Super-hard and stress-free DLC 2.0 Coatings for Tools and Components in Manufacturing

High performance wear protection

Wear of Tools and Components

REPLACEMENT

REVISION

PRODUCTION FAILURES

MAINTENANCE COSTS

¹ Source: Prof. Dr. Martin Dienwiebel, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology/Institute for Applied Materials, 2018 ² Source: Markets and Markets - Forecast, 2019



35 bn €

Annual economic damage in the industrial environment in Germany alone¹

34 bn €

Sales were generated in Europe in 2021 in the surface finishing industry²

Energy Losses

World's total energy consumption:

23%

Energy consumption caused by tribological contacts

Source: study of Holmberg & Erdemir: Influence of tribology on global energy consumption, costs and emissions, 2017



Forecast: Energy savings potential through new technologies

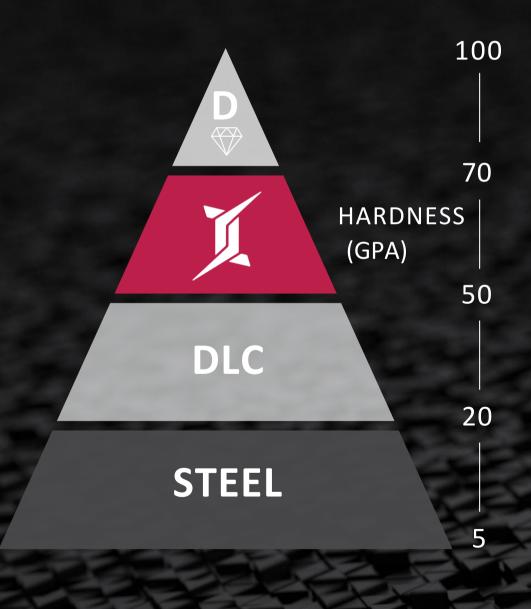
-18% energy losses within next 8 years

-40% energy losses within next 15 years

Our Solution

NEW WEAR-PROTECTION COATINGS

made of diamond-like carbon (sTAC60[®]) with outstanding properties



USP

extreme hardness

no internal stress

no limitation in film thickness

- high mechanical stability

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CUSTOMER BENEFITS

new fields of application

► cost savings

through tool life extension

UP TO FACTOR 20!

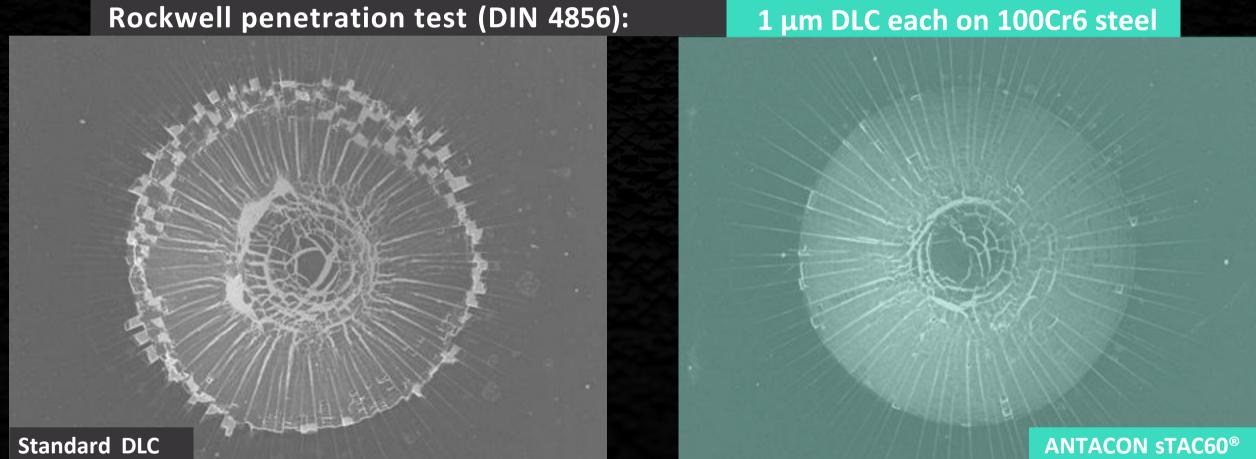
enhanced process stability

- ► better machining quality
- more energy efficiency
- reduction / elimination of lubricants

broadband application capability

How tough are our Coatings?

mechanical stability and adhesion are significantly increased by the absence of residual stress!



Standard layer with high residual stress, poor adhesion and stability (HF3/ HF4).

Stress-free ANTACON layer with excellent adhesion and mechanical stability (HF1).



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HARDNESS

STABILITY



FRICTION

"Unsurpassed mechanical stability and hardness of anti-wear coatings with minimal friction."



adhesion and very good mechanical stability of superhard DLC coatings due to patented coating technology



for the first time - no limitation of the layer thickness



surfaces with Ra \leq 0.02 to 0.1 μ m without post-treatment for tribological applications



extreme hardness and wear resistance







TEMPERATURE

SURFACE

with sTAC60[®], a tool deformation of up to 5 % is possible without delamination of the layer

no loss of hardness or deformation of temperaturesensitive materials ($T_{Process} < 90$ °C)

Design of application-related coatings with hardness and / or Young's modulus gradient coatings

Diamond-like Carbon Characteristics

sTAC60[®] LAYER PROPERTIES

Material: Structure: Nano hardness HIT [GPa]: **Residual stress [GPa]:** possible layer thickness [µm]:

pure carbon amorphous up to 70 less than 0.1 no technical limitation

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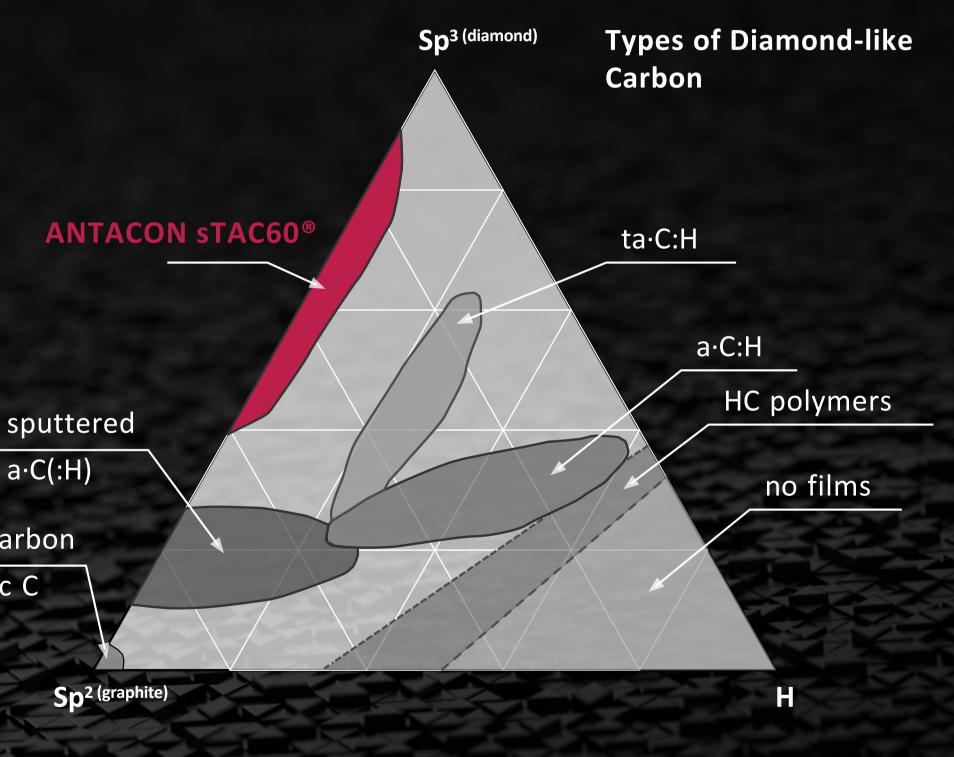
glassy carbon

graphitic C



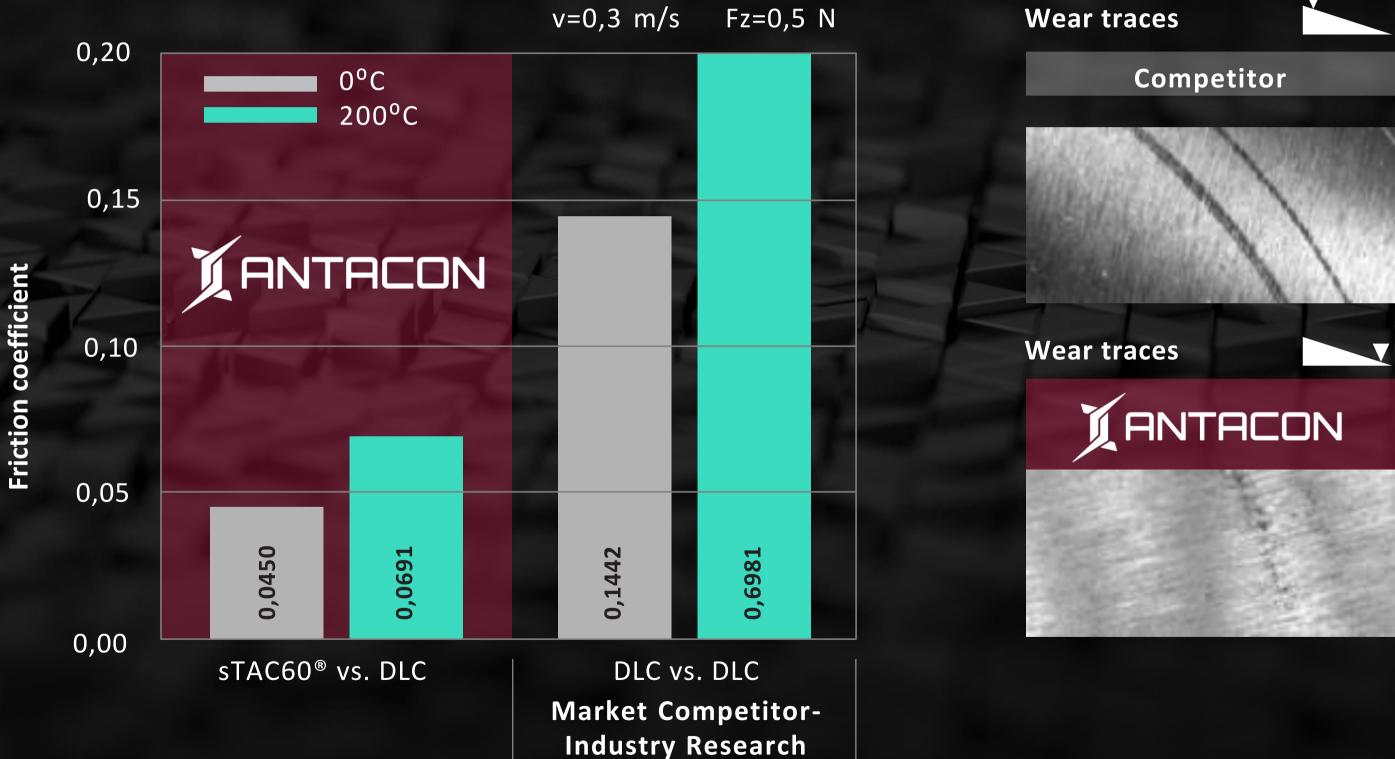
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Friction Behavior ANTACON vs. Market Competitors





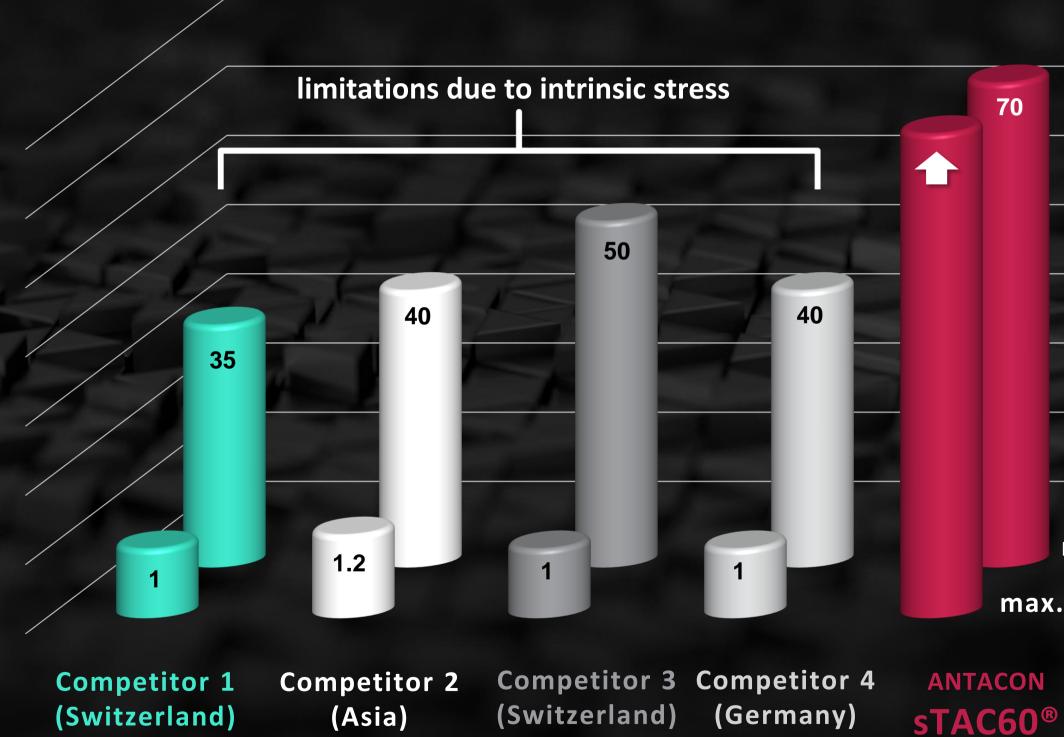


Advantages of the ANTACON sTAC60[®]

- ► 3 times lower friction than standard DLC at 0°C
- 10 times lower friction than standard DLC at 200°C
- ► almost no measurable wear



Market Comparison





STAC60® BREAKS ALL LIMITS

max. hardness [GPa] max. film thickness [µm]

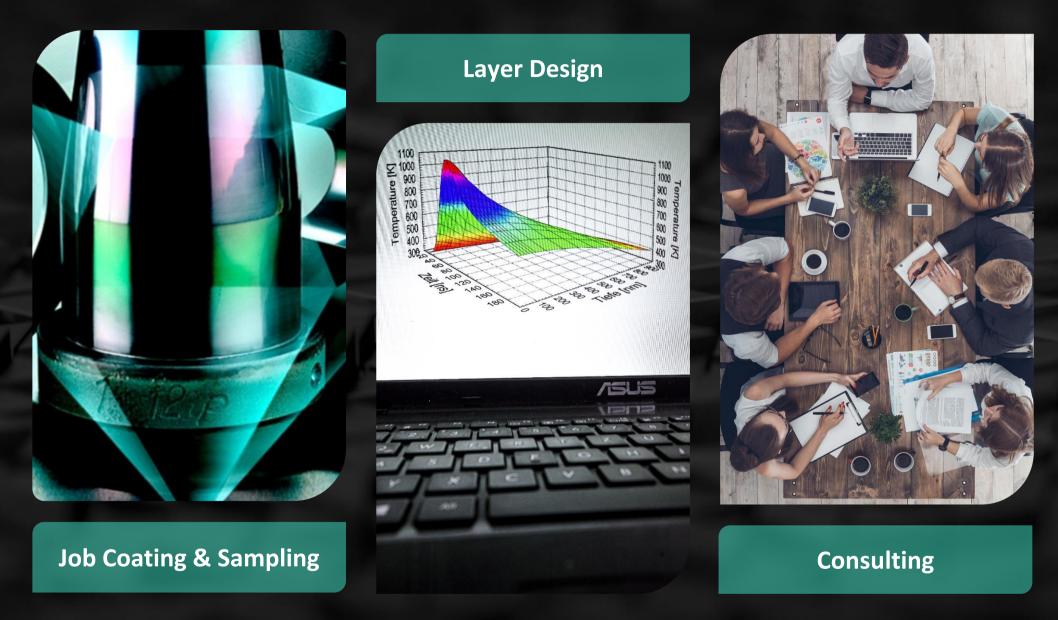
Products Overview

	sTAC60®	DLC40	DLC25	DLC Custom
Layer material	Pure Carbon			
Layer architecture	layer system			gradient- and multilayers
Hardness Hı⊤ [GPa]	> 60	35 - 45	20 - 30	25 - 70
Residual stress [GPa]	0,1	4 - 5	ca. 1	12 - 0,1
Film thickness [µm]	no technical limitation	< 6	< 10	0,1 - 10
Coefficient of friction (dry vs. steel)	0,1			
Average roughness R _a [µm]	< 0,1			
max. operating temperature [°C]	< 500 300 - 400			< 500
Deposition temperature [°C]	< 90			



► ANTACON COATINGS

We offer





Analytics





Coating Systems

Fields of Application





COMPONENTS



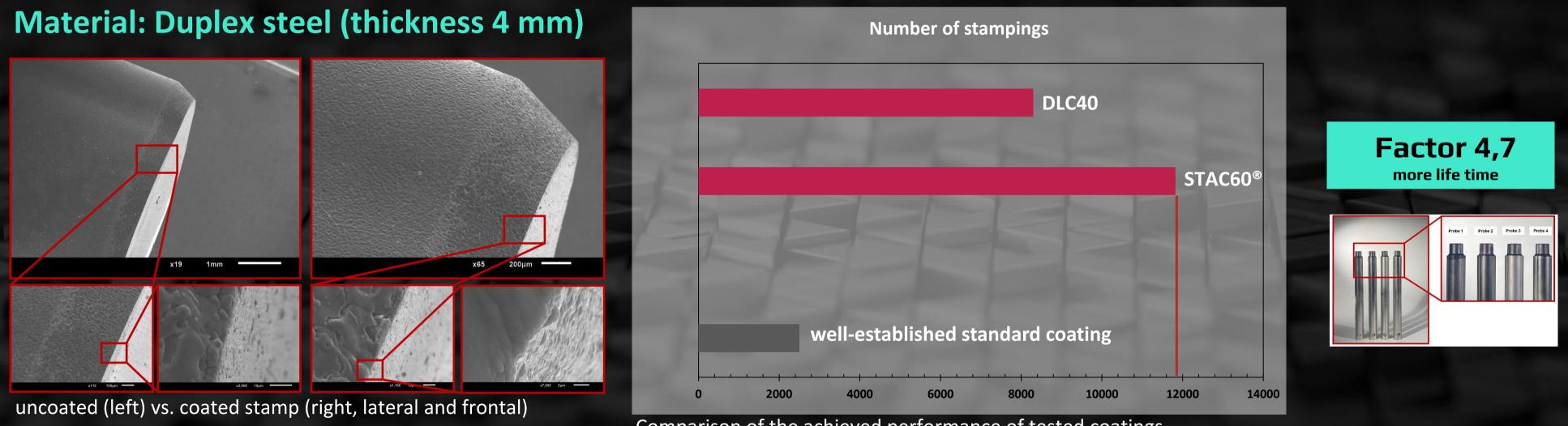


AUTOMOTIVE



FOOD & **PHARMA**

Tool Service Life in Stamping ANTACON vs. Market Competitors



Comparison of the achieved performance of tested coatings

Advantages & Benefits

Excellent wear protection with sharp edges, prevention of the build-up of punching grade as well as reduction of friction forces for punching thin as well as up to 5mm thick material and reduction of lubrication requirements. Increase of tool life and saving of material resources



Hydrodynamic Mandrel

Advantages

- very good adhesion due to unique deposition technology
- high dynamic load capacity due to high hardness and simultaneous toughness (elongation up to 5 % possible)
- ► high alternating dynamics due to patented relaxation process

Benefits

- increase in production quality due to superior dimensional accuracy for exact concentricity through precise layer application by means of laser deposition
- Transmission of constantly high torques due to extreme wear resistance
- Service life increase > factor 5
- massive savings of direct & indirect costs

More applications

Clamping collets, chucks, clamping sleeves, chuck jaws

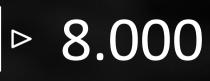


Standard

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Number of cycles



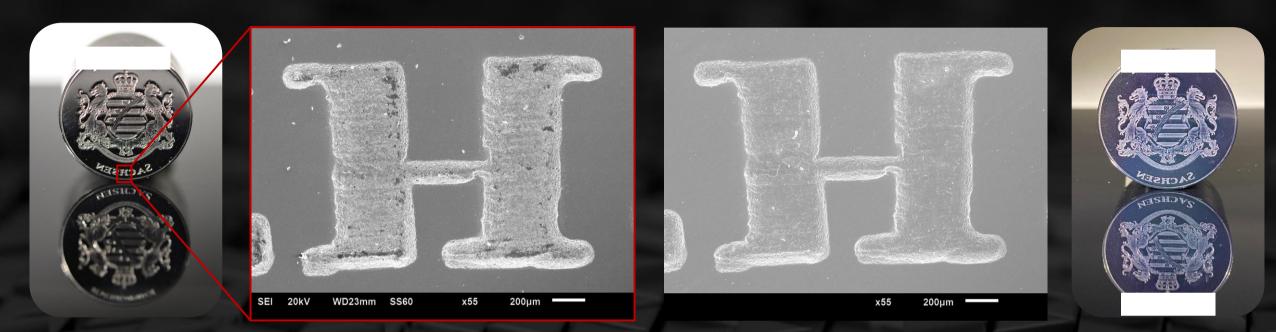


worn out

without failure!

Tool for clamping cams, gear wheels, hubs or turbine blades for final processing

Non-stick Embossing Stamps for Coins



Stamp with silver adhesions without coating

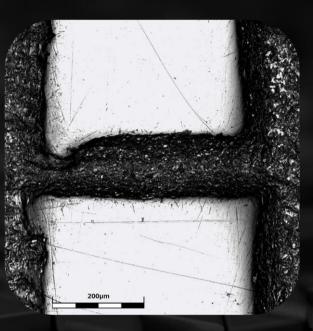
Cleaned and coated stamp (unused) with sTAC60[®] coating

Advantages & Benefits



- Avoidance of sticking during stamping due to non-stick effect
- Reduction of additional work such as repolishing the stamp surface
- Improved embossing compared to uncoated steel stamps
- Increased service life (factor 20!) and savings in material resources





Stamp cutout of the letter H after 150 mintings

- no adhesion of silver
- ▶ no detectable wear

Precision Center Tips

Advantages

- outstanding dimensional stability due to precise coating application
- ► very high wear resistance
- due to low process temperature < 90°C coating of solid and rotating or oil-filled tips / no distortion or decrease in hardness

Benefits

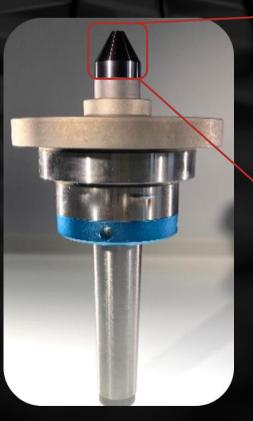
- extreme cost savings due to tool life increase > factor 4
- Reduction of additional work such as regrinding, inspection of dimensional accuracy & precision & logistics
- Reduction of the number of cost-intensive replacement tips in stock
- Reduction of scrap and increase of productivity Improved performance of new and reconditioned tips

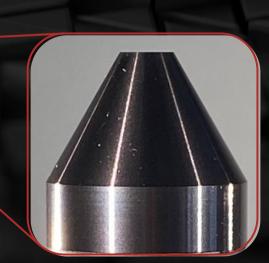


uncoated

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Oil-filled measuring tip with sTAC60[®] coating

Wafer Chucks and Grinders

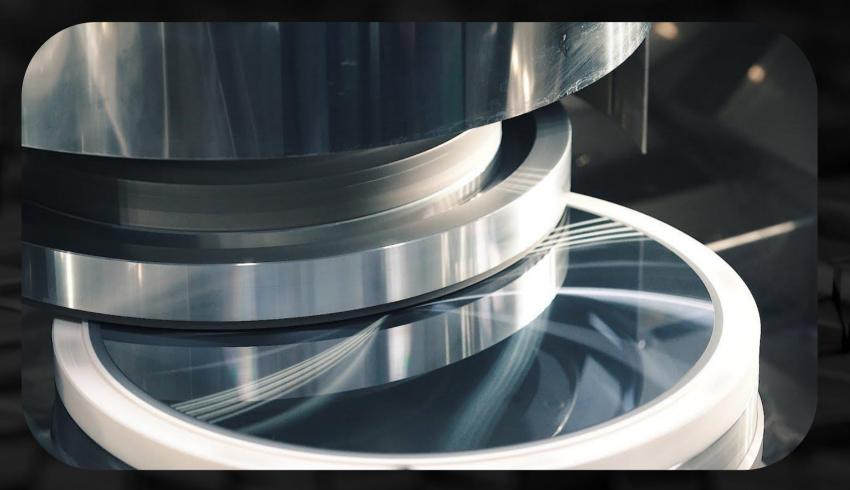
Advantages

- outstanding dimensional stability due to absence of internal stress
- ultra precise layer thickness layer thickness variation < 5%</p>
- Iow average roughness < 30 nm</p>

Benefits

- extreme cost savings due to tool lifetime increase
- reduction of additional work such as masking like in other coating technologies
- reduction of the number of cost-intensive replacement tools in stock
- better process stability





Valve Seats

Advantages

- ► high impact-resistance
- ► barrier effect against aggressive media
- high dynamic load capacity due to high hardness and simultaneous toughness

Benefits

- Super-smooth sealing surface to improve sealing performance combined with no change of locating surface
- increased service life and reduced replacement costs
- reduction of the risk of system failure and improvement of the energy efficiency

More applications

 quick switching valves and valve components for gases and other media, sealing surfaces



sTAC60[®] coated valve seat



starting condition



after 10 Mio. number of cycles

> 100 Mio. cycles can be predicted

Precision Shafts

Advantages

- excellent abrasive and adhesive wear protection even with minimum quantity lubrication or dry
- Good resistance to sliding wear
- Adjustment of fit in the sub-micrometer range possible

Benefits

- Increased service life and reduced replacement costs
- Reduction of the risk of system failure and increase in productivity
- Improvement of the energy efficiency of the overall system

More applications

Bearing seats for spindle shafts, calibration masters, High speed applications, various spindles and shafts, etc.





sTAC60[®] coated shafts

Think Harder – Less Wear and Tear

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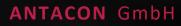
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