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Leading-edge Surface Treatments/Coatings
Increase Wear, Improve Product Performance

Surface Treatments:

**DayKool™ (XCR)**—A cryogenic steel conditioning process used in addition to heat treating. An effective way to achieve optimum toughness, improved strength, and dimensional stability. Used primarily with hard, thick materials.

**DayTride® (XN)**—A low temperature, cost-effective surface application that treats all exposed surfaces. Provides increased dimensional stability. Ideal for punches and die buttons.

**XVP**—A thin film coating provides superior hardness (harder than carbide). Super-smooth finish on the point helps reduce galling and maintenance. Ideal for higher-than-normal punching frequency.

**XPS**—Super-smooth polish on the point to reduce galling and improve punch life. Use with the appropriate coating for your application to maximize punch life and reduce maintenance costs. Excellent for extruding applications.

**DayTAN™ (XAN)**—Ultra-hard (harder than carbide), high-aluminum coating. Provides high temperature resistance. Well-suited for applications where surface heat is generated. Ideal for HSLA, dual phase, and TRIP steels. Upgrade over XCN. Approx. hardness: *Vickers 3000.

**TiCN (XCN)**—Ultra-hard (harder than carbide), thin coating. Provides superior abrasive wear resistance and lubricity. A very good general-purpose coating for all materials. Upgrade over XNT. Approx. hardness: *Vickers 3000.

**ZertonPlus™ (XNA)**—Superior hardness (harder than carbide); provides superior abrasive wear resistance and excellent lubricity. Provides highest temperature resistance, thermal shock stability, & hot hardness. Approx. hardness: *Vickers 3200.

Adhesive Wear:

**XNM**—A solid lubricant coating. Provides both lubricity and wear resistance not available from other PVD or CVD processes. Ideal for aluminum, copper, pre-painted, and galvanized steels. Approx. hardness: *Vickers 2000.


**XCDH**—Super-smooth finish combined with advanced DLC coating for a very low coefficient of friction with extremely high wear resistance. Approx. hardness: *Vickers 5000.


Extrusion Coatings:

**XNP**—The ultimate coating for improved resistance to galling; excellent wear resistance, superior surface finish, and high lubricity. Ideal for extruding and forming applications. Tolerance is ±.0002”. Approx. hardness: *Vickers 3100.

**XNAP**—Ultra-hard coating that absorbs shear stress; provides excellent high-temperature resistance. Ideal for stamping where tools are exposed to extreme stress profiles. A good alternative to TD coating without the dimensional changes associated with that process. Approx hardness: *Vickers 3200.

Miscellaneous Coating:

**CRN**—Excellent adhesion, high toughness, and good corrosion resistance. Primary applications are metal forming (copper, brass, & bronze), metal die casting, and plastic injection molding. Approx hardness: *Vickers 1800-2100.

### Delivery

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All coatings are PVD.

XAN, XNA, & XNAP are not recommended for Aluminum.

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Select the Coating that Matches Your Specific Needs

Regardless of the end product(s) your company manufactures, you can improve the length of run time, reduce changeover time, improve uptime, and get more for your stamping dollar by selecting the type of coating that matches your individual operational capabilities.

The chart on the right describes the causes, effects, and solutions for abrasive wear and adhesive wear. The slider graph following shows the relative suitability for each type of treatment/coating in both of those categories. The bubble chart shows the relationship between service temperature, coefficient of friction, and hardness of the coating.

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- **M2**—triple tempered HSS for longer runs. Performs well at higher temperatures; ideal for high-speed applications.
- **PS**—triple tempered with high vanadium and carbon particles. Higher wear and impact performance.
- **PS4**—with 4% vanadium it provides higher wear resistance and improved toughness.

*Special tool steels are available on request.
Dayton Delivers Full In-house Services and World-class Technical Support

Proprietary Coatings
Dayton is the industry’s leader with the largest selection of state-of-the-art coatings—many of them tested in our lab. In general, surface treatments enhance wear resistance and reduce surface friction above and beyond the capabilities of the substrate material (tool steel). However, surface treatments can be applied to a wide variety of tools steels with varying results. Dayton’s expertise in developing coatings to meet a specific requirement is second to none. We are constantly updating and improving these coatings to meet the ever-changing needs of our customers.

Heat Treatment
Punch performance depends on the design of the punch, the tool steel used, the finishing process, and other factors. Equally as important, the total performance is directly related to the quality of the heat treatment, i.e., hardening, cryogenics, or tempering.

In order to acquire optimum results for a given application, specific heat treatment guidelines must be followed. Careful monitoring of this process is essential to ensure the toughness of the tool steel—a prerequisite for high-quality stamping tools.

No company pays more attention to heat treating than Dayton Progress. Our in-plant facilities are constantly updated; product performance is regularly monitored; and our Chief Metallurgist oversees all heat treating processes.

Metallurgy Lab
Dayton’s in-house metallurgy lab is designed to develop new products and to test and analyze the quality and viability of materials used in the manufacture of Dayton products. Our metallurgy lab comes fully equipped with top-quality testing and analytical equipment, and boasts best-in-class metallurgy and quality assurance. Laboratory services include: hardness testing; metallography (e.g., coating thickness); and failure analysis. Routine testing (metallurgical, mechanical, and chemical) is performed on raw materials, semi-processed, and finished parts to determine compliance with quality requirements and design/manufacturing specifications.

Professional Technical Assistance
Dayton technical experts deliver a wide range of technical assistance and support—on the web, over the phone, or in person.

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