
**Classification and application of
hard cutting materials for metal
removal with defined cutting edges —
Designation of the main groups and
groups of application**

*Classification et application des matériaux durs de coupe pour
enlèvement de métal avec arêtes coupantes définies — Définition des
groupes principaux et des groupes d'application*



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Foreword

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Introduction

The variety of ways in which different manufacturers produce hard cutting materials with differing characteristics makes it impossible at the time of publication to standardize hard cutting materials graded in accordance with these characteristics.

This International Standard is, therefore, limited to a classification of hard cutting materials based on their application and to a method of designation (colour marking and distinguishing symbols) for the main groups of application and the groups of application which constitute this classification.

Classification and application of hard cutting materials for metal removal with defined cutting edges — Designation of the main groups and groups of application

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the classification and application of hard cutting materials, including hardmetals, ceramics, diamond and boron nitride, for machining by chip removal, and establishes their application.

It is not applicable to other uses (mining and other percussion tools, wire drawing dies, tools operating by deformation of the metal and comparator contact tips, etc.).

2 Designation

The designation of groups of application for hard cutting materials includes the letter symbols in accordance with Tables 1 to 4, followed by a dash and the designation of the main group of chip removal and of the group of application, as specified in Clause 4.

Table 1 — Carbides

Identification letters	Material group
HW	Uncoated carbide, main content tungsten carbide (WC) with grain size $\geq 1 \mu\text{m}$
HF	Uncoated carbide, main content tungsten carbide (WC) with grain size $< 1 \mu\text{m}$
HT^a	Uncoated carbide, main content TiC or TiN or both
HC	Carbides as above-mentioned, but coated
^a These grades are also called "Cermets".	

Table 2 — Ceramics

Identification letters	Material group
CA	Ceramic, main content Al_2O_3
CR	Ceramic, main content Al_2O_3 , reinforced
CM	Mixed ceramic, main content Al_2O_3 plus components other than oxides
CN	Silicon nitride ceramic, main content Si_3N_4
CC	Ceramics as above-mentioned, but coated