

Hard Protective Coatings on Tools and Machine Elements

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Message from the Collection Editor

In the scientific literature and at conferences, we observe many interesting examples of increasing the durability of various types of tools (e.g. cutting tools, forming tools, casting molds), as well as improving the functionality and durability of various machine components, e.g. in the machinery, automotive and aviation industries.

Towards this goal, we are assembling a Special Issue of Coatings: “Hard Protective Coatings on Tools and Machine Elements” to encourage researchers to exchange their experiences and to provide them with a platform to publish their novel studies.

The theme of this Special Issue “Hard Protective Coatings on Tools and Machine Elements” broadly includes (but is not limited to):

- novel anti-wear resistant coatings for machining difficult-to-cut materials (*g. Inconel; titanium alloys, aluminium alloys and others*);
- protective coatings and hybrid layers for hot forging dies;
- protective coatings for prepressure casting moulds;
- high wear resistance and low friction coatings in machine elements applications;
- protective coatings with high temperature resistance in machine elements applications



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Message from the Editorial Board

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