

# COLD WORK TOOL STEELS

## Application Segments

Cold Work

## Available Product Variants

Long Products

## Product Description

BÖHLER K137 is a universally applicable, ledeburitic 12% chromium steel featuring excellent wear resistance and good toughness. The steel is suitable for air hardening and shows good dimensional stability..

## Process Melting

Airmelted

## Properties

- > Wear Resistance : good
- > Dimensional stability : good

## Applications

- > Cold Forming
- > Fine Blanking, Stamping, Blanking
- > Rolls
- > Coining
- > Screws and Barrels
- > Components for the recycling industry
- > Machine knife (for producers)
- > Rolling
- > Powder Pressing
- > Components for underground construction (drilling, shafts, etc.)
- > General Components for Mechanical Engineering
- > Standard Parts (Moulds, Plates, Pins, Punches)
- > Wear parts
- > Thread rolling
- > Mechanical Engineering

## Technical data

Material designation	
~1.2379	SEL
~X153CrMoV12	EN
~D2	AISI
SKD 11	JIS

## Chemical composition (wt. %)

C	Si	Mn	Cr	Mo	V
1.50	0.25	0.45	12.00	1.00	0.35

Material characteristics

	Compressive strength	Dimensional stability during heat treatment	Toughness	Wear resistance abrasive	Wear resistance adhesive
<b>BÖHLER K137</b>	★★	★★★	★	★★★	★★
<b>BÖHLER K100</b>	★★	★★	★	★★★	★★
<b>BÖHLER K340 ISODUR</b>	★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★★
<b>BÖHLER K353</b>	★★	★★★	★★	★★	★★
<b>BÖHLER K360 ISODUR</b>	★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★
<b>BÖHLER K390 MICROCLEAN</b>	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
<b>BÖHLER K490 MICROCLEAN</b>	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
<b>BÖHLER K890 MICROCLEAN</b>	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★

The evaluation of the characteristics refers only to the brands considered here. Cross-comparisons with other reviews are discouraged due to different framework conditions.

Delivery condition

Annealed

Hardness (HB)	max. 255
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Heat treatment

Annealing

Temperature	800 to 850 °C	Slow controlled cooling in furnace at a rate of 10 to 20 °C/hr (18 to 36 °F/hr) down to approximately 600 °C (1112 °F)    Further cooling in air.
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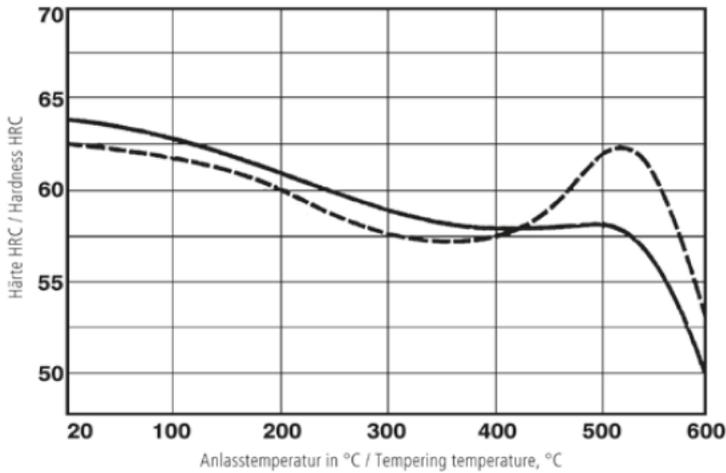
Stress relieving

Temperature	650 to 700 °C	After through heating, hold in neutral atmosphere for 1-2 hours.    Slow cooling in furnace    Intended to relieve stresses caused by extensive machining or in complex shapes.
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Hardening and Tempering

Temperature	1,030 °C	Quenching: Oil, salt bath (220 to 250 °C or 500 to 550 °C   428 to 482 °F or 932 to 1022 °F), gas, compressed or still air. Tools of intricate shape or with sharp edges should preferably be hardened in air.    Holding time after temperature equalization: 15 to 30 minutes.    After hardening, tempering to the desired working hardness according to the tempering chart.
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Tempering chart



Tempering chart correspond to BÖHLER K110 (D2; 1.2379)

Specimen size: square 20 mm (0,787 inch)

Slow heating to tempering temperature immediately after hardening.

Time in furnace 1 hour for each 20 mm (0,787 inch) of workpiece thickness but at least 2 hours.

Please refer to the tempering chart for guide values for the achievable hardness after tempering.

It is recommended to temper at least three times above the secondary hardness maximum.

Cooling in air to room temperature after each tempering step is recommended.

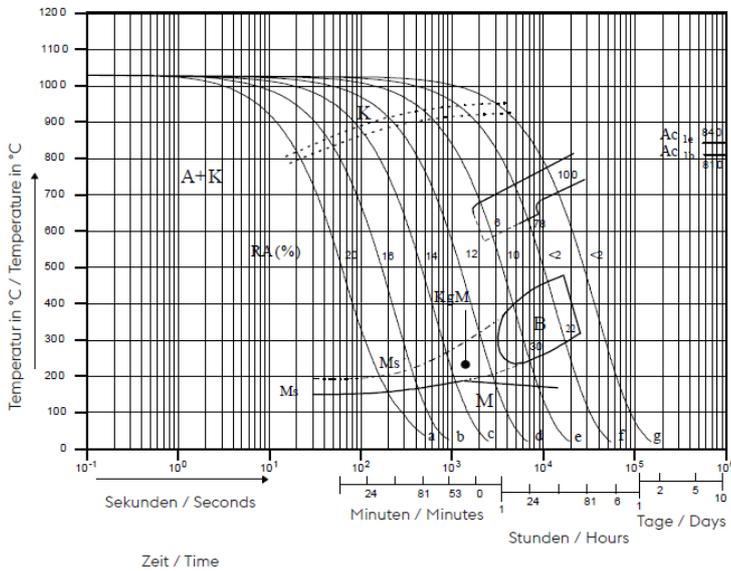
Tempering for stress relieving 30 to 50 °C (86 to 122 °F) below the highest tempering temperature.

Recommended tempering temperature range is indicated by the blue area in the chart.

Hardening temperature:

- 1030 °C / 1886 °F
- - - - - 1070 °C / 1958 °F

Continuous cooling CCT curves



Austenitising temperature: 1030 °C/1886 °F  
Holding time: 30 minutes

- A... Austenite
- K... Carbide
- P... Pearlite
- B... Bainite
- M... Martensite
- Ms... Martensite starting temperature

## Physical Properties

Temperature (°C)	20
Density (kg/dm <sup>3</sup> )	7.67
Thermal conductivity (W/(m.K))	23.9
Specific heat (kJ/kg K)	0.47
Spec. electrical resistance (Ohm.mm <sup>2</sup> /m)	0.65
Modulus of elasticity (10 <sup>3</sup> N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	200

## Thermal Expansions between 20°C | 68°F and ...

Temperature (°C)	100	200	300	400	500	600	700
Thermal expansion (10 <sup>-6</sup> m/(m.K))	11	11.4	11.9	12.2	12.7	12.8	12.1

If other available product variants are listed in addition to long products, please note that these may differ in terms of melting process, technical data, delivery and surface condition as well as available product dimensions. For mandatory technical specifications, other requirements and dimensions, please contact our regional voestalpine BÖHLER sales companies. The data contained in this brochure is merely for general information and therefore shall not be binding on the company. We may be bound only through a contract explicitly stipulating such data as binding. Measurement data are laboratory values and can deviate from practical analyses. The manufacture of our products does not involve the use of substances detrimental to health or to the ozone layer.

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