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This steel is alloyed with Cr and has an increased S content which increases its corrosion resistance and improves its machinability. When hardened and tempered, it has a martensitic bainite structure.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION (weight % - average)

| C | Si | S | Cr | Ni | Mn | Mo | P |
|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.070 | 16.0 | 0.50 | 0.45 | 0.10 | 0.030 |

DESIGNATION

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| PK4S | ~1.2085 | 420F | ~X33CrS16 |

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Heat conductivity W/(m.K): 20°C / 18

Density g/cm³: 20°C / 7.65

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT OF LINEAR ELONGATION (10⁻⁶°C⁻¹):

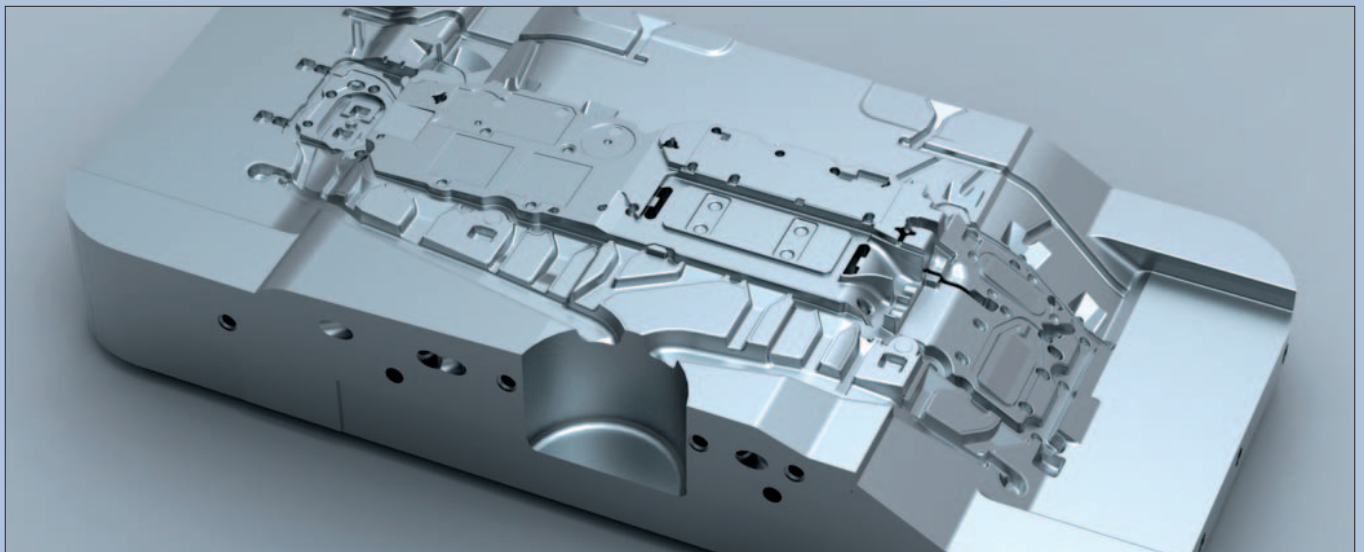
| °C | 100°C | 200°C | 300°C | 400°C | 500°C |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 10 ⁻⁶ °C ⁻¹ | 11.0 | 11.1 | 11.2 | 11.6 | 12.0 |

APPLICATION OF PK4S STEEL

This steel is corrosion resistant and has favourable machinability

Applications:

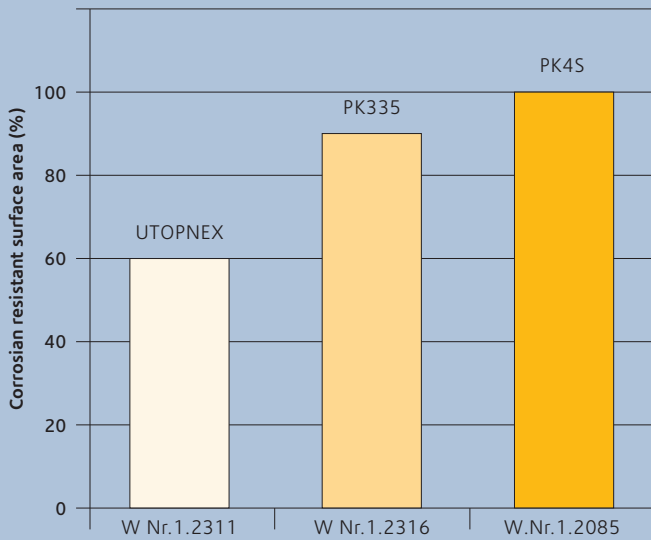
- Plastic moulds
- Frames for plastic moulds
- Construction parts
- Tools operating under extreme conditions
- Tools used in processes with aggressive plastics and steam
- Tools used in environment with condensed water.



PROPERTIES AND ADVANTAGES OF PK4S STEEL

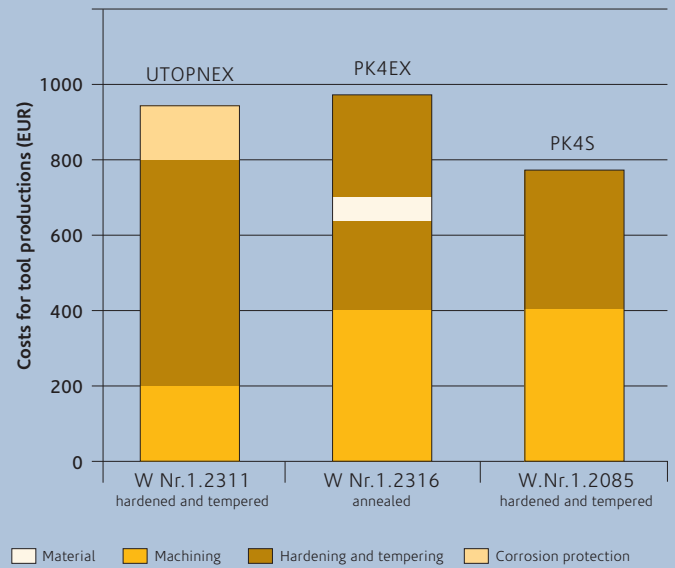
CORROSION RESISTANCE

- No cost necessary for additional protection against corrosion
- High corrosion resistance in condensed water
- High corrosion resistance in cooling channels
- Higher resistance to environments with aggressive steam
- No additional corrosion protection necessary for storage
- Minimal maintenance during tool operation.



MACHINABILITY

- Reduction of cost and time of machining



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

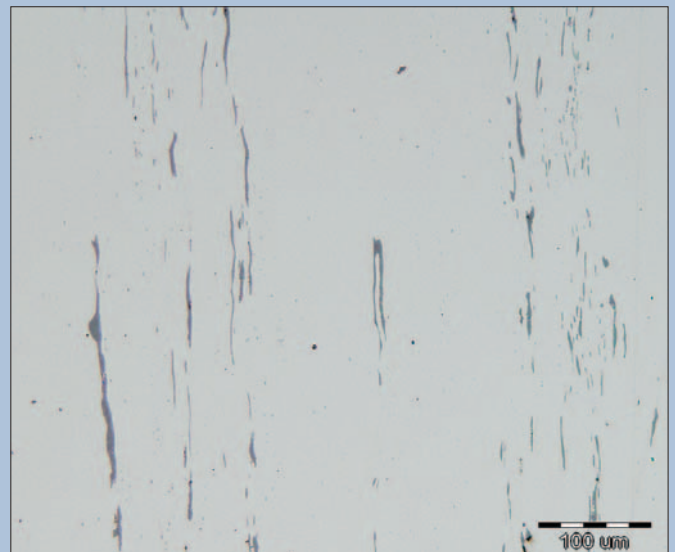
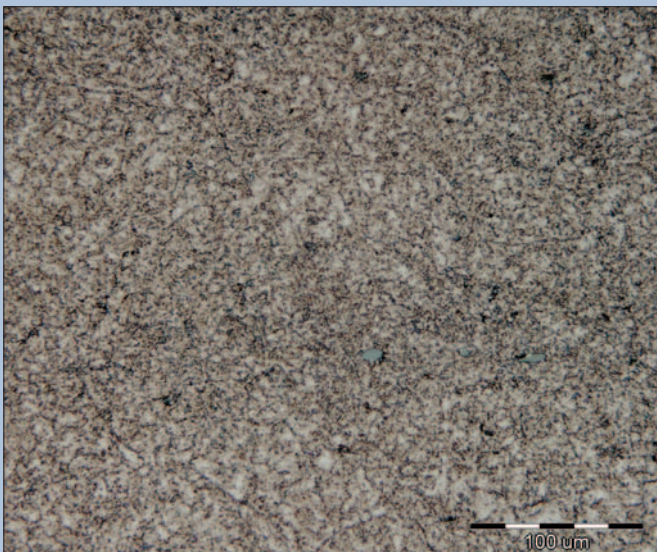
- Surface does not need additional varnishing, nickel-plating, etc.

MICROSTRUCTURE OF PK4S STEEL

PK4S steel is used mostly in the hardened and tempered condition with a hardness of 280 to 325 HB.

The microstructure of hardened&tempered material consists of tempered martensite with a uniform distribution of secondary carbides.

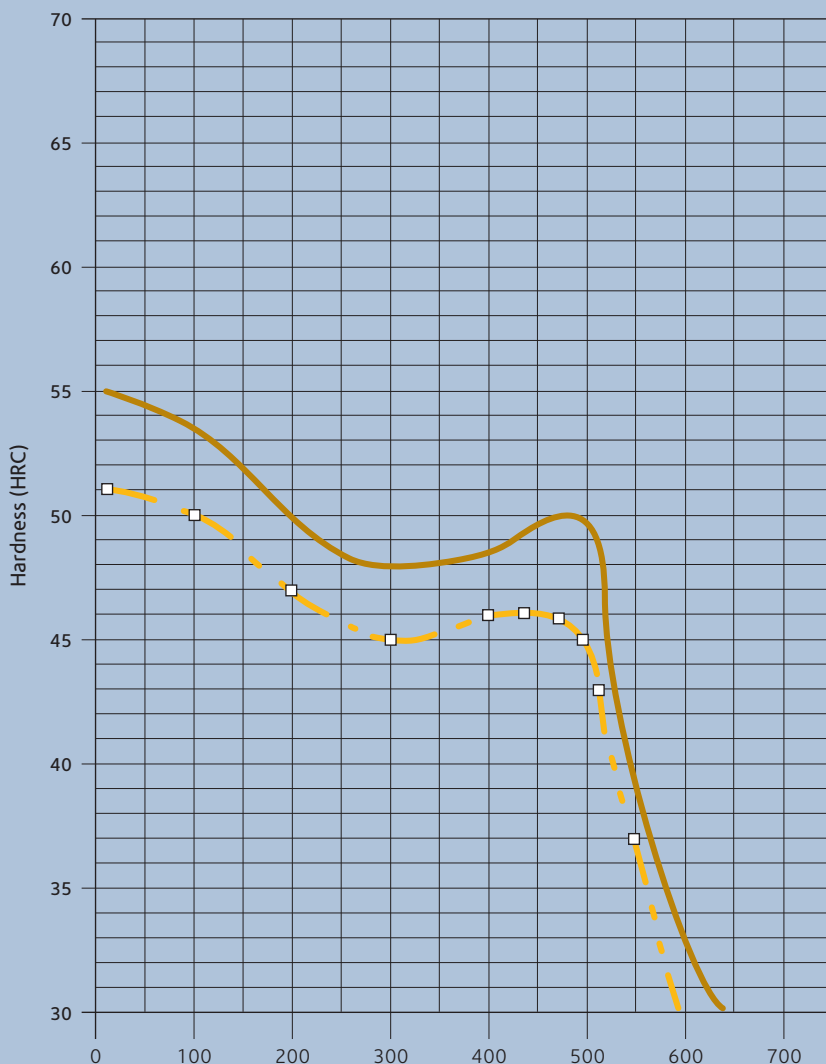
Higher contents of sulphur result in a larger quantity of sulphide non-metallic inclusions in steel microstructure which improves steel machinability.



TEMPERING DIAGRAM

Heat treatment:

- T hardening 1000°C and 1050°C, oil,
- T hard.&temp. 100°C - 650°C



• Hardening&tempering temperature; 1,5h, air (°C)

| HARDENING & TEMPERING TEMPERATURE (°C) | | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 | 430 | 460 | 490 | 520 | 550 | 600 | 630 |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Thardening 0°C | HARDENING & TEMPERING TEMPERATURE 0°C | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1000°C | HRC HARDNESS | 50 | 47 | 47 | 46 | 46 | 45,5 | 45 | 43 | 37 | 28 | 27 |
| 1050°C | | 54 | 51 | 48 | 48,8 | 49 | 49,5 | 50 | 49 | 40 | 32 | 30 |

| HEAT TREATMENT OF PK4S STEEL | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| SOFT ANNEALING | 810°C - 880°C |
| HARDNESS AFTER SOFT ANNEALING | Max. 230 HB |
| HARDENING | 1000°C - 1050°C |
| Hardening medium | Oil |
| TEMPERING | Approx. 560°C |

DIAGRAM - INFLUENCE OF KV IMPACT TOUGHNESS ON Rm TENSILE STRENGTH

- SIST EN 10045
- Test temoerature: 20°C

