

M42 High Speed Steel: It is a cobalt alloyed high speed steel, it is widely used in metal manufacturing industries because of its superior red hardness as compared to more conventional high-speed steels. This allows for shorter cycle times in production environments due to its higher cutting speeds and from the increase in time between tool changes.

STANDARDS •

USA: AISI M42

Japan: JIS SKH59

Germany: 1.3247

France: AFNOR Z110dkcwv9.8.4.2.1

Sweden: SS 2723

Europe: HS 2-9-1-8

UK: BM42

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION • -

	С	Cr	Si	Mn	Mo	w	v	P	S	Ni	Co	Cu
Min	1.05	3.50	0.15	0.15	9.00	1.15	0.95				7.75	
Typical	1.10	3.85	0.40	0.28	9.50	1.50	1.15				8.25	
Max	1.15	4.25	0.65	0.40	10.00	1.85	1.35	0.035	0.035	0.035	8.75	0.25

APPLICATIONS •

- Twist Drills
- End mills
- Band saws
- Reamers
- Milling cutters
- **Broaches**

FORM SUPPLIED •

- Drawn wire
- Square bars
- Discs
- Sheets
- Round bars
- Flat bars
- Bi-metal edges
- Wire rod

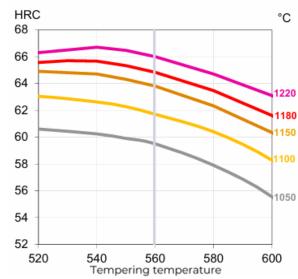
Available surface conditions: drawn, ground, rolled, hot rolled, cold rolled, peeled, turned.

HEAT TREATMENT•

- •Stress-releiving at 600 °C to 700 °C for approximately 2 hours, slow cooling down to 500 °C.
- Soft Annealing in a protective atmosphere at 850-900 °C for 3 hours, followed by slow cooling 10 °C per hour down to 700 °C, then air cooling.
- Hardening in a protective atmosphere with pre-heating in 2 steps at 450-500 °C and 850-900 °C and austenitising at a temperature suitable for chosen working hardness.
- 3 tempers at 560 °C are recommended with atleast 1 hour holding time, each time.

Tool	Hardening	Tempering
single edge cutting tools	1190 °C	560 °C
multi edge cutting tools	1150-1180 °C	550-570 °C
cold work tools	1050-1150 °C	550-570 °C

GUIDELINES FOR HARDENING . -



Hardness after hardening, quenching and tempering 2x1 hour

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Processing • ——

M42 can be worked as follows:

- » Machining(grinding,turning,milling)
- » Polishing
- » Hot forming
- » Electrical discharge machining
- » Welding(special procedure incl. pre-heating & filler materials of base material composition)

GRINDING • ____

During Grinding, local heating of the surface, which can alter the temper, must be avoided. Grinding wheel manufacturers can provide advise on the choice of grinding wheels.

SURFACE TREATMENT • _____

The Steel Grade is a perfect substrate material for PVD coating. If nitriding is requested, a small diffusion zone is recommended but avoid compound and oxidized layers.

DELIVERY HARDNESS • _____

- » Typical soft annealed hardness is 270 HB
- » Cold drawn and cold rolled material is typically 10-40 HB harder

SIZES AVAILABLE • ———



ROUND	Starting From	Upto		
DIAMETER	8 mm	500 mm		
LENGTH	2000 mm	6000 mm		



SQUARE BAR	Starting From	Upto		
SIZE	8x8 mm	250x250 mm		



FLAT	Starting From	Upto		
THICKNESS	4 mm	205 mm		
WIDTH	20 mm	400 mm		

COMPARATIVE PROPERTIES . ____

