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BÖHLER M310 |
ISOPLAST®

CORROSION RESISTANT TOOL STEELS

BÖHLER brand					
	Standards (Examples)	Conventional quality	Remelted steels (ESR, PESR, VMR)	PM-brands	AM-powder
>58 HRc	1.4108		BÖHLER M380 ISOPLAST®	BÖHLER M398 MICROCLEAN® BÖHLER M390 MICROCLEAN®	
~54 HRc	1.4125 1.4528 1.4112	BÖHLER N695 BÖHLER N690 BÖHLER N685	BÖHLER M340 ISOPLAST®	BÖHLER M368 MICROCLEAN®	
~50 HRc	1.2083		BÖHLER M333 ISOPLAST® BÖHLER M310 ISOPLAST® BÖHLER M789 VMR®		BÖHLER M789 AMPO
~40 HRc	1.2316 1.4542	BÖHLER M303 EXTRA HIGH HARD	BÖHLER M303 ISOPLAST® HIGH HARD BÖHLER N700		BÖHLER N700 AMPO
~30 HRc	1.2316 1.2085	BÖHLER M303 EXTRA BÖHLER M315 EXTRA BÖHLER M314 EXTRA	BÖHLER M303 ISOPLAST®		

MATERIAL PROPERTIES

BÖHLER brand	Corrosion resistance	Machinability in delivery condition	Polishability	Toughness	Wear resistance
BÖHLER N690	★	★★	★	★	★★★★★
BÖHLER M310 ISOPLAST®	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★	★★	★★
BÖHLER M333 ISOPLAST®	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★
BÖHLER M340 ISOPLAST®	★★★	★★★	★★	★★	★★★
BÖHLER M368 MICROCLEAN®	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★
BÖHLER M380 ISOPLAST®	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★
BÖHLER M390 MICROCLEAN®	★★	★	★★★	★★	★★★★★
BÖHLER M398 MICROCLEAN®	★★	★	★★★	★★	★★★★★

Corrosion resistance – highly tempered, aging test in 20% boiling acetic acid, 24h
Polishability – ranking was carried out in cooperation with the polishing expert JOKE Technologies

A STEEL WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PERFORMANCE

Properties

Advanced stainless, martensitic chromium steel for plastic molds. With electroslag remelting and the optimization of the chemical composition, **BÖHLER M310 ISOPLAST** offers you many advantages.

- » High gloss polishability
- » Good corrosion resistance
- » Good photo-etchability
- » Good machinability
- » High wear resistance

Application

- » Components for the food industry
- » Extrusion of plastics
- » Consumer goods
- » Medical technology
- » Components for displays
- » Hot runner systems
- » Manufacturers of standard parts
- » General components for mechanical engineering
- » Packaging industry
- » Electronic industry
- » Injection molding
- » Blow molding
- » Headlights for the automotive industry
- » Camera lenses
- » Screws and cylinders

Chemical composition (average %)

C	Si	Mn	Cr	V
0.38	0.70	0.45	14.30	0.20

Standards

DIN	EN	AISI	JIS	AFNOR
~ 1.2083	X40Cr14	~ 420	~ SUS 420J2	~ Z40C14

Condition of delivery

annealed to max. 225HB

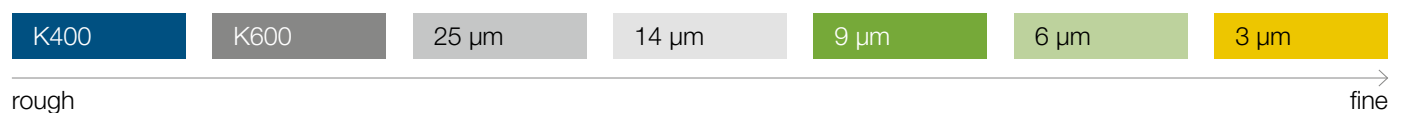
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BÖHLER M390 MICROCLEAN®	★ ★ ★
BÖHLER N685	★

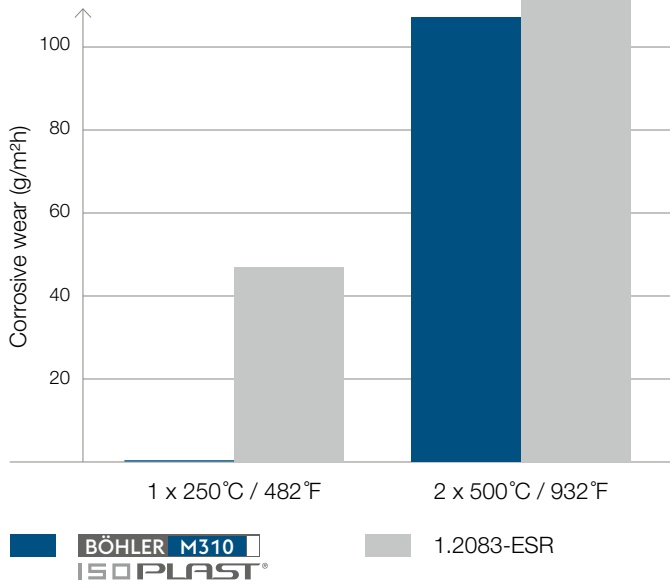
The comparison of the BÖHLER grades illustrates the effort required to achieve a high-gloss polished surface with Ra = 0,04 starting from a pre-ground surface.

Polishing steps

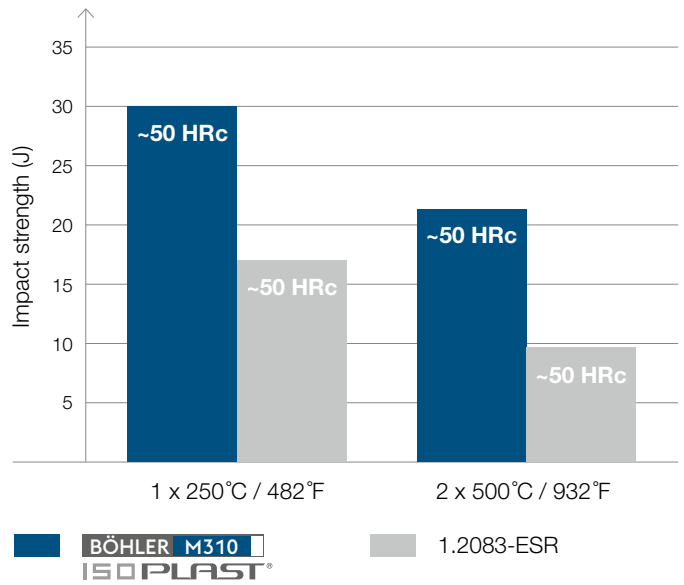




Corrosion resistance (without subzero cooling)



Toughness (without subzero cooling)



Heat treatment

Austenitizing at 1025°C / 1877°F (20 min./5 bar)

Tempering 1 x 250°C / 482°F or 2 x 500°C / 932°F

Weight Loss Test: Measured after 24 hours in 20% boiling acetic acid

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HEAT TREATMENT

Stress relieving

- » ca. 650°C / 1202°F
- » After warming up completely, keep at the same temperature for 1 to 2 hours in a neutral atmosphere / slow furnace cooling

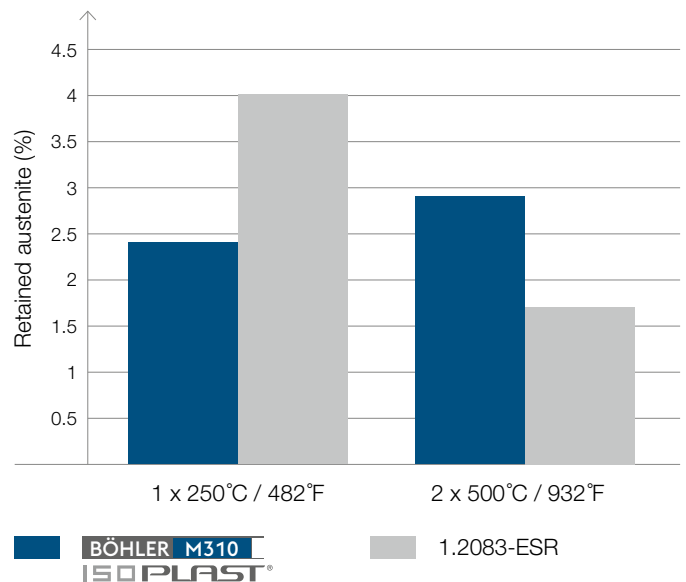
Hardening

- » 1025 to 1050°C / 1877 to 1922°F in a vacuum furnace
- » Hold for 15 to 30 minutes after warming up completely

Tempering

- » Slow heating to tempering temperature immediately after hardening / dwell time in the furnace 1 hour per 20 mm workpiece thickness, but at least 2 hours / air cooling.
- » Please refer to the tempering diagram for reference values for the hardness that can be achieved after tempering.

Retained austenite (without subzero cooling)

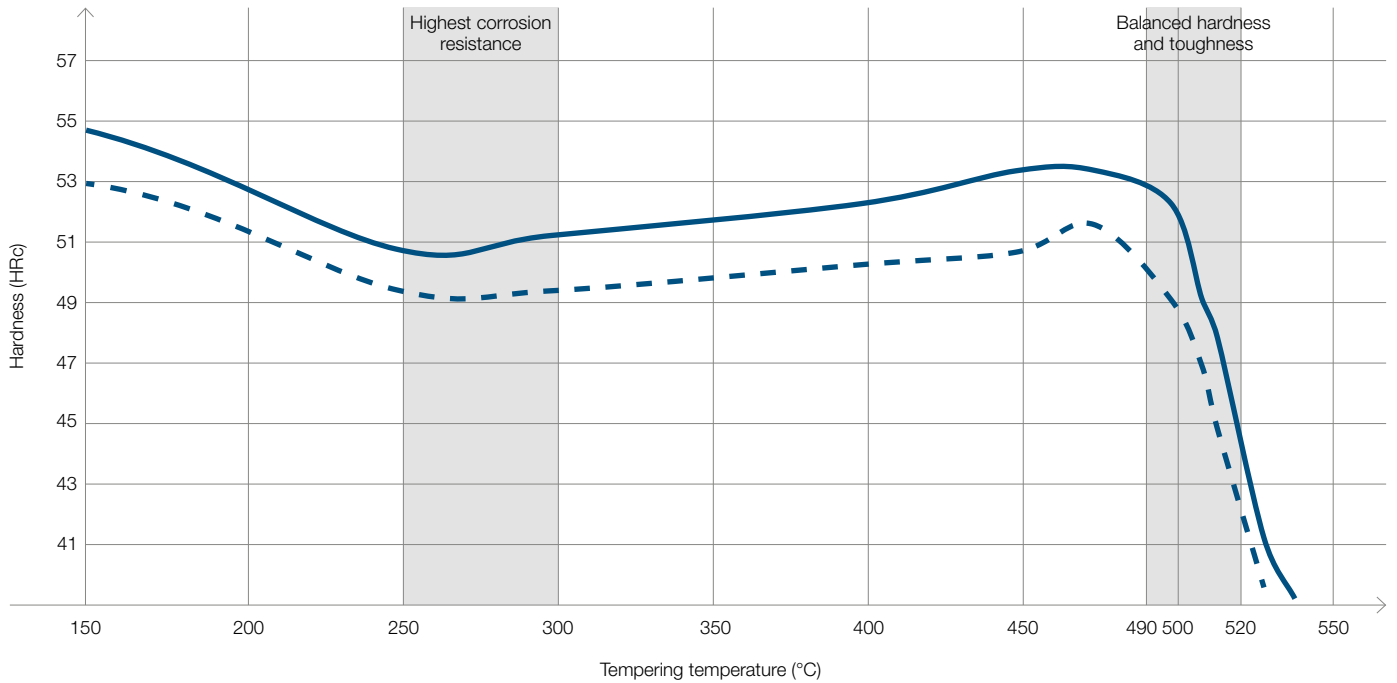


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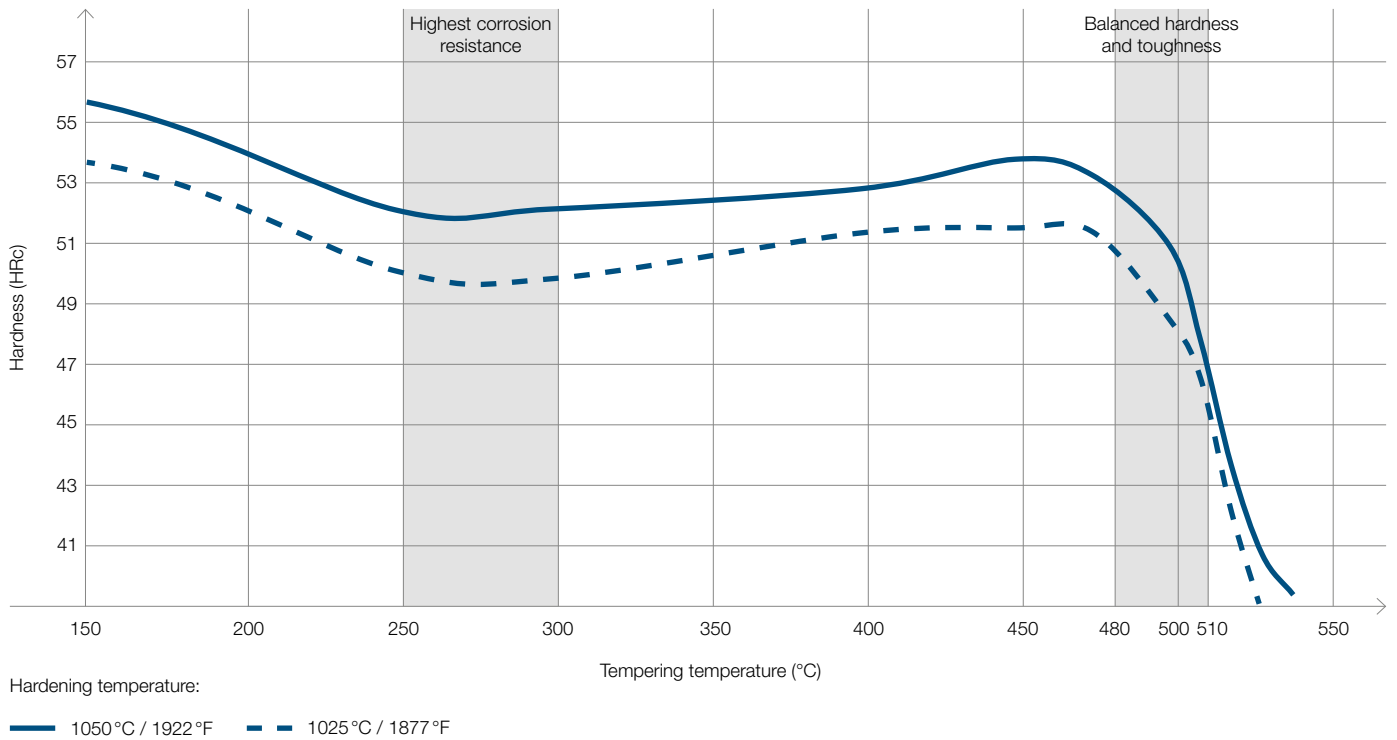
Austenitizing at 1025°C / 1877°F (20 min. / 5 bar)

Tempering 1 x 250°C / 482°F or 2 x 500°C / 932°F

Tempering diagram (vacuum heat treatment without subzero cooling)



Tempering diagram (vacuum heat treatment with subzero cooling)





Continuous cooling CCT-curves

Austenitising temperature: 1025°C / 1877°F
 Holding time: 30 minutes

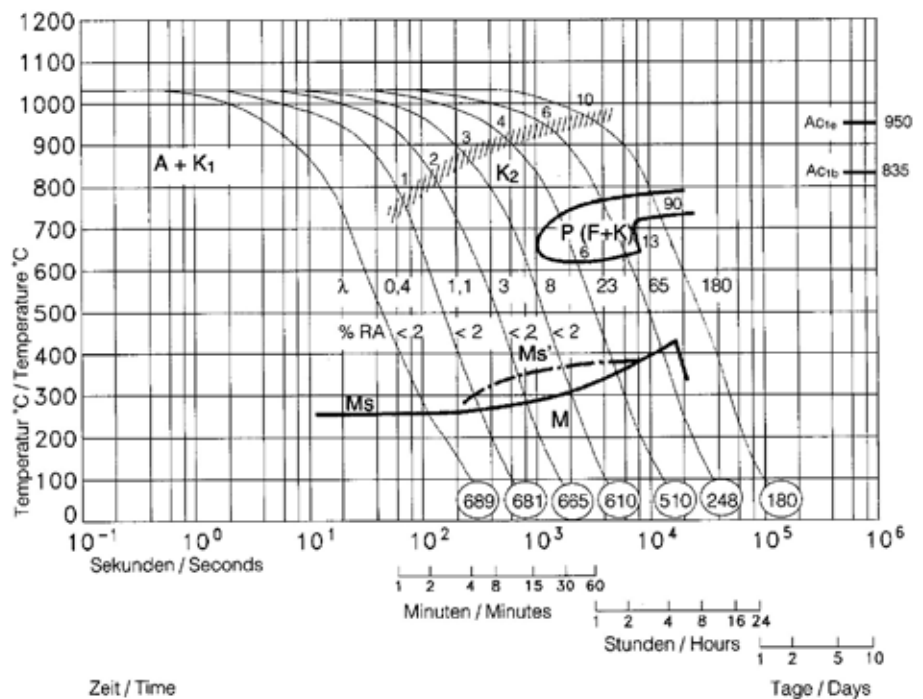
Hardness in HV

1...90 phase percentage in %
 0,4...180 cooling parameter,
 i.e. duration from cooling from
 800 – 500°C in $s \times 10^{-2/}$
 1472 – 932°F in $s \times 10^{-2/}$

K_1 carbids not dissolved during
 austenitization (8%)

K_2 carbides newly formed
 during cooling

Ms-Ms' range of grain boundary
 martensite formation

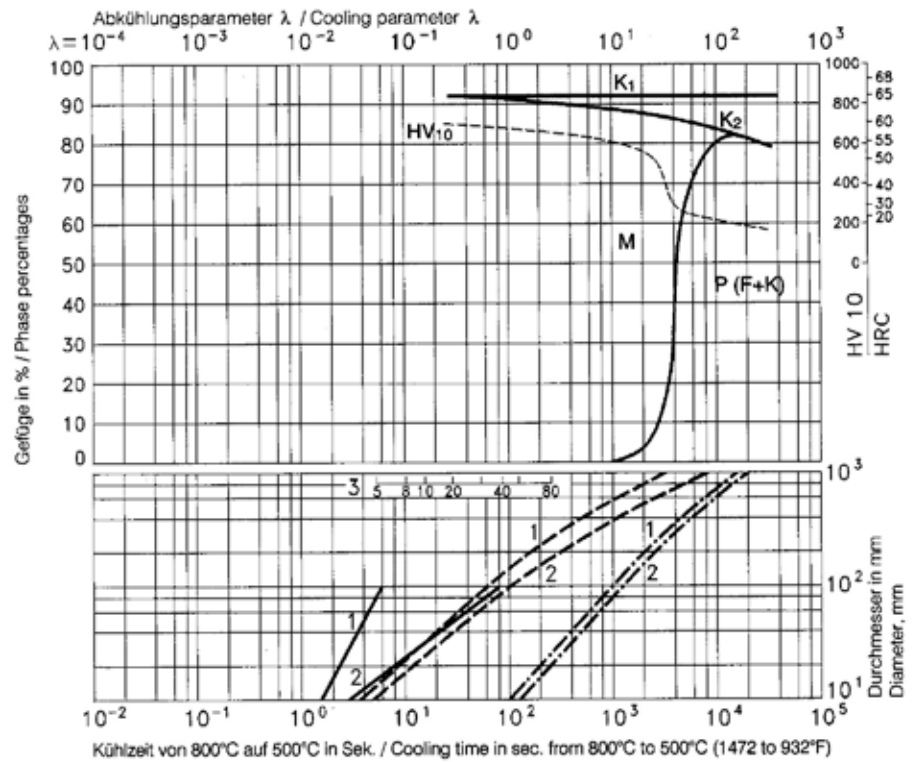




Quantitative phase diagram

- A Austenite
- F Ferrite
- K Carbide
- M Martensite
- P Pearlite

- 1 ... Surface
- 2 ... Core
- 3 ... Jominy test: distance from the face end



MACHINING GUIDELINES

Milling with carbide

	finishing	semi finishing	roughing
Cutting speed v_c m/min (f.p.m)	160 – 230 (520 – 750)	150 – 200 (490 – 655)	120 – 170 (390 – 550)
BOEHLERIT-carbide grade	BCH10M, BCP25M	BCH30M, BCP30M	BCH30M, BCP35M
ISO-Grade	H10, P25	H30, P30	H30, P35
F_z corner milling 90° (mm)	0.1 – 0.3	0.1 – 0.3	0.1 – 0.3
F_z plan milling 45° (mm)	0.15 – 0.4	0.15 – 0.6	0.15 – 0.6
F_z High speed machining (mm)	0.8 – 2.5	0.8 – 2.5	0.6 – 3.0

Turning with carbide

Cutting depth, mm (inches)	0.5 – 3 (.02 – .12)	1 – 4 (.04 – .16)	4 – 8 (.16 – .31)
Feed, mm/rev. (inches/rev.)	0.1 – 0.35 (.004 – .014)	0.2 – 0.4 (.008 – .016)	0.3 – 0.8 (.012 – .032)
BOEHLERIT-carbide grade	LCP15T	LCP15T, LCP25T	LCP25T, LC240F
ISO-Grade	P15	P15, P20	P20, P30
	Cutting speed v_c m/min (f.p.m)		
Indexable carbide inserts	180 – 260 (590 – 850)	120 – 220 (390 – 720)	70 – 140 (230 – 460)

Drilling with carbide

Drill diameter mm (inch)	3 – 8 (.12 – .31)	8 – 20 (.31 – .80)	20 – 40 (.80 – 1.6)
Feed, mm/rev. (inches/rev.)	0.02 – 0.05 (.001 – .002)	0.05 – 0.12 (.002 – .005)	0.12 – 0.18 (.005 – .007)
BOEHLERIT/ISO-Grade	K10 – K30		
Cutting speed v_c m/min (f.p.m)	50 – 120 (165 – 395)	50 – 120 (165 – 395)	50 – 120 (165 – 395)
Top angle	115° – 120°	115° – 120°	115° – 120°

Heat treatment condition annealed, average values



NUMBERS, FIGURES AND FACTS

Physical properties at 20°C / 68°F

Density	7.68 kg/dm ³ (0.277 lbs/in ³)
Thermal conductivity	19.5 W/(m.K) (11.27 Btu in/ft ² h°F)
Specific heat	460 J/(kg.K) (0.110 Btu/lb.°F)
Electrical resistivity	0.65 Ohm.mm ² /m
Modulus of elasticity	217 x 10 ³ N/mm ² (31.473 10 ³ ksi)
Magnetic properties	magnetic

Thermal expansion between 20°C / 68°F and ... °C (°F)

100 °C	200 °C	300 °C	400 °C	500 °C	
10.63	10.94	11.29	11.66	12.0	10 ⁻⁶ m/(m.K)
212 °F	392 °F	572 °F	752 °F	932 °F	
5.91	6.08	6.27	6.48	6.67	10 ⁻⁶ in/in.°F

Modulus of elasticity

100 °C	200 °C	300 °C	400 °C	500 °C	
213	206	198	190	181	10 ³ N/mm ²
212 °F	392 °F	572 °F	752 °F	932 °F	
30.9	29.9	28.7	27.6	26.3	ksi

Thermal conductivity

100 °C	200 °C	300 °C	400 °C	500 °C	
20.2	21.9	23.0	24.2	25.6	W/(m.K)
212 °F	392 °F	572 °F	752 °F	932 °F	
11.7	12.7	13.3	14.0	14.8	Btu/ft h.°F

As regards applications and processing steps that are not expressly mentioned in this product description/data sheet, the customer shall in each individual case be required to consult us.

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