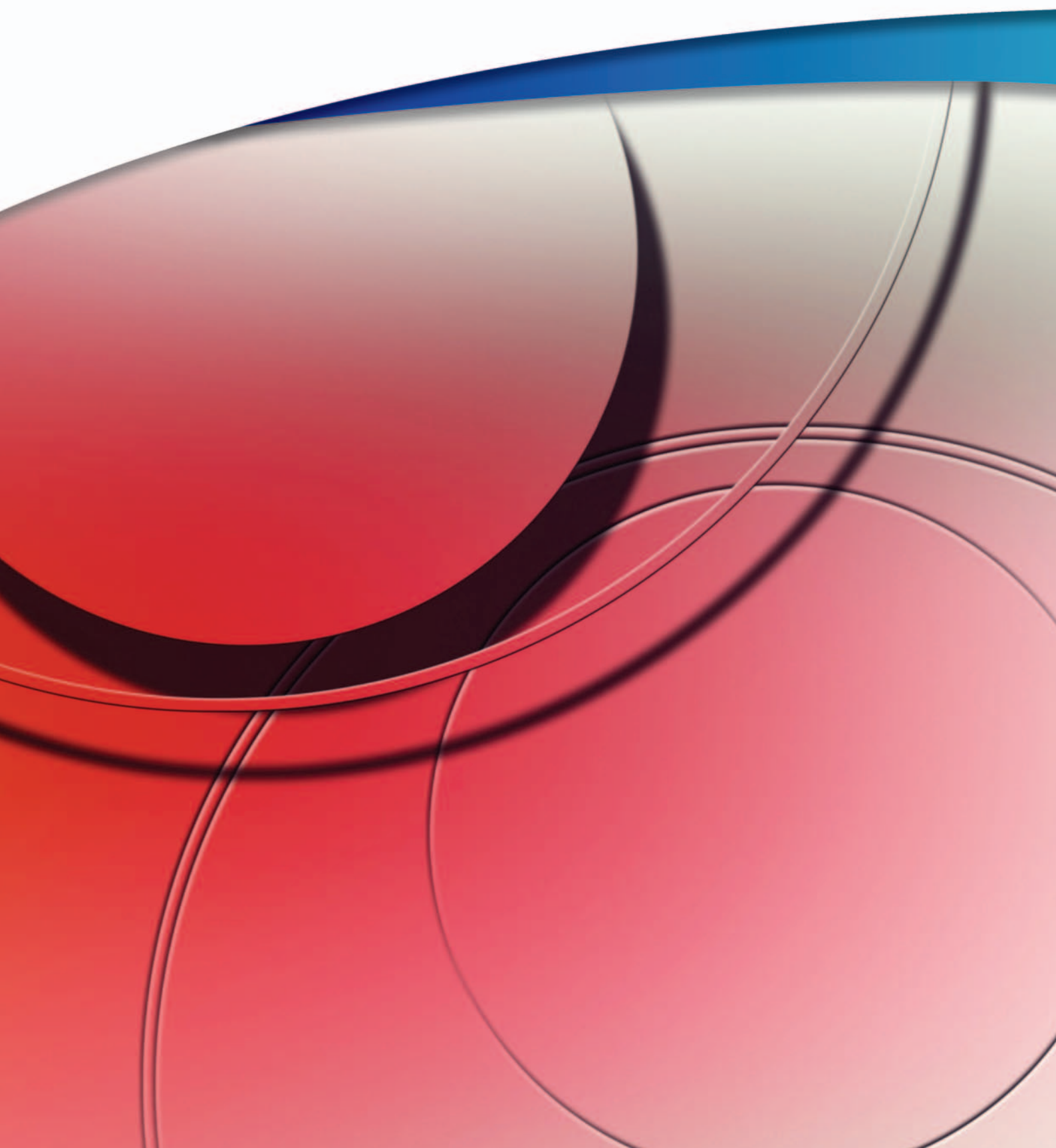
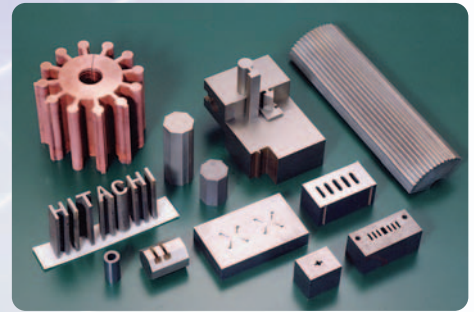


# Electrical Discharge Machining Wire <EDM wire>



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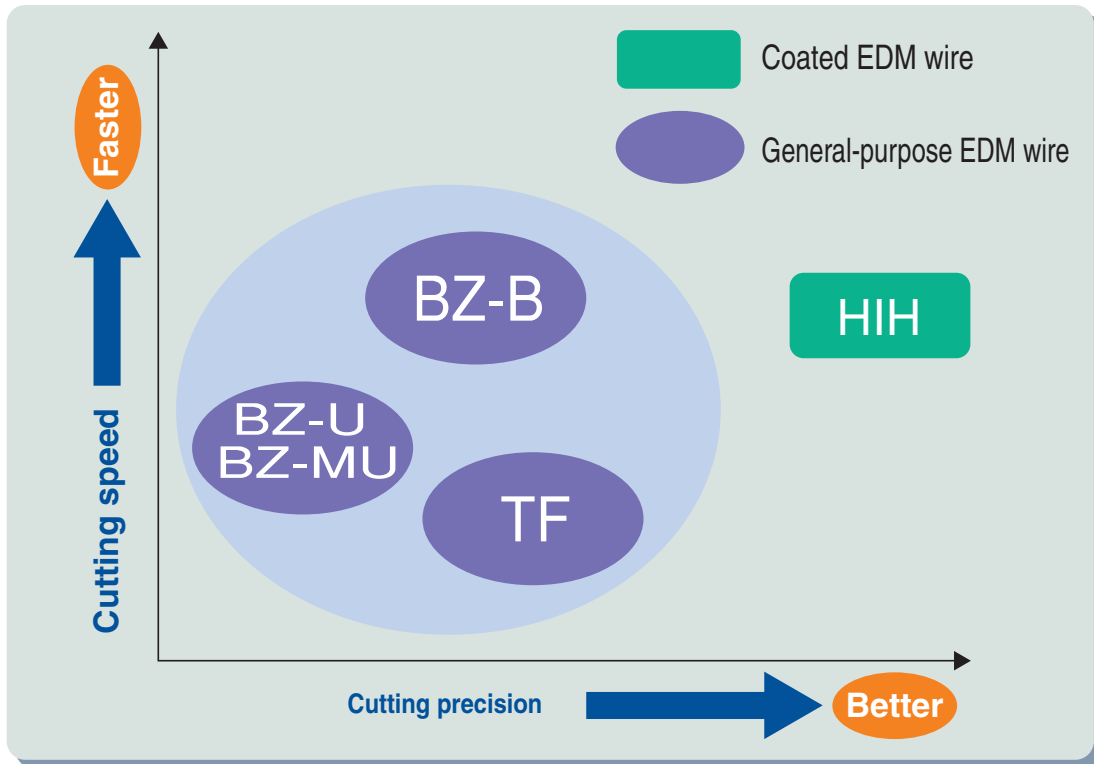
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■ Positioning of each wire type



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| Cutting application |                                       | Standard EDM wire |        | Special EDM wire |     |        |      | Coated EDM wire |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|------------------|-----|--------|------|-----------------|
|                     |                                       | HBZ-U             | HBZ-MU | HBZ-B            | HTF | ABZ-AT | OFC* | HIH             |
| Cutting purpose     | Standard cutting                      | ○                 | ○      | ○                | ◎   | —      | —    | ◎               |
|                     | Taper cutting                         | ◎                 | ◎      | ◎                | ◎   | ★      | ◎    | ◎               |
|                     | Rough cutting                         | ◎                 | ◎      | ○                | ◎   | —      | —    | ◎               |
|                     | High accuracy shape cutting           | ◎                 | ◎      | ○                | ○   | —      | —    | ★               |
|                     | Thick material cutting                | ◎                 | ◎      | ◎                | ○   | —      | —    | ◎               |
|                     | High surface accuracy cutting         | ◎                 | ◎      | ◎                | ○   | —      | —    | ★               |
|                     | High-speed cutting                    | ◎                 | ◎      | ○                | ◎   | —      | —    | ◎               |
|                     | Automatic threading                   | ★                 | ★      | ◎                | ◎   | —      | —    | ○               |
|                     | Poor jet flow cutting                 | ◎                 | ◎      | ◎                | ○   | —      | —    | ◎               |
|                     | Copper adhesion less cutting          | ◎                 | ◎      | ○                | ★   | —      | —    | ★               |
|                     | Brass powder less cutting             | ○                 | ★      | ◎                | ◎   | ◎      | —    | ◎               |
| Steel product       | Aluminium                             | ◎                 | ◎      | ○                | ◎   | —      | —    | ◎               |
|                     | Graphite                              | ◎                 | ◎      | ◎                | ◎   | —      | ★    | ○               |
|                     | Poly crystalline diamond (PCD)        | ◎                 | ◎      | ◎                | ◎   | —      | —    | ★               |
|                     | Tungsten carbide                      | ◎                 | ◎      | ○                | ◎   | —      | —    | ★               |
|                     | Stainless steel                       | ◎                 | ◎      | ◎                | ◎   | —      | —    | ○               |
|                     | Low conductivity materials            | ◎                 | ◎      | ◎                | ◎   | —      | ★    | ○               |
| EDM machine         | Agie-Charmilles (formerly Agie)       | ○                 | ○      | ◎                | ◎   | —      | —    | ★               |
|                     | Agie-Charmilles (formerly Charmilles) | ○                 | ○      | ◎                | ◎   | ★      | —    | ○               |
|                     | Seibu                                 | ◎                 | ◎      | ○                | ○   | ○      | ○    | ◎               |
|                     | Sodick                                | ○                 | ○      | ○                | ○   | —      | —    | ○               |
|                     | Fanuc                                 | ★                 | ○      | ○                | ○   | ★      | —    | ★               |
|                     | Makino                                | ○                 | ○      | ◎                | ◎   | —      | —    | ○               |
|                     | Mitsubishi                            | ○                 | ★      | ○                | ○   | —      | —    | ◎               |

★: Excellent ◎: Better ○: Good

\*OFC (Oxygen-Free Copper)

**Table: Equipment availability of wire with without paraffin**

| EDM machines                          |           | EDM wire |              | Note  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|---|
| Maker                                 | Model     | Paraffin | Non-paraffin |   |
| Agie-Charmilles<br>(formerly Agie)    | 100D      | —        | ○            | Non-paraffin products can be used for all models, regardless of size.                 |
|                                       | 200D      | —        | ○            |   |
|                                       | Evolution | —        | ○            |   |
| Agie-Charmilles (formerly Charmilles) | Robofil®  | —        | ○            |   |
| Seibu                                 | EW        | —        | ○            |   |
|                                       | MS        | —        | ○            |   |
|                                       | MA        | —        | ○            |   |
| Sodick                                | A         | ○        | —            | For wire of 0.15 mmφ or less, non-paraffin products improve positioning and accuracy. |
|                                       | AP        | ○        | —            |   |
|                                       | AQ        | ○        | —            |   |
| Fanuc                                 | α         | —        | ○            | Non-paraffin products can be used for new models, α series or thereafter.             |
|                                       | Tape Cut  | ○        | —            |   |
| Makino                                | EE        | ○        | —            | For wire of 0.15 mmφ or less, non-paraffin products improve positioning and accuracy. |
|                                       | EQH       | ○        | —            |   |
|                                       | EC        | ○        | —            |   |
| Mitsubishi                            | F A       | —        | ○            | Non-paraffin products can be used for all models, regardless of size.                 |
|                                       | R A       | —        | ○            |   |
|                                       | Q A       | ○        | —            | For wire of 0.15 mmφ or less, non-paraffin products improve positioning and accuracy. |
|                                       | F X-K     | ○        | —            |   |
|                                       | F X       | ○        | —            |   |
|                                       | CX,SX     | ○        | —            |   |
|                                       | DWC®      | ○        | —            |   |

**Advantages of non-paraffin wire**

**If wire has excessive paraffin or contamination**

- Wire may easily slip on a roller part, etc.
- Extraneous matter may remain on a roller part, etc.

**1. If extraneous matter or oil content may remain:**

- Resulting unstable wire run may degrade the surface accuracy of the machined object.
- Automatic threading trouble and EDM machine stop may be triggered by blockage of guide dies.

Deteriorated surface accuracy



Normal surface accuracy



If paraffin wire is used on the EDM machine that is specifically calibrated for non-paraffin wire, the characteristics of electrical discharge machining may be adversely affected since the wire run system will become unstable due to sliding, etc. As cutting line wire marks occur frequently, particularly on the cutting surface, great care is needed for wire selection.

**2. If insulation material remains on wire surface:**

- Accuracy of tactile sense and positioning may deteriorate.
- Unstable to feeble electrical discharge is generated and feeding dies life is shortened.

General-purpose  
EDM wire

# BZ-U wire

Standard brass

〔JIS C 2800  
equivalent〕

Capable of automatic threading

For hard material

- Hitachi Metal's standard brass wire
- High cutting speed due to its zinc-rich constitution
- Improved automatic threading capability due to its characteristic straightness
- Can be used in any company's EDM machine with automatic threading function

General characteristics of BZ-U wire

| Type     | Product name | Size<br>( $\phi$ mm) | Wire Tolerance<br>(mm) | Tensile strength |                        | Elongation<br>(%) |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|          |              |                      |                        | (MPa)            | (kgf/mm <sup>2</sup> ) |                   |
| H (Hard) | BZ-U         | 0.10~0.33            | $\pm 0.001$            | 980 over         | 100 over               | 0.4 over          |

Note: 1. Please contact us for the production of special sizes (0.10 mm less, or 0.33 mm over).

2. This wire is manufactured for only H (hard) type.

General-purpose  
EDM wire

# BZ-MU wire

Standard brass

〔JIS C 2700  
equivalent〕

Reduction of brass powder

Capable of automatic threading

For hard material

For soft material

- Significant reduction of brass powder
- Improved automatic threading capability due to its excellent straightness
- Can be used in all models of EDM machines equipped with automatic threading device in the form of pipe, jet or annealed systems.

General characteristics of BZ-MU wire

| Type     | Product name | Size<br>( $\phi$ mm) | Wire Tolerance<br>(mm) | Tensile strength |                        | Elongation<br>(%) |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|          |              |                      |                        | (MPa)            | (kgf/mm <sup>2</sup> ) |                   |
| H (Hard) | BZ-MU        | 0.10~0.33            | $\pm 0.001$            | 980 over         | 100 over               | 0.4 over          |
| A (Soft) | BZ           |                      |                        | 445 over         | 50 over                | 15 over           |

Note: 1. Please contact us for the production of special sizes (0.10 mm less, or 0.33 mm over).

2. In case of A (Soft) type, the product name is ABZ.

Special  
EDM wire

# BZ-B wire

Special brass

Zinc content  
increased

High-speed cutting

Reduction of brass powder

Improvement in surface accuracy

For hard material

For soft material

- More Zinc-rich than BZ-U
- Improvement in cutting speed and surface accuracy

General characteristics of BZ-B wire

| Type     | Product name | Size<br>( $\phi$ mm) | Wire Tolerance<br>(mm) | Tensile strength |                        | Elongation<br>(%) |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|          |              |                      |                        | (MPa)            | (kgf/mm <sup>2</sup> ) |                   |
| H (Hard) | BZ-B         | 0.10~0.33            | $\pm 0.001$            | 980 over         | 100 over               | 0.4 over          |
| A (Soft) |              |                      |                        | 445 over         | 50 over                | 15 over           |

Note: 1. Please contact us for the production of special sizes (0.10 mm less, or 0.33 mm over).

Special  
EDM wire

# TF wire

Alloy brass

Special metallic-  
element added

Breaking protection

Avoiding of brass adhesion

For hard material

For soft material

- For cutting thick objects  
(can be used for material thickness of 100 mm or more)
- Significant reduction of brass adhering to cutting surface

General characteristics of TF wire

| Type     | Product name | Size<br>( $\phi$ mm) | Wire Tolerance<br>(mm) | Tensile strength |                        | Elongation<br>(%) |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|          |              |                      |                        | (MPa)            | (kgf/mm <sup>2</sup> ) |                   |
| H (Hard) | TF           | 0.10~0.33            | $\pm 0.001$            | 980 over         | 100 over               | 0.4 over          |
| A (Soft) |              |                      |                        | 445 over         | 50 over                | 10 over           |

Note: 1. Please contact us for the production of special sizes (0.10 mm less, or 0.33 mm over).

Special  
EDM wire

# BZ-AT wire

Ultra-soft brass

Taper cutting

For ultra-soft material

- For taper cutting
- Stress is specifically demonstrated for wide-angle (20~45) taper cutting.

General characteristics of BZ-AT wire

| Type     | Product name | Size<br>( $\phi$ mm) | Wire Tolerance<br>(mm) | Tensile strength |                        | Elongation<br>(%) |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|          |              |                      |                        | (MPa)            | (kgf/mm <sup>2</sup> ) |                   |
| A (Soft) | BZ-AT        | 0.20~0.30            | $\pm 0.001$            | 445 less         | 45 less                | 30 over           |

Note: 1. Please contact us for the production of special sizes (0.20 mm less, or 0.30 mm over).  
2. This wire is manufactured for only A (Soft) type.

Special  
EDM wire

# OFC\* wire

Oxygen free  
copper

{ 99.9% or more }

Copper wire

For hard material

For soft material

- This wire is effective for sintered materials (Graphite, etc) and vacuum cutting, such as with the old model of EDM machine.

General characteristics of OFC wire

| Type     | Product name | Size<br>( $\phi$ mm) | Wire Tolerance<br>(mm) | Tensile strength |                        | Elongation<br>(%) |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|          |              |                      |                        | (MPa)            | (kgf/mm <sup>2</sup> ) |                   |
| H (Hard) | 1OFC         | 0.20~0.30            | $\pm 0.001$            | 445 over         | 50 over                | 0.4 over          |
| A (Soft) |              |                      |                        | 294 less         | 30 less                | 15 over           |

Note: 1. Please contact us for the production of special sizes (0.20 mm less, or 0.30 mm over).

\*OFC (Oxygen-Free Copper)

Coated EDM wire

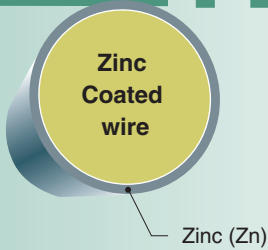
# HIH wire

Improvement in surface accuracy

Reduction of zinc powder

Capable of automatic threading

For hard material



- For cutting focused on surface and shape accuracy
- Zinc (Zn) coating by electroplating method
- Reduction of heat-affected layer of the cutting surface, increased life of the press mold

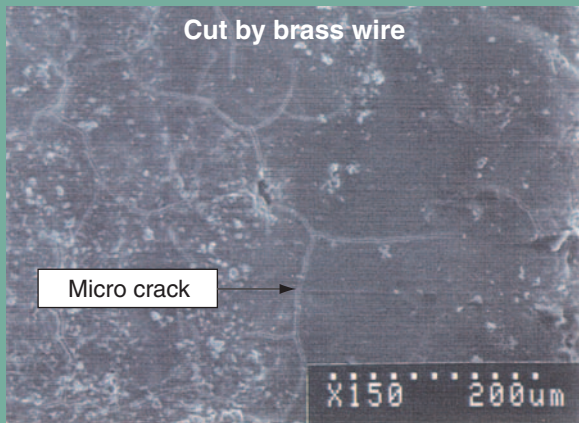
## General characteristics of HIH wire

| Type     | Product name | Size (φ mm) | Wire Tolerance (mm) | Tensile strength |                        | Elongation (%) |
|----------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|
|          |              |             |                     | (MPa)            | (kgf/mm <sup>2</sup> ) |                |
| H (Hard) | IH           | 0.10~0.30   | ±0.001              | 980 over         | 100 over               | 0.4 over       |

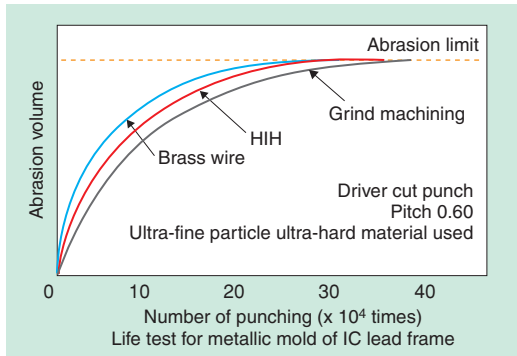
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2. This wire is manufactured for only H (Hard) type.

## Difference of ultra-hard (Wc-Co) cutting surface

### Cutting surface of ultra-hard material (Wc-Co)



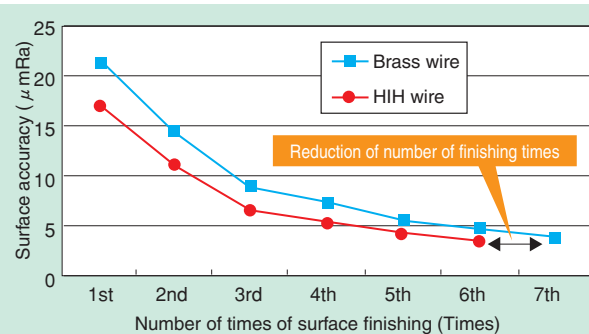
## Longer life of metallic mold



The electrical discharge heat caused by cutting is dispersed by the surface coating of zinc. This reduces the heat-affected layer of the cutting surface, thus prolonging the life of the press metallic mold including IC lead frame.

※Especially in ultra-hard machining with general-purpose EDM wire, the hardness of the machining surface will fall and the press life will be shortened by melting of Co (cobalt), which is the binder.

## Reduction of finishing times



Conventionally, metallic molds achieved a surface accuracy by performing surface finishing many times. Now, however, it is possible to acquire the same surface accuracy by using HIH wire, while reducing the number of times of surface finishing, thus also reducing the machining time.

※This wire is effective for high-accuracy metallic mold cutting, etc. including plastic molds.



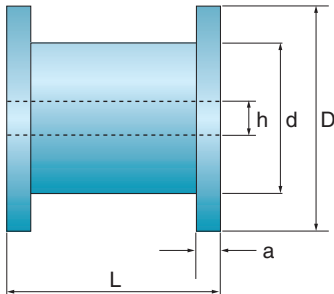
## Definition of description of product, others

### Product specifications

| Product category         | Type      | Product name   | Standard size (φ mm) | Wire tolerance (φ mm) | Tensile strength (MPa) | Elongation (%) | Conductivity (%) |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| General-purpose EDM wire | H (hard)  | BZ-U           | 0.10~0.33            | ±0.001                | 980 over               | 0.4 over       | 20 over          |
|                          | H (hard)  | BZ-MU          |                      |                       | 445 over               | 15 over        |                  |
|                          | A (soft)  | BZ             |                      |                       | 980 over               | 0.4 over       | 20 over          |
| Special EDM wire         | H (hard)  | BZ-B           |                      |                       | 445 over               | 15 over        |                  |
|                          |           |                |                      |                       | TF                     | 980 over       | 0.4 over         |
| A (soft)                 | BZ-AT     | 445 over       |                      |                       |                        | 10 over        | 20 over          |
|                          |           | A (ultra-soft) | 1OFC                 | 0.20~0.30             | 445 over               | 30 over        |                  |
| H (hard)                 | 0.20~0.30 |                |                      | 445 over              | 0.4 over               | 90 over        |                  |
|                          |           | A (soft)       | 294 over             | 15 over               | 20 over                |                |                  |
| Coated EDM wire          | H (hard)  |                |                      | IH                    |                        | 0.20~0.30      | ±0.001           |

### Bobbin name and dimensions

(mm)

| Bobbin name | Flange diameter: D | Barrel diameter: d | Outer width: L | Flange thickness: a | Arbor hole diameter: h | Standard winding volume (kg) | Bobbin dimensions  |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| P-1JT       | 140                | 70                 | 39             | 4.5                 | 12.5                   | 1.5                          |  |
| P-1FT       | 140                | 70                 | 39             | 4.5                 | 46                     | 1.5                          |  |
| P-3RT       | 130                | 80                 | 110            | 10                  | 20                     | 3                            |  |
| P-5RT       | 160                | 90                 | 114            | 12                  | 20                     | 5                            |  |
| P-10TW      | 200                | 110                | 134            | 12                  | 25                     | 10                           |  |
| P-15L       | 250                | 125                | 140            | 15                  | 34                     | 20                           |  |
| P-30        | 280                | 200                | 220            | 20                  | 73                     | 30                           |  |
| P-50        | 320                | 162                | 217            | 20                  | 34                     | 50                           |  |
| K-125       | 125                | 80                 | 125            | 12.5                | 16                     | 3                            |  |
| K-160       | 160                | 100                | 160            | 16                  | 22                     | 6                            |  |
| K-200       | 200                | 125                | 200            | 20                  | 32                     | 15                           |  |

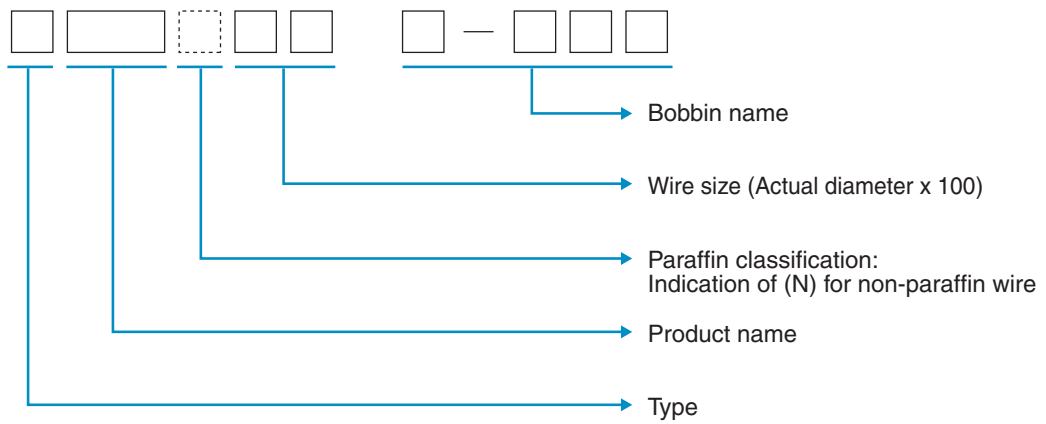
### Packaging method

| Bobbin name | Standard winding volume (kg) | Boxed number (pcs/box) | Cardboard box size L x W x H (mm) |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| P-1JT       | 1.5                          | 10                     | 370×290×200                       |
| P-1FT       | 1.5                          |                        |                                   |
| P-3RT       | 3                            |                        |                                   |
| P-5RT       | 5                            |                        |                                   |
| P-10TW      | 10                           | 2                      | 300×210×290                       |
| P-15L       | 20                           | 1                      | 310×250×320                       |
| P-30        | 30                           |                        |                                   |
| P-50        | 50                           |                        |                                   |
| K-125       | 3                            | 4                      | 370×290×200                       |
| K-160       | 6                            | 2                      |                                   |
| K-200       | 15                           | 1                      | 300×210×290                       |

Specifying description of product

General-purpose EDM wire

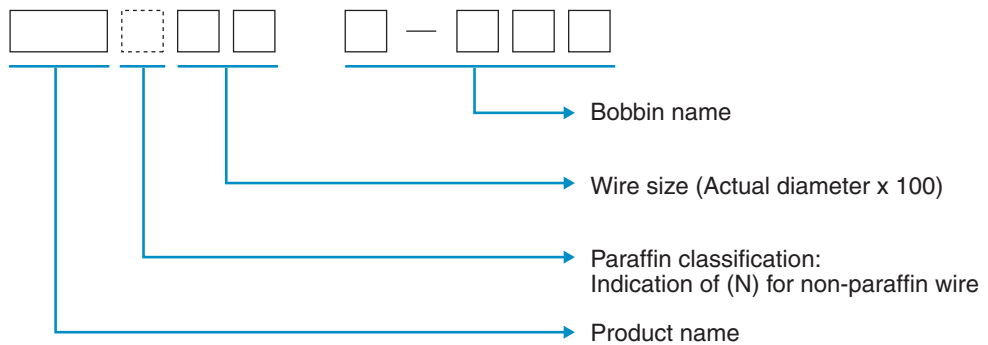
Special EDM wire



(Example) In case of non-paraffin wire

H BZ-U (N) 2 0 P - 5 R T

Plated EDM wire



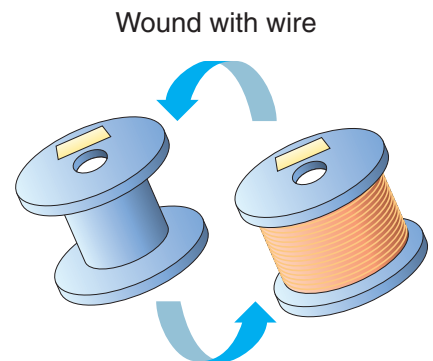
(Example) In case of HIH20 wire

HIH 2 0 P - 5 R T

Recycling

The post-use empty bobbins are collected free of charge as part of our environmental protection program for industrial waste reduction, and customer service activities. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

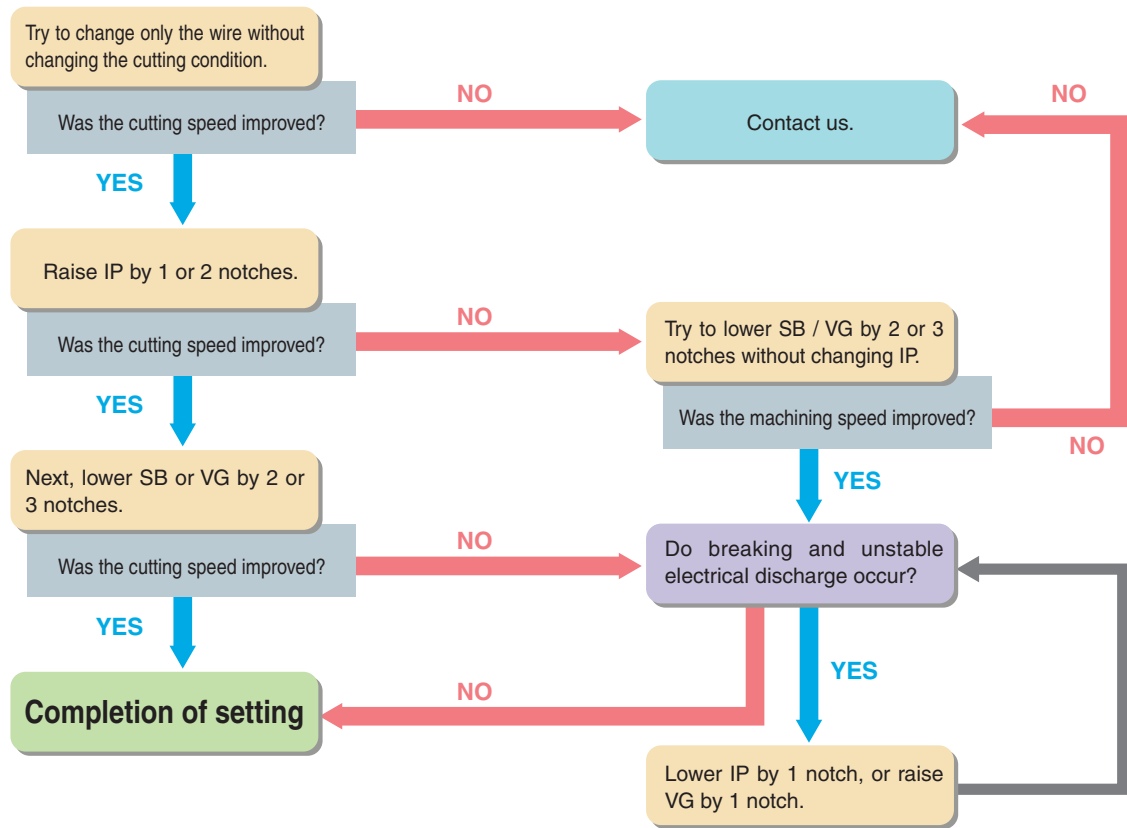
- We only collect empty bobbins that come from our company.
- We pick up the empty bobbins, that are placed in the some empty cartons in which they were delivered. The empty bobbins are reused, so we ask that you cooperate with the free collection service by keeping the bobbins clean and undamaged.
- Please understand that the contractor collecting the empty bobbins may refuse to take them if they are dirty, damaged, or their storage condition is unacceptable.



Bobbin collection (for reuse)

■ Setting cutting conditions (Conditions to improve cutting speed)

(Example) Tuning an EDM machine manufactured by Mitsubishi Electric



[Parameters for EDM machine manufacturers]

| EDM machine makers                    | Discharge energy setting | Off time setting |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Agie-Charmilles (formerly Agie)       | P, T                     | TD               |
| Agie-Charmilles (formerly Charmilles) | A, IAL                   | B, Aj            |
| Seibu                                 | I                        | OFF              |
| Sodick                                | IP, ON                   | MA, OFF          |
| Fanuc                                 | ON                       | OFF, SV          |
| Makino                                | Peak current, ON         | OFF              |
| Mitsubishi                            | IP                       | SB, OFF          |




●Reference: How much the electrical discharge energy can be raised depends on the material thickness. Good cutting conditions for thick sheet can be obtained by revising the settings as follows.

| Material thickness | Setting point   |
|--------------------|---|
| 20 mm less         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In general, electrical discharge energy will be weaker for a thinner object.</li> <li>Since a thin board cannot raise the energy significantly, the increase in speed will be relatively low.</li> <li>In case of a material thickness of 10 mm or less, the increase of electrical discharge energy is small.</li> </ul>  |
| 20~60 mm           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the state of a high-pressure jet stream is good, the cutting efficiency will be improved.</li> <li>In case of flat plate cutting, the nozzle should be placed as close to it as possible.</li> <li>Since the discharge of machining sludge improves with the thickness, machining with higher electrical discharge energy will be possible.</li> </ul>  |
| 60 mm over         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In general, the wire becomes exhausted and breaks more easily with a thicker object.</li> <li>If the wire speed is raised somewhat, the increase in cutting speed will be greater than expected.</li> <li>Since the machining of this board thickness may demonstrate a significant difference compared with brass wire machining, please try making significant changes to the conditions.</li> </ul> |

Note:The setting point is specifically set depending on your processing conditions and other factors, so use this information as a reference for revising the settings to match your conditions. Please contact us if you have any questions.

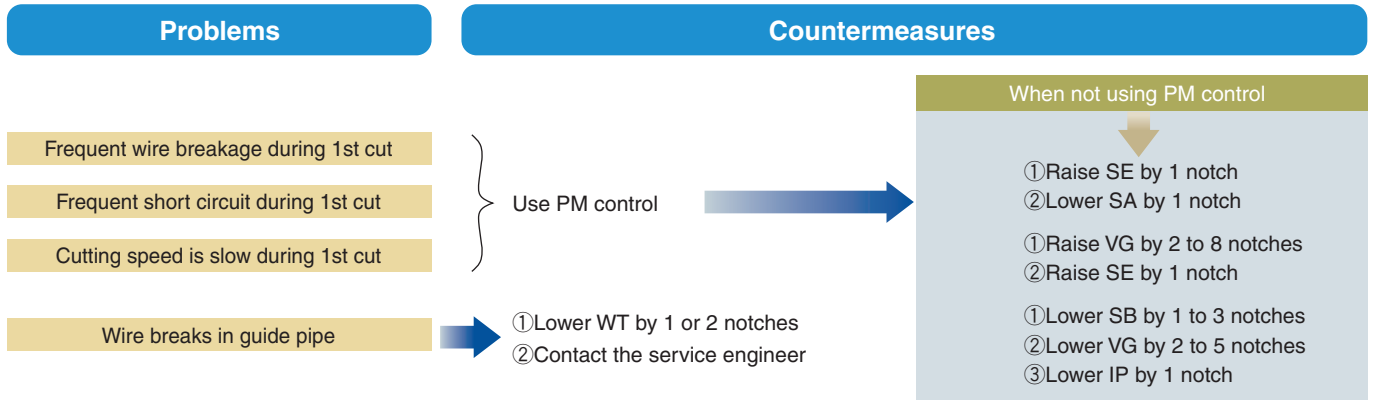
■ Problems and troubleshooting

| Name of trouble                                       | Trouble state  | Cause   | Check item/Solution   |
|---|--|---|---|
| 1. Wire breaking                                      | ① Breaking around feeding plate                                    | · Feeding plate is in friction  | Check feeding plate and replace periodically  |
|   |  | · Water of feeding plate nozzle does not touch feeding plate  | Clean nozzle of feeding plate and check water pressure  |
|   | ② Breaking around wire guide                                       | · Wire guide is dirty   | Maintain periodically   |
|   |  | · Holding force on the wire guide is too strong   | Adjust holding force optimally  |
|   |  | · Position of wire guide is inaccurate  | Reset positioning accuracy  |
|   | ③ Breaking at idling   | · Poor wire hooking   | Check wire hooking position   |
|   |  | · Wires are crossed (tangle/evasion)  | Replacing wire, or off-winding  |
|   | ④ Breaking just after starting machining and within length of 5 mm | · Air bubbles in the machining liquid (air breaking)  | Wash for degreasing of material because the cutting condition is too strong                                   |
|   |  | · Cutting target tilted   | Check water pressure of machining liquid<br>Start cutting after plumbing                                      |
|   | ⑤ Breaking after machining of length of over 5 mm                  | · Pressure of cutting liquid is low   | Check for position error of cutting liquid nozzle and abrasion  |
| · Cutting condition is not adequate                   |  | Check for dirt of suction opening of cutting liquid supply tank   |   |
| · Presence of foreign matter or a pinhole in material |  | When cutting a complicated shape, ensure adequate supply of cutting liquid                                |   |
| · Wire is defective                                   |  | Replace wires   |   |
| · Poor wire run                                       |  | Check for friction, cracks and dirt on polyurethane rubber roller<br>Adjust setting error of wire tension |   |
| 2. Accuracy error of cutting                          | ① Shape defect   | · Insufficient pressure of wire guide and positioning error   | Adjust pressure setting of wire guide and position  |
|   |  | · Insufficient wire tension   | Ensure proper setting of wire tension   |
|   |  | · Large ambient temperature change  | Remove material distortion (stress)   |
|   |  | · Uneven cutting materials  | Plumbing error of wire  |
|   |  | · Improper offset   | Clean and maintain guide dice, etc.   |
| 3. Accuracy error of surface                          | ① Rough surface  | · Cutting condition is not adequate (uneven electrical discharge)   | Increase wire sending speed   |
|   | ② Wire mark on cutting surface                                     | · Insufficient wire tension   | Increase cutting speed  |
|   | ③ Instability of cutting speed                                     | · Cutting speed is slow   | Replace resin ion-exchange and stabilize water ratio resistance   |
|   |  | · Degradation of resin ion-exchange   | Clean and maintain the wire run system (guide system)   |
|   |  | · Run-failure   | Check for dirty, consumption of electrode and the cleaning and maintenance                                    |
|   |  | · Friction, crack or contamination of polyurethane roller   |   |
| · Improper wire tension                               |  |   |   |
| 4. Cutting speed error                                | ① Cutting speed does not go up                                     | · Cutting condition is not adequate (improper material, board thickness, and size)                        | Adjust cutting condition by instruction manual<br>Check for position and abrasions of upper and lower nozzles |
| 5. Curl failure                                       | ① Wire runs wild in scrap box (forms a permanent wave shape)       | · Uneven remnant stress of wire   | Try to increase applied current by 1 TAP (higher cutting speed)   |
|   |  | · Uneven abrasion of conveyor roller / belt   | Replace it when uneven abrasion exceeds 1/3 of wire diameter  |
|   |  | · Positioning error of conveyor roller / belt   | Consult with maintenance contractor of EDM machine  |
|   |  | · Improper pressing force of conveyor roller / belt   | Run wire with pressing force suitable for wire used   |
|   |  | · Curly shape of wire   | Replace with wire having high degree of straightnes   |

| Name of trouble                                       | Trouble state   | Cause   | Check item/Solution  |
|---|---|---|--|
| 6. Failure of automatic threading (insertion failure) | ①Automatic insertion is not performed to guidance and lower hole  | ·Guidance has dirt and blockage                           | Maintain periodically  |
|   |   | ·Lower hole diameter (work side) is too small             | Check minimum lower hole diameter of EDM machine                               |
|   |   | ·Pressure and volume of jet water are declining           | Adjust water pressure valve manually   |
|   |   | ·Positioning error of upper head and lower hole           | Check program and perform central positioning                                  |
|   |   | ·Curly shape of wire                                      | Replace with wire having high degree of straightness                           |
| 7. Failure of automatic threading (cutting failure)   | In case of cutter cutting   | ·Uneven abrasion and insufficient cutting power of cutter | Replace it if wire mark exists, and check pressing pressure of cutting         |
|   | ①Cannot cut well  | ·Rolling up at cutting end of wire                        | Replace it with new cutter   |
|   | ②Not inserted into lower hole   | ·Wire has large carl                                      | Replace with wire having high degree of straightness                           |
|   | In case of annealed cutting   | ·Inputting error of wire diameter                         | Change to material and characteristics of wire recommended by EDM makers       |
|   | ①Cannot cut well  | ·Improper wire material                                   | Input wire diameter to be used   |
|   | ②Cutting position varies  | ·Wrong wire type  |  |
| 8. Winding failure (wire evasion)                     | ①Evasion of wire end  | ·Take wire end away (cause is human factor)               | Thoroughly check wire evasion after rewinding                                  |
|   | ②No problem during use, but evasion occurs in middle of bobbin<br> |   | Customer should thoroughly treat wire end (when setting bobbin to EDM machine) |
| 9. Winding failure (winding loose)                    | ①Winding is loose, and wire has play<br>                          | ·Wrong adjustment of winding tension (Unstable dancer)    | Set it to winding tension of every wire diameter                               |
|   |   | ·Play due to vibration of rewinding machine               | Firmly tighten installation  |
|   |   | ·Change of bobbin core with rewinding machine             | Check bobbin shape and its setting condition on the rewinding machine          |
| 10. Winding failure (uneven winding)                  | ①Uneven winding (uneven) occurs in flange part of bobbin<br>     | ·Wrong adjustment of traverser of rewinding machine       | Adjust traverser, and check periodically when rewinding                        |
|   |   | ·Deformation of bobbin                                    | Change return control motor  |
|   |   |   | Bring traverse pulley as close to winding middle diameter as possible          |
|   |   |   | Check bobbin shape   |

■ Optimization of cutting condition (Example) In case of an EDM machine manufactured by Mitsubishi

[Case of rough cutting (1st cut)]



[How to change cutting conditions]

In case of cutting SKD-11, 60 t with φ 0.2 wire \*This is a reference table. [AE: 21 notches, SE: 1 notch used]






| Types of material<br>Setup condition |            | Standard value | Adjustment value      |              |               |                    |          |        |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|
|                                      |            |                | SKD-11<br>(quenching) | NAK/<br>HPM® | SK-3/<br>S45C | Stainless<br>steel | Aluminum | Copper | Tungsten carbide<br>copper tungsten |
| Voltage open                         | Vo (Notch) | 12             | 0                     | 0            | 0             | 0                  | 0        | 0      | +4                                  |
| Power setting                        | IP (Notch) | 9              | 0                     | -1           | 0             | 0                  | -1       | -1     | -2                                  |
| Off time                             | OFF(Notch) | 1              | 0                     | 0            | 0             | 0                  | 0        | 0      | 0                                   |
| Stabilizer A                         | SA (Notch) | 3              | 0                     | 0            | 0             | 0                  | 0        | 0      | -2                                  |
| Stabilizer B                         | SB (Notch) | 10             | +2                    | +2           | +2            | +3                 | 0        | 0      | +4                                  |
| Wire tension                         | WT (Notch) | 8              | 0                     | 0            | 0             | 0                  | 0        | 0      | -1                                  |
| Voltage gap                          | VG (V)     | 39             | 0                     | 0            | +2            | 0                  | +8       | +5     | +15                                 |
| Actual cutting speed                 | FA (%)     | 100            | 90                    | 85           | 85            | 200                | 85       | 50     | 40                                  |

| Types of material<br>Setup condition |            | Standard value | Adjustment value      |                                    |                          |                      |                    |                    |                     |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|                                      |            |                | SKD-11<br>(quenching) | Upper or lower<br>nozzle separated | Both nozzle<br>separated | Stepped<br>workpiece | Taper 3<br>degrees | Taper 5<br>degrees | Taper 10<br>degrees |
| Voltage open                         | Vo (Notch) | 12             | 0                     | 0                                  | 0                        | 0                    | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   |
| Power setting                        | IP (Notch) | 9              | -1                    | -1                                 | -2                       | 0                    | 0                  | -2                 | -2                  |
| Off time                             | OFF(Notch) | 1              | 0                     | 0                                  | 0                        | 0                    | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   |
| Stabilizer A                         | SA (Notch) | 3              | 0                     | 0                                  | 0                        | 0                    | 0                  | 0                  | -1                  |
| Stabilizer B                         | SB (Notch) | 10             | +2                    | +2                                 | -1                       | +2                   | +2                 | +3                 | +3                  |
| Wire tension                         | WT (Notch) | 8              | 0                     | 0                                  | 0                        | -1                   | -1                 | -2                 | -3                  |
| Voltage gap                          | VG (V)     | 39             | 0                     | +4                                 | +4                       | 0                    | +5                 | +5                 | +10                 |
| Actual cutting speed                 | FA (%)     | 100            | 80                    | 60                                 | 60                       | 90                   | 85                 | 70                 | 50                  |

\* Wire breakage can be reduced by raising the SE notch from 1→2→3→4→5.

■ Optimization of cutting condition (Example) In case of an EDM machine manufactured by Mitsubishi

[Improvement of cutting precision] (For punch shape)

|  |   |   |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| ● Center is concave  |  | → | ① Raise 2nd cutting speed  | (Lower 2nd SB by 1 to 4 notches)<br>(Lower 2nd Vo by 1 to 2 notches)<br>(Lower 2nd VG by 2 to 5 notches) |
| ● Shape is concave and there is a difference in upper / lower dimensions |  | → | ① Raise 2nd cutting speed<br>② Raise wire feeding speed                | (Same as above)<br>(Raise WS by 2 to 4 notches)  |
| ● There is a difference in upper / lower dimensions                      |  | → | ① Raise wire feeding speed<br>② Increase approach amount to 1st to 2nd | (Raise WS by 2 to 4 notches)<br>(Raise by 2 to 7 μm)   |
| ● Bullet shaped and there is a difference in upper / lower dimensions    |  | → | ① Decrease approach amount to 1st to 2nd                               | (Raise by 2 to 10 μm)  |
| ● Center is swollen  |  | → | ① Lower 2nd cutting speed  | (Lower 2nd VG by 2 to 5 notches)<br>(Lower 2nd SB by 1 to 3 notches)                                     |

[When lines are formed on cutting surface]

[When short circuit occurs] →

- ① Decrease approach amount between Ip:4 and Ip:3 by 1 to 5 μm
- ② Raise VG of Ip:4 by 1 to 5 notches
- ③ Raise Vo of Ip:4 by 2 to 4 notches
- ④ Perform the “Plus-One” cutting (see the following item)

[When FC=0 occurs] →

- ① Lower VG of cutting condition where FC=0 occurs by 3 to 8 notches
- ② Decrease the approach amount between 1st to 2nd by 5 to 10 μm

\* During thick plate (60 mm or more) cutting with the upper / lower nozzles separated, set the dielectric fluid flow rate for the 2nd and following cuts to 1.5 to 2.0 L. (to prevent short circuits and speed drop at IP:3 or less)

[Points for finish cutting (Point to check during cutting)]

|   |   |             |  |
|---|---|-------------|--|
| Cutting speed falls compared with [1st] standard cutting  | → | When slow → | · Raise Ip by 1 notch<br>· Raise SB by 1 to 2 notches        |
| Optimal [2nd] cutting speed is 1.5 to 2.3 times of FA   | → | When slow → | · Raise Vo by 1 to 2 notches<br>· Lower SB by 1 to 4 notches |
| Optimal [3rd] cutting speed is 2.0 to 2.5 times of FA<br>Ip:3 (Stable when cutting voltage V is VG +3 to +15 V) | → | When slow → | · Raise Vo by 2 to 4 notches<br>· Lower VG by 2 to 5 notches |
| Optimal [4th] cutting speed is 2.0 to 2.5 times of FA<br>Ip:2 (Stable when cutting voltage V is VG +5 to +15 V) | → | When slow → | · Raise Vo by 2 to 4 notches<br>· Lower VG by 2 to 5 notches |

\* When cutting speed is too high, take opposite measures to the above.

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