## **Powder metallurgy HSS**

# **ASP<sup>®</sup>2012**

## **CHEMICAL COMPOSITION**

C	Si	Mn	Cr	Mo	W	V
0.60	1.0	0.3	4.0	2.0	2.1	1.5

ASP 2012 is a powder-metallurgy highspeed steel for hot- and cold-work applications, where high toughness is needed.

## **DELIVERY HARDNESS**

Soft annealed max. 230 HB

## **APPLICATIONS**

- Cold work tools: Powder compacting tools, cold extrusion tools, coldheading dies, fine blanking tools, moulds and inserts for hard plastics
- \_ Machine components and rolls
- \_ Hot-work applications: extrusion dies, forging dies and punches, hot forming dies

## **FORM SUPPLIED**

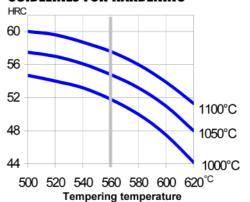
- \_ Round bars
- Flat bars

Available surface conditions: Drawn, peeled, rough machined.

## **HEAT TREATMENT**

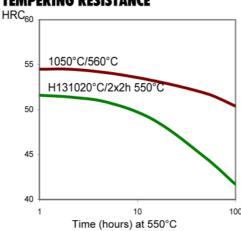
- \_ Soft annealing in a protective atmosphere at 850-900°C for 3 hours, followed by slow cooling at 10°C/h down to 700°C, then air cooling.
- Stress-relieving at 600-700°C for approximately 2 hours, slow cooling down to 500°C.
- Hardening in a protective atmosphere with pre-heating in 2 steps at 450-500°C and 850-900°C and austenitising at a temperature suitable for chosen working hardness. Cooling down to 40-50°C.
- \_ Tempering at 560°C three times for at least 1 hour each time. Cooling to room temperature (25°C) between temperings.

## **GUIDELINES FOR HARDENING**



Hardness after hardening, quenching and tempering 3x1 hour

#### **TEMPERING RESISTANCE**



## **PROCESSING**

ASP 2012 can be machined as follows:

- \_ machining (grinding, turning, milling)
- \_ polishing
- $\_$  plastic forming
- \_ electrical discharge machining
- \_ welding (special procedure including preheating and filler materials of base material composition).

#### **GRINDING**

During grinding, local heating of the surface, which may alter the temper, must be avoided. Grinding wheel manufacturers can furnish advice on the choice of grinding wheels.

#### SURFACE TREATMENT

The steel grade is a good substrate material for PVD and CVD coating. If nitriding is requested a small zone of 2-15  $\mu m$  is recommended. The steel grade can also be steam-tempered if so desired.

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## **PROPERTIES**

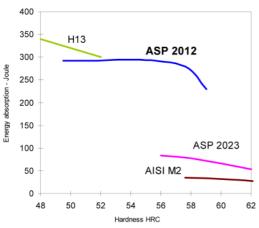
#### **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

٦	Temperature					
	20°C	400°C	600°C			
Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> (1)	7.8	7.7	7.6			
Modulus of elasticity kN/mm <sup>2</sup> (2)	220	195	175			
Coefficient of thermal expansion from 20°C, per °C (2)	-	12,1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	12,7x10 <sup>-6</sup>			

(1)=Soft annealed

(2)=Hardened 1120°C and tempered 560°C, 3x1 hour

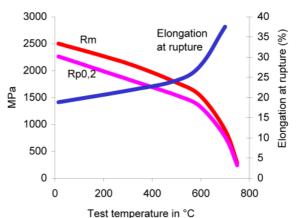
### **IMPACT STRENGTH**



Hardening temperature in °C

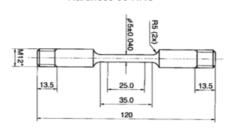
Original dimensions Ø 118 mm Tempering 3 x 1 hour at 560° C Unnotched test piece 7 x 10 x 55 mm

#### **TENSILE STRENGTH**

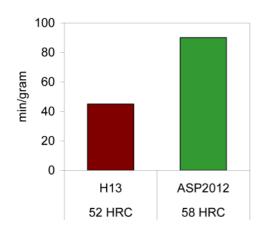


Size of blank Ø15mm.

Test piece dimensions are given below. Hardness 58 HRC



#### **WEAR RESISTANCE**



Wear resistance is measured as the time needed for removal of one-gram material from a test piece. Technique: Pin-on-cylinder, dry SiO2-paper of grade 00, sliding rate 0,3m/s, load 9N and size of specimen 2 x 5 x 30mm.

#### **COMPARATIVE PROPERTIES**

