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EFICAST 4-ER

High Quality High Performance

Hot Work Tool Steel

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EFICAST 4-ER is a high quality high performance hot work tool steel, with good mechanical properties, specially at high temperature, good toughness and ductility, as well as high tempering resistance combined with good machinability and polishability. EFICAST 4-ER features high levels of purity and micro-cleanliness combined with very high levels of toughness and thermal fatigue resistance through a tailored thermo-mechanical processing, enabling longer lifetimes of the dies and moulds, in which it is used.

Applications

Main applications of EFICAST 4-ER include: big moulds and dies for die casting of light alloys, aluminium extrusion tools, such as liners, pressure pads, liner holders or mandrels. It is also used for applications such as sliders, punches, forging stamps and blades for circular cutting, or die inserts for plastic injection requiring high polishing and toughness. For more demanding applications EFICAST 4-RR is available

Typical Composition (in %)

C	Si	Mn	Cr	Mo	V
0.40	1.00	0.35	5.25	1.40	0.90

Physical and Mechanical Properties

Properties	300 K	Unit
Density	7.8	g/cm ³
Mechanical Resistance	1470	MPa
Yield Strength 0.2 %	1270	MPa

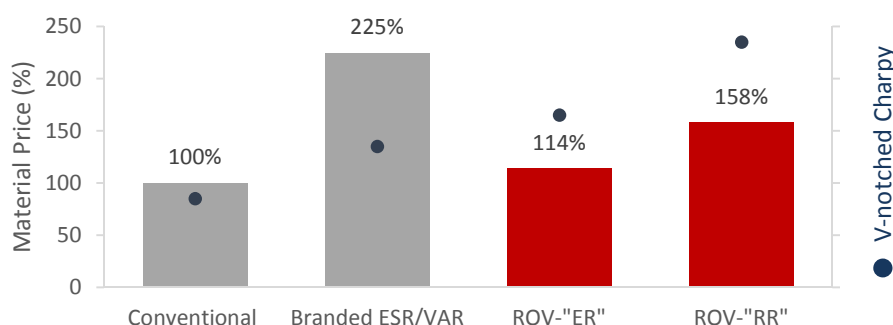
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Thermal Properties

Properties	293 K	473 K	673 K	Unit
Linear Thermal Expansion Coefficient		11.9	12.6	x 10 ⁻⁶ /K
Thermal Conductivity	25.2	26.3	27.9	W/m·K

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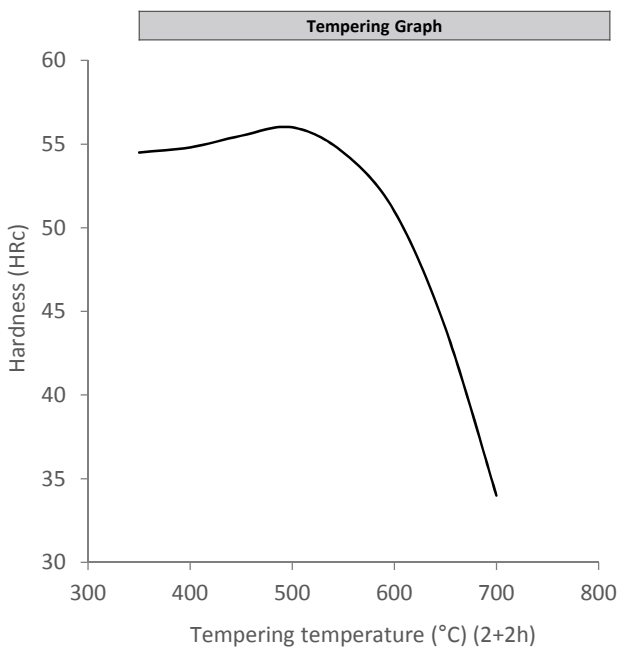
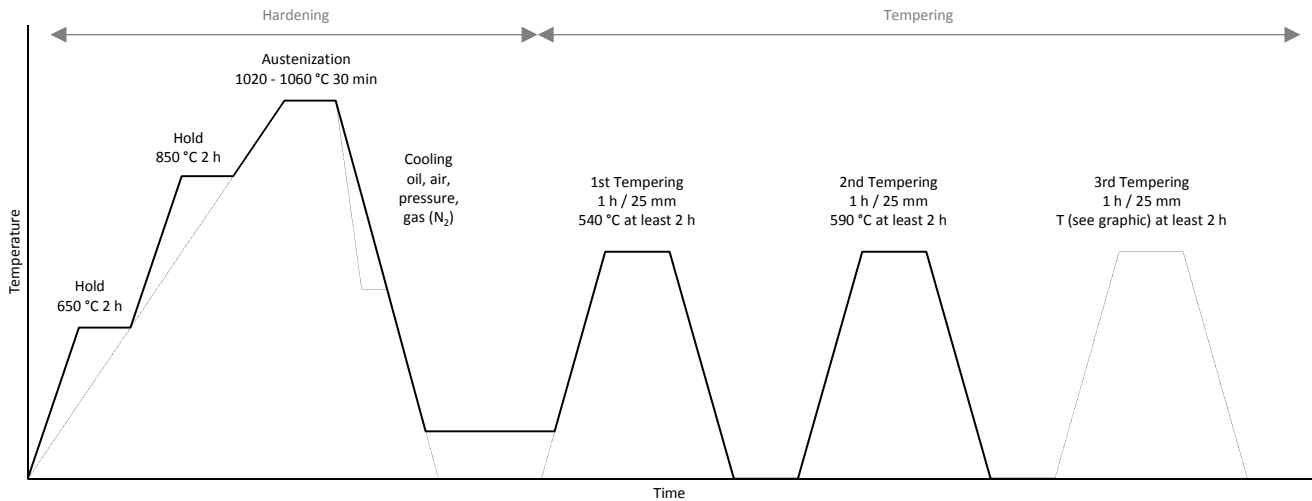
Price Comparison



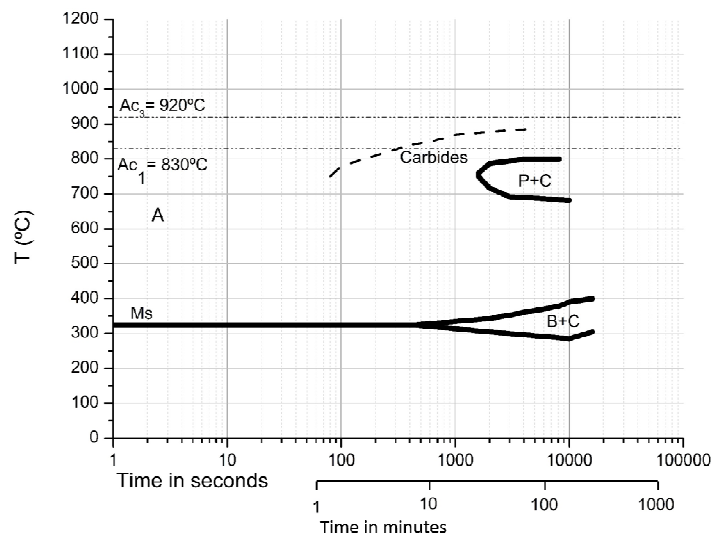
For the Rovalma grades, V-notched Charpy values have been obtained in samples taken from the center of a 705 x 350 mm bar, hardened at 1020 °C for 30 min., quenched in air and tempered twice. Final hardness was 44-46 HRC.

For conventional and branded ESR/VAR, Charpy values have been averaged based on published data and material prices based on price information provided by buyers of these materials.

Heat Treatment



Austenizing temperature, 1020 °C 30 min									
%C	%Cr	%Mo	%V	%Si	%Mn	%P	%S	N ₂ (ppm)	O ₂ (ppm)
0.41	5.27	1.37	0.93	0.95	0.34	0.007	0.0013	56	14



Welding

Joining and Surfacing Hardened Material

Preheat the part until the core reaches 500 - 550 °C. Weld the piece while keeping it at a temperature between 400 - 550 °C, reheat if necessary. After every weld bead, conduct a post weld upsetting to reduce tensions originating from solidification and cooling of the area. After welding, subject the pieces to one or two tempering cycles (depending on the geometry of the piece and the amount of welding conducted).

Joining and Surfacing Annealed Material

Weld the part directly, and after every weld bead, conduct a post weld upsetting to reduce tensions originating from solidification and cooling of the area. Conduct an annealing treatment at 800 - 830 °C before the part has cooled down.

Nitriding

- EFICAST 4-ER can be both, bath and gas, nitrided.
- To avoid deformations and structural changes, it is recommended to perform the second/third tempering cycle 10-20 °C above the temperature, at which the nitriding treatment will be done.
- This consideration is valid for surface coatings such as TiN, or any other that needs to be applied at temperatures above 500 °C.

Designer & Provider of First-Class Tool Materials

ROVALMA, S.A. provides innovation in tool materials. Thanks to comprehensive research, innovative design and development, most recent production techniques as well as in depth quality control, we have achieved significant advances in the knowledge about material forming processes and generated important know-how regarding the production and optimal usage of our materials for a specific application. As a result, we can provide you with **first-class tool steels** for cold and hot work material forming processes and outstanding technical assistance.

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