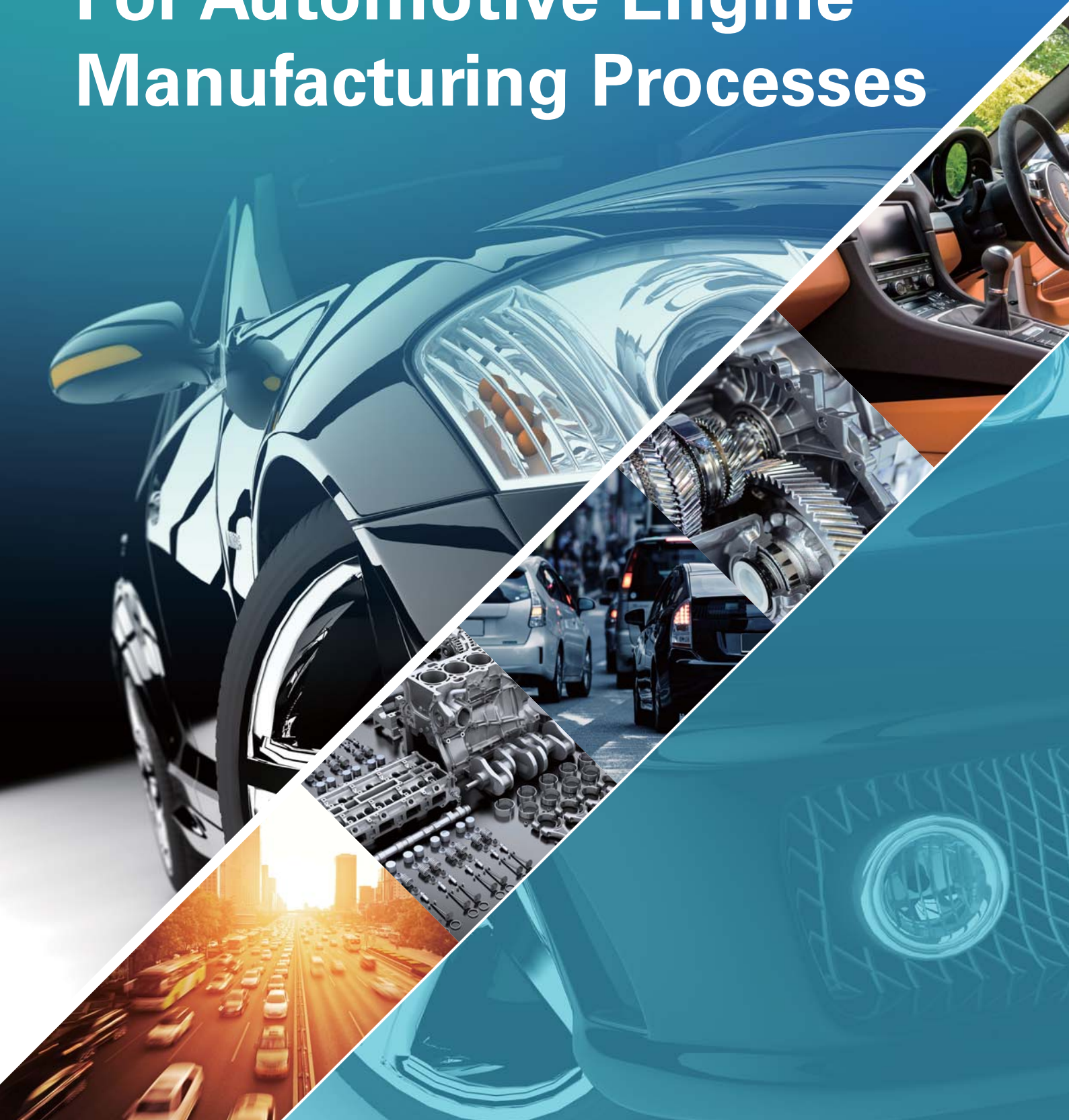
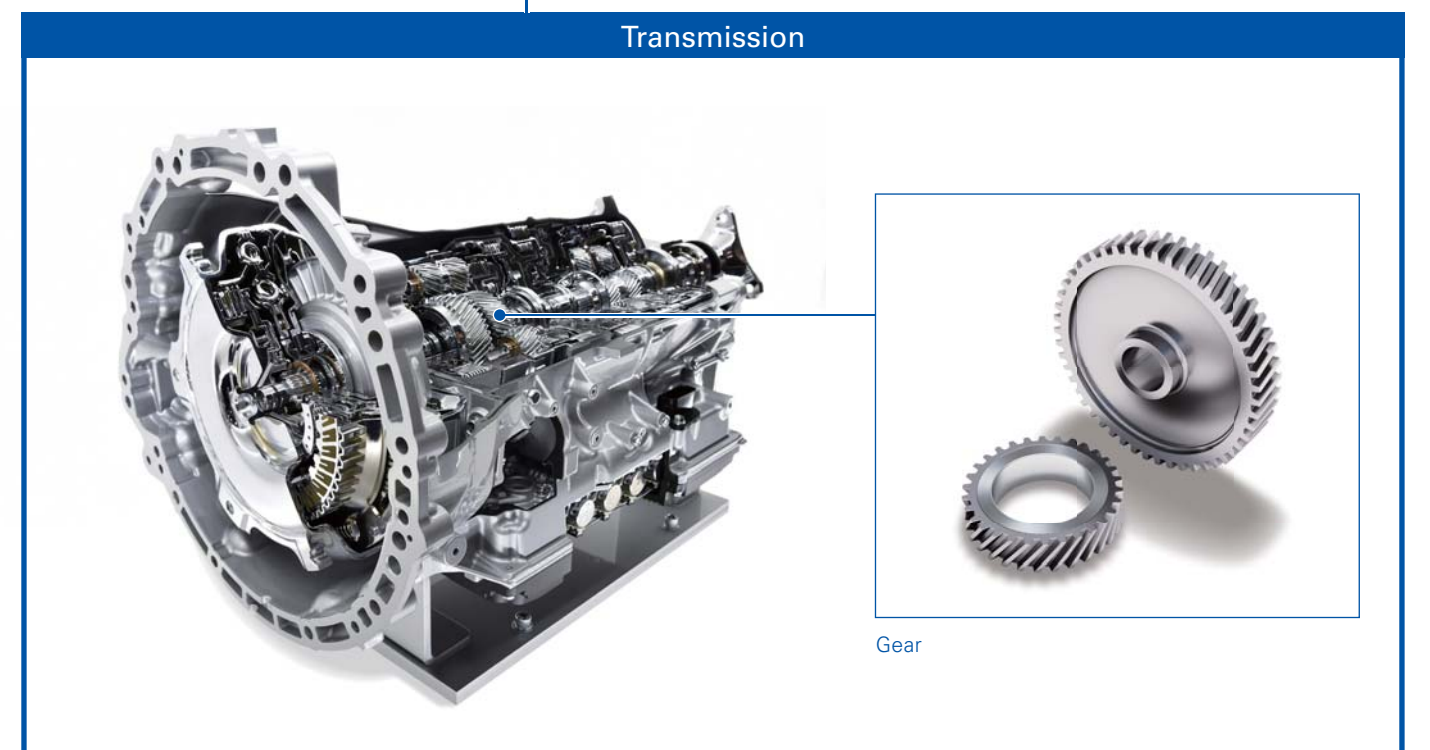
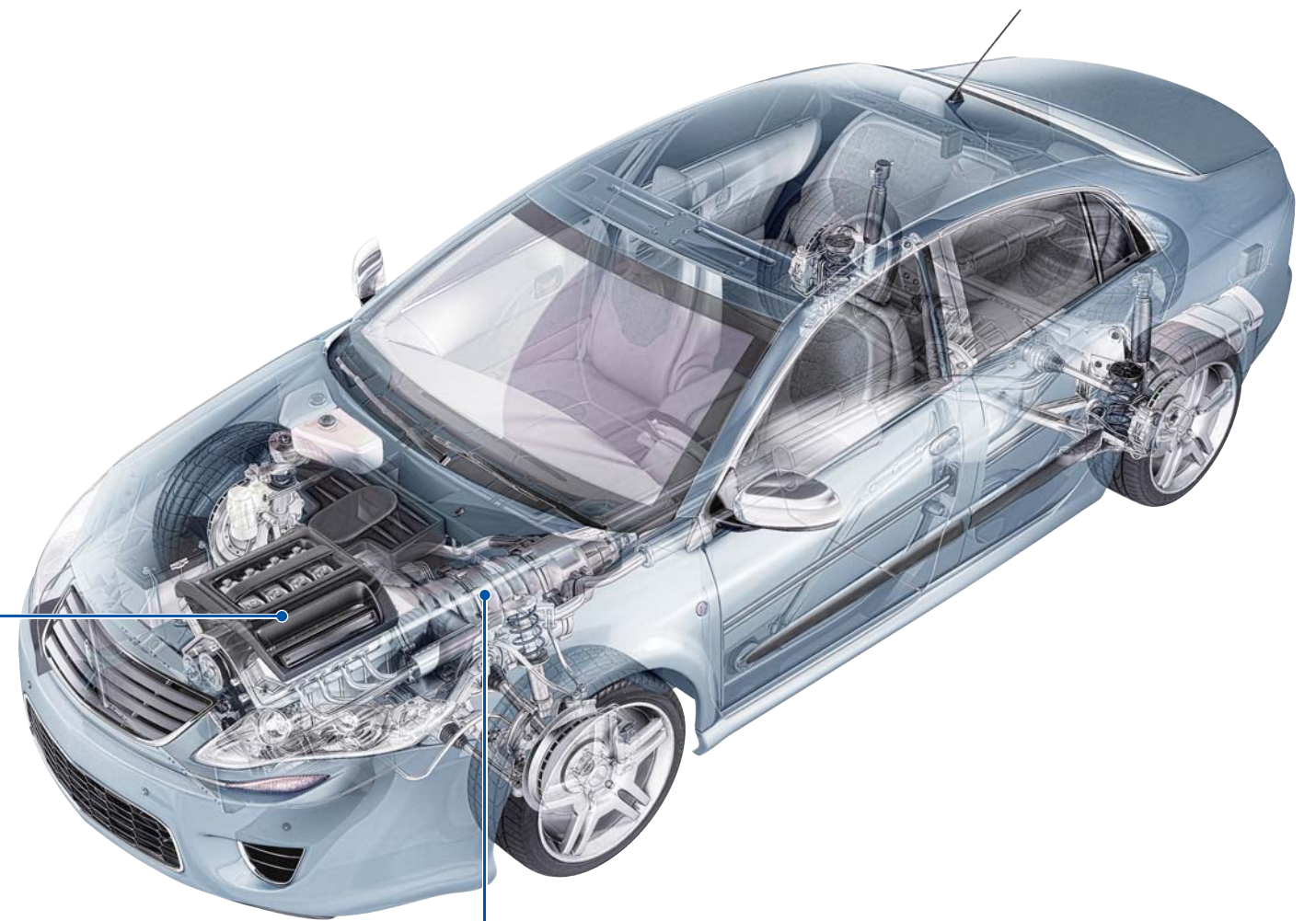


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Grinding Solutions For Automotive Engine Manufacturing Processes





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Crankshaft

Process	Aspects	Issues	Proposal
① Journal grinding	Multiple grinding locations	It takes too much time to grind	VN1 (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 100 M 180 VN1 Metal bond rotary dresser Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7
① Journal grinding (simultaneous grinding)	Long grinding wheel replacement time	Improving grinding wheel life to reduce wheel changing time	CX grinding wheel (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: CX 60 L 8 V104
② Pin grinding	Insufficient coolant at grinding point	Grinding burn	Σ wheel (CBN wheel) Product Description ▶P15 Standard specifications: CBX 120 M 180 VV2 (Σ) Metal bond rotary dresser Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7 V35, V57 (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specification For smaller OD size wheel: SH 60 L 8 V35 For larger OD size wheel: SH 60 L 9 V57XP LL Blade dresser Standard specifications: L3T1-0803
③ Grinding OD and side face	Large contact area between grinding wheel and workpiece	Grinding burn on side face	V35 (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specification Front portion: SK 60 J 8 V35 Rear portion: SK 60 H 10 V35P LL Blade dresser Standard specifications: L3T1-0803

Grinding wheel with dresser	Coolant	Filtration
	Noritake Cool ■SEC-Y(water base coolant) Better suited for Lubricity ■NK-Z(L)(water base coolant) Better suited for corrosion prevention	Epoch separator
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Camshaft

Process	Aspects	Issues	Proposal
① Journal grinding	Multiple grinding locations	Long grinding time	VN1 (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 100 M 180 VN1 Metal bond rotary dresser Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7
① Journal grinding (simultaneous grinding)	Long grinding wheel replacement time	Improving grinding wheel life to reduce wheel changing time	CX grinding wheel (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: CX 60-8 V104
② Camlobe grinding	Grinding heat can accumulate due to large contact area	Grinding cracks and residual stress	One grinding process ■Grinding FCD materials Sharp Kaiser (CBN wheel) Product Description ▶P11 Standard specifications: CBX 120 Q 180 VSH1 ■Grinding FC chill material SW5 (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 80 O + 200 VSW5 Two grinding processes Rough Grinding Process SW5 (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 80 O + 200 VSW5 Finish grinding process ■Wheel Outer diameter φ250 to 350mm Sharp Kaiser (CBN wheel) Product Description ▶P11 Standard specifications: CBX 120 Q 180 VSH1 ■Wheel Outer diameter φ150mm or less (concave cam) Mega Life Wheel (CBN Wheel) Standard specifications: CBX 120 Q 180 VML1 Vol.1

Grinding wheel with dresser	Coolant	Filtration
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Engine valve							
Process	① Cutting	② Stem grinding		③ Groove grinding		④ Face grinding	Process
Aspects	High efficiency cutting	Grinding wheel wear and form loss		Form loss due to workpiece shape complexity		Grinding wheel wear and form loss	Aspects
Issues	Short wheel life	Inconsistent workpiece accuracy		Deterioration of groove shape, deterioration of surface roughness		Deterioration of surface roughness, frequent shape and cutting ability maintenance	Issues
	Proposal	Proposal		Proposal		Proposal	
Grinding wheel with dresser	<p>Rim saw Standard specifications: CB 80 to 100 MRX27</p>	<p>VN1 (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 100 N 200 VN1</p> <p>Metal bond rotary dresser Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7</p>		<p>Electroplated wheel Standard specifications: CB 400 PC5 (Standard type) CB 120 PC5 (Truing type)</p>		<p>VN1 (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 120 N 200 VN1</p> <p>Metal bond rotary dresser Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7</p>	Grinding wheel with dresser
		<p>SK and GC grinding wheels (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specification Rough: SK 60 M 8 V35, GC 60 M 8 V81 Finish: SK 100 M 8 V35, GC 100 M 8 V81</p> <p>LL Blade dresser NEO Standard specifications: L3T1-0803 N</p>			<p>CX grinding wheel (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: CX 100 P 7 V104</p> <p>LL Blade dresser NEO Standard specifications: L3T1-0803 N</p>		
Coolant	<p>Noritake-cut EPS-6X (Oil base coolant)</p>	<p>Noritake cool SEC-Z (Water base coolant)</p>		<p>Noritake-cut EPS-6X (Oil base coolant)</p>		<p>Noritake-cut EPS-6X (Oil base coolant)</p>	Coolant
Filtration	<p>Centrifugal</p>	<p>Epoch separator</p>		<p>Centrifugal</p>		<p>Centrifugal</p>	Filtration

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Connecting rod

Process	Aspects	Issues	Proposal
① Width grinding	Low flatness and thickness variation requirements	Stable cutting ability, preventing grinding burn	<p>Case of carrier grinding</p> <p>Neopox (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: 83A 46 J 15 YTS</p> <p>LL single-point dresser NEO Standard specifications: L1S1-1203N</p> <hr/> <p>Case of in-feed grinding</p> <p>Flatdy (Conventional grinding wheel) Standard specifications: 83A 46 H 12 BHXS1</p> <p>LL single-point dresser NEO Standard specifications: L1S1-1203N</p>
② Inner diameter grinding (internal grinding)	Must meet cylindricity and surface roughness requirements	Deterioration of surface roughness	<p>VN1 (CBN wheel) Standard specifications: CB 170 M 200 VN1</p> <p>Metal bond rotary dresser Standard specifications: SD 40 Q 90 MW7</p>
② Inner diameter grinding (honing)	Must meet cylindricity and surface roughness requirements	Balanced cutting ability and tool life	<p>MKD Series (Diamond Wheel) Product Description ▶P.13</p> <p>Standard specification Rough: SD 270 to 325 M 50 MKD Finish: SD 400 to 600 M 35 MKD</p>

Coolant	Filtration
Noritake cool SEC-Y (Water base coolant)	Epoch separator
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Noritake cut 0091 (Oil base coolant)	A-0 filter

Cylinder block

Process	Aspects	Issues	Proposal
① Inner diameter grinding of Cylinder (honing)	Must meet cylindricity and surface roughness requirements	Balanced cutting ability and tool life	<p>Rough grinding</p> <p>MKD Series (Diamond Wheel) Product Description ▶P.13</p> <p>Standard specifications: SD 170 to 400 O 20 MKD</p> <p>Finish grinding</p> <p>■ Non-cast iron MHB Series (Diamond Wheel) Product Description ▶P.14 Standard specifications: SD 500 to 2500-MHB</p> <p>■ Cast iron MH5 Series (Diamond Wheel) Standard specifications: SD 500 to 2500 H 20 MH5</p>
② Top surface machining	High Efficiency grinding	Short tool life, high surface roughness	<p>Grit Ace (Diamond Wheel) Standard specifications: SD 40</p> <p>Vol.1</p>

Coolant	Filtration
Noritake cool SA-2000CB (K) (Water base coolant)	Combination Filtration System Filtration configuration: Magnetic separator + Paper Filter
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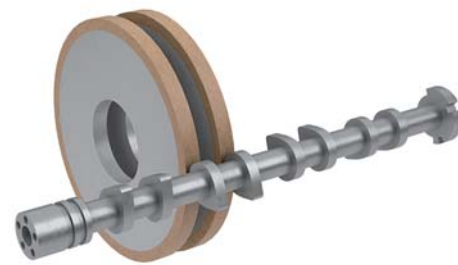


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» Grinding Solution: Cam lobe Grinding

In order for an engine to achieve high power output and low fuel consumption, the cam's concave profile is becoming more crucial. Grinding issues, such as grinding cracks and residual stress, are more likely to occur compared to traditional shapes. In addition, materials that have high strength and toughness, such as ductile cast iron, will be more difficult to grind compared to the gray cast iron because of the high heat buildup. This issue will lead into the problem mentioned previously, which will be prone to occur more easily. In these types of applications, utilizing a CBN wheel with a high cutting ability is favorable. But these types of wheels tends to have a short wheel life, which means there will be more frequent wheel changes. This will lead to production loss, and end up increasing the cost per part, due to machine down time. We would need to look into a CBN wheel for cam lobe grinding that has both high cutting ability and long wheel life. Noritake would like to introduce Sharp Kaiser as the Vitrified bonded CBN wheel suited for such cam lobe grinding.

Fig. 1 Outline of Cam lobe grinding



Sharp Kaiser (Vitrified-bond CBN wheel)

Feature: Good balance between cutting ability and wheel life due to the homogeneous structure and increased grain protrusion.

The cam lobe grinding test of ductile cast iron material was carried out under the test conditions in Table 1. Fig. 3 shows the power consumption of the Sharp Kaiser and the traditional products. The power consumption of the Sharp

Fig. 2 Sharp Kaiser



Table 1 Test conditions

[Grinding wheel]

Specifications	CBX140-V
Dimensions	ø350×T35×ø20mm

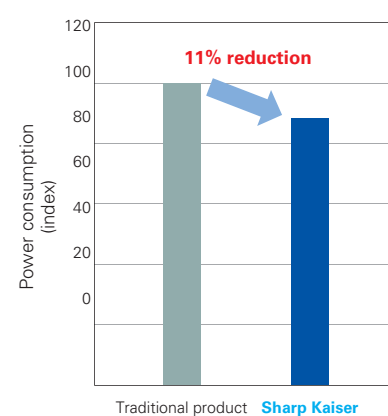
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Grinding method	Cam lobe grinding
Grinding wheel speed	140m/s
Grinding efficiency	110mm ³ /mm·s
Dresser	Rotary dresser (SD30)
Coolant	Water base coolant

[Workpiece]

Material	FCD700
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Fig. 3 Power Consumption



Kaiser is lower than that of the traditional product, which shows that the cutting ability is improved. In addition, Fig. 4 compares the grinding results between Sharp Kaiser and the traditional product when grinding with equivalent power consumption. After dressing both wheels so that they each produce the same quality, the Sharp Kaiser had held its surface finish by 1.9 times longer, and the roundness by 2.9 times longer than the traditional product. The surface roughness is 12% finer and the residual stress is 75% lower, thus improving the overall workpiece quality. Sharp Kaiser is able to achieve such long life because of the improved bond structure uniformity and the improved cutting ability due to its higher grain protrusion (Fig. 5). In other case studies, not only does the Sharp Kaiser improve the work finish quality and reduce scratches, but it also increased its dressing interval by 1.5 to 2 times compared to the traditional product.

Fig. 4 Test results

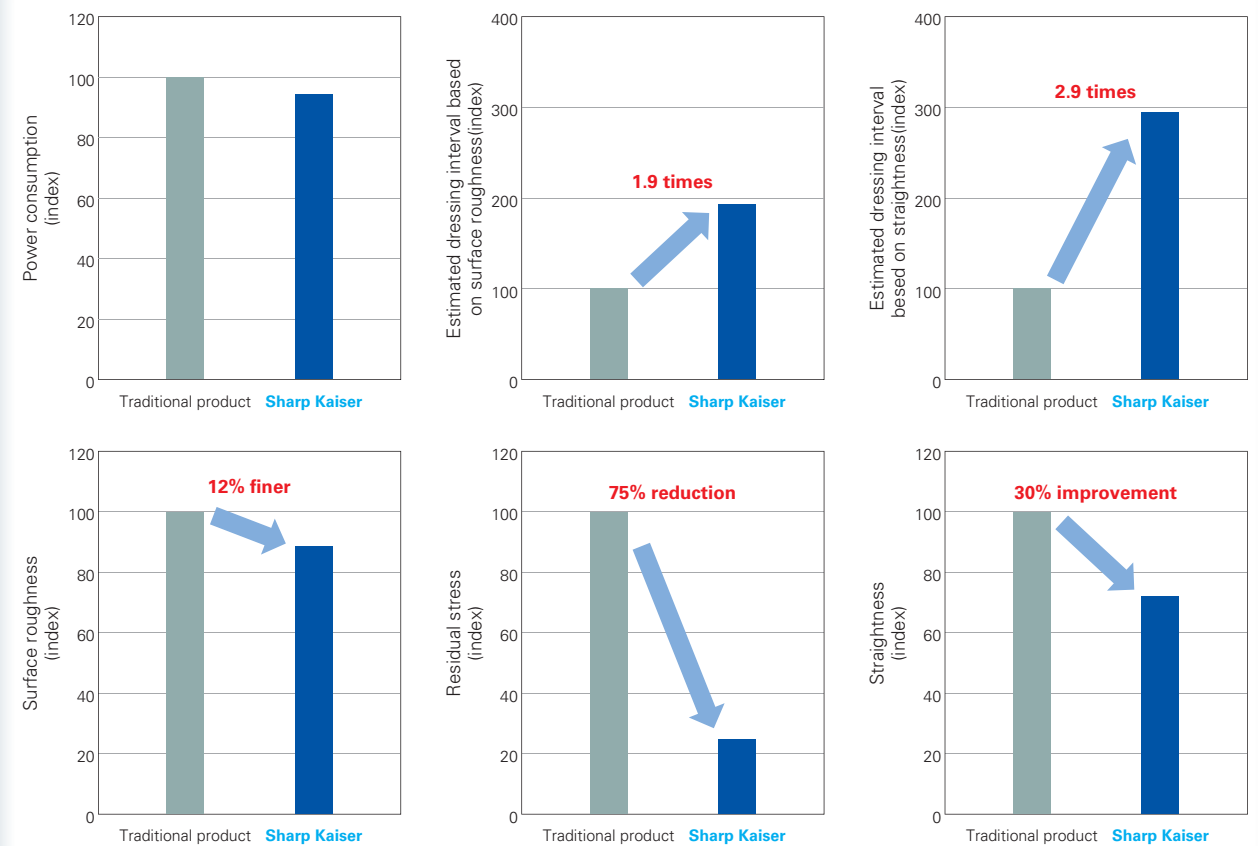
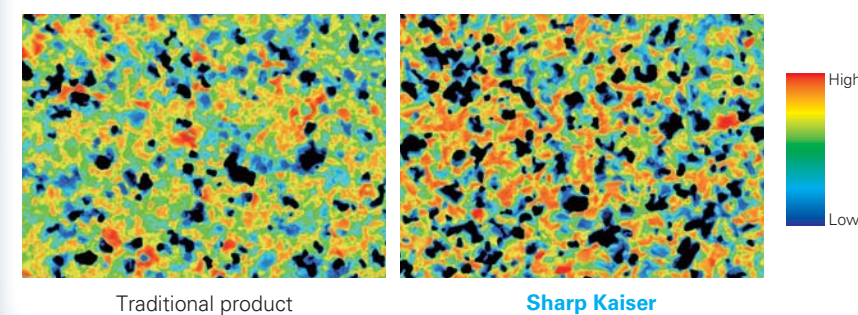


Fig. 5 Abrasive grain protrusion condition on grinding wheel surface



» Grinding solution: Cylinder bore grinding (honing) of cylinder block

The inner surface of the cylinder block is finished by honing, and metal-bonded diamond/CBN honing tools are commonly used. This grinding method is characterized by inserting the honing head into the bore and grinding by expanding the tool against the work surface while rotating and reciprocating within the cylinder bore. Honing is required the formation of a plateau surface as well as grinding within the cycle time. Therefore, the surface roughness and cutting ability corresponding to each grinding process are required for honing tools. In addition, since the tool is used without dressing, honing tools must maintain consistent cutting ability throughout its tool-life. NORITAKE's lineup of bonds for diamond/CBN honing tools can sustain high grinding efficiency and stable cutting ability even on high hardness workpieces or when surface roughness finer than Rz4μm is required. Noritake would like to introduce the MKD series for honing rough process and the MHB series for honing finish and plateau process.

Fig. 6 Schematic diagram of cylinder bore grinding (honing)



MKD Series (Diamond Tools)

Feature: Extending tool life and maintaining cutting ability with high hardness microstructure bond

The test conditions and comparison between a traditional Honing Tool and the MKD Series Honing Tool are shown in Table 2. The MKD Series Tool achieved 2.2 times longer tool life while maintaining the same stock removal amount as the traditional product (Fig. 7). The MKD series

Table 2 Test conditions

Grinding method	Mechanically extended honing
Tool specifications	SD400 (Traditional product) SD400 (MKD Series)
Tool dimensions	L60 x W4mm (6 pcs)
Peripheral speed of tool	53m/min
Tool reciprocating speed	22m/min
Workpiece material	Cast iron (FC250(JIS))
Workpiece dimensions	ø84xL135mm
Coolant	Water base coolant

Fig. 7 Test results

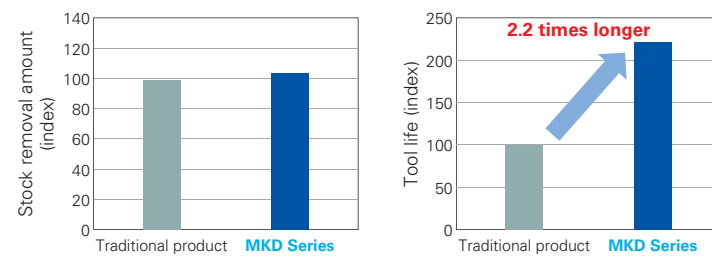
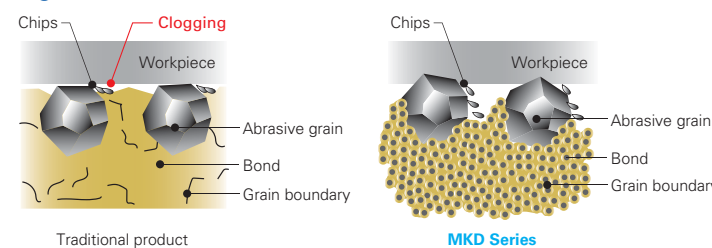


Fig. 8 Structure of Traditional Product and MKD Series



uses a high-hardness bond to improve the cutting of abrasive grains as well as improve grinding efficiency. Although clogging is caused by the high wear resistance of common high-hardness bonds, the MKD series has a fine bond structure that promotes bond abrasion by ground chips, thus ensuring abrasive grain protrusion and enabling stabilization of cycle time due to good cutting ability (Fig. 8). Since the MKD series can maintain the cutting ability of the rough process, the surface roughness and bore accuracy are stabilized after the rough process, and it is also effective for stabilization of the finish process (stabilization of cycle time, surface roughness, and bore accuracy).

Fig. 9 MKD Series



MHB Series (Diamond Tools) [Patent pending]

Feature: Improving cutting ability and longer tool life through the development of special fillers

The MHB Series 3 was compared with the Traditional product under the test conditions shown in Table 3. The MHB series has a 30% improvement in stock removal amount compared to traditional products, and the tool life is equivalent or better (Fig. 11). In addition, we were able to confirm that the grinding efficiency was also stable. The MHB series features a special filler instead of the traditional solid lubricant (filler) (Fig. 12). The special filler wears gradually during grinding to form a chip pocket, enabling suppression of grinding force and stable cutting edge renewal cycles. Also, special fillers are chemically bonded with bonds and abrasive grains, so wear can be reduced compared to traditional fillers. MHB series realizes cycle time reduction and improvement of cycle time stability while maintaining tool life.

Fig. 10 MHB Series



Table 3 Test conditions

Grinding method	Mechanically extended honing
Tool specifications	SD700 (Traditional product) SD700 (MHB Series)
Tool dimensions	L75 x W4mm (6 pcs)
Peripheral speed of tool	95m/min
Tool reciprocating speed	25m/min
Workpiece material	Cast iron (equivalent to FC250(JIS))
Workpiece dimensions	ø84xL135mm
Coolant	Water base coolant

Fig. 11 Test results

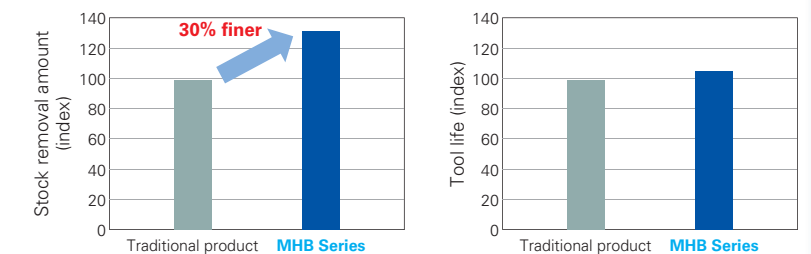
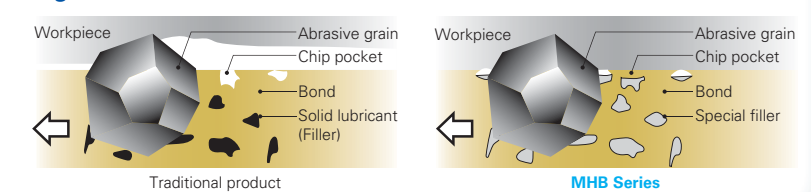


Fig. 12 Structure of Traditional Product and MHB Series



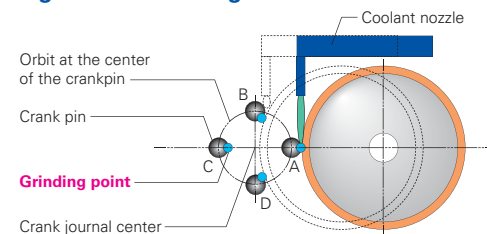
» Grinding Solution: Crankshaft Pin Grinding

In crankshaft pin grinding, the crankshaft rotates and the CBN wheel spindle slides back and forth in synch with the crankshaft pin's position (Fig. 13). In the process, the position of the grinding point and the supply state of the coolant change continuously as shown in Fig. 14. At points B and D, the coolant supply to the grinding point deteriorates. This is known to lead to such issues as grinding burn, cracking, and hardness reduction. At the same time, there is a demand to extend the dressing interval as much as possible in order to reduce the tool cost per machine. Further improved cutting ability and wheel life are also required. This section introduces the Σ (Sigma) Wheel as a vitrified CBN wheel suitable for crankshaft pin grinding.

Fig. 13 Schematic of Crankshaft Pin Grinding



Fig. 14 Pin Grinding Details



Σ Wheel (Vitrified-bond CBN wheel)

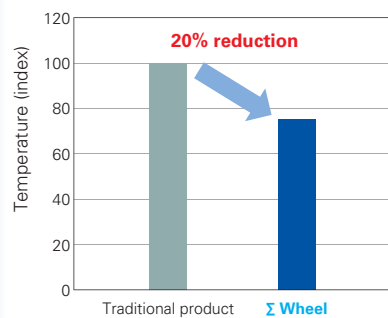
Feature: Improved lubricity with special coating agent prevents grinding burn

The results of grinding tests using thermography are shown in Table 4. We confirmed that the ambient temperature at the grinding point decreased by about 20% (Fig. 15(a), (b)) and the

Table 4 Test conditions

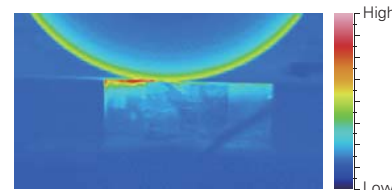
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Wheel spec	①CB80-V (Traditional product) ②CB80-V (Σ Wheel)
Coolant	Water base coolant Dry grinding when measuring temperature

Fig. 15 Grinding Characteristics of Σ Wheel

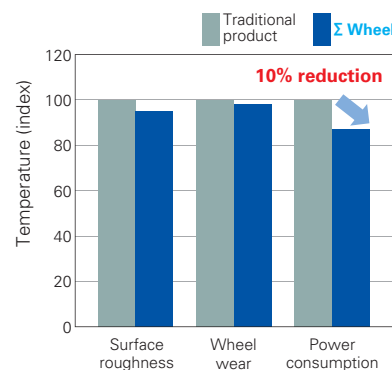


(b) Thermographic temperature measurement results

Fig. 15 Grinding Characteristics of Σ Wheel

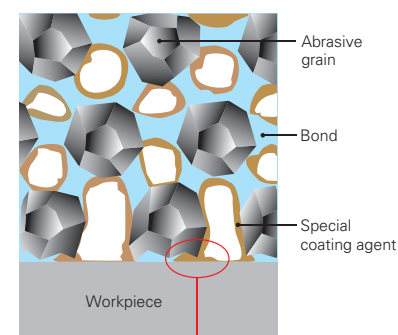


(a) Example of temperature measurement using thermography



(c) Other grinding test results

Fig. 16 Schematic Diagram of Σ Wheel



Special coating agent with excellent lubricity effectively prevents grinding burn near the grinding point grinding burn

amount of heat generated was reduced. In addition, the surface roughness and wheel wear remain the same as the standard product, but the power consumption has been reduced by about 10%, and the cutting ability has been improved (Fig. 15 (c)). The Σ Wheel is specially coated to reduce grinding heat (Fig. 16). This effect was achieved by the lubricity improvement that the special coating agent provides. In the field, we were able to achieve a dressing interval 2 to 4 times that of the current product by suppressing hardness reduction and preventing grinding burn. In addition, we were able to shorten the cycle time because of the reduced power consumption.

Fig. 17 Σ Wheel



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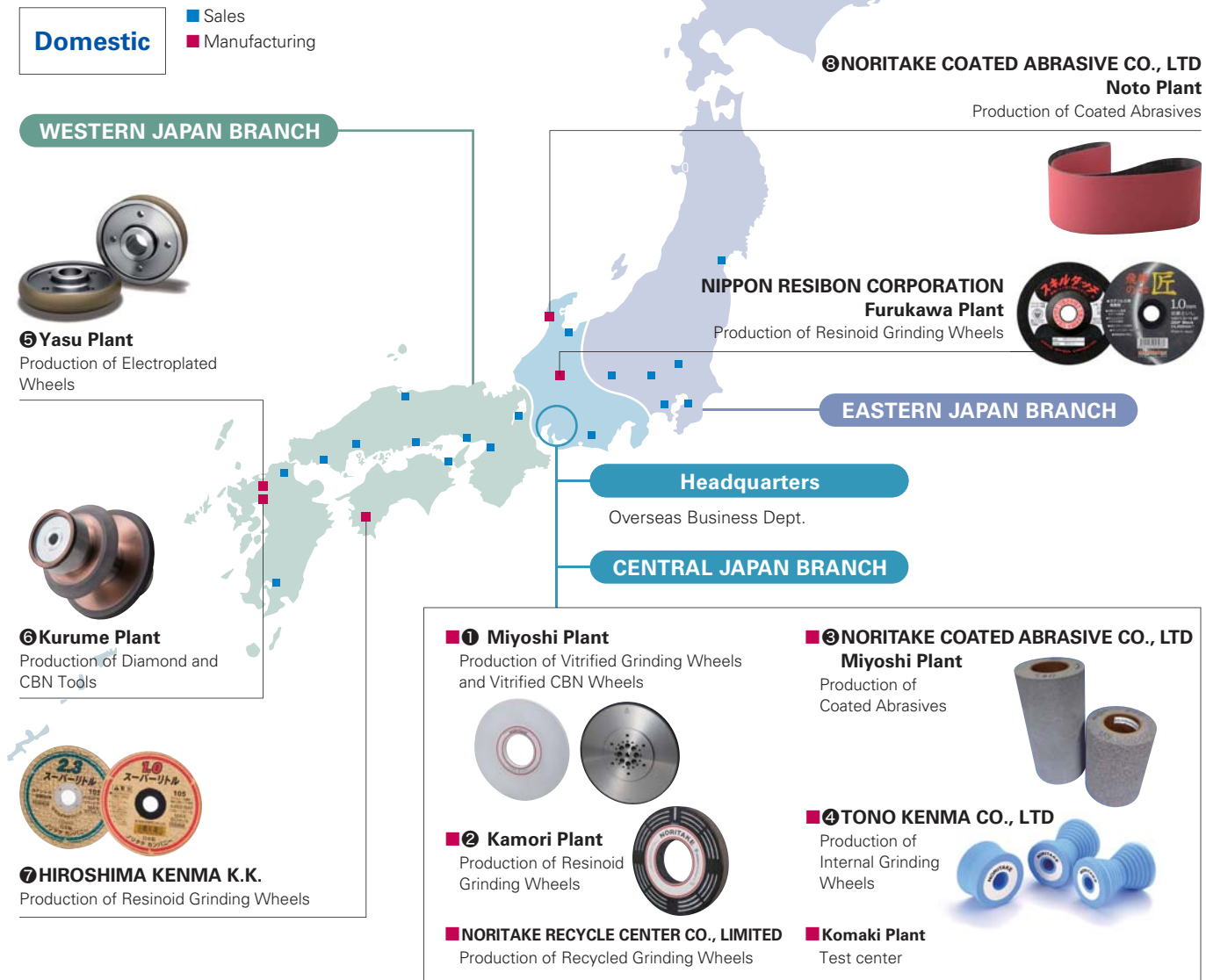
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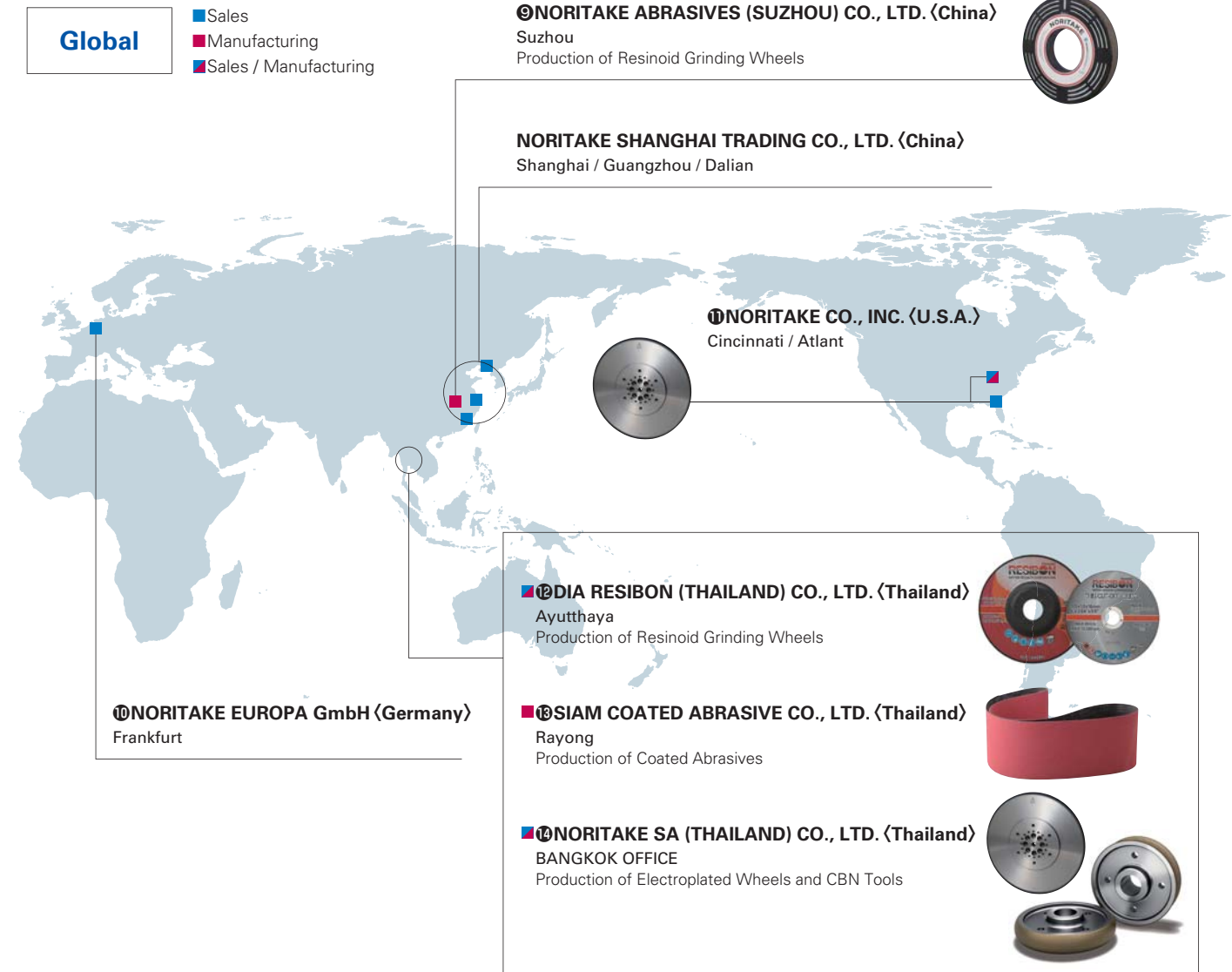
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