

UDDEHOLM CALDIE®

Premium Cold Work Tool Steel General Heat Treatment Recommendations

	Vacuum	Salt Bath** / Fluidized Bed	Atmosphere Furnace Muffle Furnace / Packed
	** Salt Bath heat treatment can be performed but is not recommended for details with blind holes or threaded holes that will not be rework after heat treatment.		
Preheating Temperature	1. Bring up to 1200°F, equalize 2. Heat up to 1550°F, equalize 3. For cross section larger than 8" thick use a 1510°F second preheat and a third preheat at 1700°F.	1. 1100 – 1200°F, equalize 2. 1500 – 1550°F, equalize	1. Bring up to 1200°F, equalize 2. Heat up to 1550°F, equalize
Hardening Temperature (Austenitizing)	1830 – 1875°F (Normally 1870°F) Holding time after the tool or part has fully heated through at the hardening temperature: 30 minutes, alternatively hold 20 minutes for first 1" and then 15 minutes for each additional inch of wall thickness.		
Quenching *	Alt. 1 Inert gas, positive pressure Alt. 2 Back-filled pressurized gas to 1050°F, then equalize center and surface. Continue to 600°F and equalize. Then cool in circulating air.	Alt. 1 Martempering bath at 930-1020°F Alt. 2 Circulated high speed inert gas	Alt. 1 Circulated inert gas Alt. 2 Circulated air
	*Cooling rate must be adequate to avoid any transformation products, with decreased properties as a result. However, also consider the risk of excessive distortion from very fast cooling.		
Tempering (minimum two times) Temper immediately after quenching when the complete tool reaches 150°F	Tempering Temperatures (°F) 980 1020 1050 1250 Tempering Times: 1 hour per inch of wall thickness, or hold at temperature a minimum of 2 hours. *The 1830°F hardening temperature should be used for larger cross sections above 8" thick.	Hardening Temperatures <u>1830°F*</u> 58-60 HRC 56-58 HRC 53-55 HRC	<u>1870°F</u> 60-62 HRC 58-60 HRC 56-58 HRC 34-36 HRC
Stress Temper performed on hardened tools after EDM or after welding with Caldie TIG or Caldie Weld	Temperature: Shall be 50°F (25°C) below the highest tempering temperature. Time: Soak 2 hours once tool comes to temperature. Cool in still air.		
Dimensional Stability	Average size change as a result of hardening and tempering may not exceed 0.003 inch/inch/maximum dimension if the tool has been stress relieved before finish machining. If stress relieving is not performed as recommended, dimensional stability may be inconsistent and cannot be guaranteed.		

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High Hardness With High Toughness Cold Work Tool Steel

- Good chipping resistance similar to AISI S7
- Wear resistance similar to AISI A2
- Can be welded easily with chemistry matched consumables

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