**Powdered Metal**

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**Crucible Industries**

**CPM® 10V®** Powder Metal Tool Steel

**AISI A11**

**Typical Composition**

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<th>C</th>
<th>Mn</th>
<th>Si</th>
<th>Cr</th>
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CPM 10V powder metal tool steel is a versatile air-hardening tool and die steel which provides extremely high wear resistance in combination with relatively high impact toughness. A large volume of hard vanadium carbides provides the high wear resistance. The good impact toughness is the result of the fine grain size, small carbides, and superior cleanliness of the powder metallurgy (PM) microstructure. CPM 10V offers substantially better wear resistance than the high-carbon, high-chromium die steels such as D2 and D7.

**Relative Properties**

![Bar chart comparing toughness, wear resistance, and grindability of CPM 10V, CPM 9V, CPM Rex M4, D2, D7, and M2]

**Physical Properties**

Density: 0.268 lb/in³ (7.418 g/cm³)
Specific Gravity: 7.41
Modulus of Elasticity: 32x10⁶ psi (221 GPa)
Machinability: 35-40% of a 1% carbon steel

**Coefficient of Thermal Expansion:**

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<th>Temperature °F</th>
<th>in/in/°F x 10⁻⁸</th>
<th>Temperature °C</th>
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<td>70 - 200</td>
<td>5.96</td>
<td>21 - 93</td>
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<td>70 - 500</td>
<td>6.18</td>
<td>21 - 260</td>
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<td>70 - 800</td>
<td>6.54</td>
<td>21 - 427</td>
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<td>70 - 1100</td>
<td>6.82</td>
<td>21 - 593</td>
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**HEAT TREATING INSTRUCTIONS**
(See Tech-Topics Bulletin 102 for a more thorough explanation of heat treating.)

**CRITICAL TEMPERATURE**
Ac1: 1540°F (838°C)

**HARDENING:**
Preheating: 1500-1550°F (816-845°C), equalize.
Austenitizing (High Heat): Heat rapidly from the preheat, typically by transferring to a second furnace.
For Optimum Wear Resistance:
Soak for 5 to 15 minutes.
Furnace or Salt Bath: 2150 (1177°C)
For Balance of Wear Resistance and Toughness:
Soak for 15 to 30 minutes.
Furnace or Salt Bath: 2050°F (1121°C)
For Maximum Toughness and minimum distortion in cooling:
Soak for 30 to 60 minutes.
Furnace: 1975°F (1080°C)
Salt Bath: 1950°F (1066°C)

**Quenching:** Air, pressurized gas, warm oil, or salt. Sections less than 3" thick may be air cooled to maximum hardness. Sections 3" thick or more must be quenched at a faster rate, using one of the methods below, to attain maximum hardness.
For pressurized gas, the furnace should have a minimum quench pressure of 4 bars. *The quench rate to below 1000°F (538°C) is critical to obtain the desired properties.*
For oil, quench until black, about 900°F (482°C), then cool in still air to 150-125°F (66-51°C).
For salt maintained at 1000-1100°F (538-593°C), equalize in the salt, then cool in still air to 150-125°F (66-51°C).

**Tempering:** Temper immediately after quenching. Typical temperature range is 1000-1100°F (538-593°C). Do not temper below 1000°F (538°C). Hold at temperature for 2 hours then air cool to ambient temperature. Double tempering is required. Triple tempering is required when austenitized at 2100°F (1149°C) or higher.

**ANNEALING:** Annealing must be performed after hot working and before hardening.
Heat at a rate not exceeding 400°F per hour (222°C per hour) to 1600 -1650°F (871 - 899°C), and hold at temperature for 1 hour per inch of maximum thickness; 2 hours minimum. Then cool slowly with the furnace at a rate not exceeding 30°F per hour (17°C per hour) to 1000°F (538°C). Continue cooling to ambient temperature in the furnace or in air. The resultant hardness should be a maximum of 277 HBW.

**HEAT TREATMENT RESPONSE**

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<th>As Oil Quenched from</th>
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<td>1950°F (1066°C), 45 minutes</td>
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<td>2050°F (1121°C), 20 minutes</td>
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<td>2100°F (1149°C), 15 minutes</td>
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<td>2150°F (1177°C), 5 minutes</td>
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The data presented herein are typical values, and do not warrant suitability for any specific application or use of this material. Normal variations in the chemical composition, the size of the product, and heat treatment parameters may result in different values for the various physical and mechanical properties.

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