers' needs and developments**
- A **long experience of technical service** and examinations of Powder Metallurgy components and tools in ASP®
- **Customer partnerships** in product development analysis and improvement of tools and parts

50 years of expertise in Powder Metallurgy

- A **unique knowledge** of gas-atomized metal powders
- A focus on powder **cleanliness, processing, consolidation and properties**
- A **dedicated research laboratory** in Söderfors (Sweden) with highly skilled teams, cooperating with a network of universities, laboratories and industry competitiveness clusters



ERASTEEL, PARTNER OF TODAY'S AND TOMORROW'S INDUSTRY

TRANSPORTATION

ELECTRICAL CARS

With its ASP®, Erasteel offers a wide range of Powder Metallurgy grades, suitable for **many tools dedicated to electrical cars that require high performance applications.**

- Materials and parts are becoming increasingly difficult to shape
- Improving productivity and reducing costs are leading to increase production rates and reduce maintenance
- Complex parts require complicated tools with small radius, sharp corners, thin walls and severe change of section where toughness and impact strength are therefore one of the most important properties to prevent any brittle behaviour.

This increase in **tool strength and longer life** requires the use of steels with improved properties, in particular tool steels obtained by Powder Metallurgy.

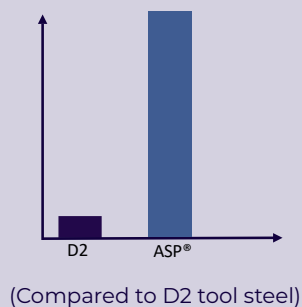
Thanks to their production process, Powder Metallurgy tool steels have a very even distribution of finer and harder primary carbides, which result in a good combination of **toughness, strength and hardness** compared to conventional tool steels.



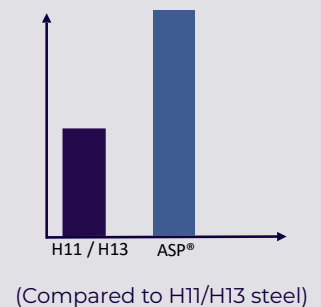
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ASP® GRADES: THE BEST CHOICE

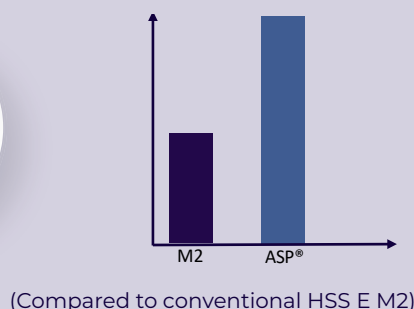
**Punching die lifetime
of the cardan shaft for steering column
is increased by factor 10**



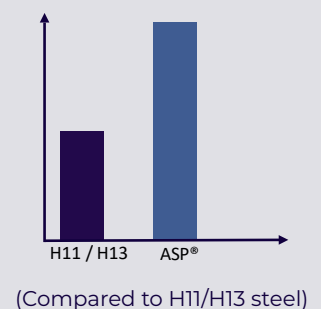
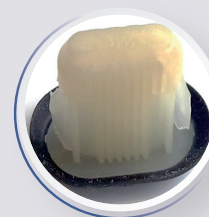
**Friction stir welding head lifetime
for aluminum battery box of E-car
is increased by 50%**



**Blanking and forming rolls lifetime
for car door seals metal frames
are increased by 2**



**Plastic injection mould lifetime
for production of fasteners car speakers
containing glass fibers is increased by 50%**



ENERGY & INDUSTRIAL

The **Erasteel ASP® Powder Metallurgy grades** are suitable for **many tools dedicated to the manufacturing of parts for the power generation sector**. Especially, windmill mechanical parts, such as gears, require high geometrical precision. Blanking and fine blanking **cold work tools made of ASP® show better performance and longer lifetime** in production phase of stamped or mechanical parts compared to standard tool steel grades. ASP® grades are used as well in hobs to manufacture these high precision gears to transfer the mechanical energy to the generator. These grades are also a premium choice to produce the bearings with premium requirements in terms of reliability and lifetime.



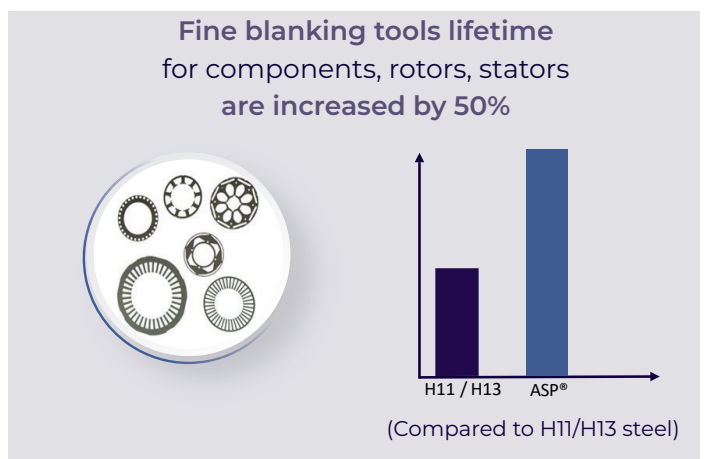
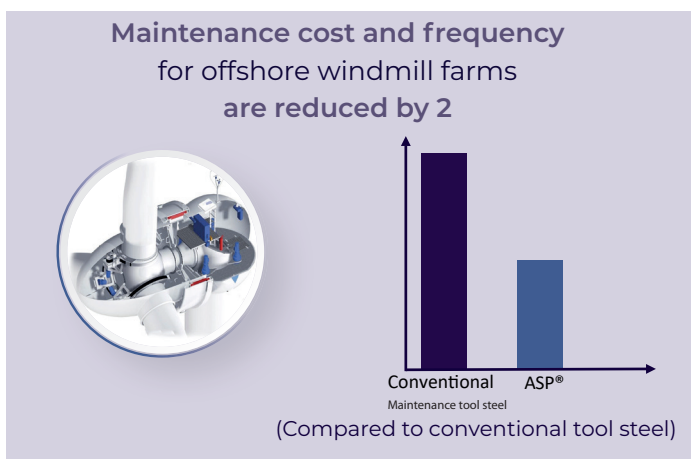
This statement applies for any power generator using mechanical force such as small and middle scale hydropower plants.

The advantages that can have a decisive positive impact on offshore windmill farms are:

- reduced friction
- lower vibration and noise
- higher energy production
- less maintenance

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HEALTH & CARE - FOOD

Erasteel is involved in the **food processing and packaging industry as well as in the health and care segment**. Through its ASP®, Erasteel offers a wide range of possibilities to improve the lifetime of the tools. Indeed, the Powder Metallurgy developed by Erasteel contributes to reduce the tooling maintenance and production costs by increasing the performances.

Our Powder Metallurgy High-Speed Steels enhance:

- abrasive and adhesive wear resistance
- corrosion resistance
- toughness
- fatigue resistance

ASP® grades are successfully used to produce:

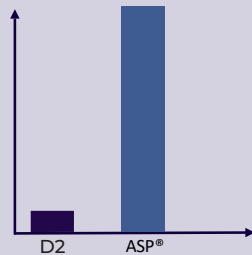
- plastic packaging single-dose capsule for oil, vinegar, water, butter
- semi-cut cardboard box
- baby diapers and sanitary articles
- plasters



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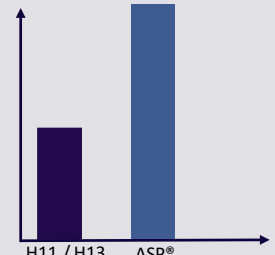
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Blanking punch lifetime
for sticking plasters
is increased by factor 10



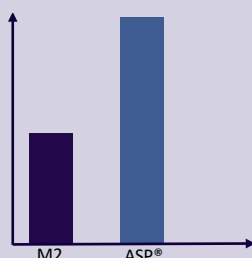
(Compared to D2 tool steel)

Rolling rolls lifetime
for martensitic stainless razor blades
are increased by 50%



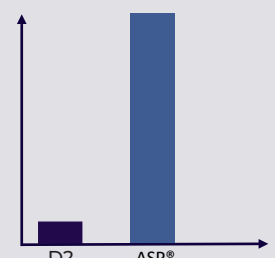
(Compared to H11/H13 steel)

Rotary die cutter lifetime
for cutting & shaping metal frames
is increased by 2



(Compared to conventional HSS E M2)

Punch lifetime
for blanking of plastic tray
is improved by 80%



(Compared to D2 steel)

CONSUMERS

Performances drive customer preferences

For instance consumers depend on their smartphones to fulfill all their daily needs and activities, thus the cellphones became more sophisticated and integrated.

The demand of optimization for the consumers electronics is strong. This leads to higher quality level for precision components and tooling.

Better precision means higher expectations from the tools.

ASP® grades developed by Erasteel bring extended lifetime for the tools by:

- minimizing the abrasive wear
- improving the toughness

ASP® grades are successfully used to produce:

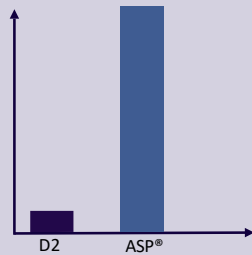
- stainless frames and parts of smartphones
- optical lenses for camera and microphone components
- micro gears by MIM process



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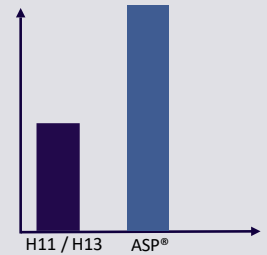
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Blanking punch lifetime
of the stainless body
is increased by 10



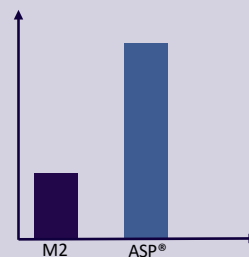
(Compared to D2 tool steel)

Plastic moulding lifetime
for optical lenses
is increased by factor 2



(Compared to H11/H13 steel)

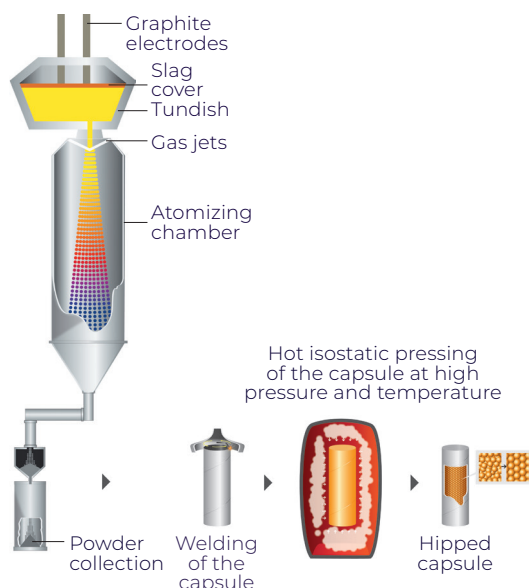
Metallic Injection Moulding productivity
for micro gears
is increased by 300%



(Compared to conventional HSS E M2)

ASP® PROCESS

POWDER METALLURGY



Erasteel is the **world leading producer of gas-atomized Powder Metallurgy High-Speed Steels.**

With more than **50 years of experience** in Powder Metallurgy, Erasteel produces Powder Metallurgy High-Speed Steels with a high cleanliness level known under the **trademark ASP®.**



The molten steel is refined in a heated tundish to remove inclusions and homogenize the composition.

During gas atomization the molten steel is disintegrated by powerful jets of nitrogen gas into small droplets, which solidify at a very high speed. The powder is collected in a steel capsule which is then evacuated and welded. The capsule with powder is Hot Isostatically Pressed (HIP) to a 100% dense material.

Bars, wire rods and strips are obtained from forging, hot and cold rolling and wire drawing of the HIP capsules.

Thanks to their properties, Erasteel's ASP® grades are widely used in many high performance applications such as tooling for metal, plastic, wood and paper processing as well as mechanical components.

ERASTEEL'S ASP® OFFER

GRADES	ANALYSIS %						CHARACTERISTICS
	C	Cr	Mo	W	Co	V	
ASP®2004*	1.40	4.2	5.0	5.8	-	4.1	Good wear resistance and hardness
ASP®2005	1.50	4.0	2.5	2.5	-	4.0	Good wear resistance and toughness
ASP®2009	1.80	5.3	1.3	-	-	9.1	Wear resistance and toughness for plastics extrusion
ASP®2011	2.45	5.3	1.3	-	-	9.5	V-alloyed with high abrasion resistance
ASP®2012	0.60	4.0	2.0	2.1	-	1.5	Very high toughness for hot and cold work
ASP®2023	1.28	4.0	5.0	6.4	-	3.1	Non-Co-grade with overall good properties
ASP®2053	2.48	4.2	3.1	4.2	-	8.0	V-alloyed grade for abrasive wear resistance
ASP®2015	1.60	4.0	-	12.0	5.0	5.0	High W-alloyed grade for high performance tools
ASP®2030*	1.28	4.2	5.0	6.4	8.5	3.1	Co-grade with good combination of hardness and toughness
ASP®2042	1.08	3.8	9.4	1.5	8.0	1.2	Co-grade for bi-metal bandsaws
ASP®2048*	1.50	3.8	5.3	9.8	8.5	3.1	High alloyed for high performance cutting tools
ASP®2052	1.67	4.8	2.0	10.5	8.0	4.9	High W- and Co-alloyed grade for high performance blanking and good wear resistance
ASP®2055	1.69	4.0	4.6	6.3	9.0	3.2	2.1% Nb. High alloyed Co-grade with good grindability
ASP®2060	2.30	4.2	7.0	6.5	10.5	6.5	For both hot hardness and wear resistance
ASP®APZ10	1.25	19.0	2.1	-	-	0.8	Good corrosion and wear resistance
ASP®420H	2.30	14.0	1.0	-	-	9.0	Good corrosion and high wear resistance

* also available with sulfur

The background of the entire page is a pair of hands holding a glowing, fiery Earth. The hands are positioned at the bottom, with fingers spread, supporting the planet. The Earth is shown from a perspective that highlights the continents of Africa and Europe, with a bright, orange-yellow glow emanating from the surface, suggesting a molten or highly active state. Surrounding the Earth are ten circular icons, each containing a white line-art symbol. These icons are arranged in a circular pattern around the central globe. The symbols include: a sun with rays, a flame, a recycling symbol, a leaf with a water drop, a factory with smoke, solar panels, wind turbines, a car with a lightning bolt and a charging cable, and a compass rose. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues and purples in the background, transitioning to bright oranges and yellows where the Earth and the icons are located.

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