

Introduction

Carbide – a composite material



The carbide formula for success

The CERATIZIT GROUP has the metallurgical competence that allows it to control the entire process chain of carbide production: from raw materials production and powder preparation to forming, sintering and finishing, we can make the right adjustments at any time and adapt the material properties to your individual requirements.

Composite materials with valuable properties

Cemented carbides are composite materials consisting of a hard component and a comparatively soft binder metal, such as cobalt. The performance characteristics of carbide are determined by hardness, transverse rupture strength and fracture toughness. With regard to their application, important parameters for the optimisation of the characteristics here are the cobalt content and the grain size of the metal binder phase. The tungsten carbide grains have an average size of 0.5 up to several micrometres (μm). The cobalt fills the gaps between the carbide grains. On the one hand, when extremely high toughness is required, the cobalt content can amount up to 30%. On the other, the cobalt content is reduced and the grain size decreased to the submicron range (for example 0.3 μm), in order to guarantee maximum wear resistance.

CERATIZIT produces far more than 100 different carbide grades particularly for wear parts and cutting tools, thus offering a customised solution for every one of your applications.

