

## CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

C	Cr	Mo	W	Co	V
1.28	4.1	5.0	6.4	-	3.1

SAFETY DATA SHEET SDS: A

## STANDARDS

- Europe: HS 6-5-3C
- Germany: 1.3395
- USA: AISI M3:2
- Sweden: SS 2725
- Japan: JIS SKH53

## DELIVERY HARDNESS

- Typical soft annealed hardness is 260 HB
- Cold drawn and cold rolled material is typically 10-40 HB harder

## DESCRIPTION

ASP<sup>®</sup>2023 is a non cobalt grade for high performance cutting tools, cold work tools and rolls for cold rolling.

## APPLICATIONS

- Gear cutting tools
- Broaches
- Taps
- Cold work
- Rolls
- Knives
- Plastic injection

## FORM SUPPLIED

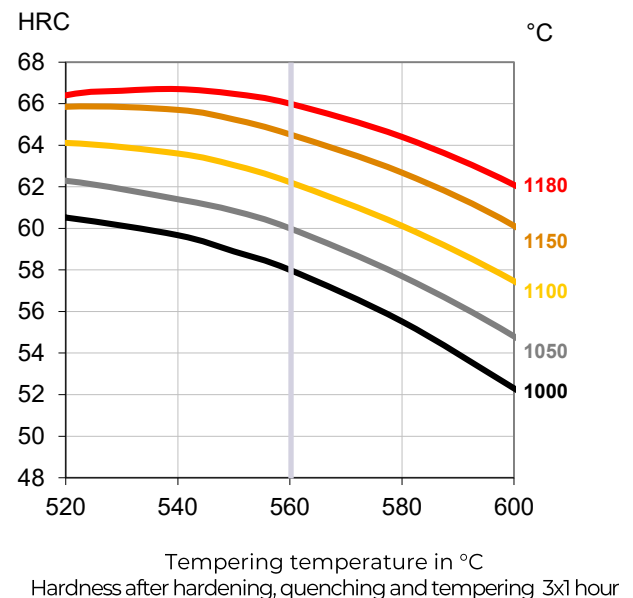
- Coils
- Round bars
- Flat & square bars
- Strips
- Sheets
- Discs

Available surface conditions: drawn, ground, peeled, rough machined, cold rolled, hot rolled.

## 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 preheating 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



## PROCESSING

ASP<sup>®</sup>2023 can be worked as follows:

- machining (grinding, turning, milling)
- polishing
- hot 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 provide advice on the choice of grinding wheels.

## SURFACE TREATMENT

The steel grade is a perfect substrate material for PVD coating. If nitriding is requested, a small diffusion zone is recommended but avoid compound and oxidized layers.

# PROPERTIES

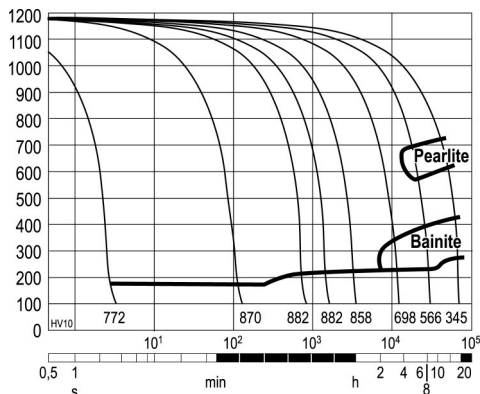
## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Temperature	20°C	400°C	600°C
Density g /cm <sup>3</sup> (1)	8.0	7.9	7.9
Modulus of elasticity kN/mm <sup>2</sup> (2)	230	205	184
Thermal expansion ratio per °C (2)	-	12.1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	12.7x10 <sup>-6</sup>
Thermal conductivity W/m°C (2)	24	28	27
Specific heat J/kg °C (2)	420	510	600

(1)=Soft annealed

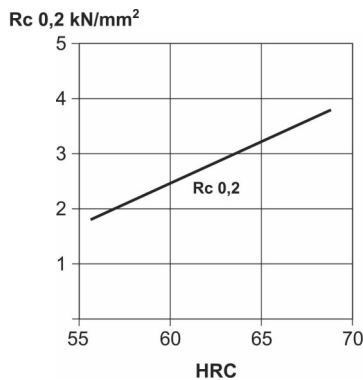
(2)=Hardened 1180°C and tempered 560°C, 3x1 hour

## CCT CURVE

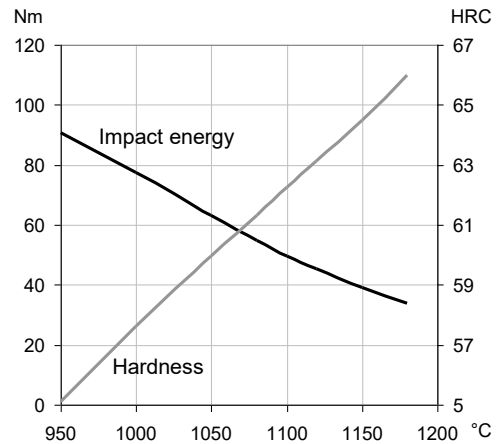


Continuous cooling transformation curve  
Hardening Temperature 1180°C

## COMPRESSION YIELD STRESS



## IMPACT TOUGHNESS



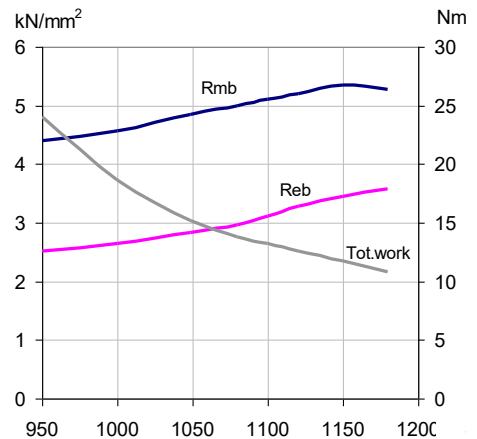
Hardening temperature in °C

Original dimension 9 x 12 mm

Tempering 3 x 1 hour at 560° C

Unnotched test piece 7 x 10 x 55 mm

## 4-POINT BEND STRENGTH



Hardening Temperature in °C

Original dimension Ø 6 mm

Tempering 3 x 1 hour at 560°C

Dimension of test piece Ø 4.7 mm

Rmb = Ultimate bend strength in kN/mm<sup>2</sup>

Reb = Bend yield strength in kN/mm<sup>2</sup>

Tot. work = Total work in Nm

## COMPARATIVE PROPERTIES

