



Plastic  
Mould

**TGP 40**  
 DIN 1.2738  
 DIN 1.2738HH



Smelting method : EAF+LF+VD+ESR

Main characteristics : If futures excellent hardening penetration, good workability, polishing and photoengraving properties. This steel is used for plastic moulds of medium and big size. It can be subject to a nitriding treatment to improve its wear resistance.

Major applications : • Injections and thermoplastic extrusion moulds, rubber moulds, moulds carrier frames, container.

Chemical constituent (%):

| C           | Si          | Mn          | Cr          | Mo          | Ni          | P       | S       |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| 0.35 / 0.45 | 0.20 / 0.40 | 1.30 / 1.60 | 1.80 / 2.10 | 0.15 / 0.25 | 0.90 / 1.20 | ≤ 0.030 | ≤ 0.030 |

Comparable standards :

| UNI | W.Nr   | DIN              | AFNOR     | AISI/SAE  | BS        |
|-----|--------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| --  | 1.2738 | 40Cr/MnNiMo8-6-4 | -40 CMND8 | ~P20 + Ni | ~P20 + Ni |

Critical points:

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| Ac1 | 710 °C |
| Ms  | 290 °C |

Supply Conditions:

Hardened and Tempered Normal HP 280 - 320 & 380 - 400

Thermal Heat treatment

Annealing

- Heat to 710 - 740°, with hold at minimum rate for 3 hours
- Slow furnace cooling to 600 °C

Stress relieving

- To be carried out after machining and before the final heat treatment
- Heating to 530 - 580 °C for 2 h

Hardening

- Preheating to 500 - 550 °C
- Austenitizing at 840 - 880 °C
- Oil or thermal bath cooling at 200 - 230 °C, then oil cooling according to the steel shape size
- Quenched hardness 52 - 54 HRC

Tempering

- To be carried out after the hardening and when the steel is at 60 - 80 °C , at 500 - 600 °C according to the required hardness and with permanence for at least 2 h
- Cooling in air

