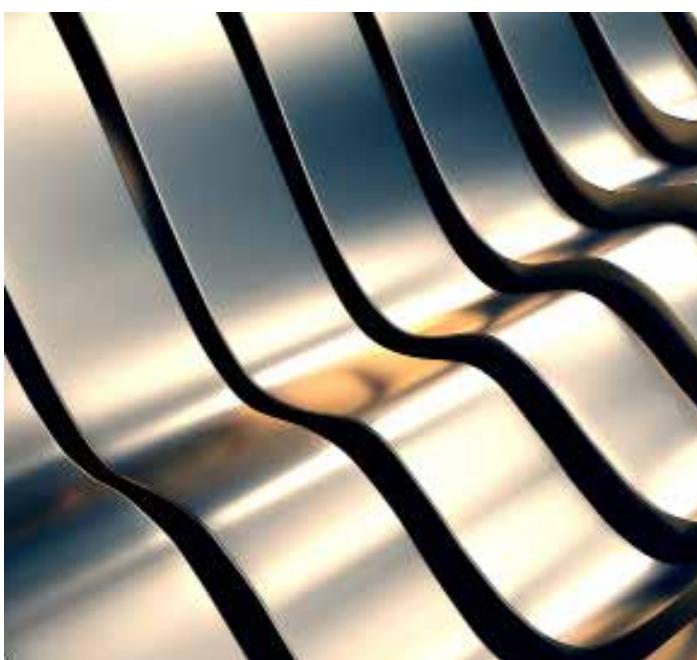


Longer tool life and easy polishing for reliable production  
of high-performance plastic parts

**Tyrax ESR**

# THE SURFACE MIRRORS YOUR NEEDS



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# THE FUTURE FOR PLASTICS

## THE ENEMY WITHIN?

Plastic materials are constantly evolving to meet the increasing demands for high strength and low flammability. These plastic compounds are frequently reinforced with glass fibres and mixed with halogen-free flame retardants. In addition, environmentally-friendly materials like wood-

plastic composites are replacing traditional plastics. These new materials are very aggressive on the tool steel, which in turn can lead to defects in the manufactured plastic parts. To avoid this, you need tool steel that is resistant to corrosion and abrasive wear.



# KNOWING YOUR CHALLENGES

## **RELIABLE PRODUCTION, REDUCED REJECTION RATES AND LONGER TOOL LIFE**

At the end of the day, you, as a tool user, want safe production and certainty. You are looking to avoid defects such as scratches, dull surfaces, parts out of tolerance, and flash formations. You want to mitigate the risk for potential rejection of your plastic parts by an end-user.

More and more tool users are achieving safer production by specifying the tool steel for their moulds, knowing that this will reduce uncertainty and increase consistency.

If you compromise and choose tool steels of inferior quality, you will have inconsistent results. Increased maintenance costs time and money, which in turn reduces your profitability. In a worst case scenario, the tool might break, meaning several weeks of production downtime.









# PROMISING BETTER BUSINESS

## WHEN PLASTIC PART QUALITY IS TOP PRIORITY

Don't compromise on tool steel and risk production problems when part quality is your priority. For aggressive plastic materials, there is Tyrax ESR with its winning combination of corrosion and wear resistance.

Enjoy the certainty of safe and consistent production of aggressive plastics without sacrificing the surface finish. With Tyrax ESR you don't have to make any compromises since the polishability is best in class.

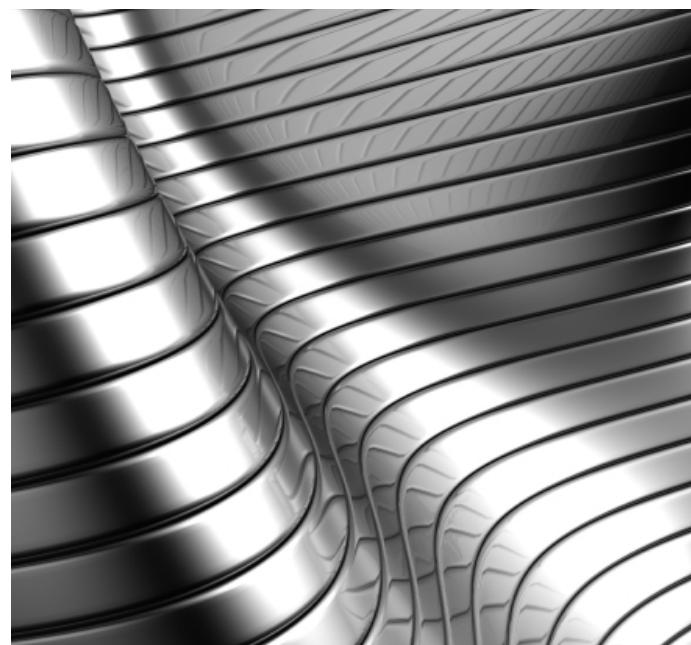


# TYRAX ESR

## EASY AND SPEEDY

In many applications, high-gloss surface finishes are required on the mould. Unfortunately, many tool steels are not optimised for the polishing process. Their carbide distribution or high amount of impurities make it difficult to achieve a high gloss.

We specifically designed Tyrax ESR to help you overcome these difficulties, offering easy and fast polishing with good etchability. Our electro slag remelting (ESR) process enables superior cleanliness by removing almost all inclusions that interfere with the polishing process and in the end, the final surface finish. Tyrax ESR is designed with a matrix-based microstructure that facilitates ease of polishing, saving you time and avoiding unexpected production stops – regardless of the application.





## APPLICATION AREAS

### THE MOST DEMANDING INDUSTRIES NEED SUPERIOR TOOL LIFE

The medical, electronics, and automotive industries have extreme demands on tool reliability. They require safe production with a minimum of maintenance and delays. Minimising these risks is of utmost importance to you, as a tool user.

The production conditions in these industries are unforgiving, with highly corrosive materials and composites, long-run productions, and humidity. You need reliability, consistency, speed and ease. That is why we offer Tyrax ESR that will allow you to achieve productivity not possible with other tool steels.





# SUPERIOR TOOL LIFE AND EASY POLISHING

## TYPICAL ANALYSIS %

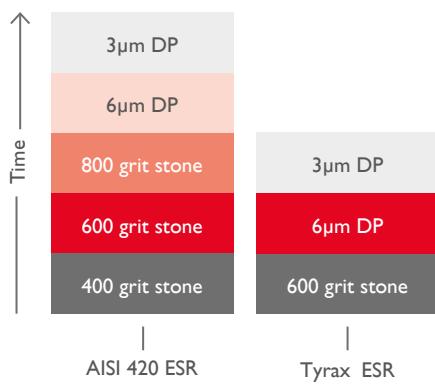
C	Si	Mn	Cr	Mo	V	N
0.4	0.2	0.5	12.0	2.3	0.5	+

### Polishability

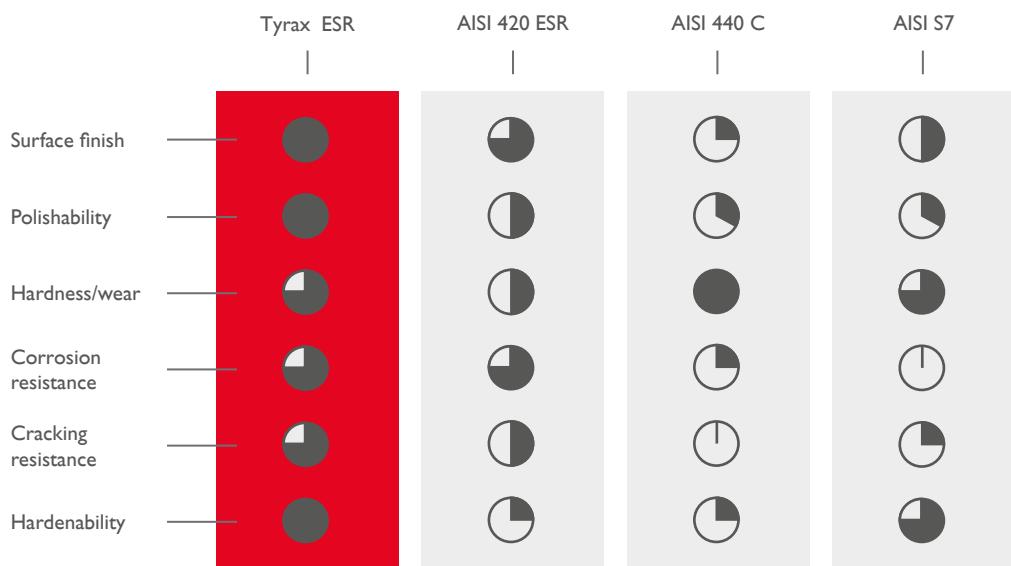
The matrix-based microstructure of Tyrax ESR is designed to achieve a high-gloss surface by only a

few polishing steps, dramatically reducing the tool lead time and enabling production of top-quality plastic parts.





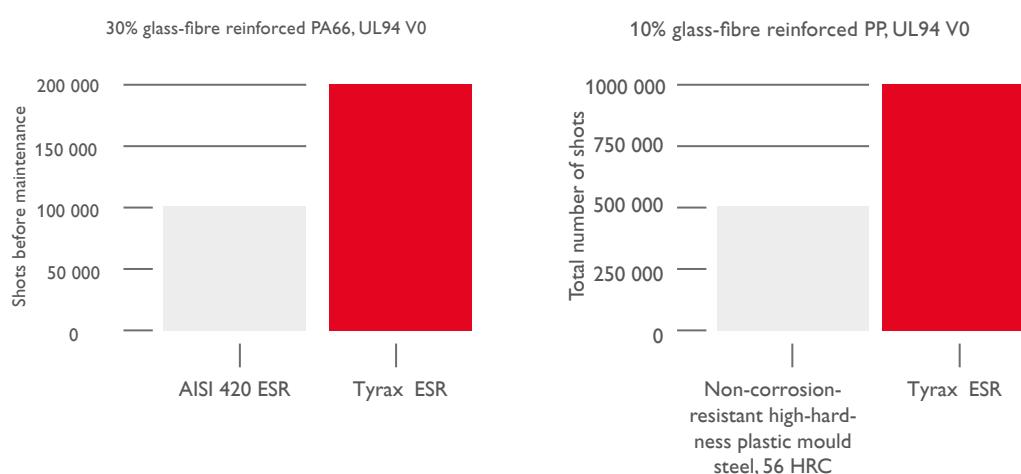
You are able to achieve a high-gloss surface (SPI A1) in three easy polishing steps, resulting in 40-50% less polishing time compared to standard tool steels such as AISI 420 ESR.



### Less maintenance and superior tool life

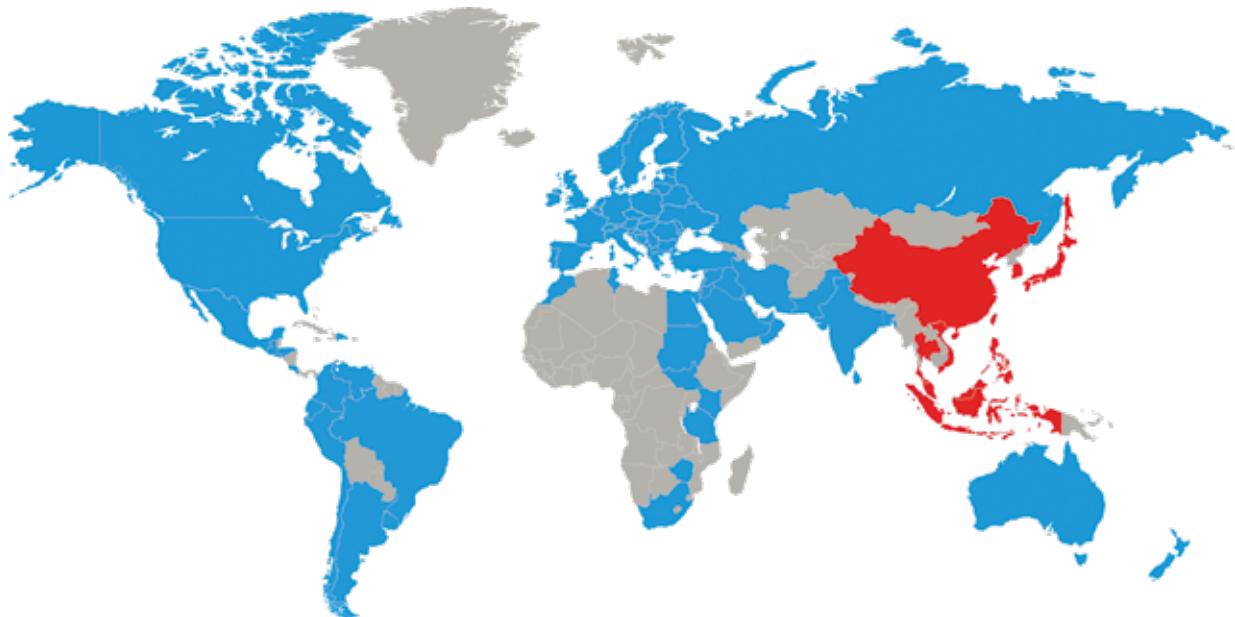
Independent production tests have shown that tool life increases by up to 100% in injection moulding of glass-filled and corrosive plastics

compared to standard AISI 420 ESR and other non-corrosion-resistant high-hardness grades.









Choosing the right steel is of vital importance. ASSAB engineers and metallurgists are always ready to assist you in your choice of the optimum steel grade and the best treatment for each application. ASSAB not only supplies steel products with superior quality, we offer state-of-the-art machining, heat treatment and surface treatment services to enhance steel properties to meet your requirement in the shortest lead time. Using a holistic approach as a one-stop solution provider, we are more than just another tool steel supplier.

ASSAB and Uddeholm are present on every continent. This ensures you that high quality tool steel and local support are available wherever you are. Together we secure our position as the world's leading supplier of tooling materials.

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