Carbide Grade Selection

Choose the Carmex grade specifically formulated for your application from the following list:

Coated Grades

HBA (H10-H25) (S10-S25)	Extra-fine sub-micron grade with high toughness, for optimized performance on hardened steels and cast iron up to 62HRc, titanium alloys and super alloys (hastelloy, inconel and nickel based alloys).
BLU (M10-M20) (K05-K20) (N10-N20) (S10-S20)	PVD triple layer coated sub-micron grade for stainless steels, cast iron, titanium, non ferrous metals and most of the high temperature alloys.
BMA (P20-P40) (K20-K30)	PVD TiAlN coated sub-micrograin grade for stainless steels and exotic materials at medium to high cutting speeds.
P25C (P15-P35)	PVD TiN coated grade for treated and hard alloy steels (25 HRc & up) at medium to low cutting speeds.
MXC (K10-K20) (P10-P25)	PVD TiN coated micrograin for free cutting untreated alloy steels (below 30 HRc), for stainless steels and cast iron.
BXC (P30-P50) (K25-K40)	PVD TiN coated grade for low cutting speed. Works well with wide range of stainless steels.

Uncoated Grades

P30* (P20-P30)	Carbide grade for carbon and cast steels, works well at medium to low cutting speeds.
K20* (K10-K30)	Carbide grade for non ferrous metals, aluminum and cast iron.

* Upon request

Note: Due to our unique and specialized production techniques, Carmex coated inserts provide superior cutting performance and exceptionally long tool life.

Grade availability per inserts size

Grade	HBA	BLU	BMA	P25C	MXC	BXC	P30	K20
Insert sizes	11, 16, 22, 27	11, 16, 22	06, 08, 11, 16, 22, 27, 33U,	11, 16, 22, 27, 33U	11, 16, 22, 27, 33U	06, 08	11, 16, 22, 27, 33U	06, 08 11, 16, 22, 27, 33U
		Type-B 11, 16	Type-B 11, 16					

Type B - Threading Inserts

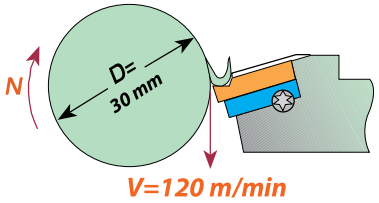
A combination of ground profile, and sintered chip-breaker threading inserts.
Unlike most other manufacturers inserts, this combination ensures a consistent high quality thread, with precise shape and dimensions.
Two different unique styles of chip-breaker were designed to suit the different specific requirements of Internal threads and External threads.
All of Carmex Type B inserts are made of BMA Sub-Micrograin grade.

Recommended cutting speed (m/min) for thread turning inserts

ISO Standard	Material		Condition	HBA	BLU	BMA	P25C	MXC	BXC	K20	P30
P	Non-Alloy Steel and Cast Steel, Free Cutting Steel	<0.25%C	Annealed		110–210	120–180	100–180	100–180	70–150		50–130
		≥0.25%C	Annealed								
		<0.55%C	Quenched & Tempered								
		≥0.55%C	Annealed								
			Quenched & Tempered								
	Low Alloy Steel and Cast Steel (less than 5% alloying elements)		Annealed		90–140	80–130	70–120	70–120	60–90		50–80
			Quenched & Tempered								
	High Alloy Steel, Cast Steel, and Tool Steel		Annealed		70–90	60–80	50–60	55–70	50–60		40–50
			Quenched & Tempered								
M	Stainless Steel and Cast Steel		Ferritic / Martensitic		110–160	90–130	60–90	60–90	50–80	50–80	
			Martensitic								
			Austenitic								
K	Cast Iron Nodular (GGG)		Ferritic / Pearlitic		120–150	100–130		80–110	60–90		
			Pearlitic								
	Grey Cast Iron (GG)		Ferritic		140–150	120–130		90–100	65–85		
			Pearlitic								
	Malleable Cast Iron		Ferritic		110–140	100–130		80–100	60–85		
			Pearlitic								
N	Aluminum-Wrought Alloy		Not Cureable		250–500			200–400	150–400	200–400	100–400
			Cured								
	Aluminum-Cast, Alloyed	<=12% Si	Not Cureable		280–500			200–500	150–350	200–500	110–300
			Cured								
		>12% Si	High Temperature								
	Copper Alloys	>1% Pb	Free Cutting		190–350			150–250	110–180	150–250	90–150
			Brass								
			Electrolytic Copper								
	Non Metallic		Duroplastics, Fiber Plastics					200–300	150–210	100–200	110–150
			Hard Rubber								
S	High Temp. Alloys, Super Alloys	Fe based	Annealed	20–80	30–65	25–60					
			Cured								
		Ni or Co based	Annealed								
			Cured								
			Cast								
	Titanium Alloys		Alpha +Beta Alloys Cured	30–60	40–50	35–45				35–45	
H	Hardened Steel		Hardened 45-50 HRc	30–60	40–50	35–45					
			Hardened 51-55 HRc								
			Hardened 56-62 HRc								
	Chilled Cast Iron		Cast	20–50	30–40	25–35					
	Cast Iron		Hardened	20–40	20–30	15–25					

Conversion of Cutting Speed to Rotational Speed

Conversion of a selected cutting speed to rotational speed is calculated by the following formula:



Example

$$N = \frac{V \times 1000}{\pi \times D} = \frac{120 \times 1000}{3.14 \times 30} = 1274 \text{ RPM}$$

Number of passes and depth of cut per pass for multitooth insert

	Pitch mm	Insert Size		No. of Teeth	Ordering Code	No. of Passes	Depth of Cut per pass			
		L	I.C. (in)				1	2	3	4
ISO External	1.00	16	3/8	3	16 ER 1.0 ISO 3M	2	0.38	0.25		
	1.50	16	3/8	2	16 ER 1.5 ISO 2M	3	0.42	0.30	0.20	
	1.50	22	1/2	3	22 ER 1.5 ISO 3M	2	0.55	0.37		
	2.00	22	1/2	2	22 ER 2.0 ISO 2M	3	0.57	0.40	0.28	
	2.00	22	1/2	3	22 ER 2.0 ISO 3M	2	0.76	0.49		
	3.00	27	5/8	2	27 ER 3.0 ISO 2M	4	0.59	0.51	0.42	0.32
ISO Internal	1.00	16	3/8	3	16 IR 1.0 ISO 3M	2	0.33	0.25		
	1.50	16	3/8	2	16 IR 1.5 ISO 2M	3	0.38	0.29	0.20	
	1.50	22	1/2	3	22 IR 1.5 ISO 3M	2	0.50	0.37		
	2.00	22	1/2	2	22 IR 2.0 ISO 2M	3	0.52	0.37	0.26	
	2.00	22	1/2	3	22 IR 2.0 ISO 3M	2	0.70	0.45		
	3.00	27	5/8	2	27 IR 3.0 ISO 2M	4	0.58	0.46	0.39	0.30
UN External	16	16	3/8	2	16 ER 16 UN 2M	3	0.44	0.31	0.22	
	16	22	1/2	3	22 ER 16 UN 3M	2	0.58	0.39		
	12	22	1/2	2	22 ER 12 UN 2M	3	0.59	0.42	0.30	
	12	22	1/2	3	22 ER 12 UN 3M	2	0.78	0.52		
	8	27	5/8	2	27 ER 8 UN 2M	4	0.62	0.54	0.45	0.35
UN Internal	16	16	3/8	2	16 IR 16 UN 2M	3	0.42	0.28	0.22	
	16	22	1/2	3	22 IR 16 UN 3M	2	0.55	0.37		
	12	22	1/2	2	22 IR 12 UN 2M	3	0.53	0.38	0.31	
	12	22	1/2	3	22 IR 12 UN 3M	2	0.74	0.48		
	8	27	5/8	2	27 IR 8 UN 2M	4	0.63	0.50	0.40	0.30
Whitworth 55° External	14	16	3/8	2	16 ER 14 W 2M	3	0.52	0.37	0.27	
	14	22	1/2	3	22 ER 14 W 3M	2	0.70	0.46		
	11	22	1/2	2	22 ER 11 W 2M	3	0.67	0.47	0.34	
Whitworth 55° Internal	14	16	3/8	2	16 IR 14 W 2M	3	0.52	0.37	0.27	
	14	22	1/2	3	22 IR 14 W 3M	2	0.70	0.46		
	11	22	1/2	2	22 IR 11 W 2M	2	0.67	0.47	0.34	
NPT External	14	16	3/8	2	16 ER 14 NPT 2M	3				
	11.5	22	1/2	2	22 ER 11.5 NPT 2M	4	0.54	0.47	0.37	0.30
	11.5	27	5/8	3	27 ER 11.5 NPT 3M	4	0.76	0.54	0.38	
	8	27	5/8	2	27 ER 8 NPT 2M	4	0.81	0.60	0.55	0.45
NPT Internal	14	16	3/8	2	16 IR 14 NPT 2M	3				
	11.5	22	1/2	2	22 IR 11.5 NPT 2M	4	0.54	0.47	0.37	0.30
	11.5	27	5/8	3	27 IR 11.5 NPT 3M	4	0.76	0.54	0.38	
	8	27	5/8	2	27 IR 8 NPT 2M	4	0.81	0.60	0.55	0.45
API Round External	10	22	1/2	2	22 ER 10 APIRD 2M	3	0.60	0.50	0.31	
	10	27	5/8	3	27 ER 10 APIRD 3M	2	1.00	0.41		
	8	27	5/8	2	27 ER 8 APIRD 2M	3	0.80	0.60	0.41	
API Round Internal	10	22	1/2	2	22 IR 10 APIRD 2M	3	0.60	0.50	0.31	
	10	27	5/8	3	27 IR 10 APIRD 3M	2	1.00	0.41		
	8	27	5/8	2	27 IR 8 APIRD 2M	3	0.80	0.60	0.41	

Number of threading passes selection for single point inserts

Pitch:	mm TPI	0.5 48	0.8 32	1.0 24	1.25 20	1.5 16	1.75 14	2.0 12	2.5 10	3.0 8	4.0 6	6.0 4
Number of Passes		3-6	4-7	4-9	6-10	5-11	9-12	6-13	7-15	8-17	10-20	11-22

NOTES:

1. For most standard applications the middle of the range is a good starting point.
2. For most materials, the tougher the material, the higher the number of cutting passes you should select.
3. As a general rule of thumb, fewer passes are better than more speed.

Thread Turning Methods