

# Alleima® Print EPS doctor blade steel

## Strip steel

## Datasheet

Alleima® Print EPS (Enhanced Performance Steel) is a hardened and tempered chromium steel used for printing doctor blade applications. The grade is a standard martensitic stainless steel, suitable for all types of ink and is characterized by:

- Excellent wear resistance
- Good straightness
- Corrosion resistant
- Good dimensional tolerances
- Excellent edge finish

## Standards

- ASTM: 420\*
- EN Number: 1.4037\*
- DIN: X 65Cr13\*

\* Nearest equivalent grade

## Chemical composition (nominal)

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C	Si	Mn	Cr
0.68	0.4	0.60	13.0

## Forms of supply

Alleima® Print EPS is supplied in coils with inner diameter 350 mm (13.8 in.). Approximately 15 meters of strip material is unshaved on the innermost rings of the coil.

### Dimensions

Thickness mm (in.)		Width mm (in.)	
min.	max.	min.	max.
0.076 (0.003)	0.305 (0.012)	8.00 (0.315)	70.0 (2.76)

Other sizes can be offered on request.

### Surface condition

The standard surface offered is white polished.

### Surface roughness

Surface roughness is measured transversal to the rolling direction with a cut off length of 0.25 mm (0.0098 in.).

Thickness mm (in.)	Ra $\mu\text{m}$ ( $\mu\text{in.}$ )	Rmax $\mu\text{m}$ ( $\mu\text{in.}$ )
0.076 (0.003) - 0.305 (0.012)	(Y6) 0.2-0.5 (8 - 20)	2.5 (100)

### Surface defects

Maximum allowed depth of surface defects (excluding burrs):

Thickness mm (in.)	Scratches $\mu\text{m}$ ( $\mu\text{in.}$ )	Single minor surface defects $\mu\text{m}$ ( $\mu\text{in.}$ )
0.076 (0.003) - 0.305 (0.012)	$\leq 5$ (200)	$\leq 5$ (200)

### Edges

As standard, strip is supplied with round, shaved edges with no sharp corners and with no friction-induced martensite. Edge surface defects such as pits or burrs,  $\leq 5 \mu\text{m}$  (200  $\mu\text{in.}$ ).

The edge radius should be at least equal to half of the strip thickness.

### Tolerances

### Shape

### Straightness

Width  $> 12.1$  mm, R spec = max. 1.4 mm deviation on a 3000 mm length.

Widths  $< 12$  mm, R spec = max. 2.5 mm deviation on a 3000 mm length.

### Flatness

Cross bow hardened and tempered strip (H/T) in all tensile strengths (P1 is the Alleima standard).

Tolerance class	Cross bow % of width
	<b>H/T condition</b>
P0	No requirements
P1	max. 0.4
P2	max. 0.3
P3	max. 0.2

Other tolerances may be possible on request.

#### Width (B1 is standard)

Thickness	Width	Width tolerance +/- mm		
mm	mm	B1	B2	B3
0.076 - 0.25	8 - <20	0.07	0.05	0.03
	20 - <50	0.10	0.07	0.05
	50 - <70	0.15	0.11	0.07
0.251 - 0.305	8 - <20	0.10	0.07	0.05
	20 - <50	0.15	0.11	0.07
	50 - <70	0.20	0.15	0.10

#### Thickness (T1 is standard)

Thickness	Width	Thickness tolerance +/- mm		
mm	mm	T1	T2	T3
0.076 - <0.1	8 - 70	0.006	0.005	0.004
0.1 - <0.125	8 - 70	0.007	0.005	0.004
0.125 - <0.16	8 - 70	0.009	0.006	0.005
0.16 - <0.2	8 - 70	0.01	0.007	0.005
0.2 - <0.25	8 - 70	0.011	0.008	0.006
0.25 - <0.305	8 - 70	0.013	0.009	0.007

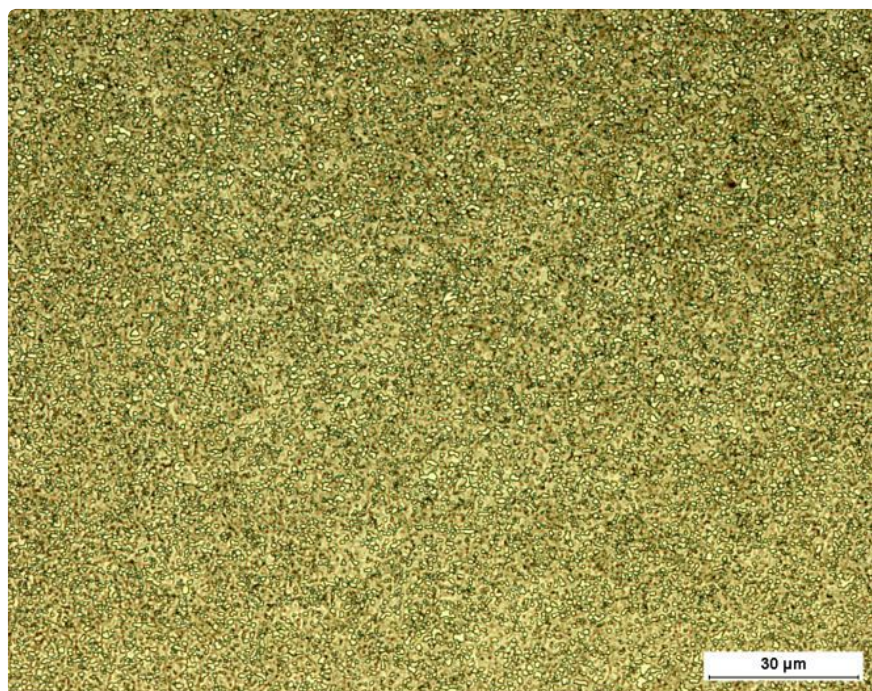
## Mechanical properties

Thickness mm (in.)	Tensile strength Rm		Hardness*
	MPa	ksi	Vickers, HV
0.076 (0.003) - 0.305 (0.012)	1860 +/- 100	270 +/- 14.5	550 +/-25

\* Hardness (HV) value is given for information only.

## Microstructure

The microstructure is uniform and consists of tempered martensite with a high amount of small, undissolved carbides.



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