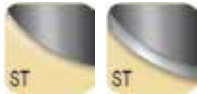


## SURFACE TREATMENTS



### Steam Tempering

Steam tempering gives a strongly adhering blue oxide surface that acts to retain cutting fluid and prevent chip to tool welding, thereby counteracting the formation of a built-up edge. Steam tempering can be applied to any bright tool but is most effective on drills and taps.



### Bronze Finish

The bronze finish is a thin oxide layer formed on the tool surface and it is applied principally to Cobalt and Vanadium high speed steels.



### Nitriding (FeN)

Nitriding is a process that is used to increase the hardness and wear resistance of the surface of a tool. It is particularly suitable for taps that are used on abrasive materials such as cast iron, bakelite, etc. Nitriding is used on twist drills when it is desirable to increase the strength and wear resistance of the cylindrical lands.

## SURFACE COATINGS



### Titanium Nitride Coating (TiN)

Titanium Nitride is a gold colored ceramic coating applied by physical vapour deposition (PVD). High hardness combined with low friction properties ensures considerably longer tool life, or alternatively, better cutting performance from tools which have not been coated. TiN coating is used mainly for drills and taps.



### Titanium Carbon Nitride Coating (TiCN)

Titanium Carbon Nitride is a ceramic coating applied by PVD coating technology. TiCN is harder than TiN and has a lower coefficient of friction. Its hardness and toughness in combination with good wear resistance ensures that it finds its principal application in the field of milling to enhance the performance of milling cutters.



### Titanium Aluminum Nitride Coating (TiAlN)

Titanium Aluminium Nitride is a multi layer ceramic coating applied by PVD coating technology, which exhibits high toughness and oxidation stability. These properties make it ideal for higher speeds and feeds, whilst at the same time improving tool life TiAlN is suitable for drilling and tapping. It is recommended to use TiAlN when machining dry.


**Chromium Nitride Coating (CrN)**

CrN is an excellent coating for aluminum alloys, copper alloys and low alloyed steel materials. CrN can also be used as an alternative on Titanium and Nickel alloys. This coating has a low tendency for built-up edges.


**Alcrona Top (AlCrN Top)**

Alcrona Top is an aluminum chromium nitride coating mostly used for milling cutters. The coatings hot hardness and high oxidation resistance are two unique properties. When machining applications involving heavy mechanical and thermal stresses, these properties translate into supreme wear resistance.


**Hardlube (TiAlN/WC/C)**

Super B is a Titanium Aluminum Nitride + Tungsten Carbide + Carbon Coating used for wet and minimal lubrication machining in drilling, milling and tapping applications. Very effective for cast iron, hardened steels and heat resistant super alloys.

**SURFACE TREATMENT / COATING PROPERTIES**

Surface Treatments	Color	Coating material	Hardness (HV)	Thick-ness (µm)	Coating structure	Frict. coeff. against steel	Max. appl. temp. (°C)
ST	Dark grey	Fe 304	400	Max. 5	Conversion into the surface	–	550
Bronze	Bronze	Fe 304	400	Max. 5	Conversion into the surface	–	550
N	Grey	FeN	1300	20	Diffusion zone	–	550
TiN	Gold	TiN	2300	1-4	Mono-layer	0.4	600
TiCN	Blue grey	TiCN	3000	1-4	Multi-layer gradient	0.4	500
TiAlN	Black grey	TiAlN	3300	3	Nano structured	0.3-0.35	900
CrN	Silver grey	CrN	1750	3-4	Mono-layer	0.5	700
Alcrona Top	Blue grey	AlCrN Top	3200		Mono-layer	0.35	1100
Super B	Black	TiAlN+ WC/C	3000	2-6	Multi-layer lamellar	0.2	800