



Direct quenching of hot forged parts

APPLICATION

- Replacing Q&T steels for **hot forged parts**.
- Components of small or medium thickness **with quenching and tempering characteristics**: suspension arms, steering housings, steering ball studs, connecting rods, camshafts...



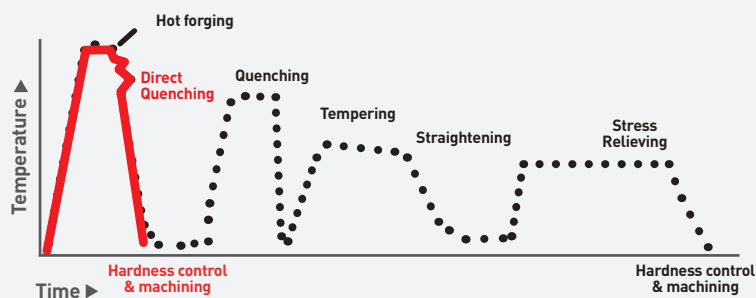
ADVANTAGES

Elimination of process steps

The required mechanical properties are obtained with a direct quenching after forging

Reduction of manufacturing costs

Increased productivity, advantage of the forging heat, lower risk of quenching cracks



APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

- Application of metallurgical knowledge to ensure the required characteristics with a direct quenching:
 - Good toughness and ductility associated with **low carbon content martensite**.
 - Addition of elements that **increase the hardenability** as Mn and Cr, in addition to an adequate level of active B.

DENOMINATION (SIDENOR OWN PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT)

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|-------|-----|-------|------------|-----|
| 8CrB5 | | | | |

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

| GRADE | % wt | C | Mn | Si | S | Cr | Al | Bactive | Others* |
|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|---------|-----------|
| 8CrB5 | min. | 0,04 | 0,70 | 0,15 | 0,015 | 1,00 | 0,015 | 0,0015 | Bi, Ca... |
| | max. | 0,10 | 1,10 | 0,30 | 0,070 | 1,40 | 0,030 | 0,0030 | |

* Optional additions for machinability improvement: MECAMAX® technologies.

PRODUCTION ROUTE / DELIVERY CONDITION

Billet from continuous casting.

| ø (mm) | Finishing | Heat treatment |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| Bars 9 - 100 | Rolled | As rolled |

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

| Water Quenched | Tempering T (°C) | UTS (MPa) | RoA (%) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|
| Direct quenching | - | 1.000 – 1.050 | 61 |
| Direct quenching and tempering | 500 | 900 | 65 |
| | 600 | 850 | 66 |

HARDENABILITY

| Jominy | J _{1.5} | J ₅ | J ₁₀ | J ₁₅ |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Hardness (HV) | 340 | 335 | 255 | 230 |

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