TOOLOX®
PREHARDENED TOOL STEEL

TOOLOX in die-casting applications

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SSAB Plate
What is TOOLOX?

- Quenched and tempered tool and machine steel having ESR-properties.
- Designed to be machined, dimensional stable when machining.
- Extremely well suited for surface engineering (Nitriding/PVD-coating).
For direct use…

- Hardness and impact toughness, guaranteed and measured on all delivered plates.

- Tensile properties, measured on all delivered plates, the values are reported for guidance only.

- Homogeneity, guaranteed and ultrasonic inspected on all delivered plates.

- Milling properties, are guaranteed on all delivered plates.

- All plates are delivered with an EN 10 204 3.1 inspection certificate!
Benefits...

- Faster mould/die manufacturing.
- Known mechanical properties of the mould/die.
Application areas...
Tool steel substitution...

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Machining, dimensional stability, mould manufacturing time...
Milling speed

TOOLOX 33

25 – 35 %

3 x

Insert life length

TOOLOX 33

W.Nr 1.2312

Decreasing carbide content
Tommy Peterson, Stena Stål. "To start with flat instead of round material saved a lot of production time. The gear-racks were absolutely straight; 0.004 mm sidewise deflection and 0.136 mm longitudinal deflection on 1.8 m measuring length!"
Heat treatment time to be added?

Mould manufacturing time (hrs)

+49%

Mould ready for production

EDM

CNC

Progr.

H13

TOOLOX 44
Improved tool design and use of TOOLOX has reduced mould cost by ~58% and manufacturing time by ~60%.
A cost comparison has been made when manufacturing the component shown below…
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<td>Steel cost</td>
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<td>Milling/drilling</td>
<td>4960 €</td>
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When making the component you save:

1411 - (steel price difference) = ?? €
To conclude…

- Better flatness/thickness tolerances means lower material volume to be milled off, and also lower material weight to be bought!

- Faster machining possible!

- Machining in only one (1) set-up!

- No need for heat treatment!

- Shorter grinding time!
TOOLOX in die-casting
Properties at elevated temperatures

- Compressive yield strength.

- Compressive yield strength after 170 hrs soaking at 400 and 500 °C resp.

- Charpy-V impact toughness.

- Thermal fatigue (aluminium die-casting simulation).
Yield strength

![Graph showing yield strength vs. testing temperature for TOOLOX 44 and W.Nr 1.2344(H13).]
TOOLOX 44 maintains a high yield strength even after extensive temperature testing.
NADCA #207-2006
Impact toughness requirements on H13 in aluminium die-casting

Minimum impact toughness at +20 °C (J)

TOOLOX 44 (18 J)

Superior H13 (11 J)
Thermal fatigue

- Simulation of aluminium die casting, $T_{peak} = 710 \, ^\circ C$.

- No difference when compared with H13/W.Nr 1.2344 heat treated to 45 HRC, i.e. no cracks could be detected!
TOOLOX 44 in aluminium die-casting

Un-coated die

(CrN)PVD-coated die due to chemical attack from the melt. The die produced 80,000 components
TOOLOX 44 in aluminium die-casting
TOOLOX 44 in brass die-casting

Two dies were run simultaneously, one made of QRO 90 and the other of TOOLOX 44. Both dies fulfilled the required service life, i.e. 45,000 shots.
Thank you for your attention!