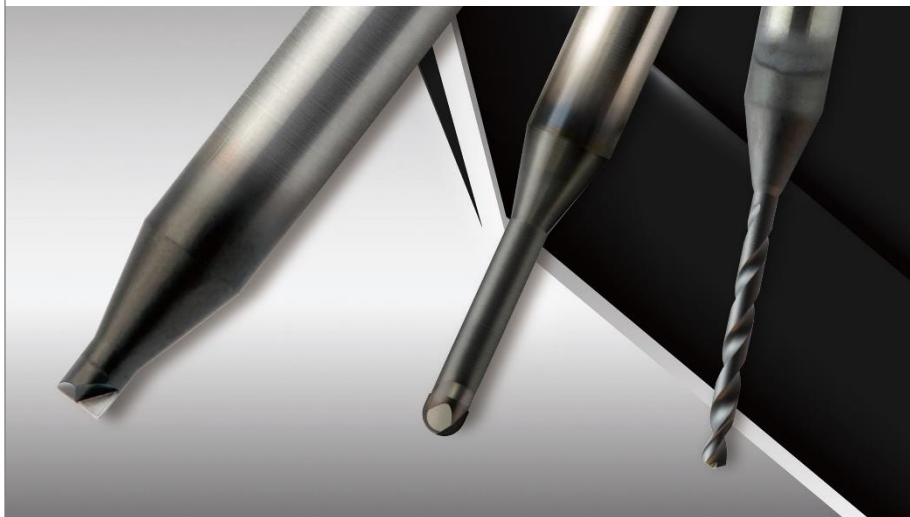


“For significant cost reduction and shortened cycle time”



～ UDC Series ～

For direct milling WC(Hard brittle material)

We have summarized it as a “How to use”
so that you can use UDC series well

How to use



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Choose by application

~ Please choose the appropriate tools for your purposes ~



For highly efficient
roughing and
semi-finishing

【**H** series】

(New edge treatment)

UDCBH
UDCLBH

Ball

For better surface
finishing

【**F** series】

UDCBF
UDCLBF

For cost saving
purposes

UDCB
UDCLB

NEW

UDCRRS

Radius

UDCLRSF

UDCLRS

For drilling
processes

UDCMX

For threading

UDCT

Study case (Roughing – Semi-finishing – Finishing)

For efficient and high precision process,
It had better to choose the appropriate tools for each process.

～ Milling example for Bevel gear ～

Roughing ~ Semi-finishing : UDCLB
Finishing : UDCLBF

<Condition>

Work material : Cemented carbide VU-70 (83HRA)

Size : $\phi 44 \times 12.75$ mm

Coolant : Air blow



| 工程名 | 工具形状 | 型番・サイズ | 回転数 (min ⁻¹) | 送り速度 (mm/min) | 軸方向 a _p (mm) | 径方向 a _e (mm) | 仕上げ代 (mm) | 工具本数 | 切削時間 |
|------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------|---------|
| 荒 | 2枚刃ロングネックボール | UDCLB R2×L8 | 8,250 | 300 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.03 | 3 | 2:12:31 |
| | 〃 | UDCLB R2×L10 | 8,250 | 300 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.03 | 2 | 0:29:24 |
| 中荒 | 〃 | UDCLB R1.5×L6 | 11,000 | 280 | 0.38 | 0.15 | 0.03 | 1 | 0:22:33 |
| | 〃 | UDCLB R1.5×L10 | 11,000 | 280 | 0.3 | 0.15 | 0.03 | 1 | 0:23:27 |
| 中仕上げ | 〃 | UDCLB R1.5×L10 | 11,000 | 280 | (0.005) | — | 0.015 | 1 | 1:08:35 |
| | 〃 | UDCLB R1.5×L10 | 11,000 | 280 | (0.002) | — | 0.005 | 1 | 1:36:52 |
| 隅取り | 〃 | UDCLB R1×L6 | 16,500 | 420 | 0.12 | 0.05 | 0.015 | 1 | 0:52:28 |
| | 〃 | UDCLB R1×L8 | 16,500 | 420 | 0.12 | 0.05 | 0.015 | 1 | 0:49:56 |
| | 〃 | UDCLB R1×L8 | 16,500 | 420 | 0.09 | — | 0.005 | 1 | 1:09:32 |
| 仕上げ | 2枚刃ハイグレード ロングネックボール | UDCLBF R1×L8 | 20,000 | 200 | — | 0.12 | 0 | 1 | 0:41:20 |
| | 〃 | UDCLBF R1×L8 | 20,000 | 200 | (0.001) | — | 0 | 2 | 3:39:54 |
| | 〃 | UDCLBF R1×L8 | 20,000 | 200 | 0.09 | — | 0 | 1 | 0:34:00 |
| | 〃 | UDCLBF R1×L8 | 20,000 | 200 | — | 0.08 | 0 | | 1:04:00 |
| | Total | | | | | | | | 16 |

16 pcs, completed in 15 hours

(First trial ... 30 pcs, 35 hours. About 60% reduction !)

NEW

New released UDCRRS improves
the roughing process efficiency
dramatically.

Please consider it.

(Milling example in P16, 17)



Classification of Cemented carbide

Cemented carbide is classified by component, WC average particle size, hardness.

Classification of cemented carbide (TAS, Tool Association Standard)

TAS 7000 Excerpt from the grade selection criteria for cemented carbide and ultrafine particle cemented carbide for wear and impact resistant tools

Roughly classified into 3 types in the type of component, and then middlely classified into 4 types in WC average particle size and further classified into 8 types according to the hardness. No correlation with JIS B 4053.

E.g.) V M – 4 0

| Symbol | Component |
|--------|-----------|
| V | Co |
| R | Co / Ni |
| N | Ni |

| Symbol | WC average particle size (μm) |
|--------|--|
| F | smaller than 1.0 |
| M | 1.0 to 2.5 |
| C | 2.5 to 5.0 |
| U | 5.0 or more |

| Symbol | Nominal hardness (HRA) |
|--------|------------------------|
| 10 | 93 or more |
| 20 | 92 to 93 |
| 30 | 91 to 92 |
| 40 | 89 to 91 |
| 50 | 87 to 89 |
| 60 | 85 to 87 |
| 70 | 82 to 85 |
| 80 | Smaller than 82 |

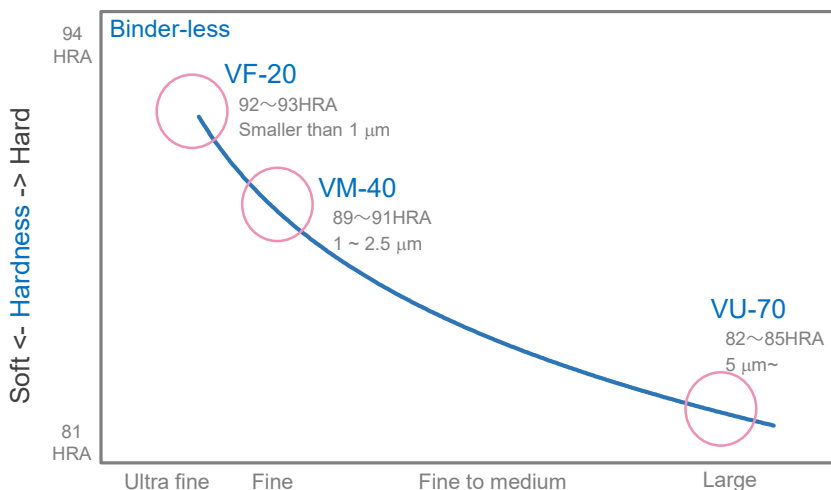
Characteristics of cemented carbide

Characteristics (= Processability)
differ by the type of cemented carbide.

Example of grade classification symbol

| Symbol | Component | WC average particle size (μm) | Nominal hardness (HRA) |
|--------|-----------|--|------------------------|
| VF-10 | Co | Smaller than 1.0 | 93 or more |
| VF-20 | Co | Smaller than 1.0 | 92 to 93 |
| VF-30 | Co | Smaller than 1.0 | 91 to 92 |
| VM-40 | Co | 1.0 to 2.5 | 89 to 91 |
| VU-70 | Co | 5.0 or more | 82 to 85 |

Relationship between particle size and hardness



Small <- Average particle size -> Large

Removal volume of cemented carbide

We recommend that you select a material with workability while considering the required performance (Ex. Mold life)

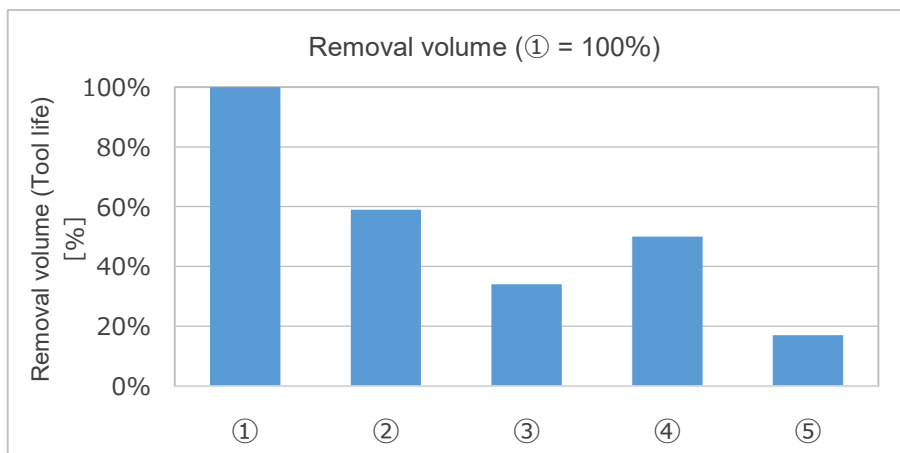
~ Removal volume comparison ~

<Condition>

Tool : UDCB 2010-0070(R0.5) n : 30,000 min⁻¹
Work material : Cemented carbide(Below) Vf : 300 mm/min
Coolant : Oil mist ap : 0.1 mm
Milling method : Pocket milling ae : 0.05 mm

| WC | Symbol | Density g/cm ³ | Hardness HRA | Anti breaking force MPa | Compressive strength MPa | Co amount* % | Particle size μm |
|----|--------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| ① | VF-20 | 14.1 | 92.5~ 93.0 | 4,500~ 5,000 | — | 12.0 | 0.5 |
| ② | VM-40 | 14.7 | 90.0 | 3,240 | 4,700 | 8.8 | 2~3 |
| ③ | VM-40 | 14.3 | 89.0 | 3,400 | — | 13.6 | — |
| ④ | VM-50 | 14.2 | 87.5 | 3,160 | 4,070 | 15.1 | — |
| ⑤ | — | 13.1 | 83.0 | 2,660 | 2,800 | 28.9 | — |

* In-house measurement



* The ratio depends on the series and tool shapes.

Difference by the MC

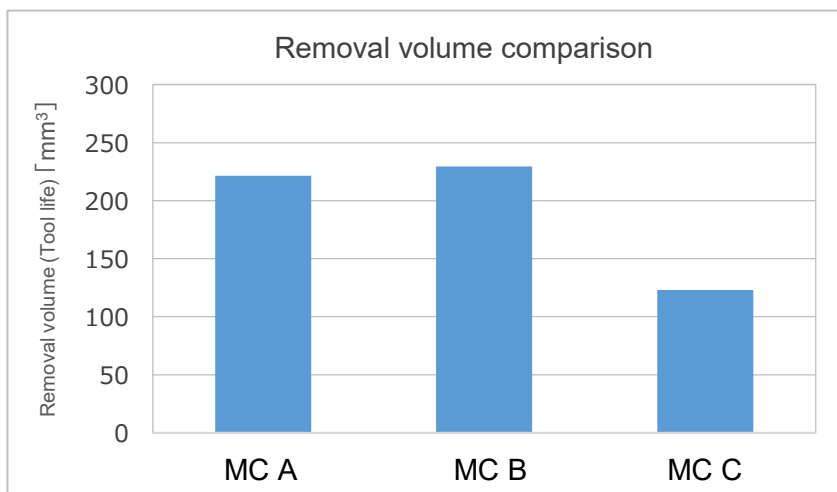
Depending on the difference of MC,
process quality and tool life might be difference.

～ Removal volume comparison ～

<Condition>

Tool : UDCB 2010-0070(R0.5)
Work material : Cemented carbide VM-40
Coolant : Air blow (Adjusted to be about the same on each machine)
Milling method : Pocket (8.2mm³)

| | | MC A | MC B | MC C |
|----------------|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Spindle Speed | min ⁻¹ | 30,000 | | |
| Feed Rate | mm/min | 300 | | |
| ap | mm | 0.1 | | |
| ae | mm | 0.25 | | |
| No. of Pockets | Pockets | 27 | 28 | 15 |
| Removal volume | mm ³ | 221.4 | 229.6 | 123.0 |



Difference by the MC (Supplement)

We recommend the high rigidity machine
Since the cemented carbide has high cutting resistance.

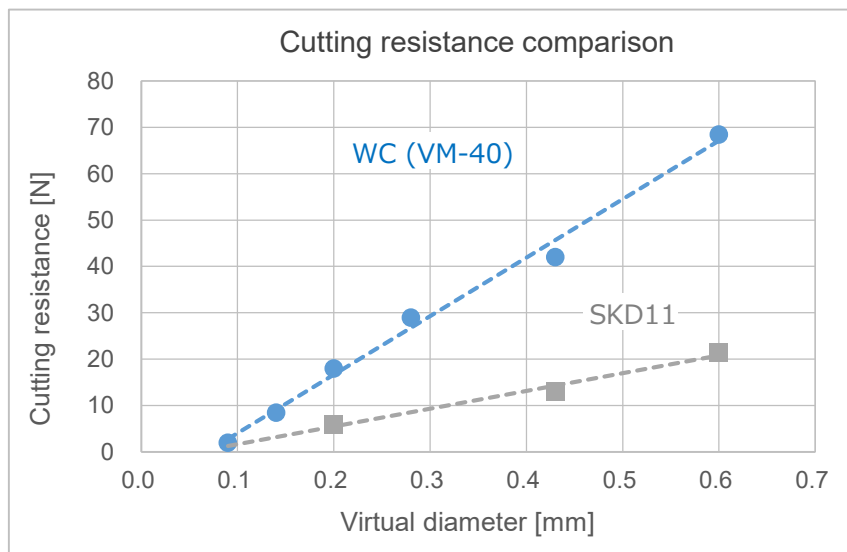
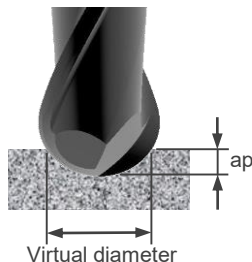
～ Cutting resistance comparison (Slotting) ～

<Condition>

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| Tool | : UDCB 2010-0070(R0.5) | n : 30,000 min ⁻¹ |
| Work material | : Cemented carbide VM-40 | V_f : 300 mm/min |
| | : SKD11 | a_p : 2、5、10、20、50、100 μm |
| Coolant | : Air blow | |
| Milling method | : Slotting(Straight) | |

We measured the cutting resistance in the direction perpendicular to the tool axis

- ◆ Cutting resistance of WC = SKD 11 x 3.5
- ◆ Increases in proportion to the virtual diameter



Coolant affect the tool life significantly.

～ Removal volume comparison (Roughing) ～

<Condition>

Tool : UDCB 2010-0070(R0.5)
Work material : Cemented carbide VM-40
Coolant : Water soluble, oil mist, air blow
Milling method : Pocket

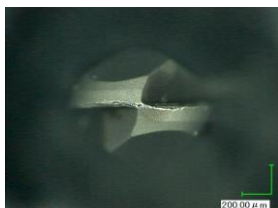
n : 30,000 min⁻¹
 V_f : 300 mm/min
 a_p : 0.1 mm
 a_e : 0.05 mm

<Tool damage after 30mm³ milling>

Water soluble



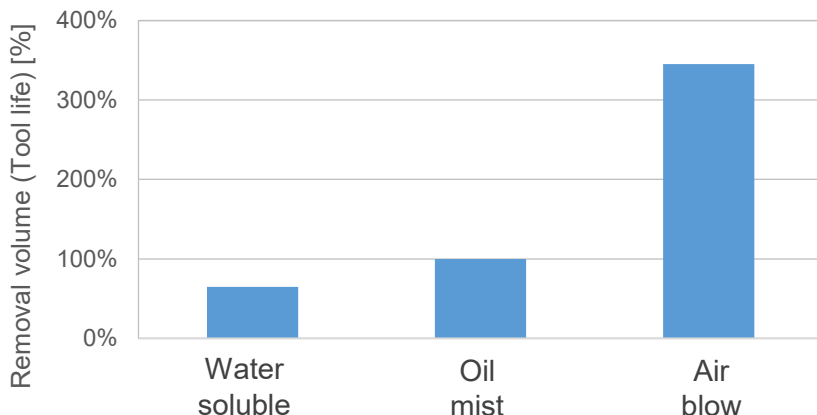
Oil mist



Air blow



Removal volume comparison (Oil mist = 100%)



Condition and environment 【Cutting depth】

Cutting depth a_p & a_e must be adjusted depending on WC materials. For high hardness WC, small a_p and large a_e will make the tool life longer. (In case of ball end mills)

～ Influence of different cutting depth (a_p and a_e) ～

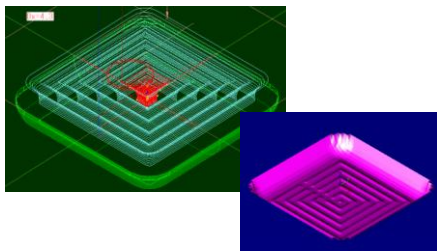
<Condition>

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tool | : UDCB 2010-0070(R0.5) | n : 30,000 min ⁻¹ |
| Work material | : Cemented carbide VM-40 | V_f : 300 mm/min |
| Coolant | : Oil mist | a_p : See below |
| Milling method | : Pocket | a_e : See below |

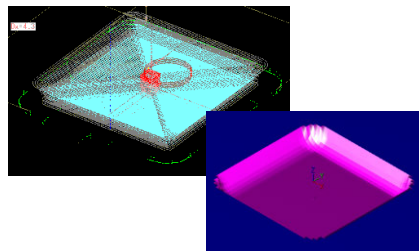
Cutting depth

| | a_p | a_e | |
|-------------|-------|-------|------|
| Condition A | 0.05 | 0.30 | |
| Condition B | 0.10 | 0.05 | (mm) |

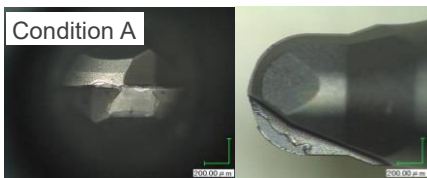
Condition A M.R.R : 1.88mm³/min



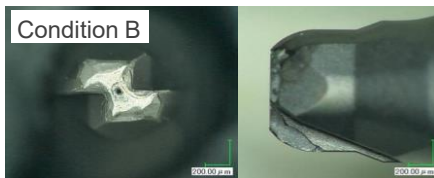
Condition B M.R.R : 1.21mm³/min



<Tool damage at the end of tool life>



Tool life : 100%



Tool life : 42%
(When condition A = 100%)

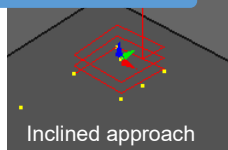
Tool life is improved when “Feed Rate 2” is used.

*Too slow “Feed Rate 2” will cause of short tool life. (Please refer to the catalog condition)

When “Feed Rate 2” is used ?

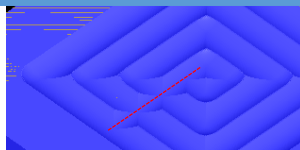
◆ Approach

When tool contact the work



◆ Connecting move

Movement when tool across the passed area



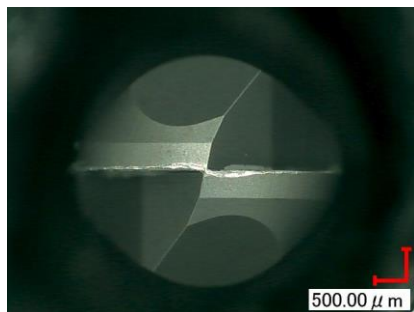
~ Different “Feed Rate 2” comparison ~

<Condition>

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Tool | : UDCLB 2030-1400(R1.5) | n : 27,500 min ⁻¹ |
| Work material | : Cemented carbide VM-40 | Vf : 220 mm/min |
| Coolant | : Air blow | ap : 0.125mm |
| Milling method | : Pocket | ae : 0.33mm |

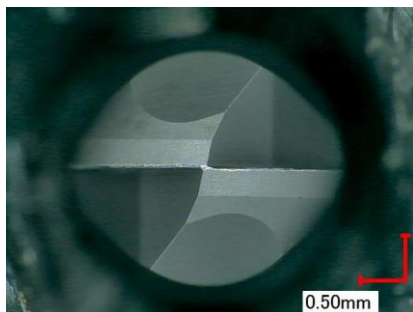
<Tool after 120mm³ milling>

Feed Rate 2 : **22mm/min**



Removal volume : **120mm³**

Feed Rate 2 : **110mm/min**



Removal volume : **600mm³**

Tool life is dramatically improved ! (5 times)

Difference of approach (starting of cutting) will affect the tool life.

～ Influence of difference approach ～

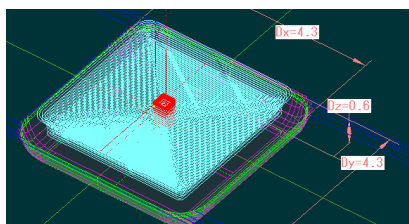
<Condition>

| | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| Tool | : UDCB 2010-0070(R0.5) | n | : 30,000 min ⁻¹ |
| Material | : Cemented carbide VM-40 | V_f | : 300 mm/min |
| Coolant | : Oil mist | a_p | : 0.1 mm |
| Methods | : Pocket (10mm ³) | a_e | : 0.05 mm |

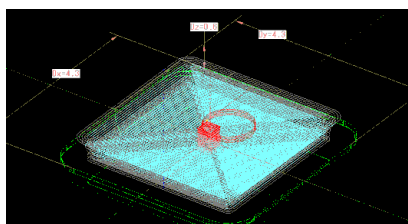
Condition of approach

| | Contents |
|-------------|--|
| Condition A | •Inclined approach |
| Condition B | •Helical approach • $F = 30$ when milling in radial direction |

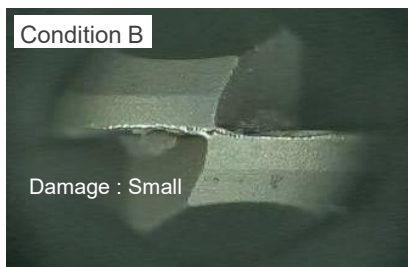
Condition A M.R.R : 1.81mm³/min



Condition B M.R.R : 1.21mm³/min



<Tool damage after 10mm³ milling>



UDC series applications

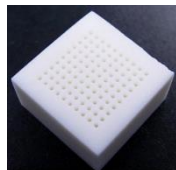
Chamfering and pilot hole
by SP tools



Drilling by UDCMX
Threading by UDCT



Ceramics parts



特殊加工

穴明け・
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部品加工
＜脆性材＞

UDC
シリーズ

超硬金型

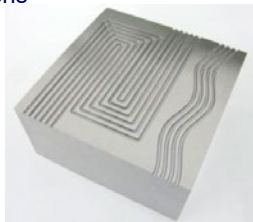
＜各種部品用＞

- Automobile parts
- Fuel cell separator

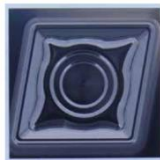
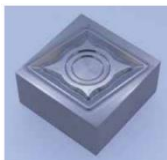
超硬金型

＜粉末プレス用＞

Lens



- WC insert chips
- Sintered ceramics

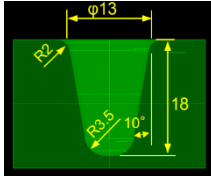
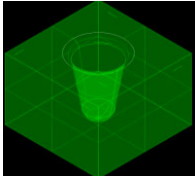


UDC is used for wide applications.

Advantaged of “direct milling” (Comparison with EDM)

<Model>Tapered circular pocket

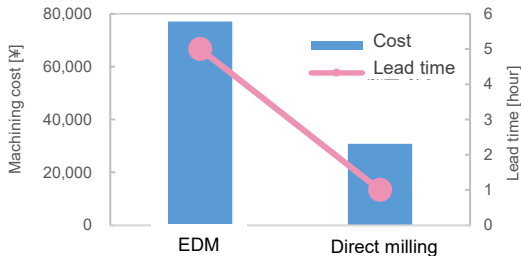
Size : $\Phi 13$ x depth 18mm x draft angle 10° , fillet R2, bottom R3.5



<Condition>

Tool : UDCLB 2060-1500(R3)
Work material : Cemented carbide VM-40
Coolant : Air blow
n : 20,000 min⁻¹
Vf : 200 mm/min
ap : 0.2mm
ae : 0.4mm

Cost and lead time comparison



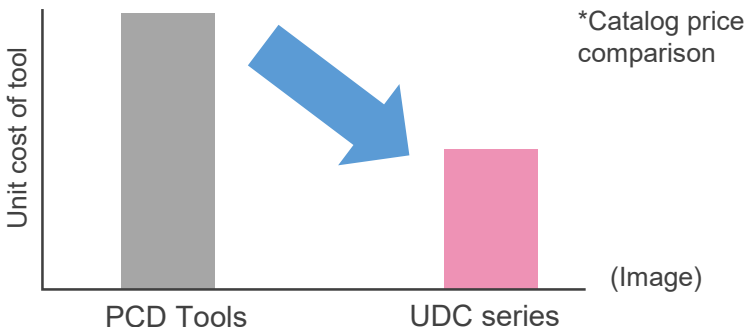
In this study case,
Direct milling offers

- ◆ Machining cost : 60% reduction
- ◆ Lead time : 80% shortened

Compare to EDM processing

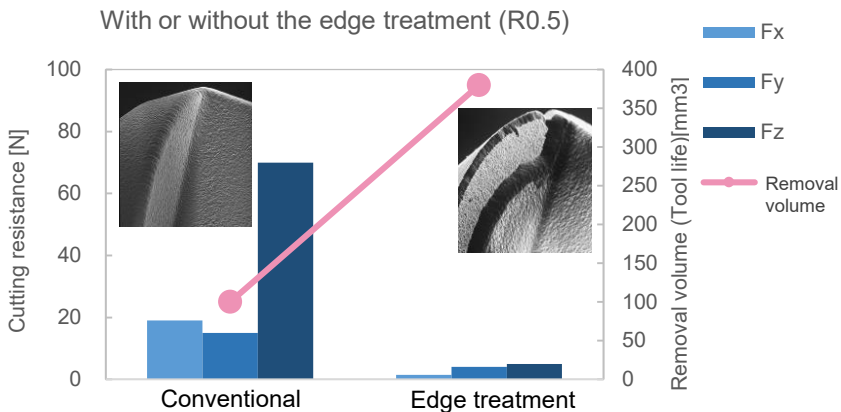
Case of WC direct milling is increasing due to realization of Milling surface improvement and shortened lead time etc.

High cost-performance (Compare to PCD Tools)



UDC series are more affordable than PCD tools.
Please try when the cost reduction is necessary.

Advantage of edge treatment

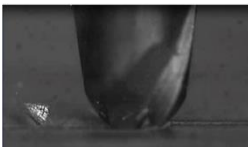


The edge treatment (For F series and H series) reduces the cutting resistance by the sharp edges. It offers longer tool life and improvement the process qualities.

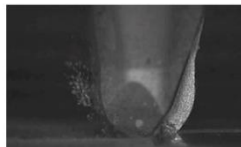
Accumulated reliable know-how

◆ Chips (With different WC)*by high-speed camera

Chips of VM-40

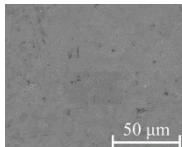


Chips of binder-less WC

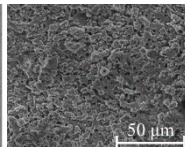


◆ Roughness (Direct milling vs EDM)

Ra = 0.03μm



Ra = 1.78μm



◆ SP tools of UDC



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Examples of SP tools form



We are knowledgeable about UDC process. You can combine UDC + SP tools forms. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

(To inquiries on the back cover)

The latest product 【UDCRRS Long neck radius for roughing】

Achieves higher efficiency !

The Multi-flutes and 40 degree helix angle achieves low cutting resistance and offers **deep cutting depth milling** !

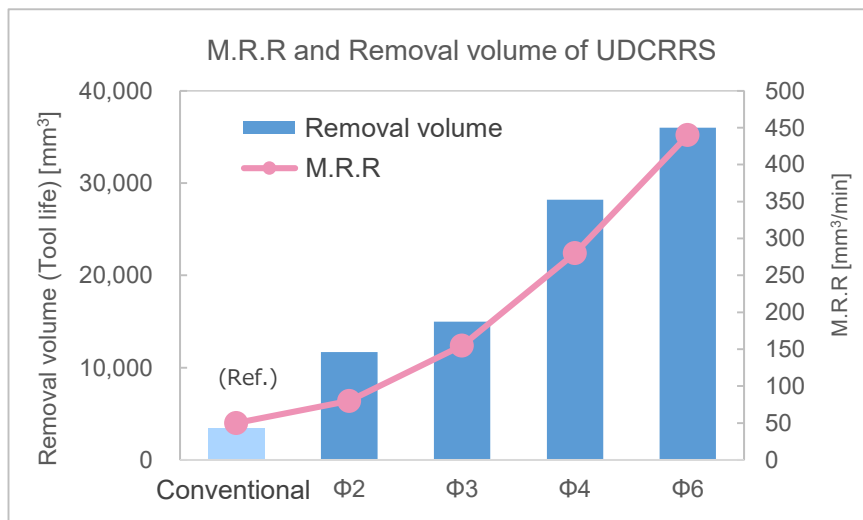
NEW



Φ2~4 : 6 Flutes



Φ6 : 10 Flutes



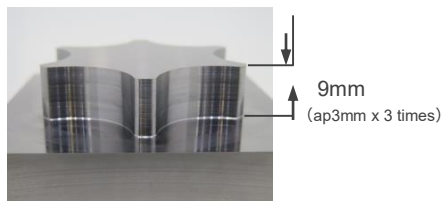
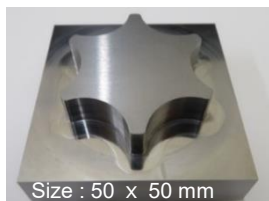
*Conventional = R1 ball end mill (Pocket)

UDCRRS improves the efficiency and removal volume for roughing process !

WC punching die milling example

<Condition> Tool : UDCRRS 6040-020-100 n : 15,000 min⁻¹
 Work material : Cemented carbide VM-40 V_f : 375 mm/min
 Coolant : Air blow a_p : 3.0 mm
 Cycle time : 93 min a_e : 0.25 mm

<Appearance>

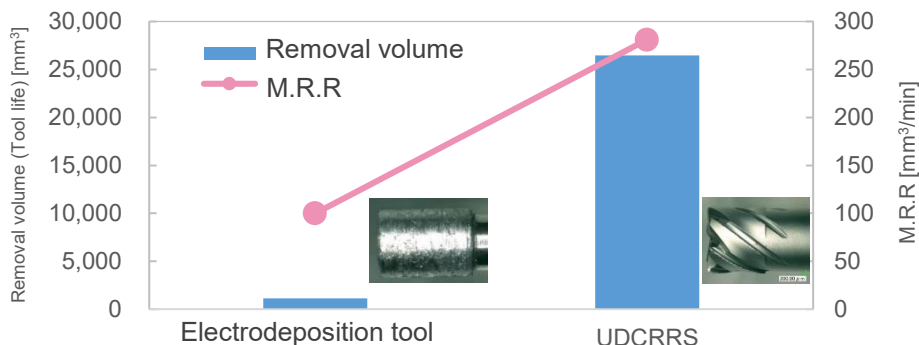


<Tool damage>



Tool damage is limited and continuous cutting is possible
 Even after the process 15,953 mm³

| Tool ($\phi 4$) | n min ⁻¹ | V_f mm/min | a_p mm | a_e mm | Coolant |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| UDCRRS (LOC 3.2 mm) | 15,625 | 375 | 3 | 0.25 | Air blow |
| Electrodeposition tool (LOE 5mm) | 8,000 | 200 | 5 | 0.1 | Water soluble |



Compare to the electrodeposition tool,
 Removal volume : 23 times, M.R.R : 2.8 times
 UDCRRS offers high efficiency and long tool life.

Introduction of UDC-H series

H series offers more efficient process than conventional.
It is the best suited for roughing to semi-finishing.

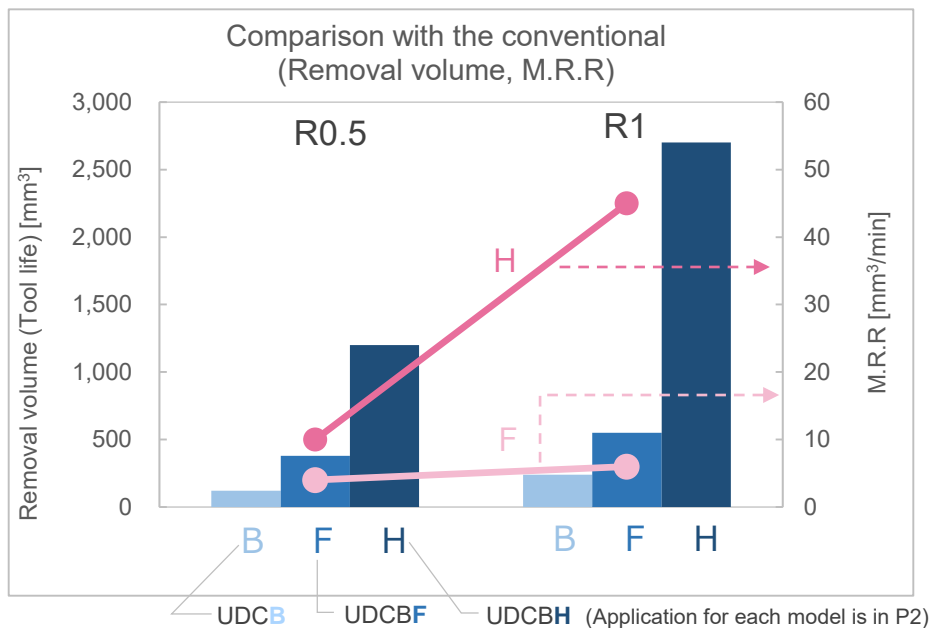
～ Features of H series ～

High-level Treatment

High Speed

High Material Removal Volume

Ball (UDCBH) 6 models, Long neck ball (UDCLBH) 22models
We are expanding the line-up for the future.




*UDC-H series shows the maximum tool performance
under high-speed conditions.
Please try with appropriate coolant supply and high rigid MC.

You can see various milling examples / videos on our web site.

UDCBF Cemented Carbide Roughing of Large Hexalobular

Tool : 2-Flute High-Grade Ball
UDCBF 2009-0420 (R3 x 4.2) 2 pcs.
Work material: Cemented carbide VU-70 (83HRA)
Milling size : 186 x 7 mm (4.575 mm)
Coolant : Air blow

| Tool | Spindle Speed (rpm) | Feed Rate (mm/min) | nc (mm) | ap (mm) | Cycle time |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|--------------|
| UDCBF 2009-0420 | 5,500 | 200 | 0.01 | 0.10 | About 30 min |



UDCBF 2009-0420 (R3 x 4.2) 2 pcs.


UDCB Milling Quartz Glass

Tool : 2-Flute Ball UDCB 2020-0140 (R1 x 1.4)
Work material: Quartz glass
Milling size : 10 x 10 x 1.4 mm
Coolant : Water soluble

Milling condition

| Condition | Spindle Speed (rpm) | Feed Rate (mm/min) | nc (mm) | ap (mm) | Cycle time |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Condition 1 | 8,000 | 200 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4 min |
| Condition 2 | 8,000 | 200 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 10 min |
| Condition 3 | 8,000 | 200 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 10 min |

Tested surface of 3-flute ball end mill



Condition 1 Condition 2 Condition 3

➤ UDCBF Cemented Carbide (VU-70)
Large Hexalobular

➤ UDCB Quartz Glass Pocket Milling

Scan for milling example →



Introduction of UDCBH

Milling VM-40 (90HRA) grade tungsten carbide at ultra high speed!

UDCLB/UDCLBF

Direct milling on Carbide Bevel Gear

Optimized cutting parameters for Low-hardness carbides has greatly reduced the cycle time and milling cost !

Scan for milling videos →

