

*Inserts,  
Holders  
&  
Failure  
Modes*



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# Lathe Tooling: Failure Modes & Improved Grades

## Inserts

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## Lathe Tooling

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## Failure Modes

# Insert Markings

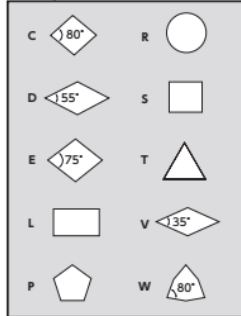
## Insert Nomenclature and Edge Prep

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### Tool Materials / Selection Guide

#### ANSI / ISO Insert Nomenclature

##### 1 Shape



##### 3 Tolerance Class

Symbol	d (inch)	m (inch)	s (inch)
A	±.0010	±.0002	±.0010
F	±.0050	±.0002	±.0010
C	±.0010	±.0005	±.0010
H	±.0050	±.0005	±.0010
E	±.0010	±.0010	±.0010
G	±.0010	±.0010	±.0050
J	±.0020	±.0020	±.0050
K	±.002~±.005	±.0005	±.0010
L	±.002~±.005	±.0010	±.0010
M	±.002~±.005	±.003~±.007	±.0050
N	±.002~±.005	±.003~±.007	±.0010
U	±.003~±.010	±.005~±.015	±.0050

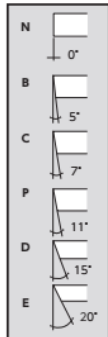
Inscribed Circle	d (inch)	m (inch)
1/4"	±.002	±.003
3/8"	±.002	±.003
1/2"	±.003	±.005
5/8"	±.004	±.006
3/4"	±.004	±.006
1"	±.005	±.007

Inch

<b>S</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>
1	2	3	4
<b>S</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>

Metric

##### 2 Clearances



##### 4 Type

Type	Symbol	Type	Symbol
	N (E)	70°-90°	H
	F	70°-90°	B
	R	40°-60°	T
	A	40°-60°	W
	G		
	M		
Special design	X		

##### 6 Thickness

Thickness S (inch)	Inch	Metric
3/32"	1.5	02
1/8"	2	03
5/32"	2.5	T3
3/16"	3	04
1/4"	4	06
5/16"	5	07
3/8"	6	09
1/2"	8	12

##### 5 Symbol for Insert Size

Inch	C	D	R	S	T	V	W
1/4"	2	06	07	06	11	11	04
3/8"	3	09	11	09	16	16	06
1/2"	4	12	15	12	22	22	08
5/8"	5	16	19	15	27	27	10
3/4"	6	19	23	19	33	33	13
1"	8	25	31	25	44	44	17

##### 7 Corner Radius

Corner Radius	Inch	Metric
1/64"	1	04
1/32"	2	08
3/64"	3	12
1/16"	4	16
5/64"	5	20
3/32"	6	24
1/8"	8	32

<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>20</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>12</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>010</b>	<b>20</b>

##### 8 Edge Condition

Sharp	FNX08
Honed	E
Chamfered	T
Chamfered and Honed	Z
	S
	U
Double Chamfered	K
Double Chamfered and Honed	J
	P
	Q

##### 9 Negative Land Width

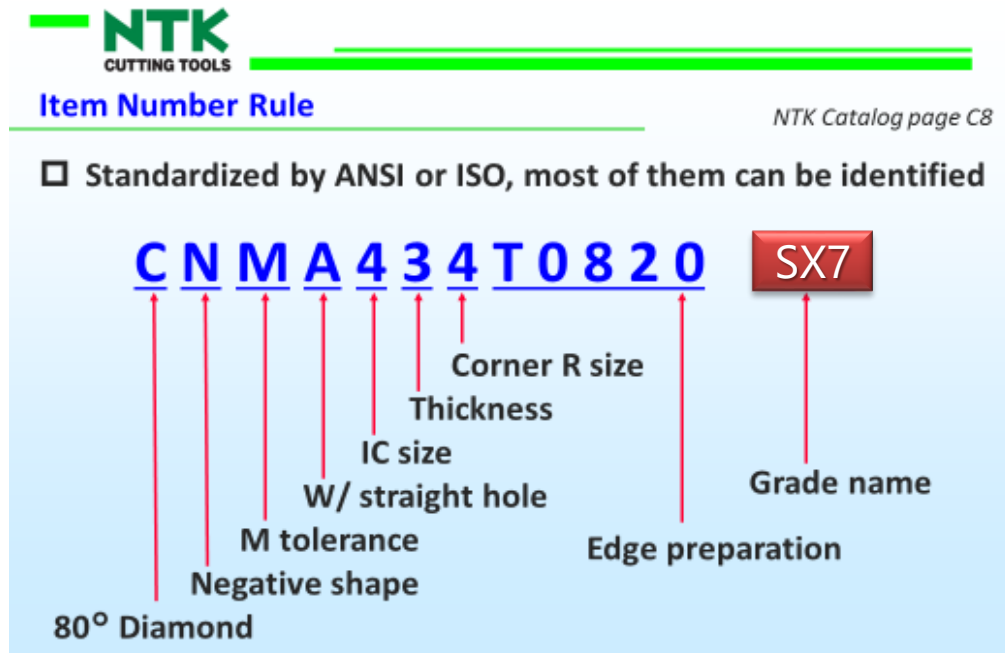
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	Inch	Metric	
E	01	002	-.001
	02	004	-.002
	03	008	-.003
	04	010	-.004
	05	012	-.005
	06	015	-.006
	08	020	-.008
	04	010	-.004
	08	020	-.008
	04	010	-.004
	08	020	-.008
	16	040	-.016
	28	070	-.028
	60	150	-.060
	71	180	-.071
	95	240	-.095

##### 10 Negative Land Angle

Description	b
10	10°
15	15°
20	20°
25	25°
30	30°

Note: K, J, P & Q show its primary land width

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Note\*\* Some inserts used in Steel Mills or blueprint specials do not follow this designation.

# Edge Preparation

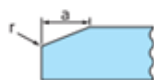
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## 8 Edge Condition

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	U
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Double Chamfered and Honed	J
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## 9 Negative Land Width



	Description		a (inch)	r (inch)
	inch	metric		
E	01	.002	-	.001
	02	.004	-	.002
	03	.005	.002	-
	04	.008	.003	-
	05	.010	.004	-
	06	.012	.005	-
	08	.015	.006	-
	08	.020	.008	-
T	04	.010	.004	.001
	08	.020	.008	.001
	04	.010	.004	.002
	08	.020	.008	.002
Z	16	.040	.016	.003
	28	.070	.028	-
	60	.150	.060	.001
	71	.180	.071	.002
S	95	.240	.095	.003
	95	.240	.095	.003

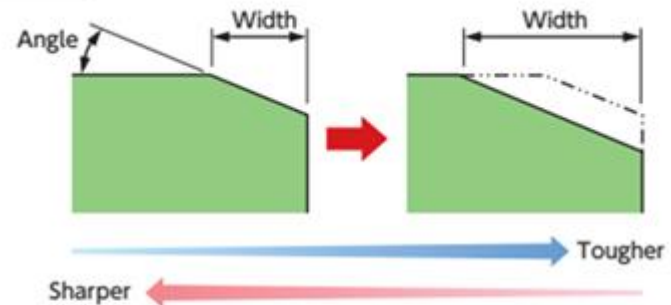
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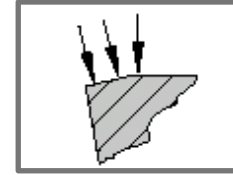
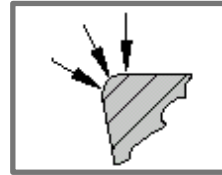
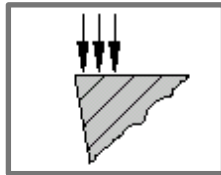
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Larger T-land results in a tougher edge = More tool Pressure on part.  
Smaller T-Land results in a fragile edge = Less tool Pressure on part

Greater Angle T-land results in a tougher edge = More tool pressure on part.  
Less Angle T-land results in a fragile edge = Less tool pressure on part.

## Dealing With High Tool Forces

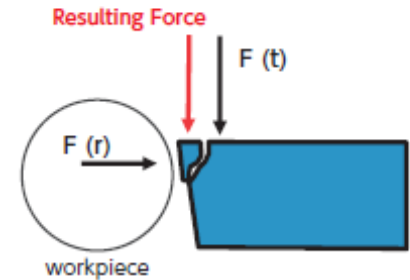


- Sharp Edge
  - a) Lower Tool Pressure
  - b) Clean Cutting Action
- Honed Edge *for Carbides and Ceramics, Stronger than Sharp*
- T-Land Edge *for Ceramics, puts edge in compression, feed dependent*

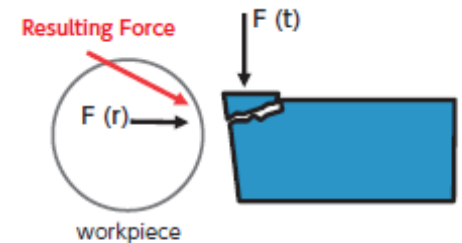
## Edge Prep and Directing of Cutting Forces

### Importance of edge preparation

A combination of a high tangential force and a sharp insert edge can result in edge breakage. This is due to unbalanced radial and tangential forces. An example, at tool path entry or during interrupted cutting, all the pressure is directed into the top of the insert. This increases the risk of chipping.

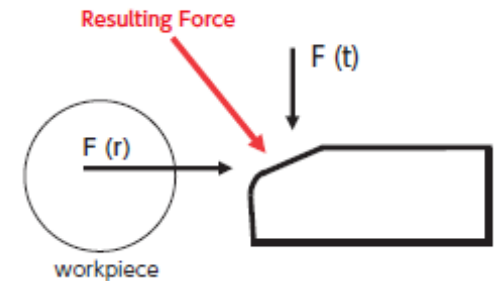


A combination of high radial forces and a sharp insert edge can result in edge flaking. An example, If the feed rate is too high, the force generated will overpower the insert and cause flaking to occur.



### “Over center”

This insert is placed in compression with the addition of a chamfer on the edge reducing the chances of breaking or flaking. Radial and tangential forces are balanced to provide the best tool life. The resulting force is directed into the body of the insert ; and is achieved with a negative insert geometry with a chamfer and hone for the edge preparation.



## ■ Edge Conditions are a Key to Success

An important factor for achieving success when machining with ceramic inserts is to use the correct edge preparation. Ceramic is a hard material therefore the insert needs some edge work in order to withstand cutting forces and optimize the cutting tool performance. The edge preparation must correspond to the ceramic grade selected, the type of HRSA material being machined and the machining operation being performed. The majority of ceramic applications can be handled with NTK's standard edge preparations.

In unique circumstances that may arise, an edge preparation may need to be specialized to meet the conditions.

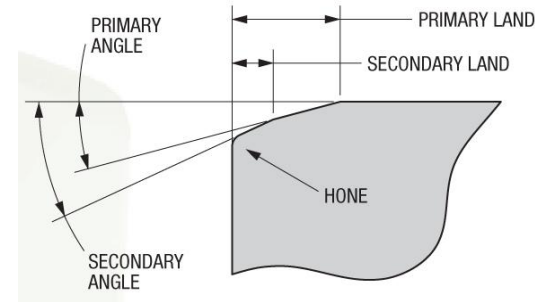
## ■ Description of Insert Edge Preparations

<p>Edge Strength Increases</p>	<p><b>FNX Style</b></p>	<p>Up sharp edges are not recommended for ceramics.</p>
	<p><b>E Style</b></p>	<p>Hones help protect the edge of ceramics from chipping or fracturing. Feed rates must be greater than the hone size to prevent a rubbing rather than a cutting action. Excessive honing reduces tool life.</p>
	<p><b>T Style</b></p>	<p>This geometry is typically the most common ceramic edge preparation. The cutting forces are distributed over a concentrated area of the ceramic edge.</p>
	<p><b>Z &amp; S Style</b></p>	<p>A hone added to a T-land provides a stronger edge to prevent chipping. Usually this type of geometry works best on interrupted cuts or turning hardened steels.</p>
	<p><b>J, P &amp; Q Style</b></p>	<p>Double T-lands and hones are generally used in heavy roughing cuts or hardened materials. This edge is extremely shock resistant but also generates large cutting forces.</p>



# Insert Markings Specialty edges

Style	Symbol
Double Chamfer with A hone	<b>P</b>
Double Chamfer with B hone	<b>Q</b>
Double Chamfer without hone	<b>K</b>



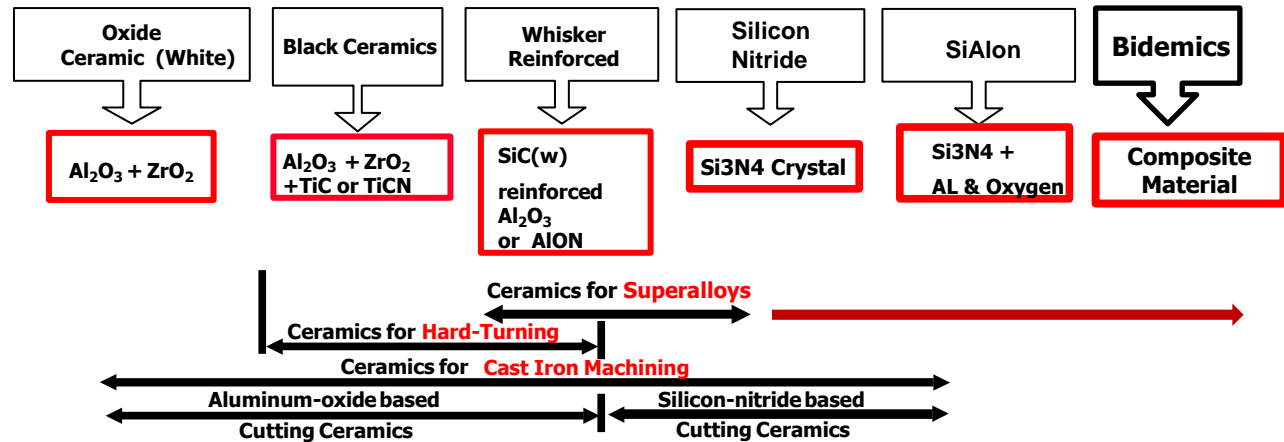
Primary Land Length & Angle	Inch	Metric
.028" X 15 deg.	2815	07015
.060" X 15 deg.	6015	15015
.079" X 15 deg.	7915	20015
.091" X 15 deg.	9115	23015

## Example:



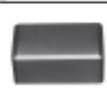




Current Designation	New Designation	
	Inch	Metric
CDH515C2.0X15SA HC7	P7915	P20015
LNJ6688C1.5X15SA HC7	P5915	P15015
RCGX105C2.0X20A HC2	S8020	K20020
ZT1130C2.3X20SA HC2	P7920	P7920

# NTK Ceramic Grades

## 6 Main Classes

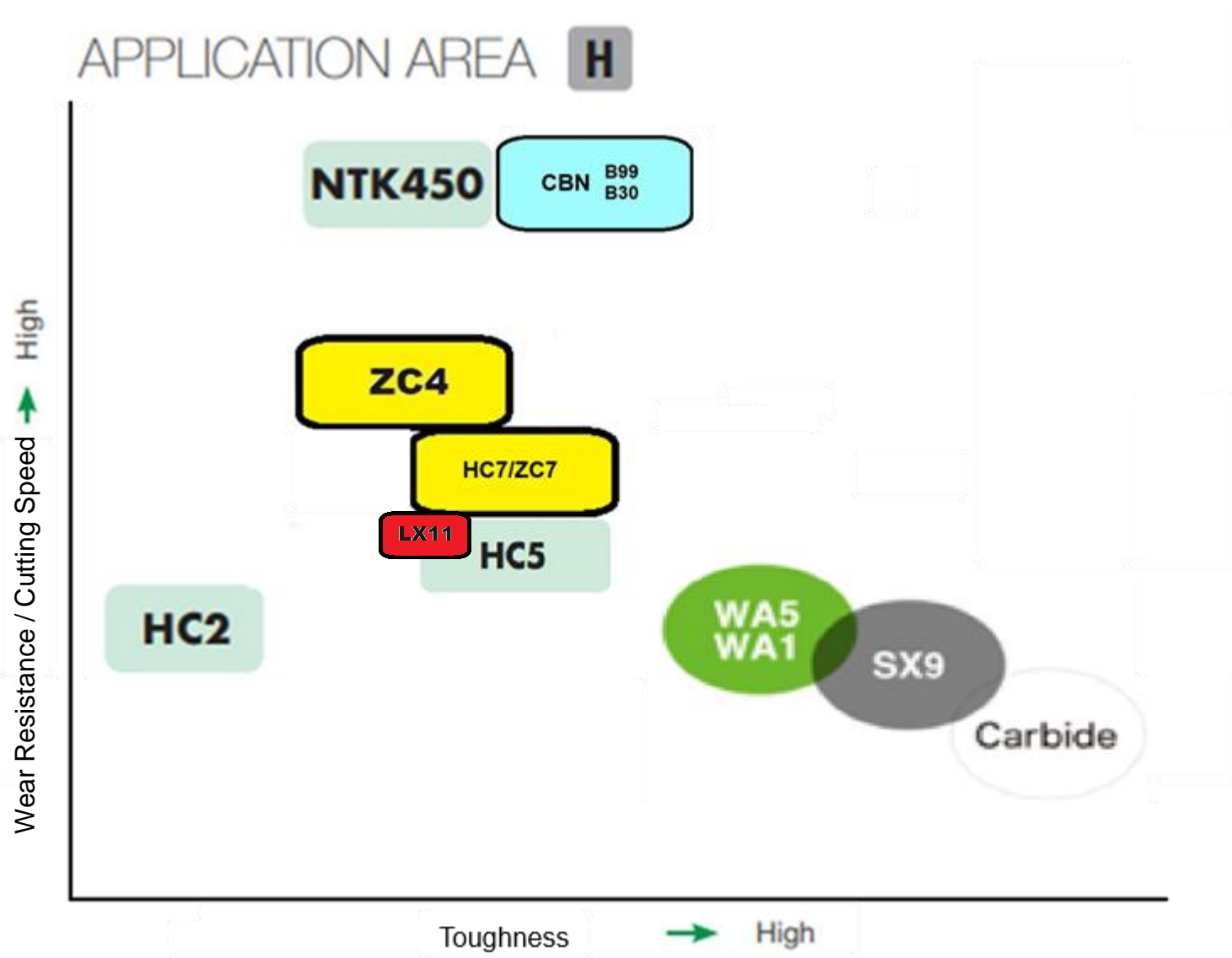


## ■ Ceramic Series

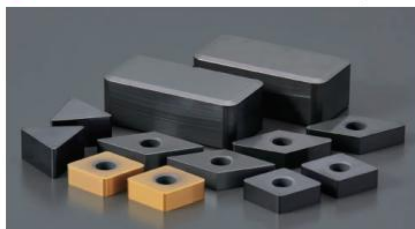
	Grade / Coating	Physical Properties						Applications
		Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Hardness HRA	Bending Strength MPa	Young's Modulus GPa	Thermal Expansion Coefficient X10 <sup>-6</sup> /K	Thermal Conductivity W/m · K	
Alumina + TiC based	HC2 	4.3	94.5	800	420	7.9	21	General purpose grade; cost effective Semi-finishing to finishing of cast iron mill rolls Machining of hardened materials
	HC5 	4.3	95.0	900	420	7.8	25	Roughing to finishing cast iron and steel mill rolls. Turning of hardened steels up to 62Rc.
	HC7 	4.6	95.0	1100	420	7.9	23	Turning of hardened steels in the 50-62Rc range. (demanding applications) Semi-finishing and finishing of cast iron
	ZC7  TiN	4.6	95.0	1100	420	7.9	23	Machining hardened materials even in soft to hard turning applications (50-62Rc) Semi-finishing and finishing cast iron; chilled iron
	ZC4  TiN	4.6	95.5	1000	420	7.8	25	Finish machining of hardened materials (60-70Rc)
SiAlON	SX9 	3.3	93.5	1200	330	3.0	15	Semi finishing cast iron and ductile rolls
Whisker (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> +SiC)	WA1 	3.7	94.5	1200	400	7.0	35	Roughing to Semi-finishing of carbide mill rolls. Roughing of hardened rolls.(45-62Rc) Semi finishing to finishing of cast iron

# Ceramic Grades

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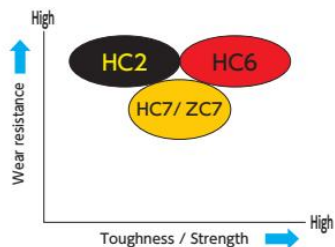


## Alumina TiC-based ceramics (Black ceramics)

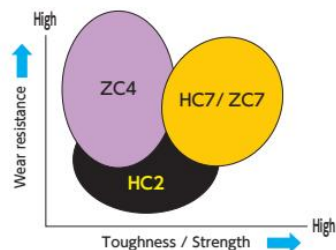


Alumina TiC-based ceramics are strengthened by adding hard carbide to highly pure alumina. This process results in ceramic materials that shows excellent performance in either wet or dry cutting conditions. As an added benefit, hardness and toughness has been improved which enables the machining of partially interrupted cuts. This ceramic material has both high-hot hardness and low plasticity needed to cut hardened materials.

[Gray cast iron, Finishing, WET, Black ceramic]



[Machining of hardened materials]



## HC2

The standard grade for machining cast iron and hardened materials



Mill roll	
240 SFM	
.008 IPR	
.020" - .120" DOC	
DRY	
<b>NTK : HC2</b>	20 pcs
Competitor's black ceramic	10 pcs

### Features

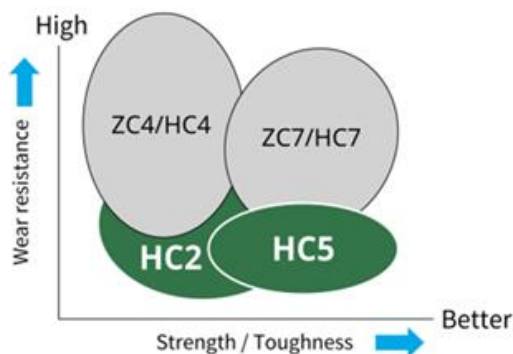
- Well-balanced content of aluminum oxide and titanium carbide ( $Al_2O_3+TiC$ ) sintered under pressure
- Stable performance under a wide range of machining conditions
- General purpose ceramic which works well in a wide range of cutting applications

Grade	Work material	Application	Purpose	Cutting speed (SFM)	Feed (IPR)	Depth of cut (inch)	DRY	WET
<b>HC2</b>	Gray cast iron	Turning	Semi finish-Finish	1200-2100	.004-.016	.020-.060	●	●
	Mill rolls (Cast iron)	Turning	Semi finish-Finish	150-500	.003-.008	.020-.140	●	

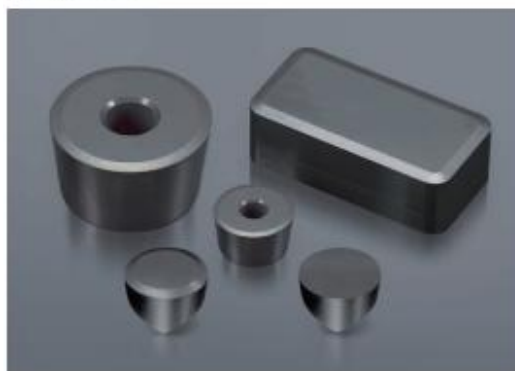
**All-purpose grade for machining gray cast iron and hardened materials**  
Well balanced grade between wear resistance and chipping resistance

## Application

Gray cast iron / Semi to finishing with continuous machining  
Hardened materials / Finishing  
Hardened and cast iron mill rolls / Semi to finishing



## HC5



## Developed for Mill Rolls

Mill roll	
Chilled cast iron	
230 SFM	
.016 IPR	
.394" DOC	
DRY	
<b>NTK : HC5</b>	4 pass
Competitor's black ceramic	2 pass

## Features

- Developed for use in hard turning applications for mill rolls
- Excellent toughness combined with wear resistance

Grade	Work material	Application	Purpose	Cutting speed (SFM)	Feed (IPR)	Depth of cut (inch)	DRY	WET
<b>HC5</b>	Mill roll (Cast iron)	Turning	Rough-Finish	450-600	.004-.012	.025-.075	●	
	Mill roll (Steel)	Turning	Rough-Finish	450-600	.004-.012	.025-.075	●	

- Semi Finishing
  - Cast Iron
  - Ductile Iron
- Very "Tough"

## SX9

Best grade for roughing Inco 718 with scale




### Features

- Excellent notch wear resistance
- Better flank wear resistance compared to competitor's silicon nitride ceramics
- Superior toughness compared to Whisker-reinforced ceramics
- Best thermal shock resistance
- Best grade for roughing Inco 718 with scale

### Housing (Inco 718 with scale)


	Comp. Whisker	<b>SX9</b>	
Shape	RCGX45	←	
Cutting speed (SFM)	600	←	
Feed (IPR)	.005	.008	
Depth of cut (inch)	.100	←	
	WET	←	



**NTK: SX9**

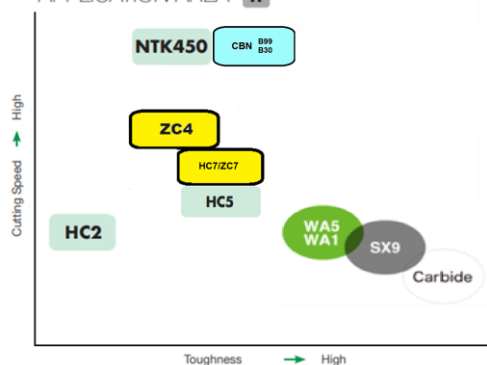
• High productivity

Competitor's Whisker ceramic



Grade	Work material	Application	Purpose	Cutting speed (SFM)	Feed (IPR / IPT)	Depth of cut (inch)	DRY	WET
<b>SX9</b>	Heat resistant alloy	Turning	Rough scale	600-800	.008-.014	.040-.200		●
			Rough no scale	600-800	.008-.016	.040-.100		●
			Semi finish / profiling	600-800	.004-.012	.040-.080		●
		Milling	-	1500-3500	.004-.006	.040-.100	●	

### APPLICATION AREA H





## ZC4: Finishing of Hard Rolls (60-70Rc)

**ZC4** For machining hardened materials



Side gear	
Case carburizing steel	
Hardness : HRC63	
400 SFM	
.004 IPR	
.006" DOC	
DRY	
<b>NTK : ZC4</b>	60 pcs
Competitor's black ceramic	30 pcs

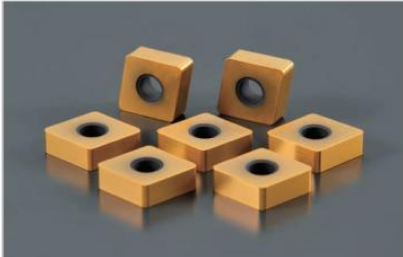
### Features

- TiN-coated premium ceramic grade with the finest grain size of all the NTK ceramic grades
- Best for hard turning applications from (HRC 55 - 70)
- The gold coating makes edge wear easily detectable

Grade	Work material	Application	Purpose	Cutting speed (SFM)	Feed (IPR)	Depth of cut (inch)	DRY	WET
<b>ZC4</b>	Hardened material (HRC55-70)	Turning	Finish	130-700	.003-.008	.005-.030	●	●

## ZC7: Machining Hardened Rolls (50-62 Rc)

**ZC7/HC7** For machining hardened parts with a wide range of hardness



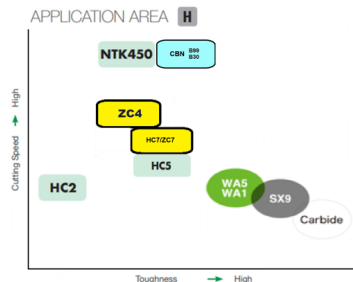
Gear	
Carburized and hardened steel	
300 SFM	
.005 IPR	
.006" DOC	
WET	
<b>NTK : ZC7</b>	80 pcs
Competitor's CBN	80 pcs

### Features

- Excellent wear resistance in a wide range of applications such as machining carburized or induction hardened steels (HRC 30 - 62)
- High quality surface finishes with wiper facet inserts
- TiN coated ZC7 is available in various geometries as standard

Grade	Work material	Application	Purpose	Cutting speed (SFM)	Feed (IPR)	Depth of cut (inch)	DRY	WET
<b>ZC7 HC7</b>	Hardened material (HRC30-62)	Turning	Finish	130-700	.003-.008	.005-.030	●	●
	Mill roll (Steel / Cast iron)	Turning	Rough - Finish	450-600	.004-.012	.025-.075	●	

- (HSS) High Speed Steel Rolls
- Titanium Carbide Rolls



- Roughing to Semi-Finishing of Carbide Rolls
- Roughing of Hardened Rolls (45-62 Rc)
- Semi Finishing to Finishing of Cast Iron

- (HSS) High Speed Steel Rolls
- Titanium Carbide Rolls

## WA1 High-speed machining of heat resistant alloys and cast iron



### Features

- Good flank wear resistance at high speed
- Best notch wear resistance compared to competitor's Whisker-reinforced ceramics
- Increased toughness compared to competitor's Whisker-reinforced ceramics

### Recommended applications

Grade	Work material	Application	Purpose	Cutting speed (SFM)	Feed (IPR)	Depth of cut (inch)	DRY	WET
WA1	Heat resistant alloy	Turning	Rough no scale	600-1000	.005-.010	.040-.100		●
			Semi finish Profiling	600-1100	.004-.010	.020-.080		●
			Grooving	600-1100	.002-.004	-		●
	Gray cast iron	Turning	Semi finish Finish	1200-2100	.004-.016	.020-.120	●	●
	Mill roll (Carbide)	Turning	Rough-Semi finish	150-500	.003-.008	.020-.140	●	
	Hardened Material (HRC 45-62)	Milling		550-850	.0025-.005	.030-.075	●	

Housing	
Inco 625	Competitor's Whisker Ceramic
900 SFM	WA1
.006 IPR	
.020"-.030" DOC	
WET	
NTK : WA1	1 pass
Competitor's whisker ceramic	1 pass

## NTK450

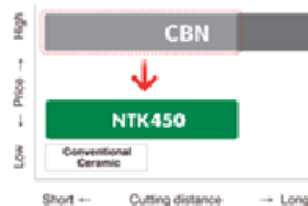


**NTK CeramiX, a new material that maximizes the performance of ceramics, is born**  
Establishing an intermediate position between CBN and ceramics  
Higher economic efficiency enables insert cost reduction

### Performance

- Higher wear resistance performance with newly developed coating and dense, homogenized base material structure
- Ideal for small-lot production or single-part production when balancing tooling cost and performance

### Insert cost and cutting distance



### Application

Hardened materials  
Continuous machining HRC55-65

**NEW in  
2025 !!**



Currently only available CNGA,DNGA,TNGA,VNGA  
(Other Geometries to come)



# CBN Grades

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## ■ CBN

	Grade	Style	Main Binder	CBN Volume	Coating	Applications
CBN (Cubic Boron Nitride)	<b>B99</b> 	Solid	AlN	93%	—	High speed cast iron and mill roll machining
	<b>B30</b> 	Brazed	Ti	95%	—	Semi-finishing of carbide mill rolls. Semi-finishing to finishing of cast iron.

# Machining Mill Rolls With NTK Grades

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## Features

- *In addition to our general purpose ceramic HC2 grade, NTK offers HC5, and HC7 for higher productivity*
- *WA1's wear resistance is an advantage when roughing carbide and hardened rolls*
- *ZC7 covers a wide range of applications such as carburized or induction hardened steels.*
- *ZC4 performs the best in hardened material applications from 60-70 Hc*

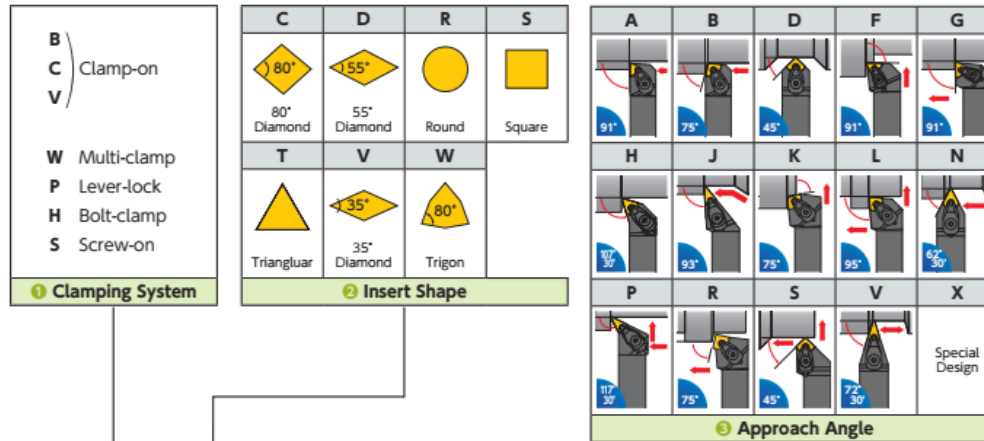


# Tool Holders

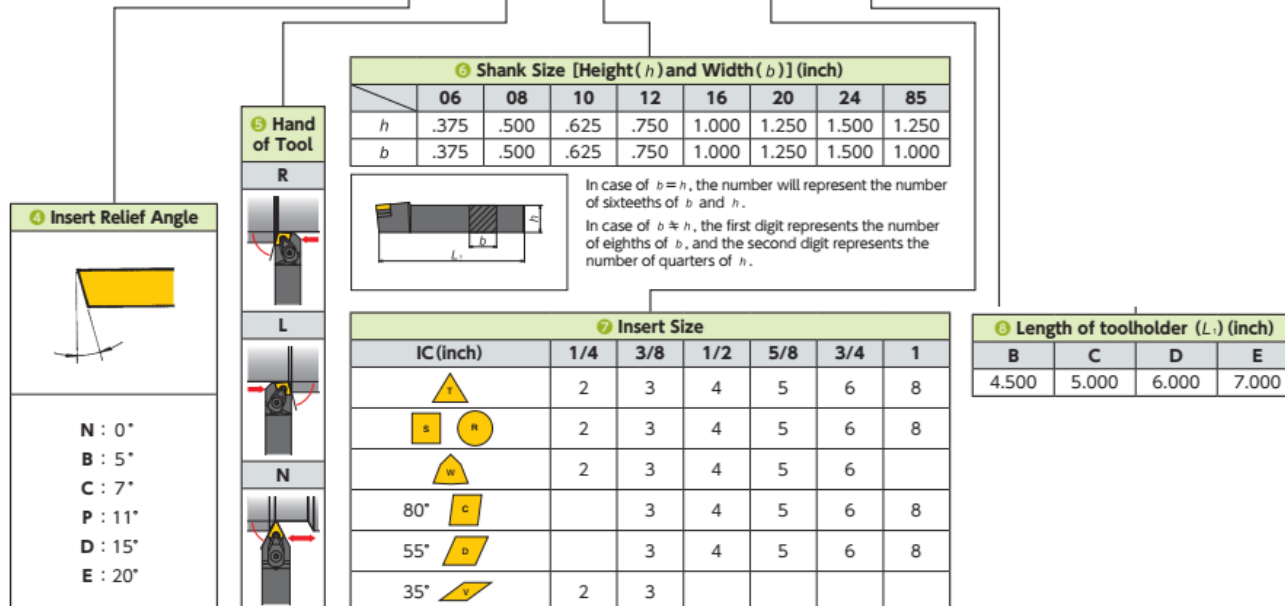
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(Industrial Standard Nomenclature)

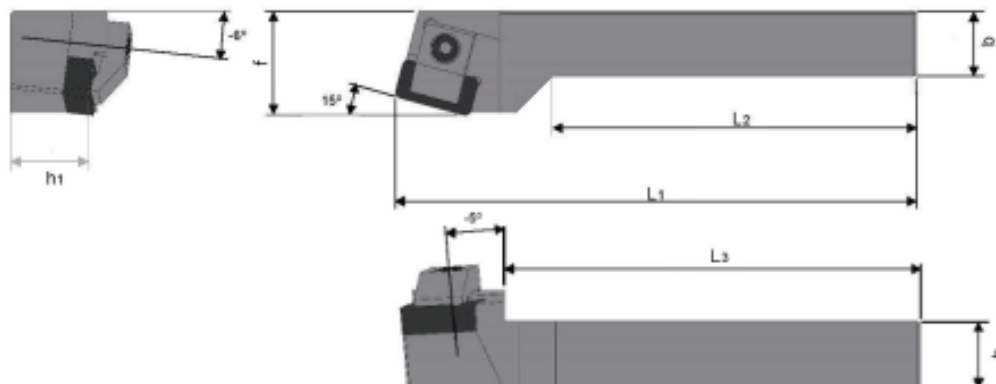


**1** C **2** C **3** L **4** N **5** R **6** 16 - **7** 5 **8** D




## Examples

### CLBN



● Toolholder Body (Made to order)

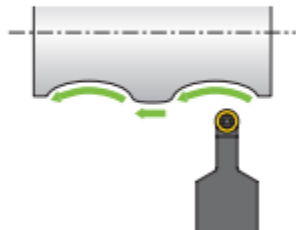
Holder Number	Stock		Dimensions												Spare Parts		Insert
			$h$		$b$		$h_1$		$L_1$		$L_2$		$L_3$		Clamp	Clamp Screw	
	R	L	(Inch)	(mm)	(Inch)	(mm)	(Inch)	(mm)	(Inch)	(mm)	(Inch)	(mm)	(Inch)	(mm)			
CLBN $\frac{R}{L}$ 20-6-L10			1.250	—	1.250	—	1.500	—	10.00	—	7.000	—	8.000	—			 LNM / LNJ 6688
CLBN $\frac{R}{L}$ 24-6-L10			1.500	—	1.500	—	1.500	—	10.00	—	7.000	—	8.000	—			
CLBN $\frac{R}{L}$ 32-6-L10			2.000	—	2.000	—	1.500	—	10.00	—	7.000	—	8.000	—			



# Tool Holders

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## HRCD



● Inch Holders

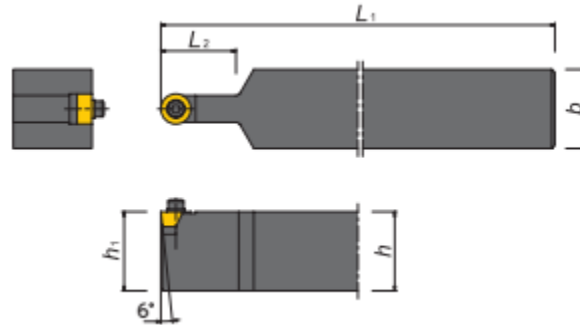
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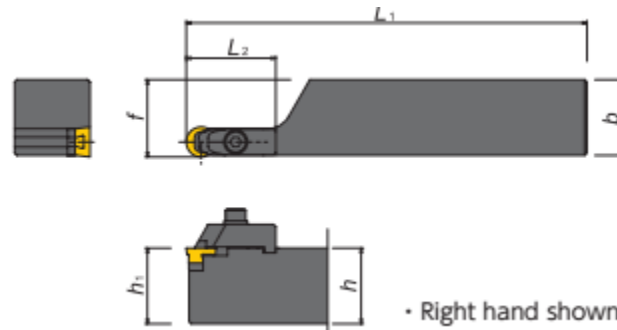
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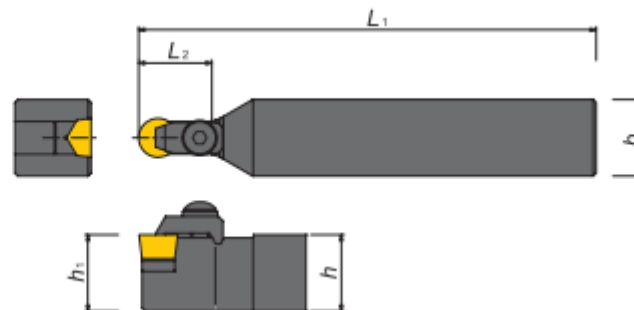
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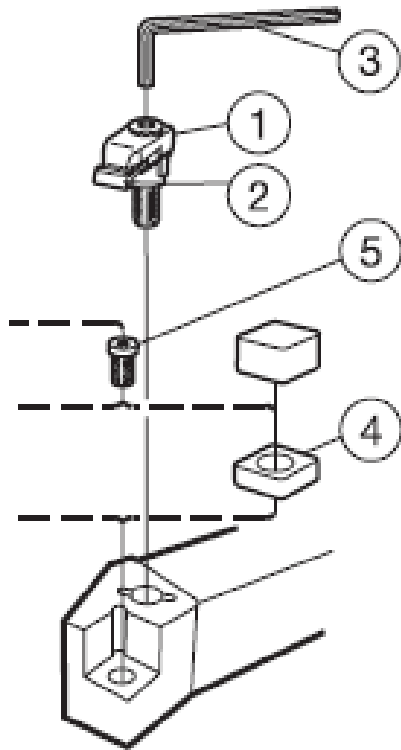


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## Ceramic clamping system

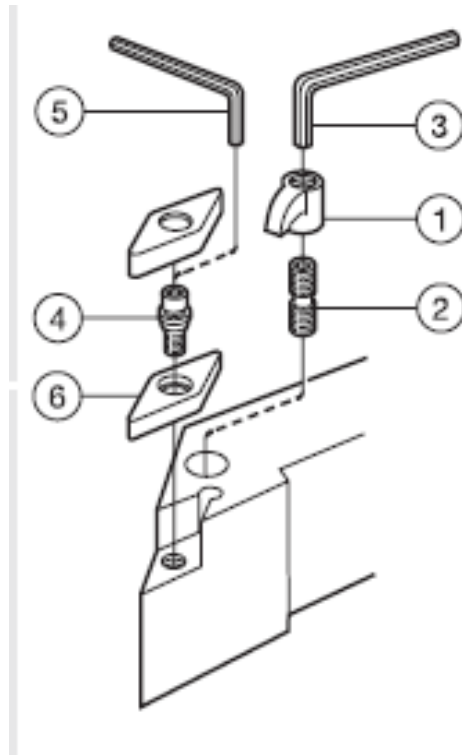


1. Top clamp
2. Clamp screw
3. Clamp wrench
4. Shim seat
5. Shim seat screw

# Factors: Tool holders

## Hardware and holder importance.

A good holder and hardware affect the performance of inserts. A worn pocket could cause the insert to rock or shift in the middle of the cut causing the insert to break. The same is true of insert seats, clamps and lock pins. If inserts are chipping unexpectedly checking the holder and hardware is a must



1. top clamp
2. top clamp screw
3. wrench for top clamp
4. lock pin
5. lock pin wrench
6. shim seat

## *Holder Failure*

### Tool Holder Problems

- Check holder for:
- Broken or chipped shims seats.
- Worn or bent clamps.
- Damaged holder (affects pocket support and alignment).
- Screws heads stripped or wrenches (replace immediately can cause problems to replace insert and tool alignment issues).

# Tool holders Do's & don'ts

1. If the wrench or socket is replaced, replace the screw.
2. Never take a file to the holder or shim seat.
3. Replace the pin or shim seat screw when you replace shim seat.
4. Establish an area to put damaged holders to be sent out for repair.
5. Keep extra hardware for each holder at the workstation.
6. Clean the pocket thoroughly when indexing or changing the insert.  
This means don't just blow it off, use a rag and wipe pocket out also.
7. Never over torque screws. Both shim seat screws and top clamps only require **15 in/lbs** to secure insert.
8. Over torquing will damage holder pocket. Inserts and seats are harder than the body. The over torquing will move and compress the pocket changing insert alignment or improper support.

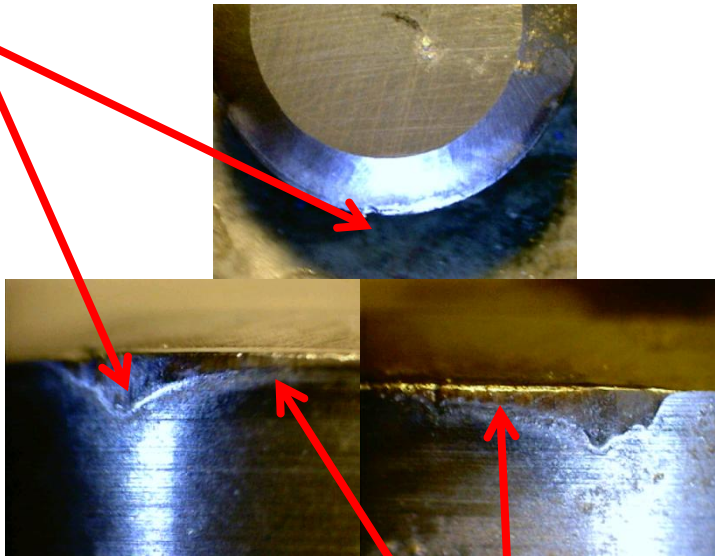
# ***Insert Wear patterns & Failure Modes***

# Causes of Failure

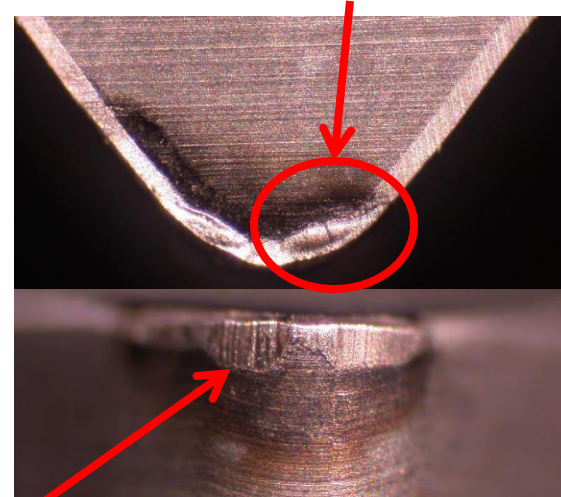
- It is important to understand why an insert failed. Knowing the mode of failure will make your job easier.
- To correctly judge failure, you need to look at all the factors involved in the machine, set-up, work holding, parts, tool holder, and finally the insert.

# NORMAL wear

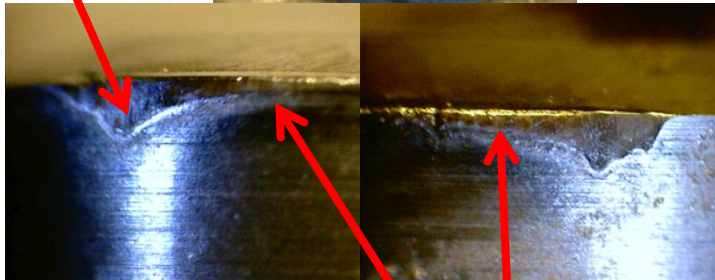
**DOC  
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**Chip wash pattern**



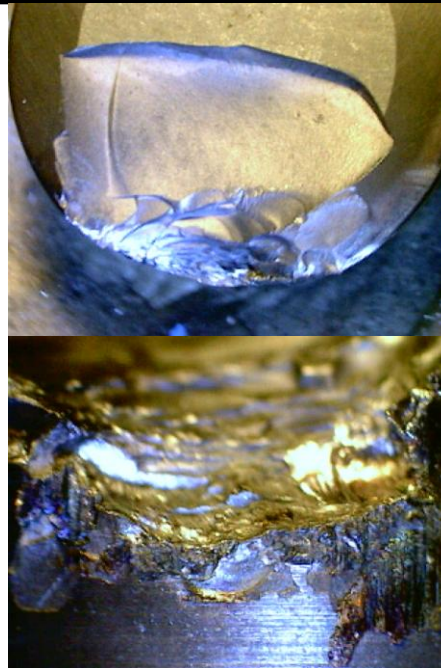
**Flank wear**



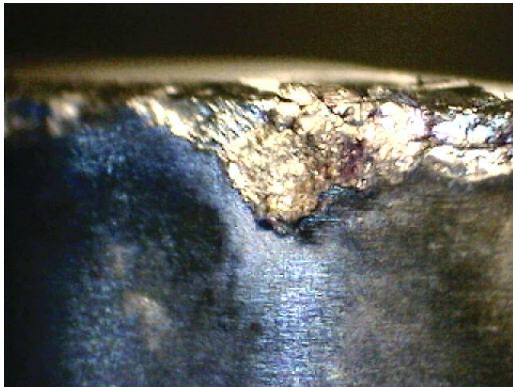


# Excessive wear

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- **Problems**
- **Could scrap part**
- **Cause a following tool to fail if not caught**
- **More down time, due to possible holder damage and time to dial in size**



**Noticed by multiple fracture points**

## **Causes**

**Tool alignment**

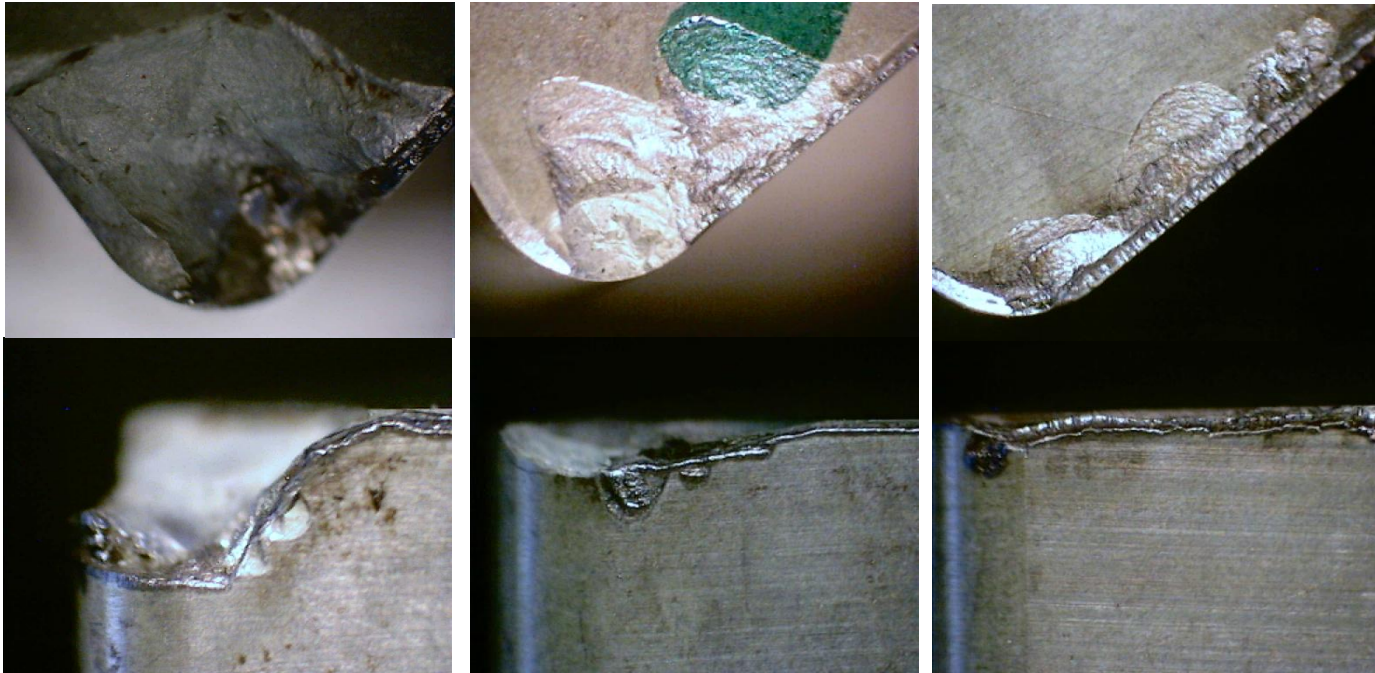
**Too slow**

**Too fast**

**DOC too light on thin wall parts**

**Boring with length to diameter ratios**

# Insert wear patterns Above center-line



**Insert shows breakage across the top of the inserts from the cutting point**

**Other signs - Chatter, smeared finish, fluctuating size**

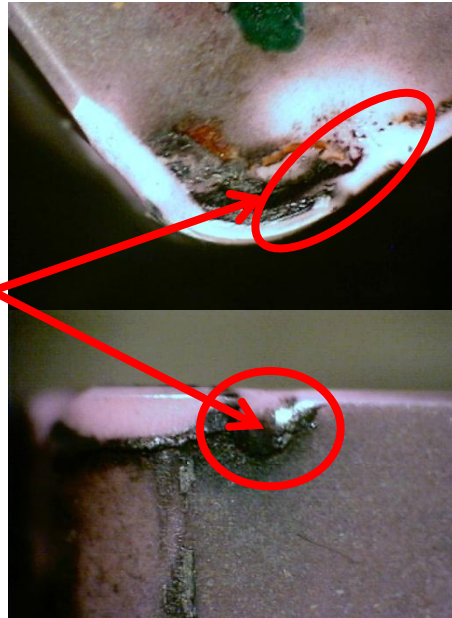
Tool alignment causing above center-line condition.

- This can be caused from worn hardware
- Dirt or chip in pocket
- Pocket deformation from crashes and
- Broken tools and over torquing screws
- Stacking tolerance of holder, shim seat, and insert.
- Over torque on screws can change angle of how tool sets in the pocket.

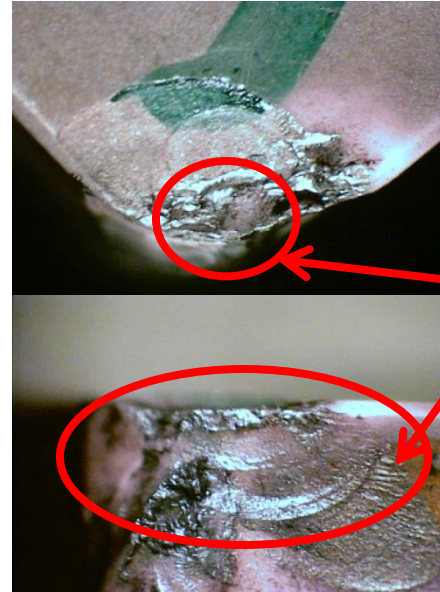
**REMEMBER CHANGE HARDWARE &  
HOLDERS ON A REGULAR BASIS!**

## Excessive doc notch

**Notch  
wear**



**Nose  
of  
insert  
broken  
away**



**Leads to insert nose failure when run too long!**

### Remedies

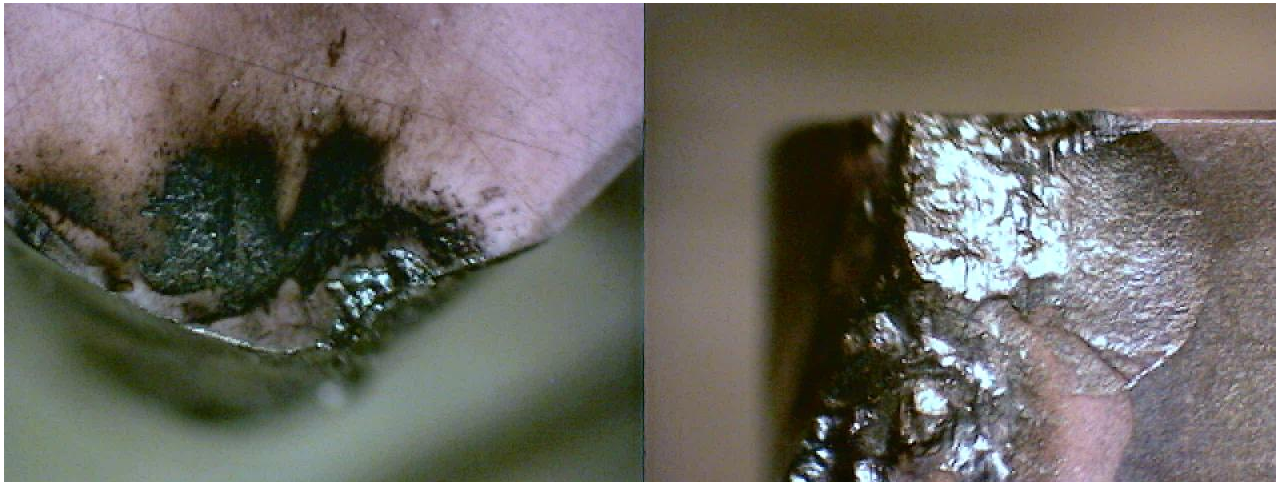
1. More wear/abrasion resistant grade
2. Slow down SFM - Increase IPR
3. Increase SFM - Decrease IPR

**NOTE: Only change 1 factor at a time!**



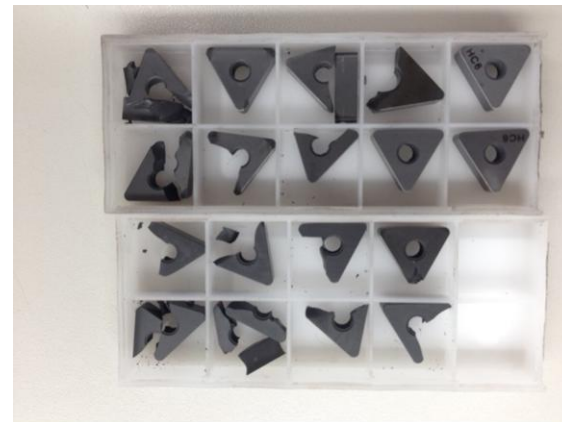
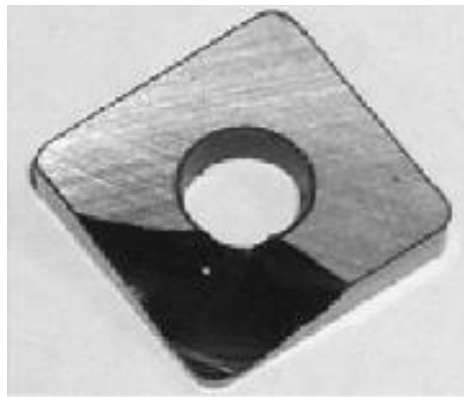
# Insert wear patterns

## Inclusion fracture



If an insert hits an inclusion, gas pocket, injection spout, or different material in a casting it will fracture down the face of the tool.

## Excessive torquing on screws & Clamps

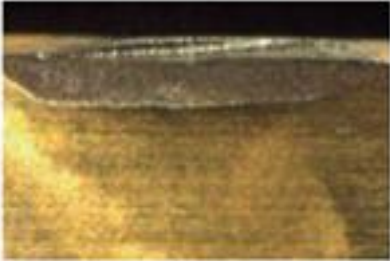





Fracture point comes from the lock pin area and moves forward. Typically, this fracture appears after the insert has cut the part because the insert crack normally won't break completely until tool is under pressure of cutting conditions.

**\* 15 in/lbs to secure insert, Clamps & Shims.**

# Troubleshooting

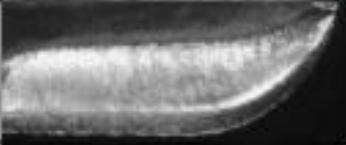
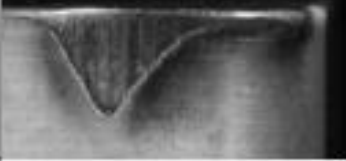
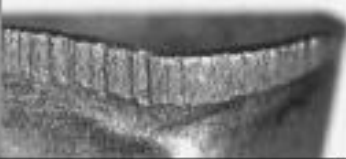



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Case		Cause	Measure
Flank wear		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cutting Speed Too High</li> <li>• Feed Too Low</li> <li>• Insert Geometry Unsuitable</li> <li>• Part Material/insert Grade Incorrect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce Cutting Speed</li> <li>• Increase Feed</li> <li>• Increase Insert Corner Radius</li> <li>• Change Insert Grade</li> </ul>
Crater Wear		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsuitable Cutting Conditions</li> <li>• Insert Geometry Unsuitable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smaller Cutting Edge Prep Angle</li> <li>• Reduce Cutting Speed</li> </ul>
Flaking		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insert Geometry Unsuitable</li> <li>• Insert cutting Over Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower Feed Rate</li> <li>• Smaller Cutting Edge Prep Angle</li> <li>• Eliminate Honing</li> <li>• Increase Feed</li> <li>• Lower Tool Holder in Post</li> </ul>
Fracture/Chipping		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insert Geometry Unsuitable</li> <li>• Unsuitable Edge Treatment</li> <li>• Using Coolant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower Feed</li> <li>• Larger Cutting-Edge Prep</li> <li>• Add Honing on Edge Prep</li> <li>• Turn Off Coolant</li> </ul>



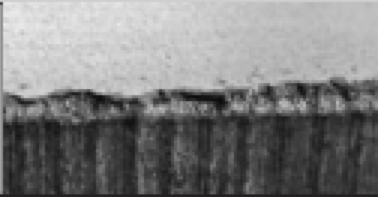

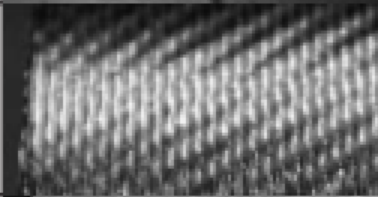
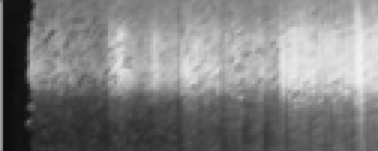
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Case/Symptom		Possible causes	Corrective measures
Wear on face		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High temperature causes chemical reactions between the insert material and chips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use a coated grade</li> <li>● Decrease both of the cutting speed and feed rate</li> <li>● Widen the rake angle</li> </ul>
Notching wear		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The work surface is too hard</li> <li>● Boundary area has been oxidized</li> <li>● Burrs, caused by chips in the sheared form, have been cut</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Widen the side cutting edge angle</li> <li>● Make the nose radius larger so that cutting is performed within the radius</li> <li>● Use a round insert</li> </ul>
Plastic deformation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High cutting force and excessive heat is applied to the cutting edge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Choose a material/grade highly resistant to wear</li> <li>● Decrease both of the cutting speed and feed rate</li> <li>● Make the nose radius larger</li> <li>● Use coolant</li> </ul>
Built-up edge		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This occurs because the cutting temperature is lower than the recrystallization temperature of the work material</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase the cutting speed</li> <li>● Use coolant with excellent lubrication performance</li> <li>● Change to a grade with less affinity to the work material</li> </ul>
Deposition		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The deposition is caused to the face by a chemical reactions of the work material due to heat generation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase the cutting speed</li> <li>● Widen the relief angle</li> <li>● Hone the face with a mirror-like-surface finish</li> <li>● Change to a grade with less affinity to the work material</li> </ul>
Clamping crack		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The insert was clamped under improper seating conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clean the clamping areas and install the insert in the recommended way</li> <li>● Tighten to the specified torque</li> </ul>

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Work Piece	Chipping		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed Rate is Too High</li> <li>• Unsuitable Insert Selected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease the Feed Rate</li> <li>• Use a Smaller Edge Prep</li> <li>• Change Insert to More Wear Resistant</li> <li>• Change the Cutting-Edge Angle of Holder</li> </ul>
	Burring		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed Rate is Incorrect</li> <li>• Shape of Insert is not Suitable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease the Feed Rate</li> <li>• Use a Smaller Edge Prep</li> </ul>
	Chatter Mark		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cutting Edge Force is too great</li> <li>• Rigidity Of Work Piece</li> <li>• Rigidity of Cutting Tool is Insufficient</li> <li>• Insert Cutting Over Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease the Feed Rate</li> <li>• Use a Smaller Edge Prep</li> <li>• Ensure Tool Overhang is Minimized</li> <li>• Change the Cutting-Edge Angle of the Holder</li> <li>• Lower Tool Holder in Post</li> </ul>
	Gouging		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vibration of the Cutting Edge               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to Deposition/Built-up edge</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the Cutting Speed</li> <li>• Change Insert Grade to a less Chemical similarities</li> </ul>

1. Rolls/Parts – Slag, Inclusions, Gas Pockets, ETC.  
all cause additional shock and can cause insert failure.
2. Tool holder
  - Worn hard wear & Parts
  - Damage Pocket
  - Alignment
3. The machine and settings.
  - work holding (Chuck jaws)
  - program
  - offsets
  - speeds
  - feeds

# Machining Mill Rolls With NTK Grades

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## Key Points for Machining Mill Rolls

- *Hardness of the roll is an important factor. As the roll gets harder the SFM should be reduced.*
- *RCGX style inserts are the preferred insert for rigidity and cost savings.*
- *If making multiple passes with one edge, vary your DOC to move the wear on the insert edge and reduce notch wear.*
- *If you encounter chatter, increase your feed rate. Variable RPM controllers are helpful to reduce harmonics.*
- *Heavy chatter is often a sign of tooling being above centerline.*
- *Chilled and ductile iron rolls are typically softer and short chipping materials. Even after running in the mill, these rolls rarely exceed a 67 Shore hardness.*
- *Tool steel and CPM rolls run quite similar and are normally over 100 Shore hardness. These rolls have a higher Chrome and Cobalt content and are considered a longer chipping material. The combination of the material type and hardness require a slower speed to run successfully.*
- *RCGX 103 & 104 feed rate runs best at .006 IPR (0.15 mm/rev).*





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