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Vista Grade	Average Density (g/cm3)	Rockwell "A" Hardness (average)	Grain Size	WC	Co	Ni	TaNC	OTHER	Characteristics/Applications
COBALT BINDER									
VM-3	15.19	93.3	Fine	97.0	3.0	--	--	--	Extremely Hard for Severe Wear. Compacting Dies, Wear Applications, EDM Wire Guides, Sand Blast Nozzles, Fine Wire Dies.
VM-6	14.83	91.9	Fine	94.0	6.0	--	--	--	Excellent Wear, Light Impact. Seal Rings, Compacting Powder Metal, Blades, Wear Rolls, Valve Components.
VM-6T	14.89	91.8	Medium	94.0	6.0	--	--	--	High Hardness for Wear Applications. Light Impact. Oil Field Tooling
VM-9	14.60	91.1	Fine	91.0	9.0	--	--	--	High Wear, Light Impact. Tab Tooling, Draw Dies, Stamping Dies, Compacting Dies, Can Forming Dies, Shearing Knives.
VM-12	14.32	90.1	Fine	88.0	12.0	--	--	--	Good Wear, Medium Impact. Stamping Dies, Lamination Dies, Extrusion Dies, Compacting Dies, Can Tooling, Draw Dies, Draw Mandrels.
VM-13	14.23	89.7	Fine	87.0	13.0	--	--	--	Good Wear, Medium Impact. Stamping Punches & Dies, Lamination Dies, Extrusion Dies, Compacting Dies, Draw Dies, Draw Mandrels.
VM-15	14.05	89.1	Fine	85.0	15.0	--	--	--	Good Wear. Lamination Dies, Scroll Dies, Stamping Dies & Punches, Cut Edge Rings, Form Rolls, Crush Rolls.
VM-17	13.85	87.4	Medium	83.0	17.0	--	--	--	Medium Wear, Medium to Heavy Impact. Punching Thick Materials, Pulverizing Hammers, Heavy Punch Operations, Heavy Coining, Form Rolls.
VM-20	13.57	85.5	Medium	80.0	20.0	--	--	--	Heavy Impact. Heavy Coining and Blanking Operations, Crushing Hammers, Cold Heading and Forming.
VM-23	13.28	84.0	Medium	77.0	23.0	--	--	--	High Impact. Cold Heading and Forming, Nail Dies.
VM-25	13.10	83.4	Medium	75.0	25.0	--	--	--	Severe Impact and Shock. Cold Heading and Forming, Nail Dies.
VM-30	12.72	81.0	Medium	70.0	30.0	--	--	--	Extreme Impact. Cold Heading and Forming, Nail Dies.
VM-20H	13.38	85.5	Medium	77.0	20.0	--	3.0	--	Heavy Impact Gall Resistant. Cold Heading and Forming.
VM-25H	13.03	83.3	Medium	72.0	25.0	--	3.0	--	Severe Impact Gall Resistant. Cold Heading and Forming, Nail Dies.
VM-3M	15.19	94.2	SubMicron	97.0	3.0	--	--	--	High Hardness, Extreme Wear, Very Ligh Impact. Can Tooling, Ironing Dies.
VM-6M	14.90	93.0	SubMicron	94.0	6.0	--	--	--	Extremely Hard for Severe Wear, Light Impact. EDM Wire Guides, Blades, Special Rotary Drilling Blades, Reamer Blanks, Ironing Rings, Crush Rolls.
VM-10M	14.51	91.5	SubMicron	90.0	10.0	--	--	--	High Wear and Edge Strength. Stamping Dies, Draw Dies, Compacting Dies, Rotary Drilling, Saw Blades, Slitter Rings, Shearing Knives, Ironing Rings.
VM-12M	14.32	90.8	SubMicron	88.0	12.0	--	--	--	High Wear and Edge Strength. Stamping Dies and Punches, Lamination Dies, Shearing Knives, Can Tooling.
VM-15M	14.14	90.1	SubMicron	86.0	14.0	--	--	--	High Wear and Edge Strength. Lamination Dies, Blanking Dies, Stainless Steel Blanking, Silicon Steel Stamping, Blades.
VM-6C	14.90	90.4	Coarse	94.0	6.0	--	--	--	High Wear, Light to Medium Impact. Compacting Dies.
VM-11C	14.42	89.7	Medium	89.0	11.0	--	--	--	Good Wear and Strength. Impact Punches, Extrusion Punches, Coining Dies, Deep Draw Dies, Rolls, Cold Forming, Stamping Dies, WEDM Blanks.
VM-12C	14.32	88.0	Coarse	88.0	12.0	--	--	--	Good Wear, Heavy Shock. Impact Punches, Punches and Dies for Extruding, Cold Forming, WEDM Blanks, Compacting Dies, Swaging Dies
VM-14C	14.14	87.2	Coarse	86.0	14.0	--	--	--	Medium Wear, Heavy Shock. Impact Punches, Compacting Dies, Extrusion Dies, Draw Dies, Blades.
VM-17C	13.90	86.5	Coarse	83.0	17.0	--	--	--	Medium Wear. Heavy Shock. Impact Punches, Compacting Dies, Draw Dies, Cold Forming.

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NICKEL BINDER									
VM-N6	14.90	91.7	Fine	94.00	---	6.00	---	---	Excellent Wear and Corrosion Resistance. Sleeves, Nozzles, Valve Trim, Seat Rings.
VM-N8	14.74	91.0	Fine	92.00	---	8.00	---	---	Corrosion Resistant, High Wear, Light Impact. Nozzles, Cutting Blades
VM-N10	14.52	89.5	Fine	90.00	---	10.00	---	---	High Wear and Corrosion Resistance. Seal Rings, Blades, Form Rolls.
VM-N12	14.33	89.0	Fine	88.00	---	12.00	---	---	Good Wear and Corrosion Resistance. Aluminum Can Tooling (where drawing lubricants are a problem).
VM-NM12	14.33	89.0	Fine	88.00	---	12.00	---	---	Good Wear and Corrosion Resistance. Non-Magnetic. Die liners and Aluminum Can Tooling (where magnetism presents a problem).
VM-N15	14.06	87.0	Fine	85.00	---	15.00	---	---	Corrosion Resistant, Medium Wear, Medium Impact. Rolls, Cutting Blades.
CORROSION RESISTANT									
VM-K309	14.23	90.8	Coarse	86.50	9.00	---	3.00	1.50	Good Wear Resistance and Strength, Self Lubricating. Stamping Dies, Long-Immersion WEDM blanks.
VM-K311	14.00	89.5	Coarse	84.50	11.00	---	3.00	1.50	Good Wear Resistance and Strength, Self Lubricating. Punches, Stamping Dies, Compacting Dies, Long-Immersion WEDM blanks.
VM-K313	13.80	88.5	Coarse	82.50	13.00	---	3.00	1.50	Medium Resistance and Impact Toughness, Self Lubricating. Punches, Compacting Dies, Long-Immersion WEDM blanks.
MIXED BINDER									
VM-L501	11.85	92.1	SubMicron	78.00	---	---	---	22.00	High Hardness, High Wear Resistance, Corrosion Resistance, Light Weight, Mixed Binder Carbide. Can Tooling.
VM-S101	14.65	92.6	Fine	92.50	0.50	6.00	---	1.00	Mixed Binder, Corrosion Resistant, High Hardness for Wear Applications, Light Impact. Sleeves, Cutting Blades.
VM-S102	14.45	91.8	Fine	91.00	0.50	8.00	---	0.50	Mixed Binder, Corrosion Resistant, Medium Hardness and Wear Resistance, Medium Impact. Sleeves, Cutting Blades.
VM-S103	14.33	90.7	Fine	89.00	0.50	10.00	---	0.50	Mixed Binder, Corrosion Resistant, Good Wear Resistance, Higher Impact. Sleeves, Cutting Blades.
VM-S302	14.28	91.5	Fine	88.00	3.50	7.50	---	1.00	Mixed Binder, Excellent Corrosion and Wear Resistance. Oil Field Tooling.
VM-S303	14.17	89.9	Medium	87.25	1.75	10.00	---	1.00	Mixed Binder, Excellent Corrosion and Improved Toughness. Can Tooling.

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