ASSAB Tool Steel Performance Comparison Chart



ASSAB	Uddeholm Grade	Refe	erence Standard	l ,	Austenising		Hardness		Chem	ical Co	ompos	sition %		Characteristics	Applications
Grade		AISI	WNr.	JIS	Temp°C	Hardness	Supplied	C S	i Mr	Cr	Мо	V C	Others		Applications
ASSAB 618		(P20)	1.2738		Pre-hardened, no hardening is needed.		HB 290-330	0.37 0.	3 1.4	2.0	0.2	- 1	Ni 1.0	Vacuum degassed, pre-hardened mould steel with good polishing and machinability.	Injection moulds and extrusion dies for thermoplastics, blow moulds, forming tools, machine components, structural components and shafts.
ASSAB 618 HH		(P20)	1.2738		Pre-hardened, no hardening is needed.		HB 340-380	0.37 0.	3 1.4	2.0	0.2	- 1	Ni 1.0	Vacuum degassed, pre-hardened plastic mould steel with excellent polishability and machinability.	Injection moulds and extrusion dies for thermoplastics, blow moulds, forming tools, machine components, structural components and shafts.
ASSAB 618 ESR		(P20)	1.2738		Pre-hardened, no hardening is needed.		HB 290-330	0.37 0.	3 1.4	2.0	0.2	- 1	Ni 1.0	ESR processed, pre-hardened mould steel with excellent polishing and good machinability.	Head and rear lights and large interior parts of automotive, white goods such as control panel, LED TV frames
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ASSAB 718 HH	IMPAX HH	(P20)	1.2738		Pre-hardened, no hardening is needed.		HB 340-380	0.37 0.	3 1.4	2.0	0.2	- 1	Ni 1.0	Pre-hardened plastic mould steel with very good polishability.	Injection moulds and extrusion dies for thermoplastics, blow moulds, forming tools, machine components, structural components and shafts.
NIMAX	NIMAX				Pre-hardened, no hardening is needed.		HB 360-400	0.1 0.	3 2.5	3.0	0.3	- 1	Ni 1.0	Pre-hardened mould steel with best toughness, good machinability and very good polishability.	Mould for plastic injection (e.g. packaging containers, automotive interior parts, reflectors, panels and handles for appliance holder material for forging, die-casting dies, cutting tools, hot runner manifolds and structural components.
NIMAX ESR	NIMAX ESR				Pre-hardened, no hardening is needed.		HB 360-400	0.1 0.	3 2.5	3.0	0.3	- 1	Ni 1.0	Pre-hardened mould steel with best toughness, good machinability and excellent polishability.	Main applications are transparent, high gloss polished or textured moulds for use mainly within automotive, white goods, packaging and electronic industry.
MIRRAX 40	MIRRAX 40	(420)			Pre-hardened, no hardening is needed.		HB 360-400	0.21 0.	9 0.4	5 13.5	0.2		Ni 0.6 +N	Pre-hardened corrosion-resistant mould steel. It has very good machinability, toughness and polishing properties.	Injection moulds and blow moulding for corrosive plastics. Plastic moulding of high surface finish parts (e.g. Bezels and casings for LED/LCD). PET bottles and construction parts.
MIRRAX ESR	MIRRAX ESR	(420)			1000-1025	44-52	HB 250	0.25 0.	3 0.5	13.3	0.3		Ni 1.3 +N	Stainless mould steel with a unique combination of toughness, corrosion resistance and through-hardening properties.	For all types of moulds, especially suited for larger tools where corrosion in production is unacceptable and where high surface finish is required.
STAVAX ESR	STAVAX ESR	(420)	(1.2083) (SU	420J2)	1000-1050	44-52	HB 190	0.38 0.	9 0.5	13.6	-	0.3	-	Stainless plastic mould steel with superb polishability and corrosion resistance.	Injection moulds for highly polished parts and for moulding corrosive plastics.
TYRAX ESR	TYRAX ESR				1050-1080	55-58	HB 190	0.4 0.	2 0.5	12.0	2.3	0.5	+N	A tough and corrosion resistant plastic mould steel with excellent polishability, good machinability and wear resistance.	Suitable for long run production moulds for reinforced plastics, compression moulding and corrosive plastics. It is good for making complex moulds. Tyrax ESR is also suitable when high gloss surface finish is required.
VIDAR 1 ESR	VIDAR 1 ESR	H11	1.2343 S	KD 6	990-1010	44-52	HB 185	0.38 1.	0 0.4	5.0	1.3	0.4	-	Suitable for both hot work and plastic mould applications, especially large plastic moulds that require good toughness in combination with high surface finish obtained by polishing or texturing.	For general hot work and plastic moulds. Specifically used where high toughness and high surface requirements are need large plastic moulds, such as lens, extension and reflector moulds for Automotive lighting systems.
UNIMAX	UNIMAX				1000-1025	52-58	HB 185	0.5 0.	2 0.5	5.0	2.3	0.5	-	High hardness and very good toughness. ESR for excellent polishability. Suitable for coating and nitriding.	Plastic moulds for abrasive plastics. Suitable for heavy blanking, powder compacting as well as for warm forging.
ROYALLOY	ROYALLOY	(420 F)				Pre-hardened, o hardening is required.		0.05 0.	4 1.2	12.6	-	-	0.12 +N +Cu	Stainless steel for holder blocks with excellent machinability and corrosion resistance.	Holders/bolsters for plastic moulds, plastic and rubber moulds with low requirements on polishability, dies for plastic extrusion and for constructional parts.
POLMAX	POLMAX	(420)	(1.2083) (SU	420J2)	1000-1050	46-52	HB 200	0.38 0.	9 0.5	13.6	-	0.3	-	Excellent polishability, good machinability and good resistance to corrosion and wear.	Recommended where extreme surface finishes are required, such as lens moulds and CD moulds.
CORRAX	CORRAX				Age hardening to HRC 40-51		HRC 34	0.03 0.	3 0.3	12.0	1.4		Ni 9.2 Al 1.6	Age hardening stainless steel with superior corrosion resistance.	Injection moulds for corrosive plastics, rubber, medical and food industry, extrusion dies, and engineering parts.
ELMAX*	ELMAX [†]				1050-1100	56-60	HB 280	1.7 0.	8 0.3	18.0	1.0	3.0	-	Powder tool steel and stainless plastic mould steel with high wear and corrosion resistance.	Electronics industry: connectors, plugs, switches, resistors and integrated circuits.
VANAX [⊹]	VANAX [⊹]				1080	60	HB 260	0.36 0.	3 0.3	18.2	1.1	3.5 N	N 1.55	A high nitrogen powder tool steel produced with unique property combinations of hardness, wear resistance, ductility and corrosion resistance.	Plastic mould requiring high corrosion resistance, fretting resistance and/or mould release properties, hand knives, components and knives in food processing, wear parts in sliding and rolling engineering, highly stressed machine parts.

DIEVAR	DIEVAR				1000-1030	44-52	HB 160	0.35	0.2 0.5	5.0	2.3	0.6	-	High performance hot work tool steel with very good resistance to heat checking, gross cracking, hot wear and plastic deformation.	Excellent choice for die casting of aluminium and magnesium, hot stamping, forging, and aluminium extrusion.	
VIDAR SUPERIOR	VIDAR SUPERIOR	(H11)	(1.2343)	(SKD 6)	980-1000	46-52	HB 180	0.36	0.3 0.3	5.0	1.3	0.5	-	High level of resistance to thermal shock and thermal fatigue, good high temperature strength, good dimensional stability during hardening, excellent toughness, ductility in all directions and through-hardening properties.	Suitable applications are those where a high toughness is needed like in die casting or forging.	
FORMVAR	FORMVAR				1000-1030	44-52	HB 230 (max)	0.35	0.2 0.5	5.0	2.3	0.6	-	Good temper resistance and higher temperature strength than H13 type steel.	Tools for hot forging and extrusion.	
ASSAB 8407 SUPREME	ORVAR SUPREME	H13 Premium	1.2344	SKD 61	1020-1050	44-52	HB 180	0.39 1	1.0 0.4	5.2	1.4	0.9	-	Meets and exceeds NADCA 207-2011 specification for premium die casting materials.	Suitable for high pressure die casting, hot extrusion, press forging tools and moulds for plastics.	
ASSAB 8407 2M	ORVAR 2M	H13	1.2344	SKD 61	1020-1050	42-52	HB 185	0.39 1	1.0 0.4	5.3	1.3	0.9	-	Hot work tool steel with overall good ductility, toughness, wear resistance, hardenability and machinability.	Tools for extrusion, hot forging and pressing and moulds for plastics.	
QRO 90 SUPREME	QRO 90 SUPREME				1020-1050	42-52	HB 180	0.38	0.8	3 2.6	2.3	0.9	-	Highest temperature strength and very good thermal fatigue resistance.	Die casting dies and associated tooling, extrusion dies and extrusion tooling, forging dies, especially for copper and brass and hot stamping dies.	
SKOLVAR	SKOLVAR				1050-1130	50-61	HB 229	0.7	0.2 0.4	5 5.0	2.25	1.6	-	Very good hot-wear resistance, ductility, resistance to abrasive wear, and tempering back, cleanliness, hardenability, machinability and grindability	For hot/press forging and hot-stamping where hot wear is the predominant failure; special applications in extrusion, and suitable for cold work and components.	

ASSAB XW-42	SVERKER 21	D2	1.2379	SKD 11	990-1080	58-63	HB 240	1.55 0	.3 0	0.3 1	1.6 0.8	8 0.	0.8	-	A 12% Cr tool steel with high wear resistance and strength.	Blanking, fine blanking, punching, cropping, shearing, trimming and clipping.
CALMAX	CALMAX		1.2358		950-970	52-59	HB 200	0.6 0.	35 0	0.8 4	.5 0.	5 0.	0.2	-	A general steel with high toughness, good wear resistance and polishability.	Moulds for the production of electrical components. Typical for blanking dies with high demands on toughness.
VIKING	VIKING		(1.2631)		980-1050	52-58	HB 225	0.5 1	.0 0	0.5 8	3.0 1.	5 0.).5	-	n oil-air vacuum hardening steel that has good dimensional stability during at treatment, good machinability and grindability; excellent combination of ughness and wear resistance Blanking and piercing of thick materials up to 25mm; fine blanking, shear blades, deep drawing, hot stamping, cold for swaging dies, rolls, cold extrusion dies with complicated geometry and tools for tube drawing.	
CALDIE	CALDIE				1000-1050	56-61	HB 215 (max)	0.7 0	.2 0	0.5 5	.0 2.	3 0.).5	-	Very good chipping and cracking resistance with high compressive strength. Suitable for PVD coating to maximise wear resistance.	Cold forging, forming dies, fine blanking and heavy duty blanking, thread rolling dies and coining dies. Suitable for AHSS automotive parts.
ASSAB 88	SLEIPNER				950-1080	58-64	HB 235	0.9 0	.9 0	0.5 7	'.8 2	5 0.).5	-	Mixed-abrasive profile, good resistance to chipping, good machining and WEDM properties.	Blanking, fine blanking, shearing, forming, coining, cold forging, cold extrusion, thread rolling, drawing, deep drawing and powder pressing.
ASSAB PM 23 [♦]	VANADIS 23 ⁺	(M3:2)	1.3395	(SKH 53)	850-1180	60-65	HB 260 (max)	1.28	.	- 4	.2 5.0	0 3.	3.1	W 6.4	Powder high speed steel with excellent wear resistance and toughness. Suitable for very long runs.	Blanking of medium to high carbon steel, blanking of harder materials. Moulds for very abrasive plastics and IC moulds.
ASSAB PM 30 [♦]	VANADIS 30 ⁺	(M3:2 + Co)	1.3294	SKH 40	1050-1180	60-66	HB 300 (max)	1.28	.	- 4	.2 5.0	0 3.			Powder high speed steel for cutting tools with excellent wear resistance, toughness and good hot hardness.	Suitable for chip forming multi-edge cutting tools, single-edge cutting tools, cold work applications with high demands on wear resistance and IC moulds.
ASSAB PM 60 [♦]	VANADIS 60 ⁺		(1.3292)		1100-1180	60-68	HB 340 (max)	2.3	- -	- 4	.2 7.0	0 6.			Powder high speed steel for cutting tools with excellent wear resistance, toughness and excellent hot hardness.	Suitable for chip forming multi-edge cutting tools, single-edge cutting tools and cold work applications with high demands wear resistance.
VANADIS 4 EXTRA*	VANADIS 4 EXTRA				950-1150	58-64	HB 230	1.4 0	.4 0	0.4 4	.7 3.	5 3.	3.7	-	Powder tool steel for long run tooling, where high demands on adhesive wear and chipping resistance is required.	Blanking, fine blanking, forming of thicker work material, esp. austenitic stainless steel, mild carbon steel, AHSS, copper and aluminium.
VANADIS 8 ⁴	VANADIS 8 ⁴				1020-1180	60-65	HB 270	2.3 0	.4 0	0.4 4	.8 3.0	6 8.	3.0	-	Powder tool steel for very long run tooling ,where abrasive wear resistance and good toughness is required.	Blanking, forming, fine blanking, deep drawing, cold forging and powder compacting.
VANCRON÷	VANCRON*				950-1150	58-65	HB 300	1.3 0	.5 0	0.4 4	1.5	8 1	10 1	N 1.8	A nitrided powder tool steel for the very best resistance to galling and adhesive wear. Normally no coating is necessary.	Blanking, fine blanking, deep drawing, bending powder compacting of soft and adhesive metals.

() modified grade

♦ SuperClean range





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ASS/ Gra		Uddeholm Grade	Wear resistance	Toughness	Compressive strength	Corrosion resistance	Machinability **	Polishability	Weldability	Nitridability	Photoetchability
ASSAE		Grade									
ASSAB 6	518 HH										
ASSAB 6	18 ESR										
ASSAB 618	B ESR HH										
ASSAB 7	718 HH	IMPAX HH									
NIM	AX	NIMAX									
NIMA		NIMAX ESR									
MIRRA		MIRRAX 40									*
MIRRA MIRRA		MIRRAX ESR									*
STAVA		STAVAX ESR									*
LAS TAKES		TYRAX ESR									*
VIDAR	1 ESR \	VIDAR 1 ESR									
UNIM	1AX	UNIMAX									
ROYAI	LLOY	ROYALLOY									
POLM	1AX	POLMAX									*
COR	RAX	CORRAX									*
ELMA	ΑX÷	ELMAX [⋄]									*
VANA	AX [†]	VANAX*									*
			Hot v	vear	Plastic defo	ormation	Prematu	ıre cracking	Heat checking		Hardenability
DIEV	'AR	DIEVAR									
VIDAR SU	JPERIOR VID	DAR SUPERIOR									
FORM	IVAR	FORMVAR									
FORM ASSAB SUPR		ORVAR SUPREME									
ASSAB 8		ORVAR 2M									
QRO 90 S	UPREME QR	O 90 SUPREME									
SKOL	VAR	SKOLVAR									
			Hardness/Resistance to plastic deformation	Machinability	Grindability	Dimension	stability Re	esistance to abrasive wear	Resistance to adhesive wear / Galling	Ductility / Resistance to chipping	Toughness / Gross cracking
ASSAB 2	XW-42	SVERKER 21									
CAL	1AX	CALMAX									
VIKI	NG	VIKING									
CAL	DIE	CALDIE									
Q ASSA	B 88	SLEIPNER									
ASSAB I	PM 23 ⁺ V	/ANADIS 23 [†]									
S ASSAB I	PM 30 ⁺ V	/ANADIS 30 [♦]									
ASSAB I	PM 60 [÷] V	/ANADIS 60 [♦]									
VANADIS 4	4 EXTRA+ VAN	NADIS 4 EXTRA÷									
VANAI	DIS 8 ⁺	VANADIS 8 [÷]									
VANC	RON [†]	VANCRON ^{>}									
				* Special process required	** Tested in delivery condi	tion 💠 SuperClear	n range				



