Sumitomo's New Grades

FINISH A RANGE OF MATERIALS

Sumitomo Electric Carbide Inc. released several new insert grades for use in turning of exotic materials, high speed cast iron turning and hardened steel turning applications.

The AC510U and AC520U grades recommended for roughing, are finishing and medium-cut machining of super alloy materials. They have a Super ZX multiple-layer coating consisting of TiAlN and AlCrN layers stacked up to 1,000 layers, resulting in high speed and improved wear resistance. They are both available in molded and ground insert types.

The AC410K grade presents new coating technology consisting of two coating layers, which offer peeling resistance and insert stability, according to the company's press release. The inner layer, called the Super FF Alumina, supplies thermal resistance; the outer Super FF TiCN layer imparts resistance to chipping. The combination of these coatings with a harder carbide substrate provides high wear resistance for continuous to light interrupted machining of gray and ductile cast iron. These features serve to double the tool life of cast iron grades. The AC410K can cover medium- to high-speed machining applications and is available in positive and negative insert types.

A new series of grades, BNC, features four PcBN grades with three styles of edge preparations, all geared at hardened steel machining. Each member of the BNC series has ceramic based coatings, brazings on all cutting edges and cutting edges etched with numbers for identification of used corners.

The BNC100 withstands flank and crater wear because of a CBN substrate, and a hybrid TiCN coating provides surface roughness stability.



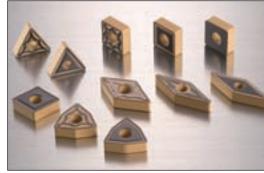
The BNC160 uses the CBN substrate along with a new binder material for crater wear resistance and edge strength in general and high precision finishing.

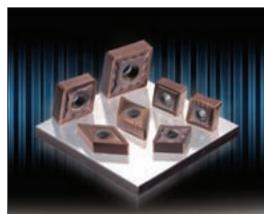
For medium-speed machining and carburized surface deduction, the BNC200 offers reliable tool life and integrity due to the grade's edge strength and TiAlN based ceramic coating.

The BNC300 resists chipping and insert wear better than other grades, so finishing applications that engage in both continuous and interrupted surfaces are well-suited for it.

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Milling Cutter's Clamping

HEIGHTENS PRODUCTIVITY



Valenite's ValMILL VFORCE milling cutter system highlights a patent-pending, direct insert clamping device, 'Side Lock,' which has a compact insert mounting providing more cutting teeth per revolution, so the system has feed and material removal rates as much as three times the speed of other traditional milling cutters. The ValMILL VFORCE is capable of cutting a variety of workpiece materials, including cast iron and high temperature alloys, according to Valenite's press release.

The side lock concept releases an insert quickly to reduce changeout times, and the screw size is larger in order to take a bigger force, demonstrating high anti-fling resistance to centrifugal forces during high-speed applications. As the screw tightens, forces in two directions are applied to the insert; it is pushed against the pocket side walls and pulled down to the pocket bottom. The insert becomes locked in, and as a result, the lock screw is tightly positioned to reduce potentially hazardous situations.

"Wedging conditions put the insert into a compressive stress state. Carbide materials are ideally suited to compressive stress and do not perform well under tension (stretching). Carbides are susceptible to fast fracture under tensile loads and sharp fragments are dangerous to operators,"

explains Brian Hoefler, manager of product development for Valenite. "Our system, basically, is engineered to optimize the carbides' fundamental characteristic of compressive properties, far greater than compared to systems on the market today."

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The high-density capability of the side lock design translates to more inserts for any given cutter diameter, distributing chip loads more evenly and minimizing work forces at the disperse engagement points. This process helps reduce indexing and tool-change downtime. The mill's cutting action is smoother because the side lock design is compact, providing a longer cutting edge throughout. The ValMILL VFORCE milling cutters come in sizes between 3" and 10" diameters.

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Dura-Bar Products

GET BIGGER

Dura-Bar's continuous cast bars are now made in extra-large sizes, up to 25" in diameter. The Dura-Bar XL product line is intended for use by industrial equipment manufacturers that produce large parts like gears, pulleys, ways, flywheels, bearings, housings, manifolds and pistons. The extra-large bars are useful for producing molds and pattern and mounting plates. The company hopes the new product will be considered an alternative to steel in large metal component manufacturing, according to Dura-Bar's press release.

Similar to the traditional continuous casting from Dura-Bar, the extra-large



line also has the same permanent mold process that eliminates recurring pattern costs and defects like gas holes, inclusions and hard spots, typically found in material from conventional



sand casting techniques. The Dura-Bar XL comes in 65-45-12 ductile and G2 gray iron, and the company also offers large-sized rectangles. All Dura-Bar products are available immediately.

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Mini Thread Grinder

CAPABLE OF HIGHER VOLUME

Drake introduces the GS:TEM "MINI" thread grinder that is equipped to grind parts from 1 mm to 10 mm diameter and up to 100 mm long. The new grinder is aimed towards manufacturers in the cutting tool, automotive, aerospace, thread gage and medical equipment industries. A linear motor, ball screw axes and robot loader are available, and a pallet changer for the robot loader allows the machine to run unattended for three shifts, according to the company's press release.

The Drake MINI is capable of



grinding taps, thread rolls, worms, ballscrews, e-steering components, aerospace fasteners and surgical bone screws. The new thread grinder is also capable of dressing topping and nontopping wheel forms like full radius and gothic arch, acme with crest and root continued

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Tornos Lathes

SUITED FOR **VARIOUS USES**

Several new lathe models were released at the Simodec 2008 international screw-cutting machine tool show in March, including two single-spindle lathes.

The Deco 13e is similar to its predecessor, the Deco 13a, but a fourth independent tool system is replaced with a fixed tool holder that is mounted on one of the two intersecting carriages used for bar-turning, on the Deco 13e. Scope for bar-turning work and counteroperations is provided by the eight linear axes across three tool systems. The Deco 13e allows for an equal level of simultaneous machining operation at both the front and back of the work pieces. The maximum speed of the spindle and back spindle is 10,000 rpm. Tornos has made program transfer from the 'a' version to the 'e' version possible, as well as adaptation for all equipment, tools and accessories, for users looking to switch to the new lathe.

The Sigma 32 is an automatic singlespindle lathe intended to manufacture medium-complexity components using a sliding headstock capable of machining diameters up to 32 mm, according to Tornos' press release. Each member of the Sigma line of machines has six linear axes, and the Sigma 32 involves simpler programming. The maximum speed of the spindle and back spindle is 8,000 rpm, and the power of those components is 3.7 kW and 5.5 kW, respectively, for both new machines.

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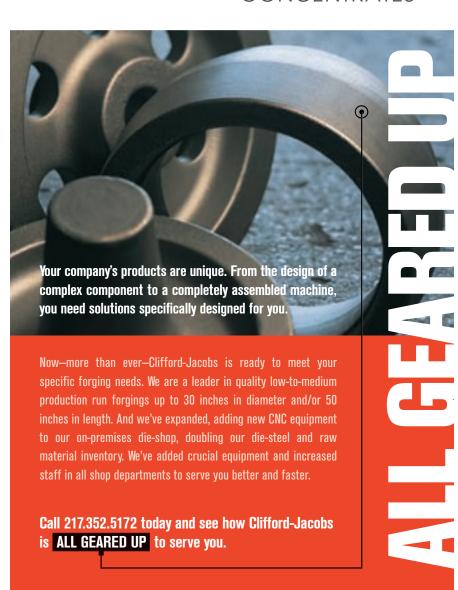


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Proportioning Pump Series

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Zebra Skimmers introduces a proportioning pump series designed to deal with caustic concentrates and featuring a wide mixing range, compatibility with caustic concentrate and the ability to dilute with water at high temperatures, according to the company's press release.





"Our metalworking customers have to not only manufacture parts but also provide them debris free. Being able to provide our customers with an adequate unit to easily mix and pump their part washer cleaner is very important to us," says Meg Grant, inside sales and service.

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Sumitomo Drive Technologies introduces its newest Hyponic product variant designed for the food industry and high-pressure washdown (HPW) applications. Developed in response to customer requests, the food-grade, HPW Hyponic features a C-face quill design; a unique FKM antimicrobial, multi-lipped, rotary output seal that acts as flinger to expel contaminants; corrosion resistance; stainless output shaft and hardware; synthetic NSF H1 food-grade lubricant; and antimicrobial DuPont Alesta AM powder coating. The combination of the antimicrobial seal, synthetic lubricant, stainless parts and severe duty antimicrobial powder coating results in a Hyponic right angle reducer equipped for long, reliable service in aggressive, HPW food industry applications, according to the company's press release.



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Heidenhain Contouring Control

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The TNC 620 contouring control functions with digital drive control, and it is suitable for use on milling machines and machining centers with five axes plus spindles and complicated tasks that use swivel and rotary axes. The TNC 620 can handle strict requirements for the surface of finished workpieces using look-ahead, algorithms jerk limitation and intelligent motion control, according to the company's press release.



The Heidenhain serial controller interface (HSCI) is a new feature of the main computer, controller unit and other components of the control system. The basis of the HSCI is the 100BaseT Ethernet network connection standard, which contributes to short cycle times for data transfer, lowered cable expenses and easier installation. The TNC 620 has a uniform digital design from the main computer to the encoder. Wiring in the electrical box is simpler due to the location of the main computer inside the operating panel behind the TFT flatpanel display. Heidenhain provides various options for users to customize the TNC 620 to their specific needs, whether they are the simplest machine applications or the most complex.

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High-quality digital images are made on a 20" LCD monitor by telecentric optics, a high-resolution digital camera and programmable episcopic and backlight illumination. There are several options for storing measuring results and images, including internal memory, internal CD-ROM and USB ports that can be used in an external source. With a slight footprint that provides space efficiency, the OneTouch is designed for the shop environment, according to the company's press release.

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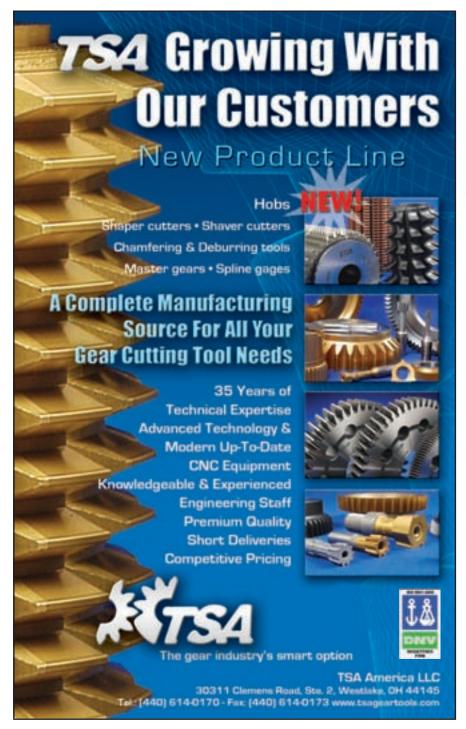
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Haas Compact Mills

FIT THROUGH MORE DOORWAYS The OM series office mills from Haas Automation are more size efficient than average CNC machines. They are smaller and lighter, so they can fit through a 36" doorway and into most freight elevators, according to the company's press release.





Two versions of the machine are available. The OM-1 has a work envelope of 8"x 8"x 8" (xyz), and the OM-2's work envelope is 12"x 10"x 12", which allows a greater capacity with the same footprint. They both run on single-phase power of 240 VAC with a 20" x 10" T-slot table, and they are outfitted with a 50,000 rpm brushless micro-motor spindle, which is compatible with tools up to 1.25" shank size. The OM models function at a maximum cutting feed of 500 ipm. An ISO 20-taper spindle and 20-pocket automatic tool changer are features offered in the OM-1A and OM-2A models.

The customary equipment for the compact mills includes a 15" LCD color monitor with a USB port, 1 MB of memory, a coolant system, automatic lubrication and high-speed machining software. A pair of compact rotary tables fit into the work envelopes, so full 4th and 5th-axis operation is possible. Haas also offers a compact office lathe, the OL-1.

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equipment is unnecessary. The Cut-Max V500 oils are best used for applications that use a higher level of tooling performance or where leaks and losses take place in the manufacturing process such as honing and superfinishing, grinding, cast iron gun drilling, general machining and gear machining.

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Houghton **Cutting Oils**

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This new oil line features a low viscosity, so fluid can be maintained longer and swarf dragout is minimized. They have higher flash points than other cutting oils, and they generate less mist and fumes that can lead to fires, meaning costly carbon dioxide fire blanket





ZF's High-Precision, Worm Gearboxes

EMPHASIZE DURABILITY AND COST

New technology and designs allow ZF to offer a high-precision, right-angle servo gearbox, the SWG, emphasizing durability and cost-efficiency. The SWG technology features a computeroptimized profile that delivers 90 percent contact between worm and wheel, an increase of 50 percent more contact than conventional designs offer, according to the company's press release. The larger contact area reduces wear, so backlash levels are constant and predictable, and noise levels are kept under 55dB. Along with a wear-resistant bronze alloy the wheel is manufactured from, similar features throughout the gearbox serve to increase capacity, durability and precision with large diameter bearings that provide increased load bearing capacity. The worm wheel mounted to the shaft uses a press fit and pins instead of a keyed fit, which is less durable.

The SWG gearboxes come in three accuracy levels: the high precision unit with a backlash of less than 1 arc/minute, the precision box with 3 arc/minutes and the standard unit with 10 arc/minutes. They come in ratios from 5.2:1 to 90:1, in 10 sizes and with four output options. The 30-800 sizes are ideal for conveyors and handling systems in particular because of available dual output shafts. The units are capable of output speeds up to 6,000 rpm and output torques up to 6,900 Nm with service lives around 25,000 hours.

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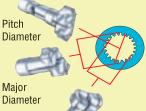
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