The application of **DCMX**

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1. Piercing Punch: Trial result

- Tool: φ10.2mm PVD coated punch for progressive die
- Work material: High strength steel sheet, 780MPa, \( t=1.6\)mm
- Clearance: 1.45 mm (about 10% of the sheet thickness)
- Cycle time: 55spm
- Failure mode: Chipping at the edge

Chipping

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<th>JIS SKD11 (DIN 1.2379/ AISI D2 eq.) (59HRC)</th>
<th>DCMX (62HRC)</th>
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<td>Die life = 10,000 shot</td>
<td>Die life = <strong>more than 10,000 shot</strong></td>
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1. Piercing Punch: Analysis result

Reducing coarse carbides to reduce chipping
JIS SKD11 (DIN 1.2379/ AISI D2 eq.) has a lot of primary coarse carbides. The coarse carbides might be a chipping initiation site. DCMX has almost no primary coarse carbides, it is a matrix type cold work steel. So, DCMX has contributed to reduce the chipping risk.

Improving the fatigue property and toughness
The crack occurred because the punch was being run thousands of shots. From this reason, the punch needs the high fatigue property and high toughness to prevent the crack. Basically, DCMX (62HRC) has higher fatigue property and toughness than JIS SKD11 (59HRC). So, DCMX has contributed to prevent the chipping.
2. Trimming Punch: Trial result

- Product: Cross member
- Tool size: H80 x W110 x L130mm
- Heat treatment: High temperature tempering
- Surface treatment: PVD coating
- Work material: High strength steel sheet, 440MPa, \( t=2.9 \) mm
- Failure mode: Galling and Chipping

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<th>JIS SKD11 modified steel grade (59.5 HRC)</th>
<th>DCMX (61.5 HRC)</th>
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<td>Die life = 80,000 ~ 120,000 shot</td>
<td>Die life = 200,000 shot</td>
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<td>Only slight galling, no chipping</td>
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2. Trimming Punch: Analysis result

**Improving the fatigue property and toughness**
The crack occurred because the punch was being run thousands of shots. From this reason, the punch needs the high fatigue property and high toughness to prevent the crack. In case of this trial, DCMX (62HRC) has higher fatigue property and toughness than competitive steel grade (60HRC). So, DCMX has contributed to prevent the chipping.

**Increasing hardness**
** (DCMX can get over 60HRC with 1030°C hardening)
The galling was the streaky scratch from the chipping point, it was high possibility that wear due to the jamming by burr of work material and die material. So, keeping the PVD coating was important for this die to prevent the galling. Generally, higher hardness makes to improve the adhesive strength of ceramic coating. The higher hardness of DCMX (62HRC) compared to competitive steel grade has contributed to prevent the galling.

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3. Shearing Blade : Trial result

- Tool size: H80 x W110 x L130mm
- Heat treatment: High temperature tempering
- Surface treatment: No coating
- Work material: High strength steel sheet, 440MPa, t= 4 ~ 6mm
- Failure mode: Chipping

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<td>Die life = 20,000 shot</td>
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## Other applications

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<td>Lower arm 590MPa, t=2.6mm</td>
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<td>Trimming die**</td>
<td>Metal bush Fe-Cu sheet, t=3.7mm</td>
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