

# Speeds and Feeds



| ISO     | VDI 3323 | Material Description                         | Composition / Structure / Heat Treatment |  | HB       | HRC     | SMM<br>(m/min) | Countersink Diameter |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|---------|----------|--|--|--|----------|---------|----------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|         |          |  |  |  |          |         |                | MMPR(mm/rev)         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|         |          |  |  |  |          |         |                | METRIC               | 5         | 10        | 15        | 20        | 25        | 30        | 40        | 50        |           |           |
| DECIMAL | .1969    | .3937  | .5906                                    | .7874  | .9843    | 1.1811  | 1.5748         | 1.9685               |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| P       | 1        | Non-alloy steel                              | About 0.15% C                            | Annealed                                       | 125      |         | 20             | FEED                 | .119-.16  | .16-.201  | .201-.231 | .231-.259 | .259-.29  | .29-.33   | .33-.371  | .371-.409 |           |           |
| P       | 2        |  | About 0.45% C                            | Annealed                                       | 190      | 13      | 20             | FEED                 | .119-.16  | .16-.201  | .201-.231 | .231-.259 | .259-.29  | .29-.33   | .33-.371  | .371-.409 |           |           |
| P       | 3        |  | About 0.45% C                            | Quenched & tempered                            | 250      | 25      | 13             | FEED                 | .099-.14  | .14-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.269 | .269-.31  | .31-.351  | .351-.391 |           |           |
| P       | 4        |  | About 0.75% C                            | Annealed                                       | 270      | 28      | 10             | FEED                 | .061-.099 | .099-.14  | .14-.17   | .17-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.269 | .269-.31  | .31-.351  |           |           |
| P       | 5        |  | About 0.75% C                            | Quenched & tempered                            | 300      | 32      | 10             | FEED                 | .061-.099 | .099-.14  | .14-.17   | .17-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.269 | .269-.31  | .31-.351  |           |           |
| P       | 6        | Low alloy steel                              |  | Annealed                                       | 180      |         | 10             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| P       | 7        |  |  | Quenched & tempered                            | 275      |         | 29             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| P       | 8        |  |  | Quenched & tempered                            | 300      |         | 32             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| P       | 9        |  |  | Quenched & tempered                            | 350      |         | 38             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| P       | 10       | High alloyed steel, and tool steel           |  | Annealed                                       | 200      |         | 15             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| P       | 11       |  |  | Quenched & Tempered                            | 325      |         | 35             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| M       | 12       | Stainless steel                              | Ferritic / Martensitic                   | Annealed                                       | 200      |         | 15             | 6                    | FEED      | .061-.079 | .061-.079 | .079-.099 | .079-.099 | .099-.119 | .099-.119 | .119-.15  | .119-.15  |           |
| M       | 13       |  | Martensitic                              | Quenched & Tempered                            | 240      |         | 23             | 5                    | FEED      | .061-.079 | .061-.079 | .079-.099 | .079-.099 | .099-.119 | .099-.119 | .119-.15  | .119-.15  |           |
| M       | 14       |  |  | Austenitic                                     | 180      |         | 10             | 4                    | FEED      | .061-.079 | .061-.079 | .079-.099 | .079-.099 | .099-.119 | .099-.119 | .119-.15  | .119-.15  |           |
|         |          | Duplex                                       |  |  | 180      |         | 10             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| K       | 15       | Grey cast iron                               | Pearlitic / ferritic                     |  | 180      |         | 10             | 22                   | FEED      | .089-.109 | .109-.13  | .13-.16   | .16-.191  | .191-.221 | .221-.249 | .249-.279 | .279-.32  |           |
| K       | 16       |  |  | Pearlitic (Martensitic)                        |          | 260     |                | 26                   | 17        | FEED      | .079-.099 | .099-.119 | .119-.15  | .15-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.269 | .269-.31  |
| K       | 17       | Nodular cast iron                            | Ferritic                                 |  | 160      |         | 3              | 17                   | FEED      | .089-.109 | .109-.13  | .13-.16   | .16-.191  | .191-.221 | .221-.249 | .249-.279 | .279-.32  |           |
| K       | 18       |  |  | Pearlitic                                      |          | 250     |                | 25                   | 15        | FEED      | .079-.099 | .099-.119 | .119-.15  | .15-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.269 | .269-.31  |
| K       | 19       | Malleable cast iron                          | Ferritic                                 |  | 130      |         |                | 17                   | FEED      | .089-.109 | .109-.13  | .13-.16   | .16-.191  | .191-.221 | .221-.249 | .249-.279 | .279-.32  |           |
| K       | 20       |  |  | Pearlitic                                      |          | 230     |                | 21                   | 15        | FEED      | .079-.099 | .099-.119 | .119-.15  | .15-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.269 | .269-.31  |
| N       | 21       | Aluminum-wrought alloy                       | Not Curable                              |  | 60       |         |                | 42                   | FEED      | .15-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.269 | .269-.31  | .31-.351  | .351-.399 | .399-.45  |           |
| N       | 22       |  |  | Curable  | Hardened | 100     |                |                      | 42        | FEED      | .15-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.269 | .269-.31  | .31-.351  | .351-.399 | .399-.45  |
| N       | 23       | Aluminum-cast, alloyed                       | ≤ 12% Si, Not Curable                    |  | 75       |         |                | 39                   | FEED      | .15-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.269 | .269-.31  | .31-.351  | .351-.399 | .399-.45  |           |
| N       | 24       |  |  | ≤ 12% Si, Curable                              | Hardened | 90      |                |                      | 37        | FEED      | .119-.15  | .15-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.279 | .279-.31  | .31-.371  | .371-.419 |
| N       | 25       |  |  | > 12% Si, Not Curable                          |          | 130     |                |                      | 35        | FEED      | .15-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.269 | .269-.31  | .31-.351  | .351-.399 | .399-.45  |
| N       | 26       | Copper and Copper Alloys<br>(Bronze / Brass) | Cutting Alloys, PB>1%                    |  | 110      |         |                | 28                   | FEED      | .119-.15  | .15-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.279 | .279-.31  | .31-.371  | .371-.419 |           |
| N       | 27       |  |  | CuZn, CuSnZn (Brass)                           |          | 90      |                |                      | 25        | FEED      | .119-.15  | .15-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.279 | .279-.31  | .31-.371  | .371-.419 |
| N       | 28       |  |  | CuSn, lead-free copper and electrolytic copper |          | 100     |                |                      | 15        | FEED      | .119-.15  | .15-.18   | .18-.211  | .211-.239 | .239-.279 | .279-.31  | .31-.371  | .371-.419 |
| N       | -        |  |  | High strength Bronze                           |          |         |                |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| N       | 29       | Non Metallic Materials                       | Duroplastic, Fiber Reinforced Plastic    |  |          |         |                |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| N       | 30       |  |  | Rubber, Wood, etc.                             |          |         |                |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| N       | -        | CFRP, Graphite Composite                     |  |  |          |         |                |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| S       | 31       | Heat Resistant Super Alloys                  | Fe Based                                 | Annealed                                       | 200      |         | 15             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| S       | 32       |  |  |  | Cured    | 280     |                | 30                   |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| S       | 33       |  | Ni or Co Based                           | Annealed                                       | 250      |         | 25             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| S       | 34       |  |  |  | Cured    | 350     |                | 38                   |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| S       | 35       |  |  |  | Cast     | 320     |                | 34                   |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| S       | 36       | Titanium Alloys                              | Pure Titanium                            |  | 400 Rm   |         |                |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| S       | 37       |  |  | Alpha + Beta Alloys                            | Hardened | 1050 Rm |                |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| H       | 38       | Hardened steel                               |  | Hardened                                       | 550      |         | 55             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| H       | 39       |  |  |  | Hardened | 630     |                | 60                   |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| H       | 40       | Chilled Cast Iron                            |  | Cast   | 400      |         | 42             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| H       | 41       | Hardened Cast Iron                           |  | Hardened                                       | 550      |         | 55             |                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |



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**Penetration Rate  
(mm/min)**

$$v_f = f_n \cdot n$$

**Feed Per Revolution  
(mm/rev)**

$$f_n = \frac{v_f}{n}$$

**Cutting Speed  
(m/min)**

$$v_c = \frac{\pi \cdot D_{tool} \cdot n}{1000}$$

**Spindle Speed  
(rev/min)**

$$n = \frac{v_c \cdot 1000}{\pi \cdot D_{tool}}$$

**Material Removal Rate  
(cm<sup>3</sup>/min)**

$$MRR = \frac{D_{tool} \cdot f_n \cdot v_c}{4}$$

## Metric

| Symbol     | Definition            | Unit                   |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| $v_f$      | Penetration rate      | mm/min                 |
| $f_n$      | Feed per revolution   | mm/rev                 |
| $v_c$      | Cutting speed         | m/min (SMM)            |
| $n$        | Spindle speed         | rev/min (RPM)          |
| $D_{tool}$ | Tool cutting diameter | mm                     |
| $MRR$      | Material removal rate | (cm <sup>3</sup> /min) |