



EDELSTAHL GMBH J.P. SCHUMACHER

SPECIAL STEEL * BARS * BLOCKS * FORGINGS



GEST 80 (similar to NAK 80)

GEST 80 is a precipitation or age-hardened mould steel with a uniform through hardness of approximately 40 HRC. It is a very clean steel with uniform grain structure, uniform hardness, and excellent dimensional stability.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

40 HRC hardness ; age-hardened for uniformity of hardness throughout, even in heavy sections ; possibility of repair welding ; machining speed increase by 10-20% against typical plastic mould steels (f.i. P20) ; never needs stress relieving, even after heavy machining ; possibility of nitriding; polishability high gloss

TYPICAL ANALYSIS [%]

C	Mn	Cr	Mo	Ni	Cu	Al
0,14	1,40	0,3	0,3	2,8	0,9	0,9

HEAT TREATMENT DATA [°C]

Forging	Annealing	Austenitizing	Tempering/Aging
1100-850	640-660	880-920	550 *)

*)depends on usage
hardness see diagram

DELIVERY CONDITION :

Age-Hardened with approx. 40 HRC

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:

Coefficient of thermal expansion
[10⁻⁶ m/(m*K)]

20-100°C	20-200°C	20-300°C
11,3	12,6	13,5

Thermal conductivity
[W/(m*K)]

100°C	200°C
41,3	42,2

DIMENSIONAL STABILITY

Because of its age-hardened grain structure, GEST 80 will not distort by any process carried out at temperatures below the age hardening point of 550° C. This refers to, f.i. machining (grinding/drilling/milling/cutting etc.) also by EDM. The "white layer" by EDM is more easily removed than with other grades, because it is thinner.



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HARDNESS/COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH/TOUGHNESS

The material is delivered with a working hardness of ~ 40 HRC. Because of the precipitation hardening, both the compressive strength as well as the toughness (impact strength in J) show excellent values, too (see diagram).

This warrants very good wear properties. Care should be taken when two surfaces of GEST 80 are sliding (touching) against each other, which would result in a potential excess wear and lead to jamming. For the counterpart a piece with about 10 HRC less should be selected.

In the finished mould, the overall wear conditions will remain stable at temperatures up to the age-hardening point.

POLISHING

Due to its cleanliness and structure the material is high-gloss polishable, by wet grinding with later buffing. Use medium pressure only, otherwise – if overpolishing – you risk surface defects even after the finishing process.

SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS.

Because of ~0,9 % Al are part of the analysis this GEST 80 is very suitable for NITRIDING, reaching a surface hardness of over 60 HRC.

This steel grade is also very suitable for other surface improvements like coating with Titanium, Chrome, Nickel and others.

WELDING:

Should be made only with rods of an analysis identical with the matrix material, suitable for the same precipitation – hardening process. It is to be noted that the welded part must be age hardened the same way as the original matrix, holding time at least 90 minutes.

Use TIG or Heli-Arc welding rods, copper coated. For preparing of the welding please see the following instructions. In case of any doubts please ask for our technical support.



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WELDING INSTRUCTION:

- 1.) The material must be absolutely clean
- 2.) The defects must be completely removed
- 3.) The corner radius should be min. 3 mm
- 4.) Preheating in a furnace by 10 up to 50°C per hour (depends on mould execution) to 320-400°C, holding time 30 minutes per 25 mm thickness
- 5.) welding (DC polarity) by lowest possible amperage for small weld beads with smallest possible diameter rod.

Attention: The temperature at the welding place should be not lower than 320°C.

- 6.) an immediate heat treatment process at 460-520°C for a minimum time of 90 minutes (depending on number of layers and thickness of weld bead) after welding is absolutely necessary in order to avoid hardness differences. Cooling slowly to room temperature.
- 7.) The a.m. procedure (Item 4-6) must be done after every three welding layers
- 8.) This instruction is only valid for preheating and heat treatment in a furnace.



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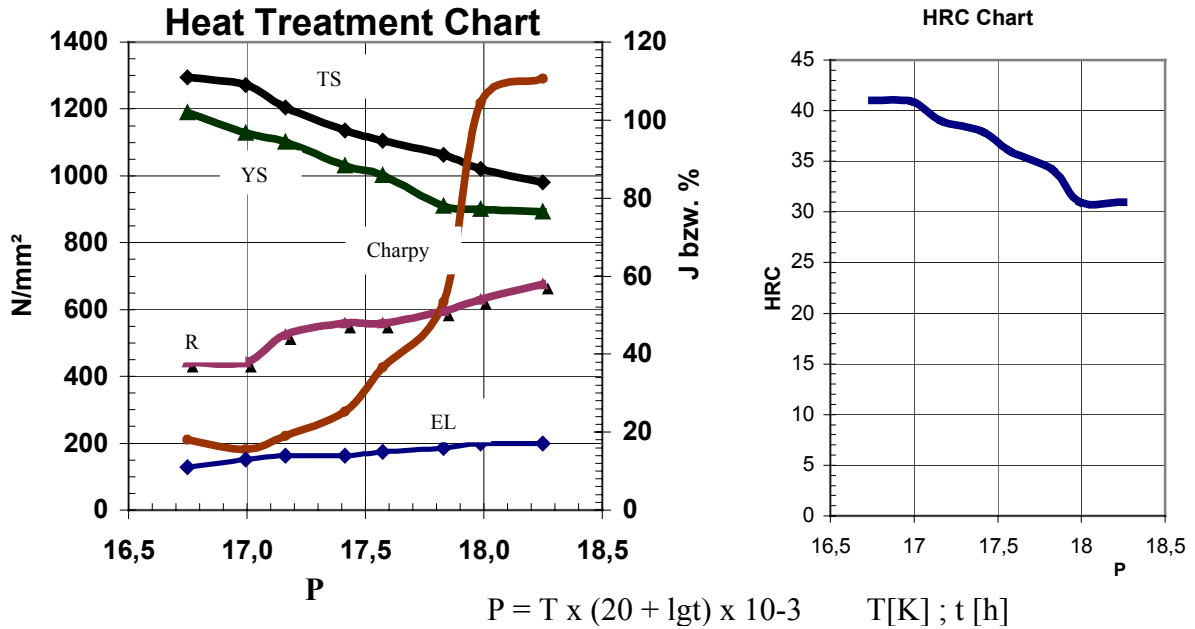


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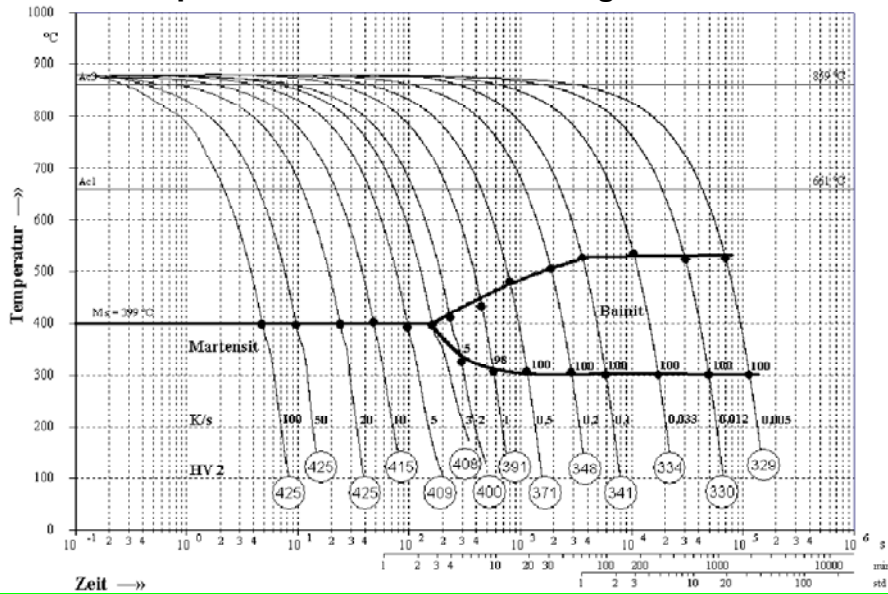
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Ageing-diagram GEST 80



Continuous time-temperature-transformation diagram



Structure (magnification 400:1)

