TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS FOR GRINDING

IN THE GEAR MARKET



TECHNICAL GUIDE





GEAR GRINDING

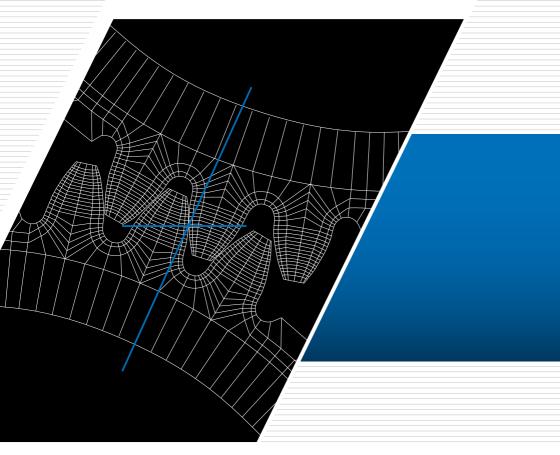
Grinding wheels are used to correct or modify the profile of gear teeth after heat treatment. The machine and gear type determine the shape of the grinding wheel. Continuous gear generation, profile grinding, bevel gear grinding, and power honing are the most common grinding processes in gear grinding.



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INTRODUCTION



Increasingly stringent requirements for gears result in tighter tolerances, higher profile accuracy and improved surface finish. The choice of abrasive is key in the production of high quality gears. In order to select the right abrasive, it is important to understand the terminology and technical criteria. Saint-Gobain Abrasives offers a range of gear grinding wheels engineered to deliver a complete technical solution.

GEAR CHARACTERISTICS

DEFINITIONS:

Line of action: line along which the force between two meshing gear teeth is directed.

Pitch point: the point where the line of action crosses a line joining the two gear centres.

Pitch circle: the circle centred on the gear axis and passing through the pitch point.

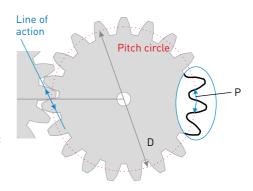
Circular pitch (P): the distance from one face of a tooth to the corresponding face of an adjacent tooth on the same gear, measured along the pitch circle.

Pitch diameter or reference diameter (D). diameter of a pitch circle.

Modulus or "size coefficient" (M): the module of a gear is equal to the pitch diameter divided by the number of teeth Z.

Pressure angle (a): the angle at a pitch point between the line of action which is normal to the tooth surface, and the plane tangent to the pitch surface.

Profile angle (V): the angle at a specified pitch point between a line tangent to a tooth surface and the line normal to the pitch surface (which is a radial line of a pitch circle).



 π .D = Gear perimeter = P.Z Module "M" is defined as

$$M = \frac{P}{\pi} \Rightarrow M = \frac{D}{Z}$$

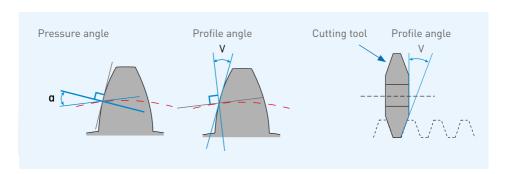
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D = Pitch diameter

P = Circular pitch

M = Module

Z = Number of teeth





Number of entries (E): the number of threads of a worm wheel. As a general rule, E should:

- not be a multiple of the number of teeth (Z)
- be as high as possible (maximum 7)

Direction: rotational orientation (left or right) of the threads

UNDERSTANDING THE **PARAMETERS**

Use the information below as a guide to calculating the wheel parameters.

Part speed: PS (RPM) or (m/s) Wheel speed: WS (RPM) or (m/s)

Number of entries: E Number of teeth: Z

(1)
$$P_S = \frac{W_S \times E}{Z}$$

Choice of E (depends on Z, see example below)



Worm wheel with E=5 Direction: left (seen from top)



Example calculation:

- gear with Z = 30
- max PS = 600 RPM
- max WS = 4000 RPM

Based on (1)
$$E = \frac{Ps \times Z}{Ws} \iff E = \frac{600 \times 30}{4000} = 4.5$$

In this example, the general rule suggests 5 should be selected as the number of entries. However, 5 is a multiple of 30 so 4 should be chosen to optimize wheel speed.

The part speed is calculated by:

$$P_S = \frac{W_S \times E}{Z} \iff P_S = \frac{4000 \times 4}{30} = 533 \text{ RPM}$$

GEAR CHARACTERISTICS

GEAR MANUFACTURING

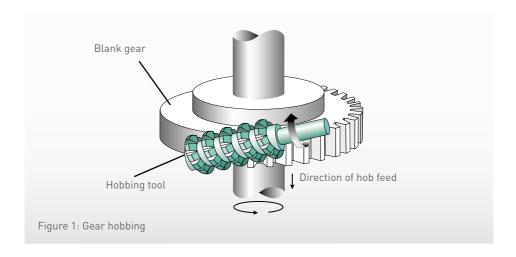
Prior to grinding, a number of stages are involved in gear manufacturing:

Hobbing is a roughing operation which produces smooth and accurate gear teeth (see figure 1).

Shaving and hardening are finishing operations carried out to improve dimensional accuracy, surface finish and hardness. Shaving uses high

precision tools to remove small amounts of material to correct profile errors.

Finally, the grinding operation produces a high surface finish, correcting any distortion following heat treatment.



The grinding method is determined by the shape and the module of the gear.



Power honing is a process where gears are finished directly after hobbing and heat-treating.





MAIN GEAR GRINDING METHODS



Continuous gear generation

Profiles an exact gear form into the workpiece. With multiple passes, the wheel grinds the gear teeth to produce the desired gear geometry.

Image courtesy of Kapp O' Niles



Profile grinding

Profiles the exact shape of the gear tooth. The wheel runs between two opposing teeth to grind both surfaces at the same time. Mainly used for large gears.



Bevel grinding

Bevel gears are conically shaped gears often used in differentials. Grinding of spiral bevel gears is performed with cup wheels following a profile grinding process.



Power honing

Finishing is performed after hobbing and heat-treating. Gear flanks are ground in the internal diameter of a honing ring generating a typical surface structure improving the noise level of transmission hoxes

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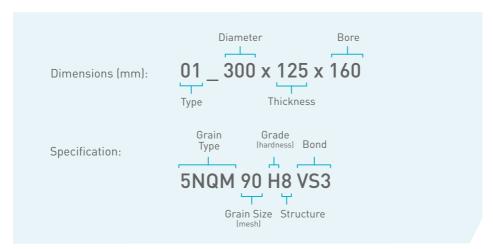
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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Use the following example as a guide when selecting wheel shape, profile and grit quality.



GRIT SIZE SELECTION

The larger the gear module, the coarser the grit.

MODILLE	GRIT SIZE				
MODULE				120	150
> 3.5					
1.5 - 3.5					
< 1.5					

The grit sizes highlighted with are recommended

TOP TIP

Be sure to check the wheel construction parameters: module, pitch, number of entries, pressure angle and thread direction.

Gear example:

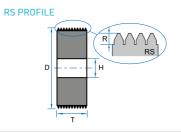
120mm diameter, 36 teeth. pressure angle 20°, module "M" = 3mm





WORM WHEEL FOR CONTINUOUS GEAR GENERATION





Key:

01= Type

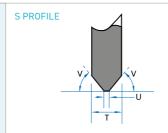
D = Diameter T = Thickness

H = Hole

R = Thread depth, optional field

STRAIGHT WHEEL FOR PROFILE GRINDING





Key:

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D = Diameter

T = Thickness

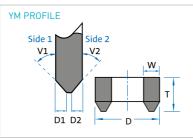
H = Hole

V = Angle, face point to side

U = Flat face width

CUP WHEEL FOR BEVEL GRINDING





Key:

02 = Type

D = Diameter

T = Thickness

W = Rim thickness

V1 = Face angle side 1

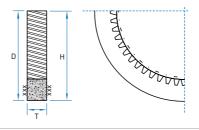
V2 = Face angle side 2

D1 = Distance to point from side 1

D2 = Distance to point from side 2

HONING RINGS FOR POWER HONING





Contact your local sales representative with drawing and tolerances.

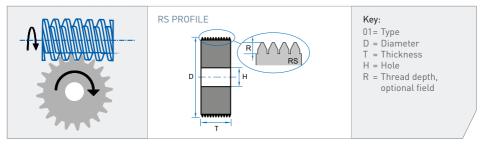
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CONTINUOUS GEAR GENERATION Small contact area Large contact area

Continuous gear generation profiles an exact gear form into the workpiece. With multiple passes, the wheel then works on the gear teeth to produce the desired gear geometry. This is known as continuous grinding and is mainly used on small contact areas, but can also be used on large contact areas.

WORM GRINDING WHEEL

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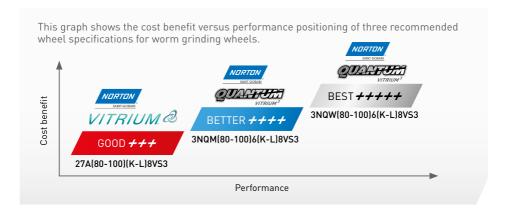
Worm grinding wheels are available for the following machines:

MACHINE	MACHINE	WHEEL DIMENSIONS (mm)		
BRAND	BRAND TYPE		Thickness	Hole diameter
	160TWG	240	125	120
GLEASON	300TWG	220	180	76.2
	ZWS 380	350	84, 104	160
KAPP	KX150	180	125	100
NAFF	KX300	280	160	115
	LCS200	195	200	90
LIEBHERR	LCS300	220	230	110
	LCS380	240	230	110
NILES	ZX 630 - 800 - 1000	320	160	115
	RZ150, RZ60, RZ160, RZ260, RZ360	275	125, 160	160
REISHAUER	RZ400, RZ303C, RZ630, RZ800, RZ1000	300	125, 145	160
	RZ301S, RZ362A, RZ300E, AZA	350	62, 84, 104	160
	RZ701, RZ820	400	84, 104	160

TOP TIP

The number of teeth (Z) and number of entries (E) must not be multiples of one another. This avoids repetition and accumulation of defaults from threads on the same teeth.





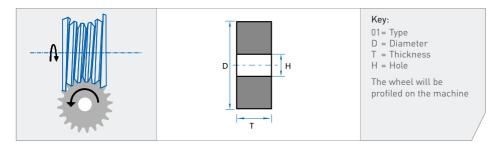
GRIT DESCRIPTION

TIER	GRIT TYPE	FEATURES	BENEFITS
BEST ++++	NORTON MAT COMM! QUARTETT. 3NQW	Engineered microstructure ceramic grain Latest grain technology Engineered grain boundaries	Optimise cost savings & maximise performance Free cutting action Extremely durable For low, medium and high force
BETTER <i>++++</i>	NORTON MAT COMMI QUALIFIED 3NQM	Engineered microstructure ceramic grain Latest grain technology	Fast cutting Longer wheel life For low, medium, and high force
G00D +++	27A	Monocrystaline aluminium oxide	• Very sharp • Long life

BOND DESCRIPTION

TIER	BOND TYPE	FEATURES	BENEFITS
BEST ++++	VITRIUM. &	Vitrified durable bond Latest generation bond	Form holding Well suited for high-speed operations (80m/s) Available with porous products

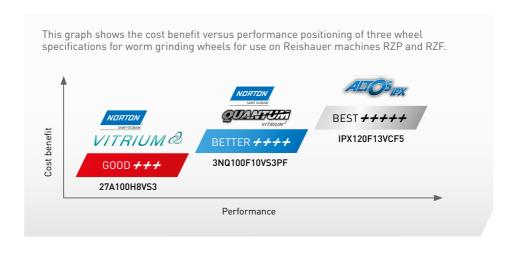
GLOBOIDAL WORM GRINDING WHEELS FOR REISHAUER MACHINES RZP AND RZF



WHEEL SELECTION GUIDE

The following worm grinding wheels are recommended for use on Reishauer machines RZP and RZF:

	MACHINE	MACHINE	WHEEL DIMENSIONS (mm)		
	BRAND TYPE	TYPE	Diameter	Thickness	Hole diameter
	REISHAUER	RZP	400	20-60	203.2
		RZF	400	25-80	203.2





GRIT DESCRIPTION

TIER	GRIT TYPE	FEATURES	BENEFITS
BEST +++++	MORTON SMITGORIN FINANCIAN FINA	High performance ceramic Extra sharp extruded grain Natural open porosity	Fast and deep cutting Longer wheel life Cool cutting
BETTER ++++	3NQ	Engineered microstructure ceramic grain Latest grain technology	Fast ad free cutting Longer wheel life
G00D +++	27A	Monocrystaline aluminium oxide	• Very sharp

BOND DESCRIPTION

TIER	BOND TYPE	FEATURES	BENEFITS
BEST +++++	MDRTDN SAPE-COMM VCF5	Highly porous and permeable vitrified bond Natural open structure	Allows maximum coolant access to the grinding zone
BETTER <i>++++</i>	VITRIUM & VS3P	Porous version of bond VS3	High material removal rate Form holding
GOOD +++	VITRIUM & VS3	Vitrified durable bond Latest generation bond	• Long life

TOP TIP

Mounting instructions:

- · Logo side of the wheel must be in front of the operator, not on the fixed flange side
- Always mount the wheel according to the 'mount down' sign ▼

Our patented ALTOS IPX Technology does not require the use of artificial pore inducers (chemicals) unlike other porous vitrified wheel technologies. By choosing ALTOS IPX Technology for your grinding operation, YOU help to preserve the environment.





DRESSING TOOLS FOR CONTINUOUS **GEAR GENERATION GRINDING WHEELS**

SINGLE-TAPER DRESSING DISCS



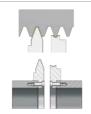


- Highly flexible tool concept for different module ranges
- · Discs are mounted on separate spindles

Highly flexible solution

DOUBLE-TAPER DRESSING DISCS





- Very good when tooth root machining is required
- Tool design is dependent on the work piece

Module Tool design Small ≤1.5 | Reverse electroplated Large > 1.5 Positive electroplated

ROLLER DRESSER SETS FOR SINGLE-PASS DRESSING





- · High pitch adjustment
- Very good when tooth root grinding is required
- Tool design is dependent on the workpiece

FULL PROFILE ROLLER DRESSERS



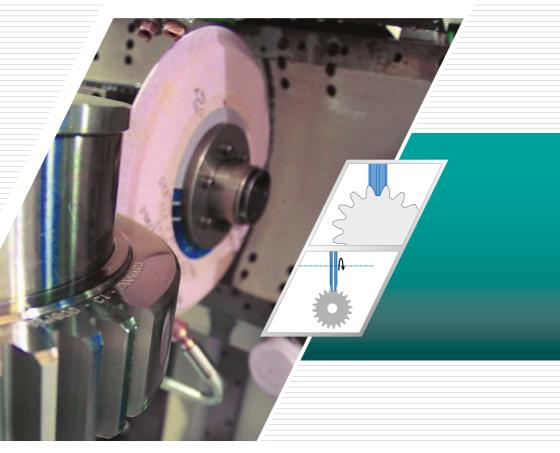


- Particularly suitable for modules ranges < 1.5
- Excellent tool design with low setup requirements
- Specific design to each workpiece

Highly productive solution

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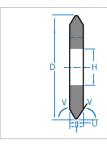
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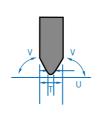


Profile grinding forms the exact shape of the gear teeth. The wheel runs between two opposing teeth to grind both surfaces at the same time. This is known as discontinuous grinding and is used on large contact areas.

SINGLE PROFILE GRINDING WHEELS

WHEEL SELECTION GUIDE





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U = Flat face width

WHEEL SELECTION GUIDE

Wheels for grinding single profile gears are available for the following machines:

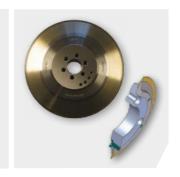
MACHINE	MACHINE	WHEEL DIMENSIONS (mm)		
BRAND	TYPE	Diameter	Thickness	Hole diameter
	P400G/ 600G/ 800G	350	30 to 60	127
GLEASON	P1200G/ 1600G/ 2000G/ 2400G/ 2800G/ 3200G/ 4000G/ 5000G/ 6000G	450	30 to 80	127
PFAUTER	Opti-Grind	400	30 to 80	170
	Titan 1200, Titan 1500	450	40 to 80	127
	Promat 400, Helix 400 Rapid 650/800/1000/1250	400	20 to 100	127
HÖFLER	Rapid 1600/2000/2500/3000/ 4000/5000/6000/8000	450	40 to 100	127
	Rapid 2500I/ 3000I/ 4000I/ 6000I	470	80 to 130	127
KAPP	KAPP VAS P		20 to 50	76,2
	ZP 08/10/12/16/20/24	450	40 to 130	127
NILES	ZP 30/40/50/60	500	40 to 130	127
	ZE 400/630/800/1000/1200	350	63 to 80	127



DRESSING TOOLS

Winter rotary dressing discs provide excellent results on single profile wheels:

- Contour controlled CNC dressing
- Very flexible
- · One tool for several profiles







GRIT DESCRIPTION

TIER	GRIT TYPE	FEATURES	BENEFITS
BEST ++++	MORTON MATGODAL MATGODAL TGX	Elongated grain generating natural porosity High performance ceramic grain	Fast & deep cutting Longer wheel life Very high output Allows grinding from blank gears
BETTER ++++	3TGP	Blend of ceramic with pink aluminium oxide Long, sharp ceramic grain	Free cutting Self sharpening
GOOD +++	VORTE (2)	Patented grain technology Very high levels of porosity	Unrivalled homogenity (balance) Very high and cool cut rates Gentle on dressing tool

BOND DESCRIPTION

TIER	BOND TYPE	FEATURES	BENEFITS
BEST ++++	VCF5	Highly porous and permeable vitrified bond Natural open structure	Allows maximum coolant access to the grinding zone
BETTER <i>++++</i>	NORTON VITRIUM & VS3PF	Vitrified porous bond Very durable Latest generation bond	High material removal rate Form holding Suitable for high speed operations (63m/s and more)
G00D +++	VTX2	Durable vitrified porous bond Natural open structure	• Long life • Form holding

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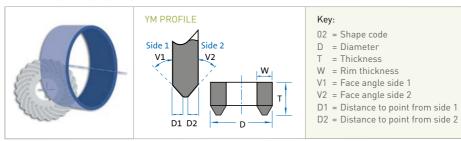
SPIRAL BEVEL GEAR **GRINDING WHEELS**



Bevel gears are conically shaped and used for differentials. Grinding of spiral bevel gears is performed with cup wheels in a specific profile grinding process.

SPIRAL BEVEL GEAR GRINDING WHEELS

WHEEL SELECTION GUIDE



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Wheels for grinding single profile gears are available for the following machines:

MACHINE	MACHINE	WHEEL DIMENSIONS (mm)		
BRAND	TYPE			
OL FACON	Phoenix 200HG			
GLEASON	Phoenix II 275G/600G/800G			
KLINGELNBERG	G27	MTO* MTO		MTO*
	G50	MTO* MTO*		MITO
	G60			
	G100			

^{*}Made to order



Bevel gear

Wheels for spriral bevel grinding can be supplied directly glued on the metal plate upon customer demand.





GRIT DESCRIPTION

TIER	GRIT TYPE	FEATURES	BENEFITS
BEST +++++	NORTON MINISTERN TGX	High performance ceramic Extra sharp extruded grain Natural open structure	Fast & deep cutting Longer wheel life Cool cutting
BETTER <i>++++</i>	NORTON MACCOUNT QUARTITITA 3NQ	Engineered microstructure ceramic grain Latest grain technology Engineered grain boundaries	Free cutting action Long life For low, medium and high force
G00D +++	SGB	Mean ceramic concentration Dilution with strong abrasive	Good cutting effect Longer wheel life

BOND DESCRIPTION

TIER	BOND TYPE	FEATURES	BENEFITS
BEST ++++	VCF5	Highly porous and permeable vitrified bond Natural open structure	Allows maximum coolant access to the grinding zone
BETTER <i>++++</i>	NORTON SHEDOWN VITRIUM & VS3	· Latest generation high performance vitrified bond	Form holding Suitable for high speed operations



DRESSING TOOLS

Winter offers a dressing solution for all spiral bevel gear grinding wheels:

- Contour controlled CNC dressing
- Very flexible
- One tool for several profiles

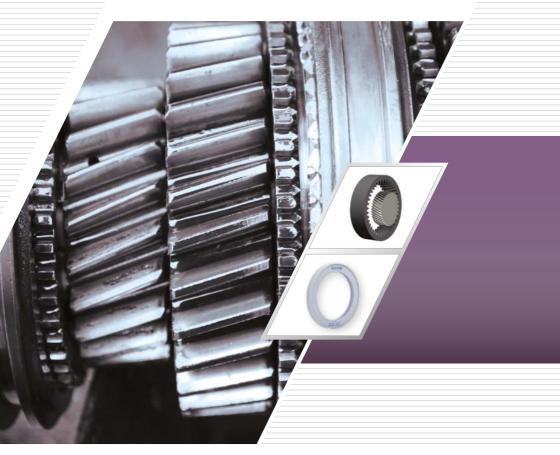


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TOP TIP

Lubricant or cooling fluid filtration improves this complex grinding process. A defective filtration can lead to poor surface finish, heat generation, wheel loading and a shorter wheel life.

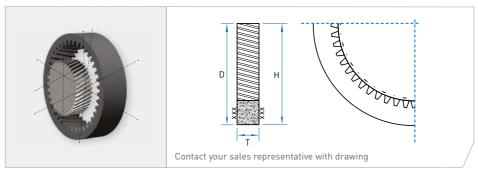
POWER HONING



Power-honing is an increasingly popular process in the production of gears and shafts for transmission boxes. Power honing is a final process where gears are finished after hobbing and heat-treating. Gear flanks are ground in the internal diameter of a honing ring, generating a typical surface structure, improving lubrication, and resulting in quieter gear transmission.

GRINDING POWER HONING RINGS

WHEEL SELECTION GUIDE



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Honing rings are available for the following machines:

MACHINE	MACHINE	WHEEL DIMENSIONS (mm)		
BRAND	TYPE	Diameter	Thickness	
FAESSLER	HMX 400	399.55	MTO*	MTO*
GLEASON	150SPH	300	MTO*	MT0*
	ZH250	400	MTO*	MT0*
PRÄWEMA	HFSL 203 / HS205 / HS205-D	269.95	MTO*	MT0*

^{*}Made to order





GRIT DESCRIPTION

TIER	GRIT TYPE	FEATURES	BENEFITS
BEST +++++	NORTON MAT OCCUP OCCUPATION 3NQW	Engineered microstructure ceramic grain Latest grain technology Engineered grain boundaries	Optimise cost savings and maximise performance Free cutting action Extremely durable For low, medium and high force

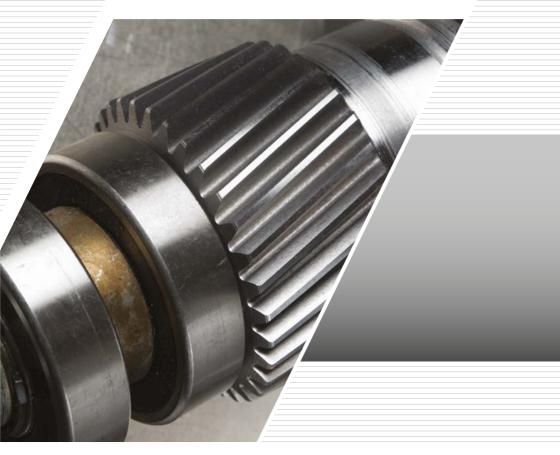
BOND DESCRIPTION

TIER	BOND TYPE	FEATURES	BENEFITS
BEST ++++	VET	· Vitrified durable bond	Form holding Reduce dressing needs



NOTES

SEMI FINISH STOCK SERVICE



Saint-Gobain Abrasives now offers a stock of semi-finished straight wheels, ready to be profiled on demand. This stock is designed to provide a fast track service and to increase flexibility.

SEMI FINISHED STOCK SERVICE

The semi-finished product list is available on the Gear 1/2 finish stock flyer. This document will help you to find the best solution for the most common machines on the market. Wheels can be ordered profiled or straight.

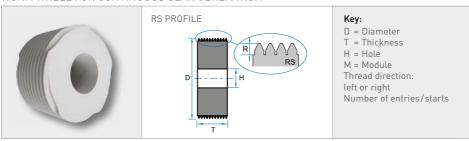
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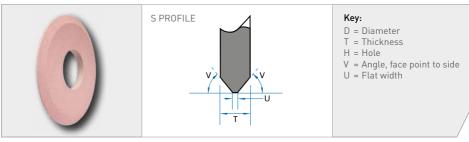
To increase the service efficiency, please detail all required profile information. If you have a drawing, don't hesitate to send it to your sales contact.

See below the two most common profiles to be machined from our semi-finished blank stock.

WORM WHEEL FOR CONTINUOUS GEAR GENERATION



STRAIGHT WHEEL FOR PROFILE GRINDING





Typical cost reductions

On average abrasives and cutting tools only account for about 3% of total manufacturing budgets. Norton Vitrium³, Altos and Vortex 2 products optimised with Norton's proprietary PSP (process solutions program) helps to optimise your total cost and improve your productivity.

For information on how to achieve the greatest overall cost savings, see the example below or go to www.saint-gobain-abrasives.com/psp-eu.aspx.



Decreasing the price of abrasives

A 30% price reduction will only reduce costs per part by 1%.

Increasing the life of abrasives

Even a 50% increase in product life will only reduce costs per part by 1%.

Increase overall productivity through PSP

With a 20% decrease in cycle time per part there will be a reduced total cost per part of more than 15%.



IMPROVING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Increased productivity with existing customer machine capacity. Able to work with higher feed rates, speed and pressure, to significantly increase production while using fewer wheels. Reduced energy consumption with optimal firing temperatures during manufacturing of Norton Vitrium³, Altos and Vortex 2 wheels.

By choosing Norton Vitrium², Altos and Vortex 2 technology for your grinding operation, you help to preserve the environment. In addition, Norton Vitrium³, Altos and Vortex 2 eliminate costly re-validation of processes associated with using chemical pore inducers such as naphthalene.



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