

Technical Information: PM 9

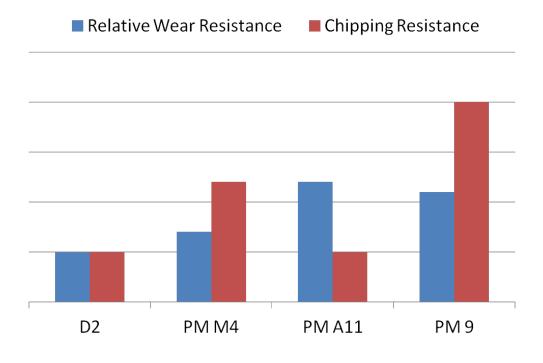
PM 9 is a high vanadium tool steel produced using the PM (powdered metal) steel making process.

The grade has excellent wear resistance and toughness combined with moderate hardness

PM 9 is ideal for applications such as plastics processing equipment

Typical Chemical Composition				
CARBON	1.80%	Снкоміим	5.30%	
MOLYBDENUM	1.30%	SILICON	0.90%	
VANADIUM	9.00%	Manganese	0.50%	
Sulfur	0.03%			

PM Steel Properties Comparison



PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

MODULUS OF ELASTICITY	32 PSI X 10°(207 GPA)
DENSITY	. 0.286 Lв/in ³
Annealed Hardness	255-275 Brinell Hardness (BHN)
MACHINABILITY	SIMILAR TO T15 HIGH SPEED STEEL



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HEAT TREATMENT

ANNEALING

HEAT TO 1600°F, HOLD TWO HOURS SLOW COOL 20°F/HOUR TO 600°F THEN AIR OR FURNACE COOL TO ROOM TEMPERATURE

STRESS RELIEVING

PERFORMED PRIOR OR AFTER MACHINING TO MINIMIZE DISTORTION IN HEAT TREATING 1100/1200°F, HOLD TWO HOURS THEN AIR COOL TO ROOM TEMPERATURE

HARDENING

SALT BATH, PROTECTIVE ATMOSPHERE, OR VACUUM FURNACE EQUIPMENT PREFERRED.

HIGH HEAT (AUSTENITIZING)

1950/2050°F for 20 to 30 minutes at heat. HIGHER AUSTENITIZING TEMPERATURES REQUIRE LESS TIME AT HEAT

QUENCH

SALT BATH QUENCH TO 1000-1100°F, EQUALIZE, THEN AIR COOL TO 150°F. VACUUM OR ATMOSPHERE QUENCH RATE OF A MINIMUM 50 DEGREES F PER MINUTE DOWN TO 1200F IS CRITICAL TO ACHIEVE BEST HEAT TREAT RESPONSE.

TEMPER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING QUENCH

TEMPERING

MINIMUM 1000°F TEMPERING TEMPERATURE REQUIRED. Double tempering is required, triple tempering recommended. AIR COOL TO ROOM TEMPERATURE BETWEEN TEMPERS.

TYPICAL HEAT TREAT RESPONSE

TEMPERING TEMP	HARDENING TEMP 1950°F	HARDENING TEMP 2050°F
As QUENCHED	56	58
1000	54	56
1025	53	55
1050	52	53
1075	50	51
1100	48	49

LONGITUDINAL SIZE CHANGE

APPROXIMATELY: PLUS 0.10%