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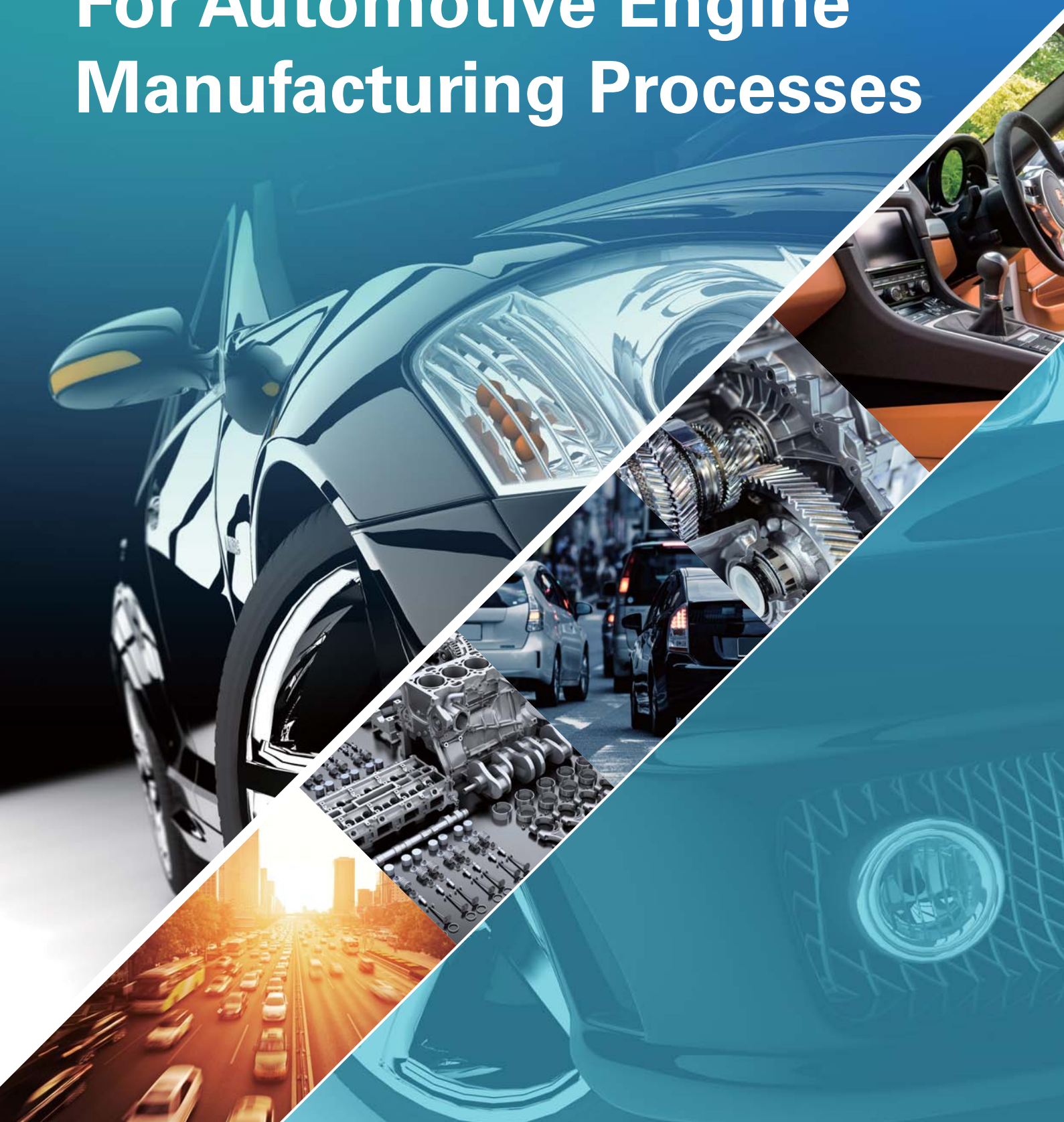

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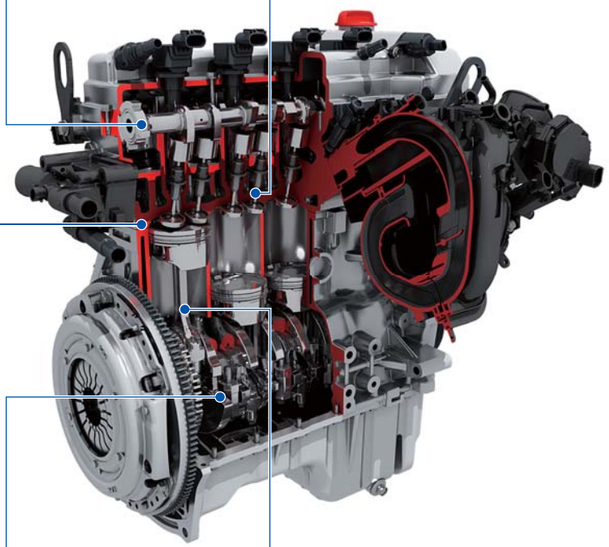
Camshaft

Engine valve



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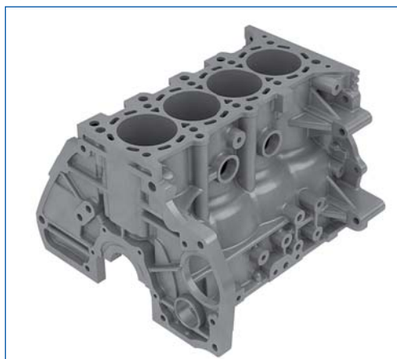

Crankshaft

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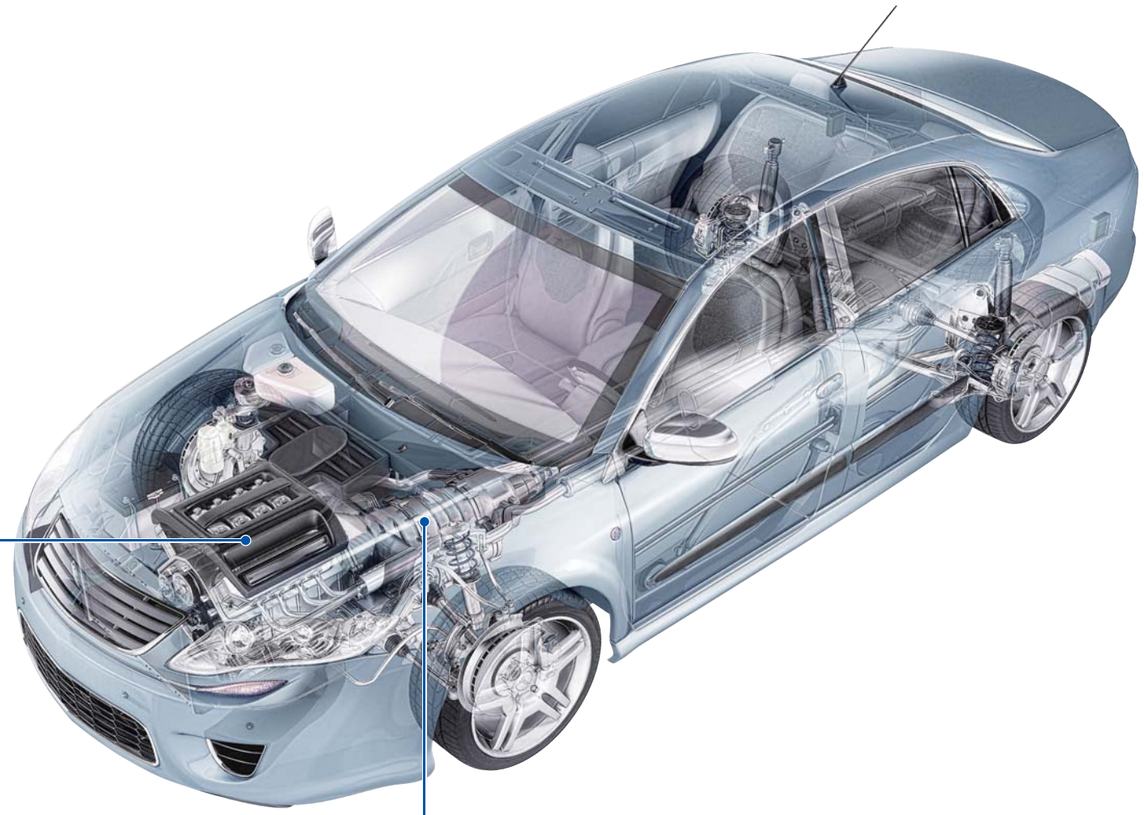

Transmission

Gear

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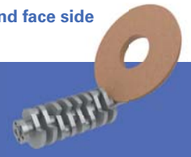
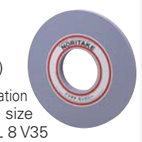
Crankshaft

	①Journal grinding	①Journal grinding (simultaneous grinding)	②Pin grinding	③Grinding OD and side face
Process				
Aspects	Multiple grinding locations	Long grinding wheel replacement time	Insufficient coolant at grinding point	Large contact area between grinding wheel and workpiece
Issues	It takes too much time to grind	Improving grinding wheel life to reduce wheel changing time	Grinding burn	Grinding burn on side face
	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal
Grinding wheel with dresser	**VN1** (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 100 M 180 VN1  **Metal bond rotary dresser** Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7 	**CX grinding wheel** (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: CX 60 L 8 V104 	**Σ wheel** (CBN wheel) Product Description ➡P.15 Standard specifications: CBX 120 M 180 VV2 (Σ)  **Metal bond rotary dresser** Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7  **V35, V57** (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specification For smaller OD size wheel: SH 60 L 8 V35 For larger OD size wheel : SH 60 L 9 V57XP  **LL Blade dresser** Standard specifications: L3T1-0803 	**V35** (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specification Front portion: SK 60 J 8 V35 Rear portion: SK 60 H 10 V35P  **LL Blade dresser** Standard specifications: L3T1-0803 
Coolant	Noritake Cool ■SEC-Y(water base coolant) Better suited for Lubricity ■NK-Z(L)(water base coolant) Better suited for corrosion prevention 		Noritake Cool ■SEC-Y (water base coolant) Better suited for Lubricity ■NK-Z(L) (water base coolant) Better suited for corrosion prevention 	Noritake Cool ■SEC-Y (water base coolant) Better suited for Lubricity ■NK-Z(L) (water base coolant) Better suited for corrosion prevention 
Filtration	Epoch separator 		Epoch separator 	Epoch separator 

Camshaft

	①Journal grinding	①Journal grinding (simultaneous grinding)	②Camlobe grinding
Process			
Aspects	Multiple grinding locations	Long grinding wheel replacement time	Grinding heat can accumulate due to large contact area
Issues	Long grinding time	Improving grinding wheel life to reduce wheel changing time	Grinding cracks and residual stress
	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal
Grinding wheel with dresser	**VN1** (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 100 M 180 VN1  **Metal bond rotary dresser** Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7 	**CX grinding wheel** (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: CX 60-8 V104 	**One grinding process**  ■Grinding FCD materials **Sharp Kaiser** (CBN wheel) Product Description ➡P.11 Standard specifications: CBX 120 Q 180 VSH1 ■Grinding FC chill material **SW5** (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 80 O + 200 VSW5 **Two grinding processes**  Rough Grinding Process **SW5** (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 80 O + 200 VSW5 Finish grinding process ■Wheel Outer diameter ϕ250 to 350mm **Sharp Kaiser** (CBN wheel) Product Description ➡P.11 Standard specifications: CBX 120 Q 180 VSH1 ■Wheel Outer diameter ϕ150mm or less (concave cam) **Mega Life Wheel** (CBN Wheel) Standard specifications: CBX 120 Q 180 VML1 Vol.1
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Filtration	Epoch separator 		Epoch separator 

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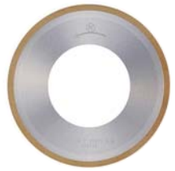
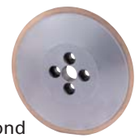
Engine valve

	①Cutting	②Stem grinding	③Groove grinding	④Face grinding
Process				
Aspects	High efficiency cutting	Grinding wheel wear and form loss	Form loss due to workpiece shape complexity	Grinding wheel wear and form loss
Issues	Short wheel life	Inconsistent workpiece accuracy	Deterioration of groove shape, deterioration of surface roughness	Deterioration of surface roughness, frequent shape and cutting ability maintenance
Proposal				
Grinding wheel with dresser	 Rim saw Standard specifications: CB 80 to 100 MRX27	 VN1 (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 100 N 200 VN1  Metal bond rotary dresser Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7  SK and GC grinding wheels (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specification Rough: SK 60 M 8 V35, GC 60 M 8 V81 Finish: SK 100 M 8 V35, GC 100 M 8 V81  LL Blade dresser NEO Standard specifications: L3T1-0803 N	 Electroplated wheel Standard specifications: CB 400 PC5 (Standard type) CB 120 PC5 (Truing type)	 VN1 (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 120 N 200 VN1  Metal bond rotary dresser Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7  CX grinding wheel (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: CX 100 P 7 V104  LL Blade dresser NEO Standard specifications: L3T1-0803 N
Coolant	Noritake-cut EPS-6X (Oil base coolant) 	Noritake cool SEC-Z (Water base coolant) 	Noritake-cut EPS-6X (Oil base coolant) 	Noritake-cut EPS-6X (Oil base coolant) 
Filtration	 Centrifugal	 Epoch separator	 Centrifugal	 Centrifugal

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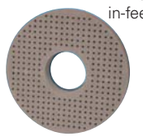
Connecting rod

	①Width grinding	②Inner diameter grinding (internal grinding)	②Inner diameter grinding (honing)
Process			
Aspects	Low flatness and thickness variation requirements	Must meet cylindricity and surface roughness requirements	Must meet cylindricity and surface roughness requirements
Issues	Stable cutting ability, preventing grinding burn	Deterioration of surface roughness	Balanced cutting ability and tool life
	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal
Grinding wheel with dresser	Case of carrier grinding   **Neoepox** (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: 83A 46 J 15 YTS **LL single-point dresser NEO** Standard specifications: L1S1-1203N Case of in-feed grinding   **Flatdy** (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: 83A 46 H 12 BHXS1 **LL single-point dresser NEO** Standard specifications: L1S1-1203N	 **VN1** (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 170 M 200 VN1  **Metal bond rotary dresser** Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7	 **MKD Series** (Diamond Wheel) Product Description➡P.13 Standard specification Rough: SD 270 to 325 M 50 MKD Finish: SD 400 to 600 M 35 MKD
Coolant	Noritake cool SEC-Y (Water base coolant) 	Noritake cool SEC-Y (Water base coolant) 	Noritake cut 0091 (Oil base coolant) 
Filtration	 Epoch separator	 Epoch separator	 A-0 filter

Cylinder block

	①Inner diameter grinding of Cylinder (honing)	②Top surface machining
Process		
Aspects	Must meet cylindricity and surface roughness requirements	High Efficiency grinding
Issues	Balanced cutting ability and tool life	Short tool life, high surface roughness
	Proposal	Proposal
Grinding wheel with dresser	 Rough grinding **MKD Series** (Diamond Wheel) Product Description➡P.13 Standard specifications: SD 170 to 400 O 20 MKD Finish grinding ■Non-cast iron **MHB Series** (Diamond Wheel) Product Description➡P.14 Standard specifications: SD 500 to 2500–MHB ■Cast iron **MH5 Series** (Diamond Wheel) Standard specifications: SD 500 to 2500 H 20 MH5	 **Grit Ace** (Diamond Wheel) Standard specifications: SD 40 Vol.1
Coolant	Noritake cool SA-2000CB (K) (Water base coolant) 	Noritake cool ES-20KP (Water base coolant) 
Filtration	**Combination Filtration System** Filtration configuration: Magnetic separator + Paper Filter 	**Combination Filtration System** Filtration configuration: Magnetic separator + Paper Filter 

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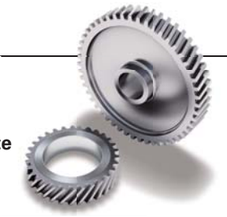
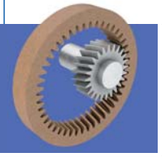
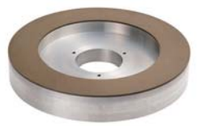
Gear



Heat treatment → Small gear / Large gear → Width grinding → Inner diameter grinding (honing) → Internal grinding → Periphery and end face grinding → Gear grinding • polishing → Complete → Gear honing



	Width grinding	Inner diameter grinding (honing)	Internal grinding	Periphery and end face grinding	Gear grinding	Gear grinding + polishing	Gear honing
Aspects	Large stock removal	Must meet cylindricity and surface roughness requirements	Grinding wheel diameter is smaller than workpiece inner diameter	Large contact area between grinding wheel and workpiece	Dressing conditions that are prone to glazing	Grinding and polishing are possible with one grinding wheel	Large number of teeth where grinding wheel and workpiece mesh
Issues	Wheel surface loses form, decreasing cutting ability	Balanced cutting ability and tool life	Deterioration of surface roughness	Grinding burn on side face	Grinding burn	Reducing grinding time	Short wheel life
	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal
Grinding wheel with dresser	 **Besler Wheel** (CBN Wheel) Standard specifications: CBC 230 P 75 BX331	 Rough grinding **MIK1 Series** (CBN Wheel) Standard specifications: CBM 120 to 200 M 50 MIK1 / Finish grinding **MH5 Series** (CBN Wheel) Standard specifications: CB 325 to 1000 H 30 MH5	 **CX grinding wheel** (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: CXZ 120 N 8 V104  **LL single-point dresser** Standard specifications: L1T1-0603  **VN1** (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 170 M 200 VN1  **Metal bond rotary dresser** Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7	 **LIFE KING** (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: TA 60 J 8 VLK1  **LL Blade dresser** Standard specifications: L3T1-0803  **VN1** (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CBX 120 P 150 VN1KP  **Metal bond rotary dresser** Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7	 **Gear Ace** (for continuous generation type gear grinding) Standard specifications: TA 80 I 10 VLK1P Vol.2  **Multi-layer gear grinding wheel** Standard specifications Grinding section: CZ 120 I 10 V700P Polishing section: A800	 **Gear Ace** (for Gear Honing) Standard specification Resinoid-bond grinding wheel: CXY 100 R 7 Y1605 Vitrified-bond grinding wheel: MA/SK 100 N 6 V53
Coolant	Noritake cool SEC-Y (Water base coolant) 	Noritake cut 0091 (Oil base coolant) 	Noritake cool SEC-Y (Water base coolant) 	Noritake cool SEC-Y (Water base coolant) 	—		Noritake cut 0091 (Oil base coolant) 
Filtration	 Epoch separator	 **Combination Filtration System** Filtration configuration: Magnetic separator + Paper Filter  A-0 filter	 Epoch separator	 Epoch separator	Case of using oil base coolant  Lambda filter system	Case of using water base coolant  Epoch separator	 Magnetic separator tank unit

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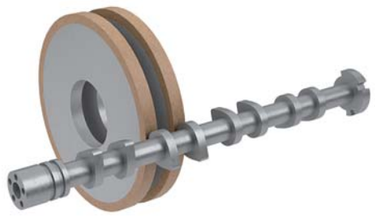
Grinding Solution: Cam lobe Grinding

In order for an engine to achieve high power output and low fuel consumption, the cam's concave profile is becoming more crucial. Grinding issues, such as grinding cracks and residual stress, are more likely to occur compared to traditional shapes. In addition, materials that have high strength and toughness, such as ductile cast iron, will be more difficult to grind compared to the gray cast iron because of the high heat buildup. This issue will lead into the problem mentioned previously, which will be prone to occur more easily. In these types of applications, utilizing a CBN wheel with a high cutting ability is favorable. But these types of wheels tends to have a short wheel life, which means there will be more frequent wheel changes. This will lead to production loss, and end up increasing the cost per part, due to machine down time. We would need to look into a CBN wheel for cam lobe grinding that has both high cutting ability and long wheel life. Noritake would like to introduce Sharp Kaizer as the Vitrified bonded CBN wheel suited for such cam lobe grinding.

Fig. 1 Outline of Cam lobe grinding



Sharp Kaiser (Vitrified-bond CBN wheel)

Feature: Good balance between cutting ability and wheel life due to the homogeneous structure and increased grain protrusion.

The cam lobe grinding test of ductile cast iron material was carried out under the test conditions in Table 1. Fig. 3 shows the power consumption of the Sharp Kaiser and the traditional products. The power consumption of the Sharp Kaiser is lower than that of the traditional product, which shows that the cutting ability is improved. In addition, Fig. 4 compares the grinding results between Sharp Kaiser and the traditional product when grinding with equivalent power consumption. After dressing both wheels so that they each produce the same quality, the Sharp Kaizer had held It's surface finish by 1.9 times longer, and the roundness by 2.9 times longer than the traditional product. The surface roughness is 12% finer and the residual stress is 75% lower, thus improving the overall workpiece quality. Sharp Kaizer is able to achieve such long life because of the improved bond structure uniformity and the improved cutting ability due to its higher grain protrusion (Fig. 5). In other case studies, not only does the Sharp Kaizer improve the work finish quality and reduce scratches, but it also increased it's dressing interval by 1.5 to 2 times compared to the traditional product.

Fig. 2 Sharp Kaiser

Table 1 Test conditions

[Grinding wheel]

Specifications	CBX140-V
Dimensions	ø350×T35×ø20mm

[Workpiece]

Material	FCD700

[Grinding conditions]

Grinding method	Cam lobe grinding
Grinding wheel speed	140m/s
Grinding efficiency	110mm³/mm・s
Dresser	Rotary dresser (SD30)
Coolant	Water base coolant

Fig. 3 Power Consumption

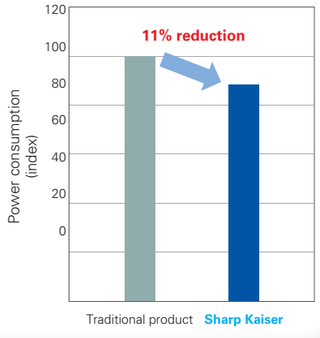


Fig. 4 Test results

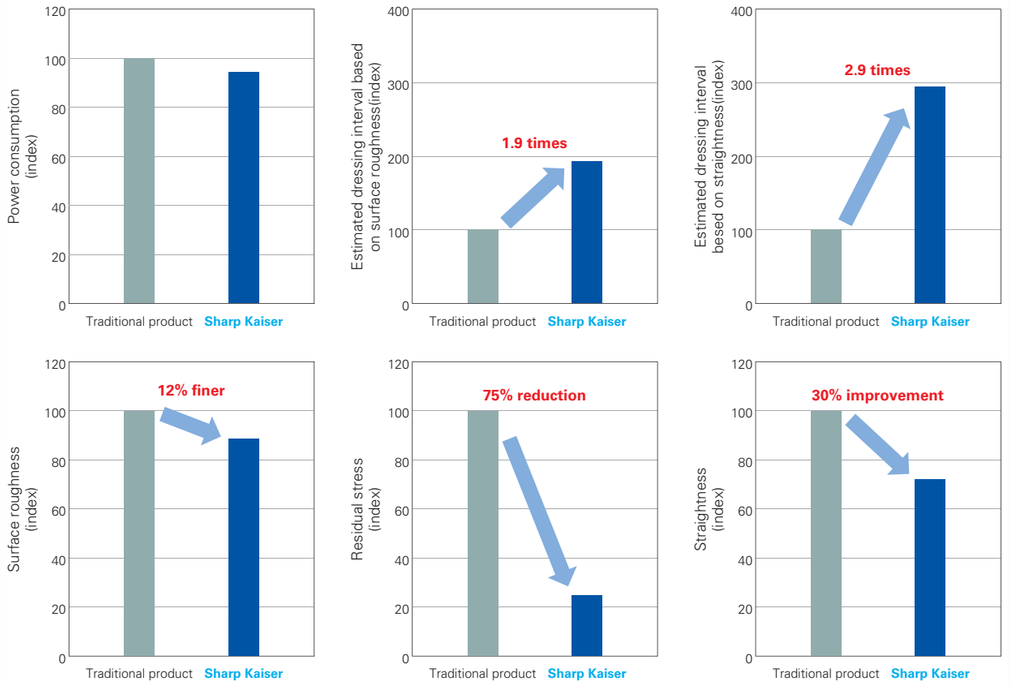
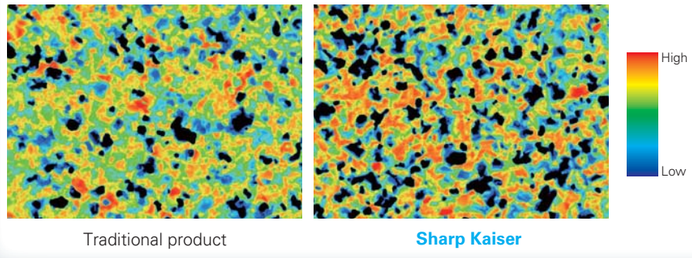


Fig. 5 Abrasive grain protrusion condition on grinding wheel surface



» Grinding solution: Cylinder bore grinding (honing) of cylinder block

The inner surface of the cylinder block is finished by honing, and metal-bonded diamond/CBN honing tools are commonly used. This grinding method is characterized by inserting the honing head into the bore and grinding by expanding the tool against the work surface while rotating and reciprocating within the cylinder bore. Honing is required the formation of a plateau surface as well as grinding within the cycle time. Therefore, the surface roughness and cutting ability corresponding to each grinding process are required for honing tools. In addition, since the tool is used without dressing, honing tools must maintain consistent cutting ability throughout its tool-life. NORITAKE's lineup of bonds for diamond/CBN honing tools can sustain high grinding efficiency and stable cutting ability even on high hardness workpieces or when surface roughness finer than Rz4μm is required. Noritake would like to introduce the MKD series for honing rough process and the MHB series for honing finish and plateau process.

Fig. 6
Schematic diagram of cylinder bore grinding (honing)

MKD Series (Diamond Tools)

Feature: Extending tool life and maintaining cutting ability with high hardness microstructure bond

The test conditions and comparison between a traditional Honing Tool and the MKD Series Honing Tool are shown in Table 2. The MKD Series Tool achieved 2.2 times longer tool life while maintaining the same stock removal amount as the traditional product (Fig. 7). The MKD series uses a high-hardness bond to improve the cutting of abrasive grains as well as improve grinding efficiency. Although clogging is caused by the high wear resistance of common high-hardness bonds, the MKD series has a fine bond structure that promotes bond abrasion by ground chips, thus ensuring abrasive grain protrusion and enabling stabilization of cycle time due to good cutting ability (Fig. 8). Since the MKD series can maintain the cutting ability of the rough process, the surface roughness and bore accuracy are stabilized after the rough process, and it is also effective for stabilization of the finish process (stabilization of cycle time, surface roughness, and bore accuracy).

Table 2 Test conditions

Grinding method	Mechanically extended honing
Tool specifications	SD400 (Traditional product)
	SD400 (MKD Series)
Tool dimensions	L60 × W4mm (6 pcs)
Peripheral speed of tool	53m/min
Tool reciprocating speed	22m/min
Workpiece material	Cast iron (FC250(JIS))
Workpiece dimensions	ø84×L135mm
Coolant	Water base coolant

Fig. 7 Test results

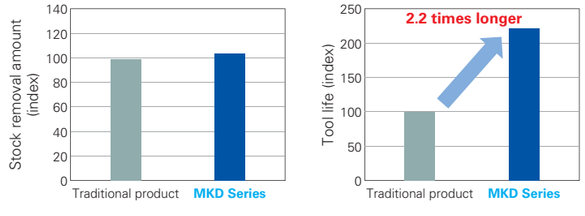


Fig. 8 Structure of Traditional Product and MKD Series

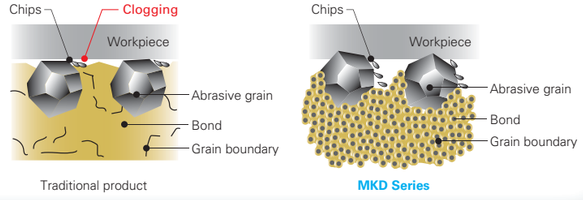


Fig. 9
MKD Series

MHB Series (Diamond Tools) [Patent pending]

Feature: Improving cutting ability and longer tool life through the development of special fillers

The MHB Series 3 was compared with the Traditional product under the test conditions shown in Table 3. The MHB series has a 30% improvement in stock removal amount compared to traditional products, and the tool life is equivalent or better (Fig. 11). In addition, we were able to confirm that the grinding efficiency was also stable. The MHB series features a special filler instead of the traditional solid lubricant (filler) (Fig. 12). The special filler wears gradually during grinding to form a chip pocket, enabling suppression of grinding force and stable cutting edge renewal cycles. Also, special fillers are chemically bonded with bonds and abrasive grains, so wear can be reduced compared to traditional fillers. MHB series realizes cycle time reduction and improvement of cycle time stability while maintaining tool life.

Fig. 10
MHB Series

Table 3 Test conditions

Grinding method	Mechanically extended honing
Tool specifications	SD700 (Traditional product)
	SD700 (MHB Series)
Tool dimensions	L75 × W4mm (6 pcs)
Peripheral speed of tool	95m/min
Tool reciprocating speed	25m/min
Workpiece material	Cast iron (equivalent to FC250(JIS))
Workpiece dimensions	ø84×L135mm
Coolant	Water base coolant

Fig. 11 Test results

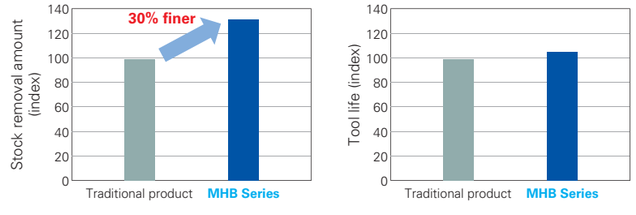
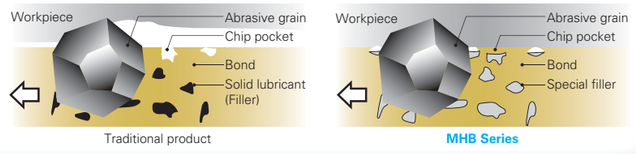


Fig. 12 Structure of Traditional Product and MHB Series



Grinding Solution: Crankshaft Pin Grinding

In crankshaft pin grinding, the crankshaft rotates and the CBN wheel spindle slides back and forth in synch with the crankshaft pin's position (Fig. 13). In the process, the position of the grinding point and the supply state of the coolant change continuously as shown in Fig. 14. At points B and D, the coolant supply to the grinding point deteriorates. This is known to lead to such issues as grinding burn, cracking, and hardness reduction. At the same time, there is a demand to extend the dressing interval as much as possible in order to reduce the tool cost per machine. Further improved cutting ability and wheel life are also required. This section introduces the Σ(Sigma) Wheel as a vitrified CBN wheel suitable for crankshaft pin grinding.

Fig. 13 Schematic of Crankshaft Pin Grinding

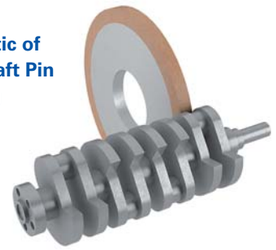
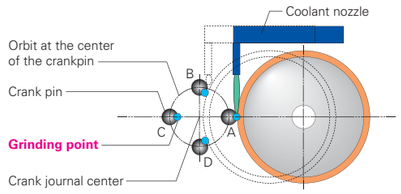


Fig. 14 Pin Grinding Details



Σ Wheel (Vitrified-bond CBN wheel)

Feature: Improved lubricity with special coating agent prevents grinding burn

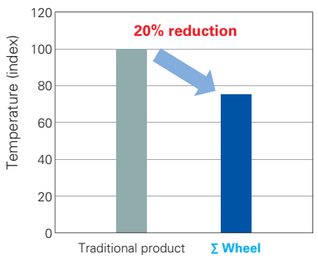
The results of grinding tests using thermography are shown in Table 4. We confirmed that the ambient temperature at the grinding point decreased by about 20% (Fig. 15(a), (b)) and the amount of heat generated was reduced. In addition, the surface roughness and wheel wear remain the same as the standard product, but the power consumption has been reduced by about 10%, and the cutting ability has been improved (Fig. 15 (c)). The Σ Wheel is specially coated to reduce grinding heat (Fig. 16). This effect was achieved by the lubricity improvement that the special coating agent provides. In the field, we were able to achieve a dressing interval 2 to 4 times that of the current product by suppressing hardness reduction and preventing grinding burn. In addition, we were able to shorten the cycle time because of the reduced power consumption.

Table 4 Test conditions

[Grinding wheel]

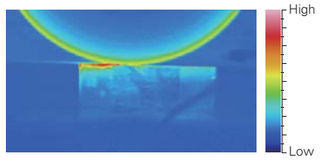
Wheel spec	①CB80-V (Traditional product) ②CB80-V (Σ Wheel)
Coolant	Water base coolant Dry grinding when measuring temperature

Fig. 15 Grinding Characteristics of Σ Wheel

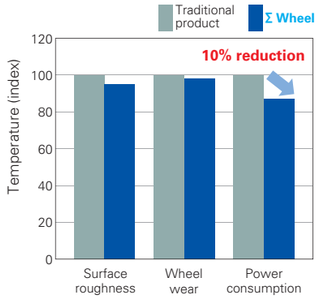


(b)Thermographic temperature measurement results

Fig. 15 Grinding Characteristics of Σ Wheel

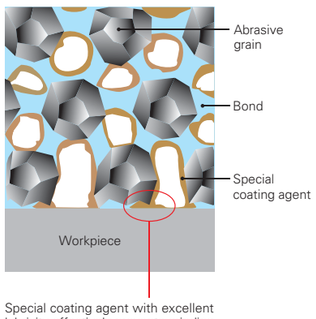


(a)Example of temperature measurement using thermography



(c)Other grinding test results

Fig. 16 Schematic Diagram of Σ Wheel



Special coating agent with excellent lubricity effectively prevents grinding burn near the grinding point grinding burn

Fig. 17 Σ Wheel

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