

UDDEHOLM VANAX® SUPERCLEAN

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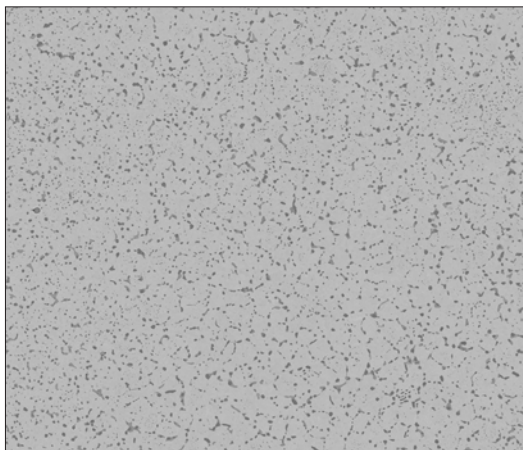
General

Uddeholm Vanax SuperClean is a Cr-Mo-V-N alloyed steel characterized by:

- Excellent corrosion resistance
- High mechanical strength
- Good ductility
- Good mixed wear resistance
- Good through hardening properties
- Good dimension stability at hardening

Via a process route based on powder metallurgy a high nitrogen steel is produced with unique property combinations of hardness, wear resistance, ductility and corrosion resistance. In Uddeholm Vanax SuperClean most of the carbon is substituted by nitrogen, modifying the traditional chromium carbides into carbonitrides. These carbonitrides are less harmful when it comes to corrosion resistance compared to chromium carbides.

Typical analysis %	C	N	Si	Mn	Cr	Mo	V
	0.36	1.55	0.30	0.30	18.2	1.10	3.50
Delivery condition	Soft annealed to approx. 260 HB						
Colour code	Grey/Dark blue						



Uddeholm Vanax SuperClean – Approx. 13% hard phase particles 60 HRC.
1080°C (1975°F)/DC + 200°C (390°F)/2 x 2h

Applications

Uddeholm Vanax SuperClean has an excellent corrosion resistance both in low and high temperature tempered condition in combination with good wear resistance to counteract mixed wear/galling/fretting. Applications are e.g. found in plastic moulding, food processing and engineering constructions.

Typical applications are:

- Plastic mould components requiring high corrosion resistance, fretting resistance, and/or mould release properties
- Hand knives
- Components and knives in food processing
- Wear parts in corrosive environments
- Wear parts in sliding and rolling engineering applications
- Highly stressed machine parts in corrosive environments

Properties

Physical data

Hardened, sub-zero treated and tempered to 60 HRC.

Temperature	20°C (68°F)	200°C (390°F)	400°C (750°F)
Density kg/m ³ lbs/in ³	7 570 0.273	7 525 0.272	7 470 0.270
Modulus of elasticity GPa ksi	224 32 x 10 ³	213 30.5 x 10 ³	195 28 x 10 ³
Coefficient of thermal expansion per °C from 20°C per °F from 68°F	–	10.7 x 10 ⁻⁶ 5.9 x 10 ⁻⁶	11.8 x 10 ⁻⁶ 6.5 x 10 ⁻⁶
Thermal conductivity W/m °C Btu in/(ft ² h °F)	13 90	16 110	20 138
Specific heat J/kg °C Btu/lb, °F	505 0.12	580 0.14	660 0.16

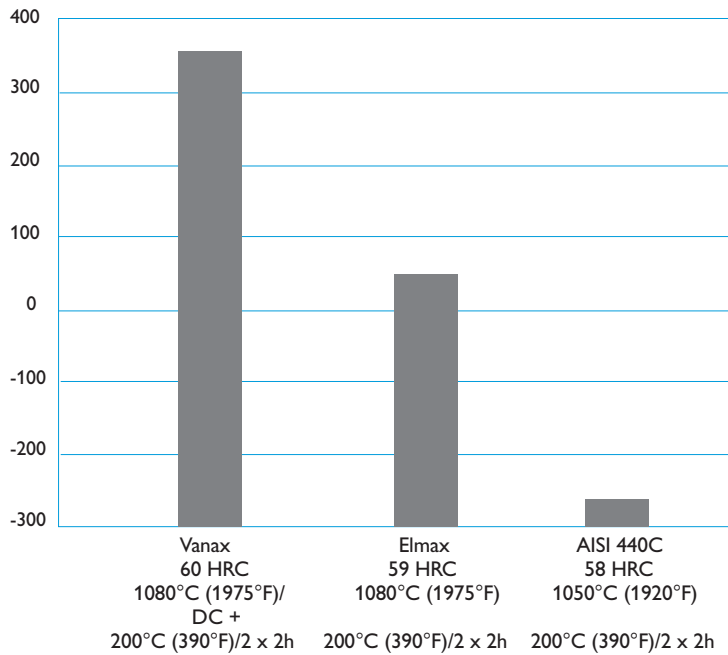
Corrosion resistance

In carbon based high chromium alloys the solid solution of chromium is modest as a lot is tied up as chromium carbides thereby affecting corrosion properties negatively.

Uddeholm Vanax SuperClean has a high content of dissolved chromium, molybdenum and nitrogen in the matrix, which results in excellent corrosion properties.

Break down potential in 0.1 M NaCl (0.35% Cl), pH = 7 and 20°C (70°F).
Initiation of pitting corrosion is delayed with a higher break down potential.

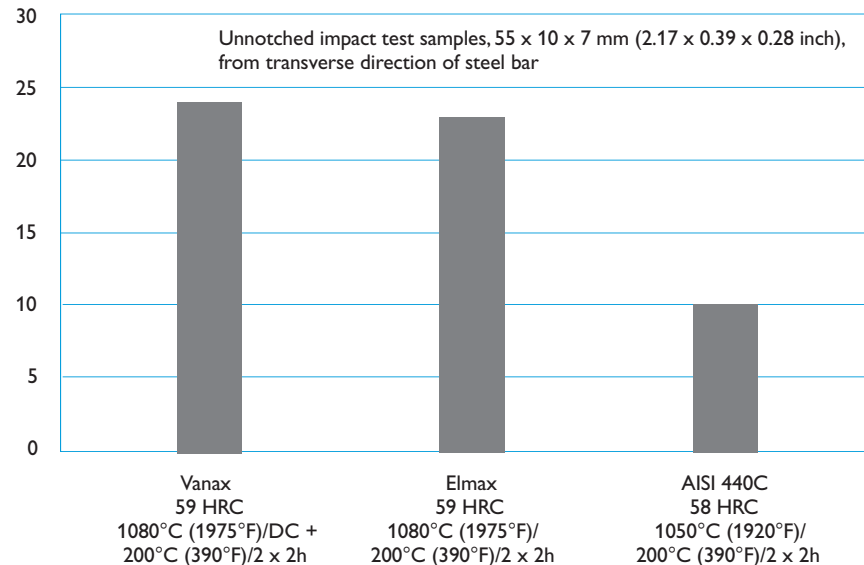
Break down potential, mV



Ductility

Conventionally produced grades of similar hardness and wear response have an uneven distribution of large carbides and therefore a lower ductility than PM grades. Uddeholm Vanax SuperClean has a ductility similar to Uddeholm Elmax.

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Heat treatment

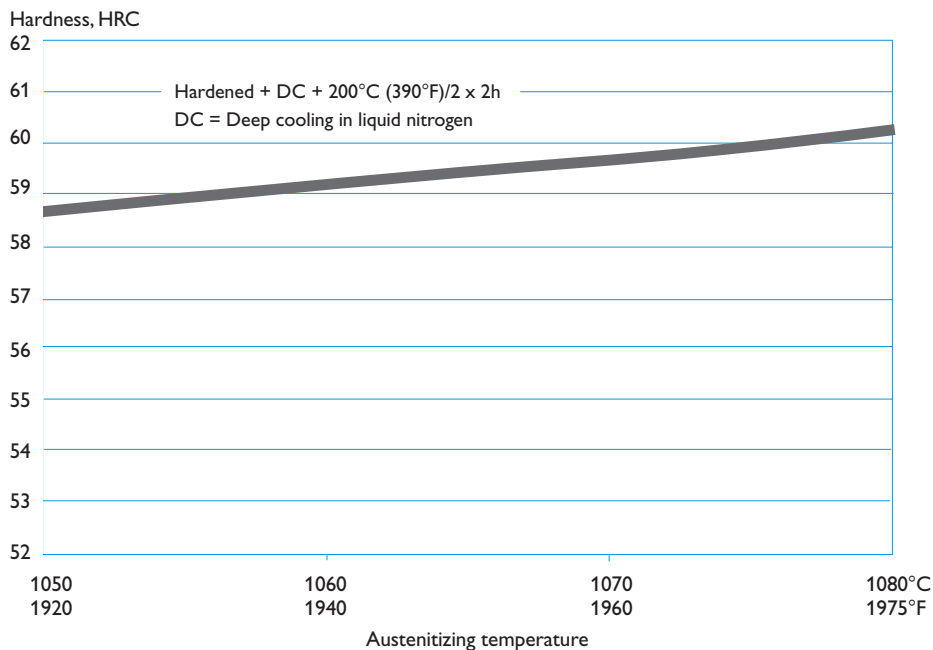
The recommended austenitizing temperature for Uddeholm Vanax SuperClean is 1080°C (1975°F) with 30 minutes holding time followed by deep cooling at -196°C (-320°F) to minimize the amount of retained austenite.

For best corrosion properties low temperature tempering at 200°C (390°F)/2 x 2h is recommended. If the product application conditions require a higher tempering temperature Uddeholm Vanax SuperClean can be tempered up to 450°C (840°F) or even 500 °C (930°F) without significant loss of corrosion properties.

When hardening in vacuum furnaces it is recommended to apply a nitrogen partial pressure of 150–200 mbar to counteract loss of N on the surface.

As the steel will contain approx. 10% retained austenite after the recommended heat treatment procedure, 1080°C (1975°F)/30 min + DC + 200°C (390°F)/2 x 2h, the dimensions will decrease approx. 0.1% after heat treatment. Enough machining allowance must therefore be included for this shrinkage in dimension.

The hardenability of Uddeholm Vanax SuperClean is adequate to ensure good through hardening properties at gas quenching in vacuum furnaces.



Machining recommendations

The cutting data recommendations below are to be considered as guidelines and may require adjustments based on equipment, selection of cutting tools, etc. More information can be found in the Uddeholm publication “Cutting data recommendations”.

The recommendations in the following tables are valid for Uddeholm Vanax SuperClean in soft annealed condition.

Turning

Cutting data parameter	Turning with carbide		Turning with high speed steel Fine turning
	Rough turning	Fine turning	
Cutting speed (v _c) m/min f.p.m.	100–150 330–490	150–200 490–655	12–15 39–49
Feed (f) mm/r i.p.r.	0.2–0.4 0.008–0.016	0.05–0.2 0.002–0.008	0.05–0.3 0.002–0.01
Depth of cut (a _p) mm inch	2–4 0.08–0.16	0.5–2 0.02–0.08	0.5–3 0.02–0.1
Carbide designation ISO	K20, P20* Coated carbide	K15* Coated carbide or cermet	–

* Use a wear resistant Al₂O₃ coated grade

Drilling

HIGH SPEED STEEL TWIST DRILLS

Drill diameter		Cutting speed (v _c)		Feed (f)	
mm	inch	m/min	f.p.m.	mm/r	i.p.r.
–5	–3/16	10–12*	33–39*	0.05–0.10	0.002–0.004
5–10	3/16–3/8	10–12*	33–39*	0.10–0.20	0.004–0.008
10–15	3/8–5/8	10–12*	33–39*	0.20–0.25	0.008–0.010
15–20	5/8–3/4	10–12*	33–39*	0.25–0.30	0.010–0.014

* For coated HSS drill v_c = 16–18 m/min. (52–59 f.p.m.)

CARBIDE DRILL

Cutting data parameter	Type of drill		
	Indexable insert	Solid carbide	Carbide tipped ¹⁾
Cutting speed, (v _c) m/min f.p.m.	90–120 295–395	60–80 200–260	40–60 130–200
Feed, (f) mm/r i.p.r.	0.05–0.15 ²⁾ 0.002–0.006 ²⁾	0.10–0.25 ²⁾ 0.004–0.01 ²⁾	0.15–0.25 ²⁾ 0.006–0.01 ²⁾

¹⁾ Drill with replaceable or brazed carbide tip

²⁾ Depending on drill diameter

Milling

FACE AND SQUARE SHOULDER FACE MILLING

Cutting data parameter	Milling with carbide	
	Rough milling	Fine milling
Cutting speed (v _c) m/min f.p.m.	80–100 260–330	100–120 330–390
Feed (f _z) mm/tooth in/tooth	0.2–0.4 0.008–0.016	0.1–0.2 0.004–0.008
Depth of cut (a _p) mm inch	2–4 0.08–0.16	–2 –0.08
Carbide designation ISO	K20, P20* Coated carbide	K15, P15* Coated carbide or cermet

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END MILLING

Cutting data parameter	Type of end mill		
	Solid carbide	Carbide indexable insert	High speed steel ¹⁾
Cutting speed (v _c) m/min f.p.m.	40–50 130–160	70–90 320–295	12–15 39–49
Feed (f _z) mm/tooth in/tooth	0.03–0.20 ²⁾ 0.001–0.008 ²⁾	0.08–0.20 ²⁾ 0.003–0.008 ²⁾	0.05–0.35 ²⁾ 0.002–0.014 ²⁾
Carbide designation ISO	–	P15, K20 ³⁾	–

¹⁾ For coated HSS end mill v_c = 20–30 m/min. (66–100 f.p.m.)

²⁾ Depending on radial depth of cut and cutter diameter

³⁾ Use a wear resistant Al₂O₃ coated grade

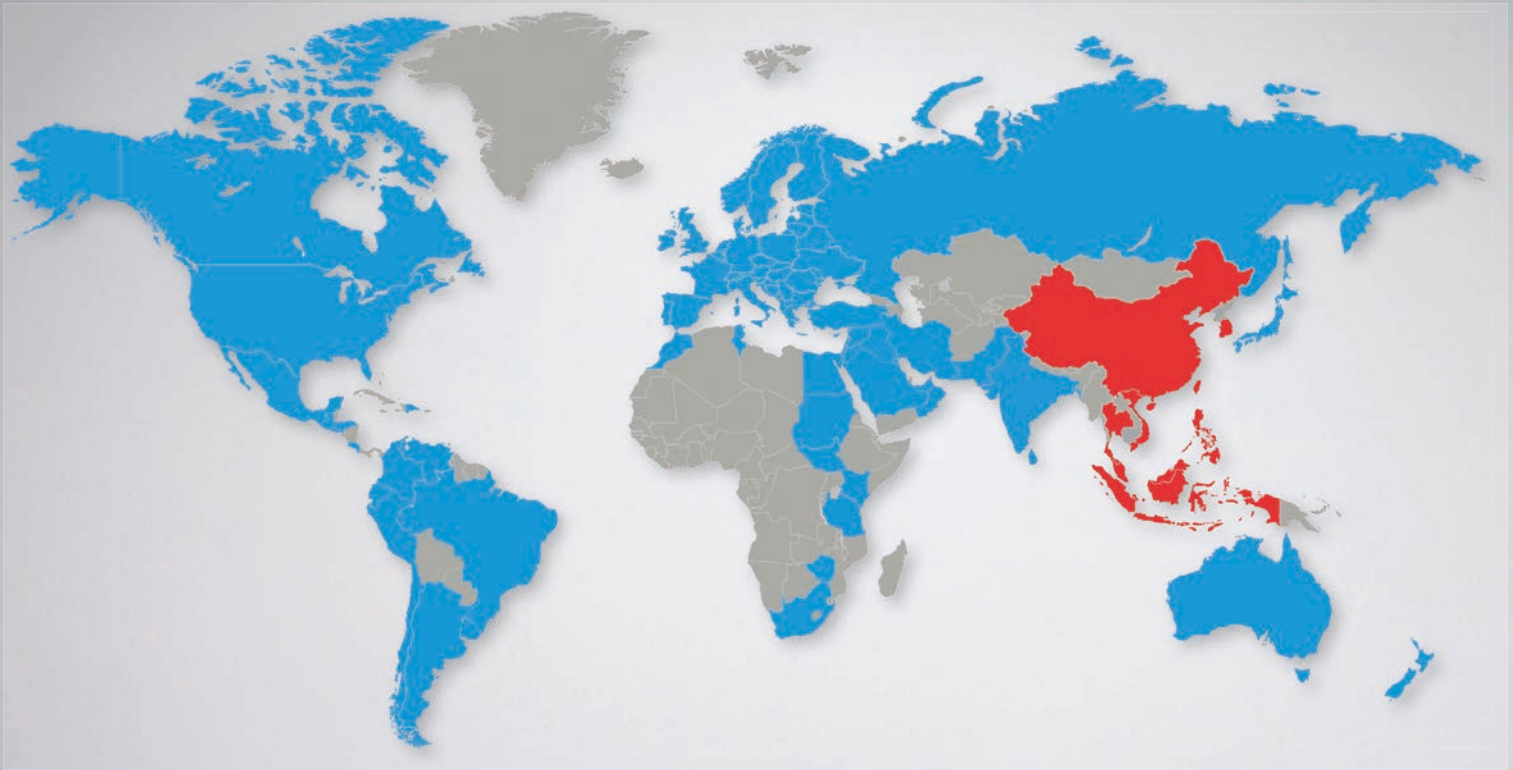
Grinding

A general grinding wheel recommendation is given below. More information can be found in the Uddeholm publication “Grinding of tool steel”.

Type of grinding	Wheel recommendation	
	Annealed condition	Hardened condition
Face grinding straight wheel	A 46 HV	B151 R50 B3 ¹⁾ A 46 HV ²⁾
Face grinding segments	A 36 GV	A 46 GV
Cylindrical grinding	A 60 KV	B151 R50 B3 ¹⁾ A 60 KV ²⁾
Internal grinding	A 60 JV	B151 R75 B3 ¹⁾ A 60 IV
Profile grinding	A 100 JV	B126 R100 B6 ¹⁾ A 120 JV ²⁾

¹⁾ If possible, use CBN-wheels for this application

²⁾ Preferable a wheel type containing ceramic Al₂O₃



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