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CUTTING TOOL MATERIAL

- Success in metal cutting depends on the selection of the proper cutting tool (material and geometry) for a given work material.
- A cutting tool must have the following characteristics in order to produce good quality and economical parts:

TOUGHNESS

HOT HARDNESS



TOUGHNESS

- To avoid fracture failure, the tool material must possess high toughness.
- Toughness is the capacity of a material to absorb energy without failing.
- It is usually characterized by a *combination* of *strength and ductility* in the material.

HOT HARDNESS

- Hot hardness is the ability of a material to retain its hardness at high temperatures.
- This is required because of the high-temperature environment in which the tool operates.

WEAR RESISTANCE

- Wear is the erosion of material from a solid surface by the action of another surface.
- The ability of a metal to resist the gradual wearing away caused by abrasion and friction is called wear resistance.
- All cutting-tool materials must be hard.

Desirable characteristics of a cutting tool material

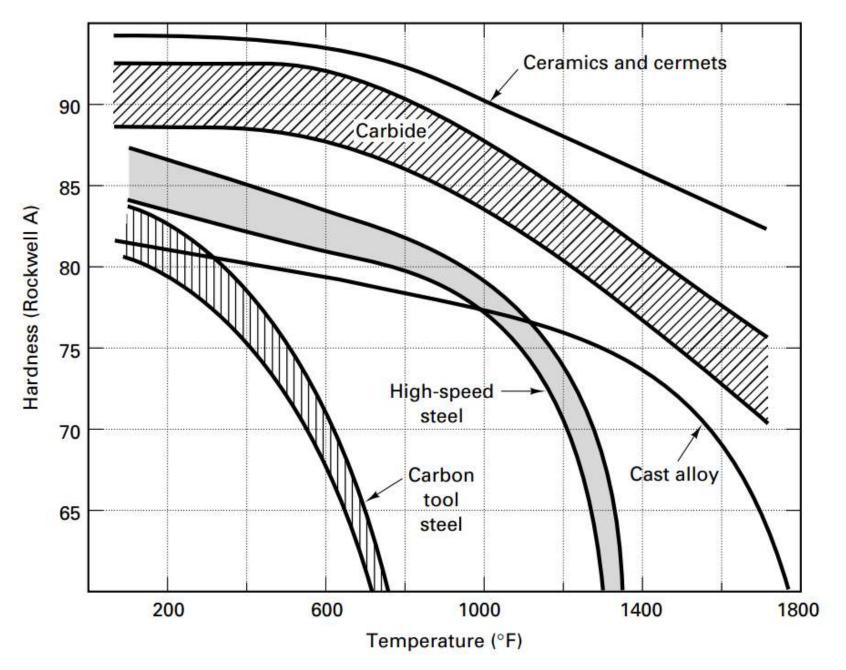
- 1. High *hardness*
- 2. High hardness temperature, hot hardness
- 3. Resistance to abrasion, wear due to severe sliding friction
- 4. Resistance to Chipping of the cutting edges
- 5. High toughness (impact strength)

Desirable characteristics of a cutting tool material

- 6. Strength to resist bulk deformation
- 7. Good chemical stability
- 8. Adequate thermal properties
- 9. High elastic modulus (stiffness)
- 10. Correct geometry and surface finish

TOOL MATERIALS CATEGORIES

- 1. High carbon tool steel
- 2. High-speed Steels
- 3. Cast Cobalt Alloys (Stellite)
- 4. Carbides
- 5. Ceramics
- 6. Synthetic Diamond & CBN



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1. HIGH-SPEED STEEL(HSS)

- High-speed steel(HSS) is a highly alloyed tool steel capable of maintaining hardness at elevated temperatures better than high carbon and low alloy tool steels.
- Its good hot hardness permits tools made of HSS to be used at higher cutting speeds.
- HSS is especially suited to applications involving complicated tool geometries, such as drills, taps, milling cutters, and broaches.

1. HIGH-SPEED STEEL(HSS)

 A wide variety of high-speed steels are available, but they can be divided into two basic types:

> Tungsten Type



HIGH-SPEED STEEL(HSS) (a) TUNGSTEN-TYPE

- Tungsten-type HSS contains tungsten (W) as its principal alloying ingredient.
- Additional alloying elements are chromium (Cr), and vanadium (V).
- One of the original and best known HSS grades is T1, or 18-4-1 high-speed steel, containing 18% W, 4% Cr, and 1% V.

Grade	<u>C</u>	<u>Cr</u>	Mo	<u>W</u>	<u>V</u>
T1	0.7	4.0	-	18.0	1.0

HIGH-SPEED STEEL(HSS) (b) MOLYBDENUM - TYPE

- Molybdenum HSS grades contain combinations of tungsten and molybdenum (Mo), plus the same additional alloying elements as in the T-grades.
- Cobalt (Co) is sometimes added to HSS to enhance hot hardness.
- Of course, high-speed steel contains carbon, the element common to all steels.

Grade	<u>C</u>	<u>Cr</u>	Mo	W	<u>V</u>
M2	0.8	4.0	5.0	6.0	2.0

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