Polycrystalline diamond (PCD)
Grade: CTH025

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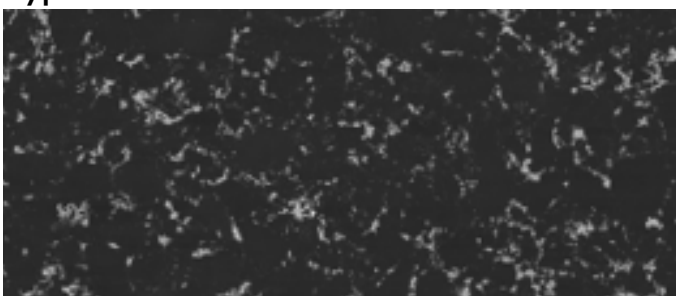
Key material characteristics

- 25 µm diamond grain size
- 8 % cobalt ratio (wt %)
- High wear resistance

Suitable for machining of high silicon aluminium alloys, metal matrix composites (MMC), tungsten carbide and ceramics. Average grain size of 25 µm. CTH025 offers optimum wear resistance for abrasive machining conditions.

Typical microstructure



BEC 20 kV X500 Magnification 50 µm

	Behaviour in application		Processing characteristics	
Grade Grain size	**Chip resistance**	**Abrasion resistance**	**Electro-discharge machinability**	**Grindability**
CMX850 0.85 µm				
CTX002 2 µm				
CTB004 4 µm				
CTB010 10 µm				
CTH025 25 µm				
CTM302 2 - 30 µm				

Size and format available

Maximum disc diameter: 76 mm

Maximum PCD certified area: 70 mm

	Overall height							
PCD layer thickness	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6	2.0	3.18	8.0
0.5					✓	✓	✓	

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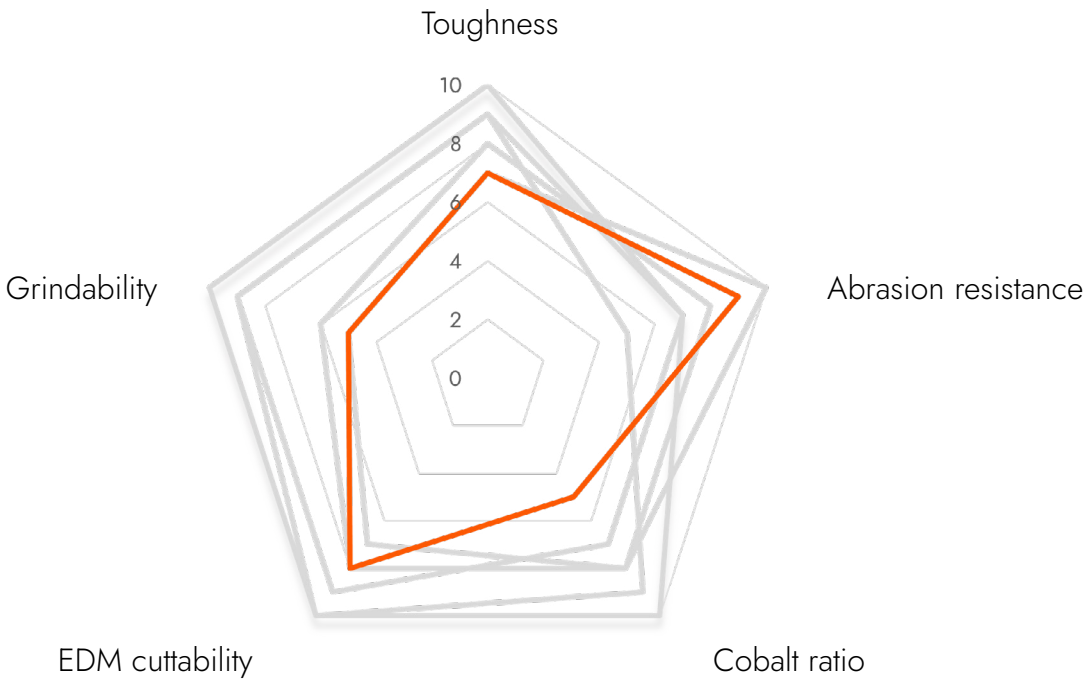

Physical and metallurgical properties		
Property	**Measurement**	**Applicable standard**
Transverse rupture strenght characteristic strengh (MPa)	1154	ASTM C1239
Weibull modulus	8.34	
Fracture toughness mean (MPa.m^{½})	9.3	Shetty et al. (1995)
Elastic modulus (GPa)	1100	ASTM E494
Poisson's ratio	0.1	
Density (g/cm^3)	3.79	Archimedes principle
Thermal conductivity (W/m/K) at 500 °C	336.16	Calculated from thermal diffusivity, specific heat capacity and density
Knoop hardness (Indentation)(GPa)	62	ASTM C1326-03

	Superior	Advanced	Assured
Polish quality	P+	P1	P2
Overall height tolerance + mm	H+ 0.025	H1 0.05	H2 0.1
PCD layer tolerance + mm	L+ 0.1	L1 0.15	L2 0.2

Range	PCD layer (mm)	Certified area (mm)	Overall height (mm)	Nomenclature	Item number
Superior	0.5	70	1.6	CTH025 R70-160-05 P1H+L+	195-200-0977-01
Advanced	0.5	70	1.6	CTH025 R70-160-05 P1H1L+	195-200-0975-01
Advanced	0.5	70	1.0	CTH025 R70-100-05 P1H1L+	195-200-0986-01
Advanced	0.5	70	2.0	CTH025 R70-200-05 P1H1L+	195-200-0985-01
Advanced	0.5	70	3.18	CTH025 R70-318-05 P1H1L+	195-200-0982-01
Assured	0.5	70	1.6	CTH025 R68-160-05 P2H2L1	195-200-0976-01
Assured	0.5	70	1.6	CTH025 R68-160-05 U1H2L1	195-200-0991-01
Assured	0.5	70	2.0	CTH025 R68-200-05 U1H2L1	195-200-0987-01
Assured	0.5	70	2.0	CTH025 R68-200-05 P2H2L1	195-200-0984-01
Assured	0.5	70	3.18	CTH025 R68-318-05 P2H2L1	195-200-0981-01
Assured	0.5	70	3.18	CTH025 R68-318-05 U1H2L1	195-200-0990-01
Advanced	0.5	70	1.6	CTH025 R60-160-05 P1H1L1	195-200-0980-01

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