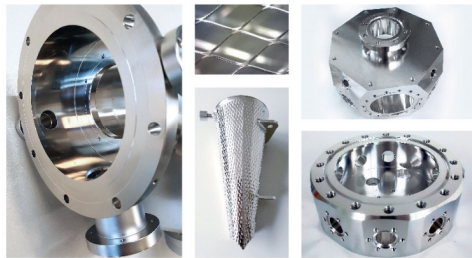


# Welcome

plasotec  
surface technology



Welcome



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Our range of services includes  
the

deburring

cleaning

polishing



with plasma polishing process



# The main features of the plasma polishing process

electrolytic machining process for electrically conductive materials

- Stainless steels
- CoCr, CoCrMo
- Nickel- Nickel alloys
- Titan, Titan alloys
- Copper, Brass, Bronze
- Aluminium is currently under development
- 





# The main features of the plasma polishing process

- anodic polarised metallic workpiece is moved into an electrolytic bath
- bath voltage approx. 320 V DC
- Current input approx. 0.15 A / cm<sup>2</sup>



# The main features of the plasma polishing process

- repetitive gas discharges lead to process-related plasma development on the entire workpiece





# The main features of the plasma polishing process

during plasma polishing:

- minimal material removal
- reduction of roughness (by up to a factor of 10-15)
- removal of all organic and inorganic impurities





# The main features of the plasma polishing process

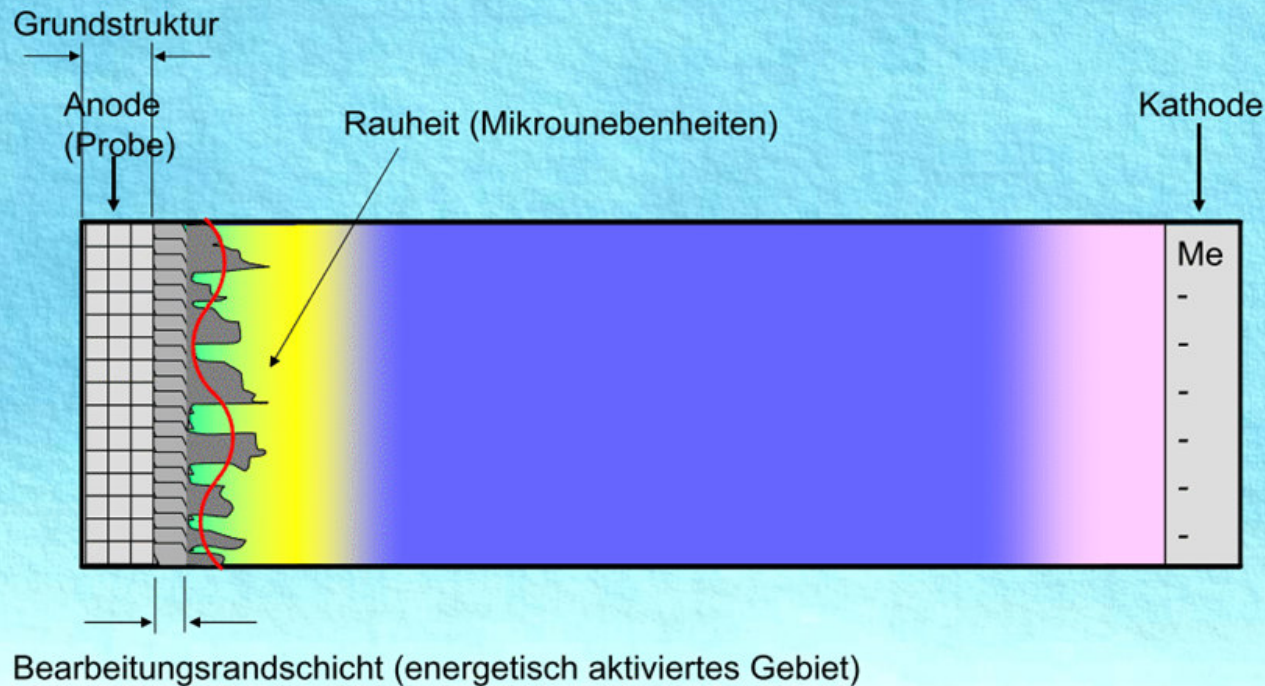
no use of highly concentrated acids as electrolytes

electrolyte consists of  
approx. 95% water and 5%  
salt

→ environmentally friendly machining process to  
improve surface quality

# The mechanism of metal removal during plasma polishing

## Mechanismus des Metallabtrages auf der Oberfläche der Anode



The microstructures are processed, and the macrostructures are largely preserved



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Workshop, Oelsnitz, 2007

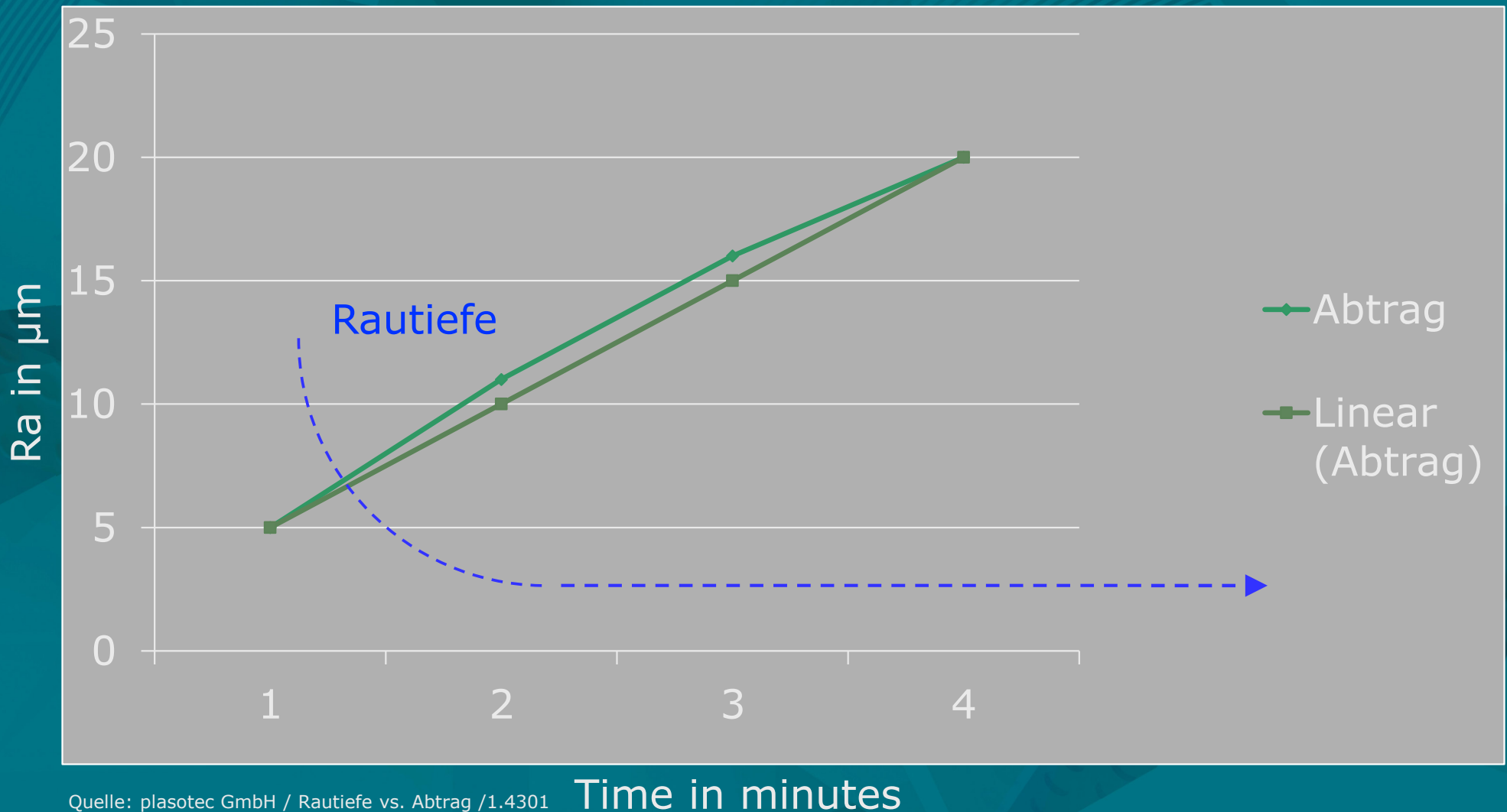
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# Roughness roughness vs. material removal

Diagramm: Abtrag / Zeit bzw. Rautiefe / Zeit

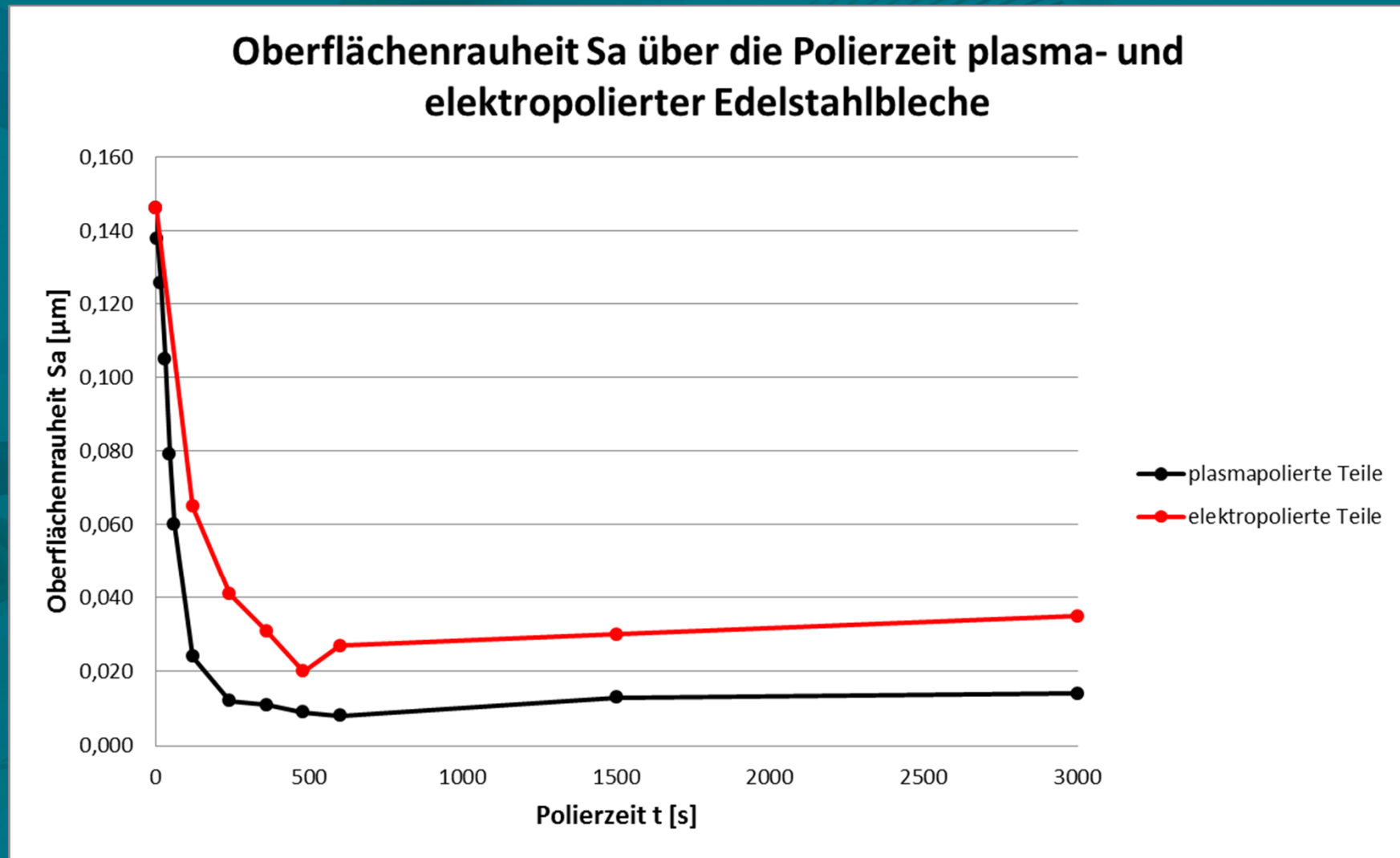


Quelle: plasotec GmbH / Rautiefe vs. Abtrag /1.4301

Time in minutes



# Roughness vs. Time



Quelle: Uni Rostock Rautiefe EP vs. EPP / 1.4301

# Contact angle measurement

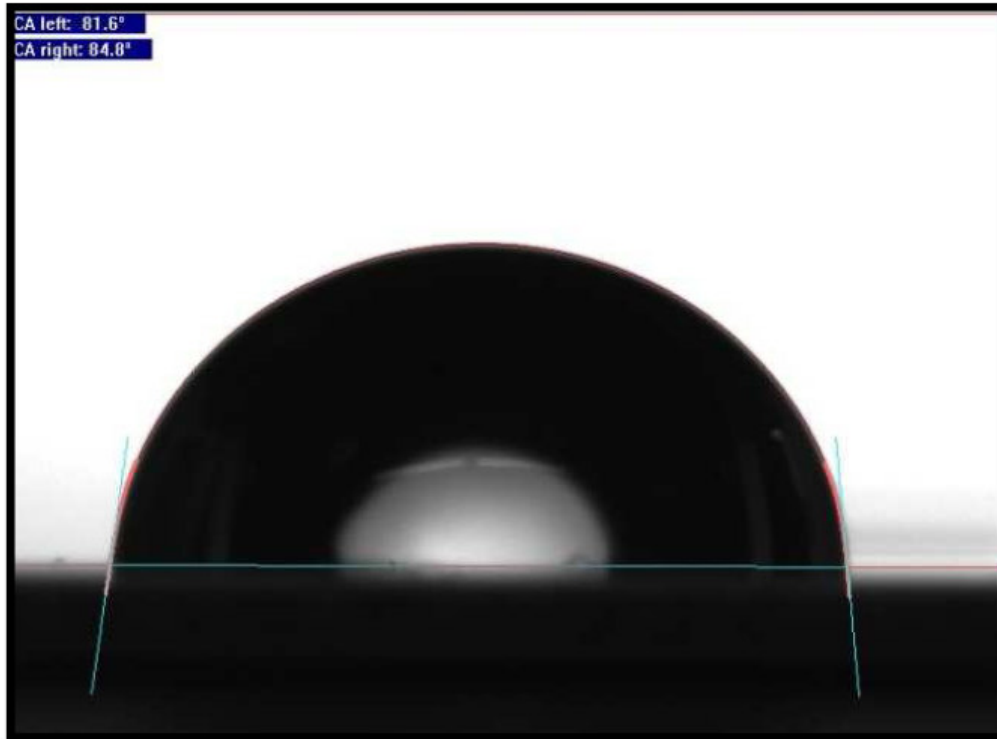


Abbildung 1 Kontaktwinkelmessung einer polierten Oberfläche (Tropfenbreite ca. 3mm)

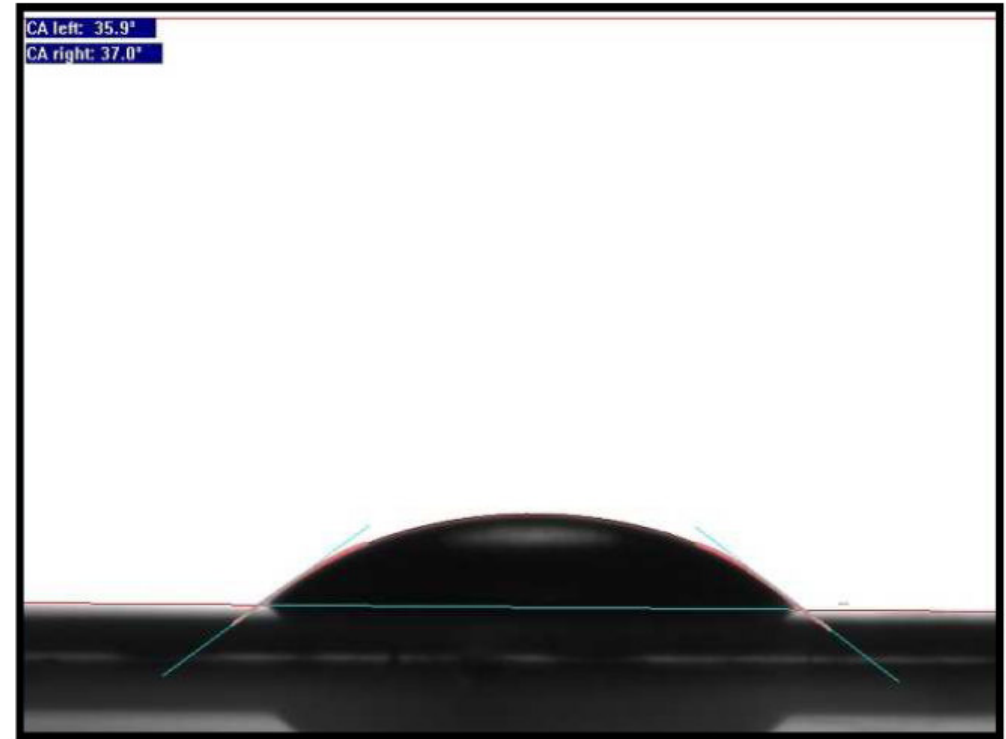
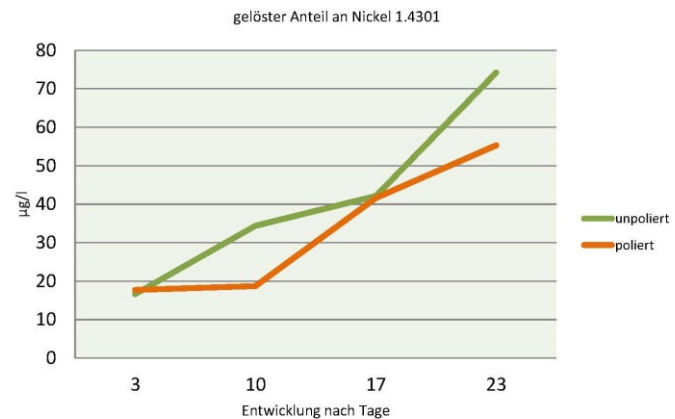
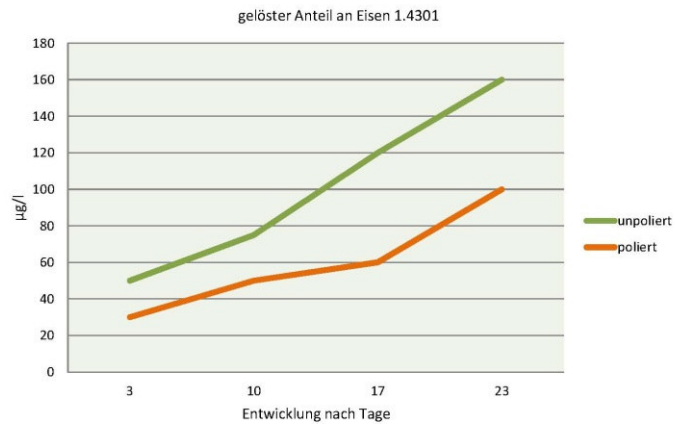


Abbildung 2 Kontaktwinkelmessung einer unpolierten Oberfläche (Tropfenbreite ca. 6mm)

Abb.: Kontaktwinkel: Quelle Universität Rostock

# Corrosion behaviour

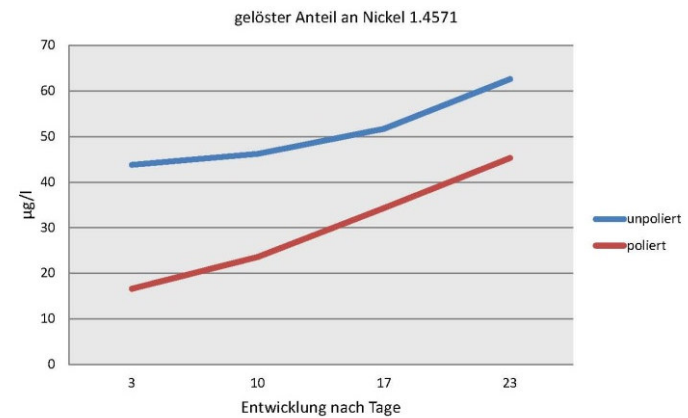
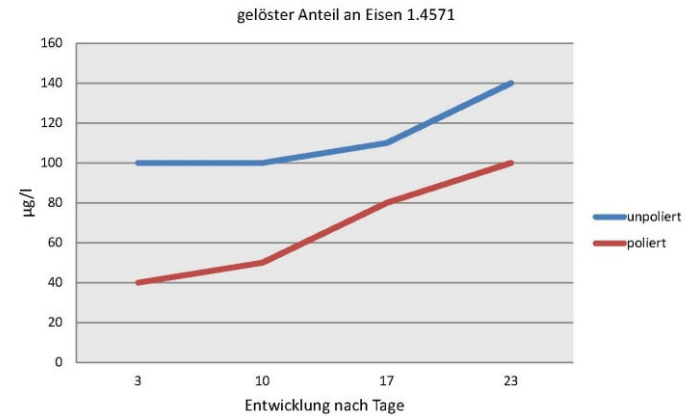
Untersuchungsergebnisse eines Langzeit- Meerwassersalztest zur Bestimmung der gelösten Anteile an Eisen und Nickel



Bestimmungsmethode:  
Nickel DIN 38406-E11-2  
Eisen DIN 38495-E1/1

Abb.: Korrosionstest 1.4301

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# Plasma polishing plant

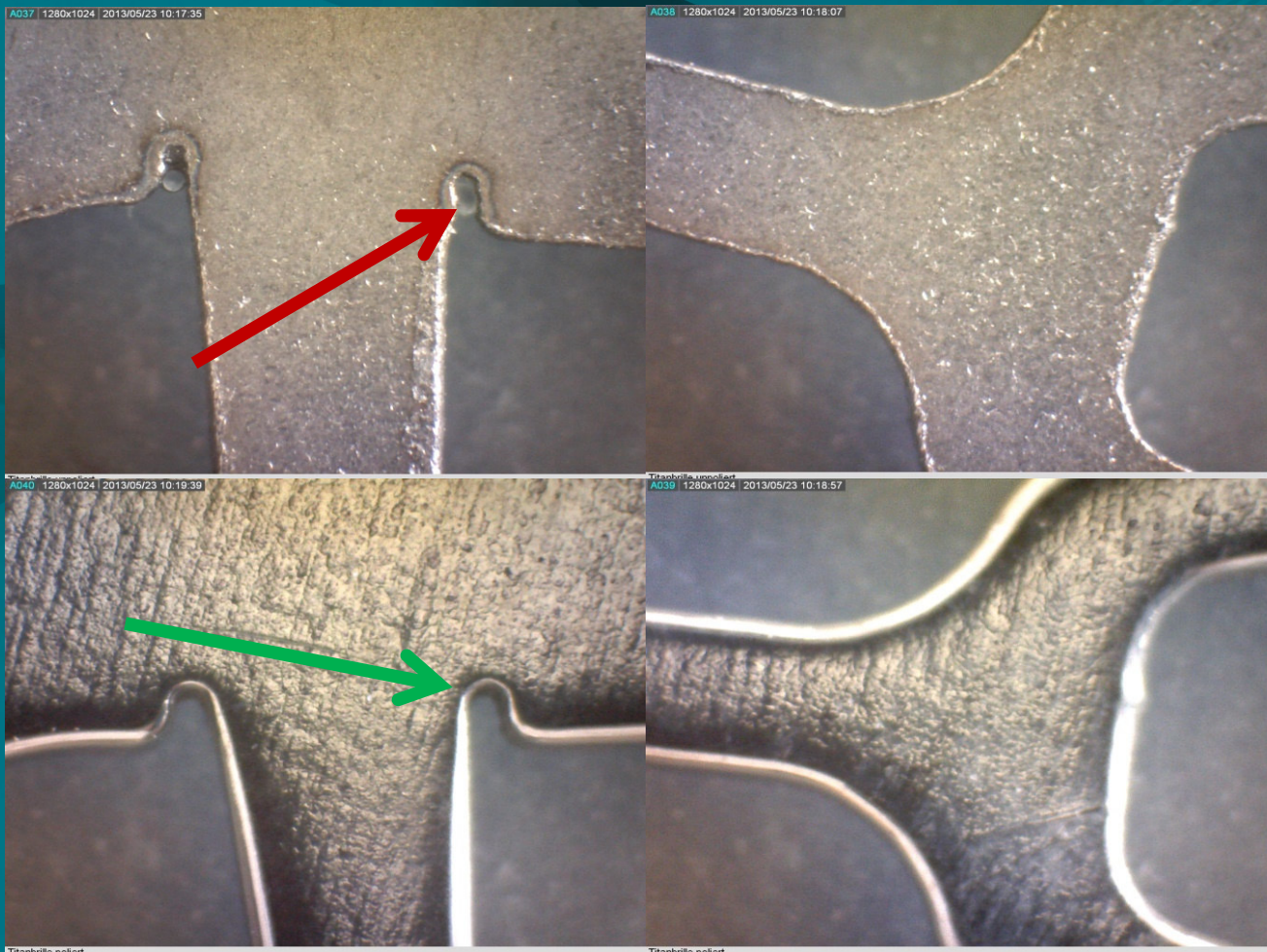


Quelle: plasotec GmbH / Plasmapolieranlage



# Application examples machining program

**Titanium glasses:  
Processing target: Deburr, cleaning**



**Surface before  
plasma polishing  
process**

- > sharp cut edges
- > tarnish colours
- > no shine

**Surface after plasma  
polishing process**

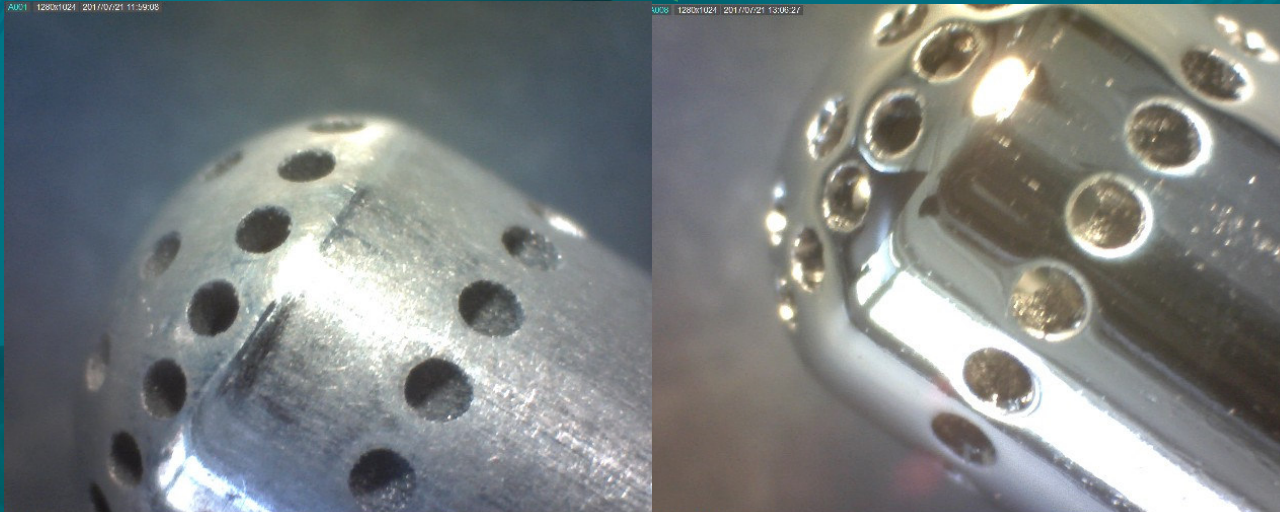
- > deburred cut edges
- > tarnish paints eliminated
- > higher gloss burr



# Application examples from machining program

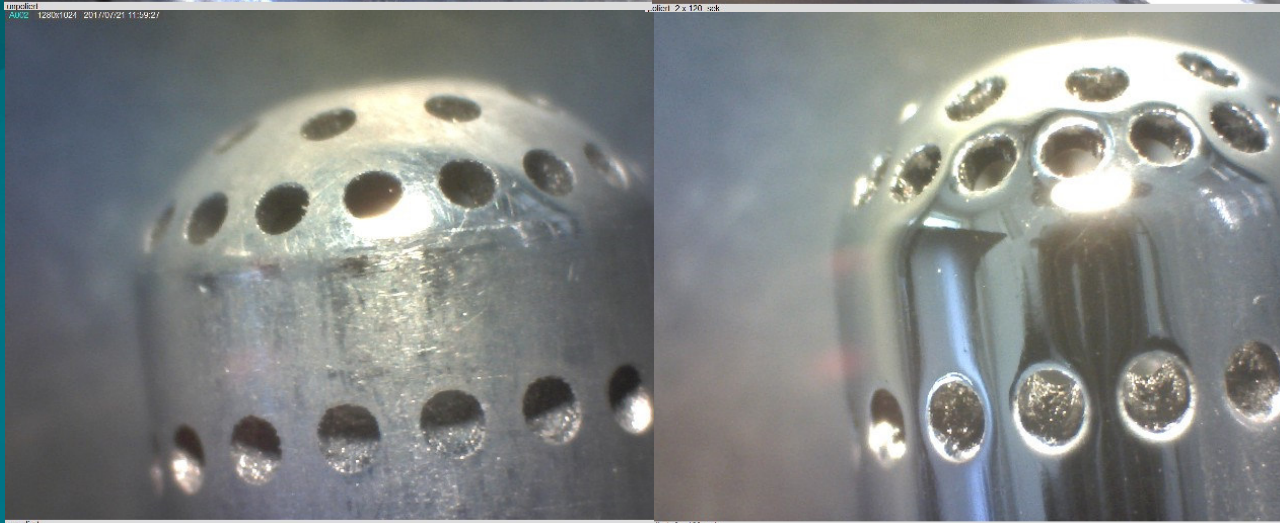
Filling nozzles  $\varnothing$  3 mm -1.4404:

Processing target: Deburring with high contour fidelity



**Surface before plasma polishing process**

- > strong ridge on hole edges
- > coarse base material
- > no shine



**Surface after plasma polishing process**

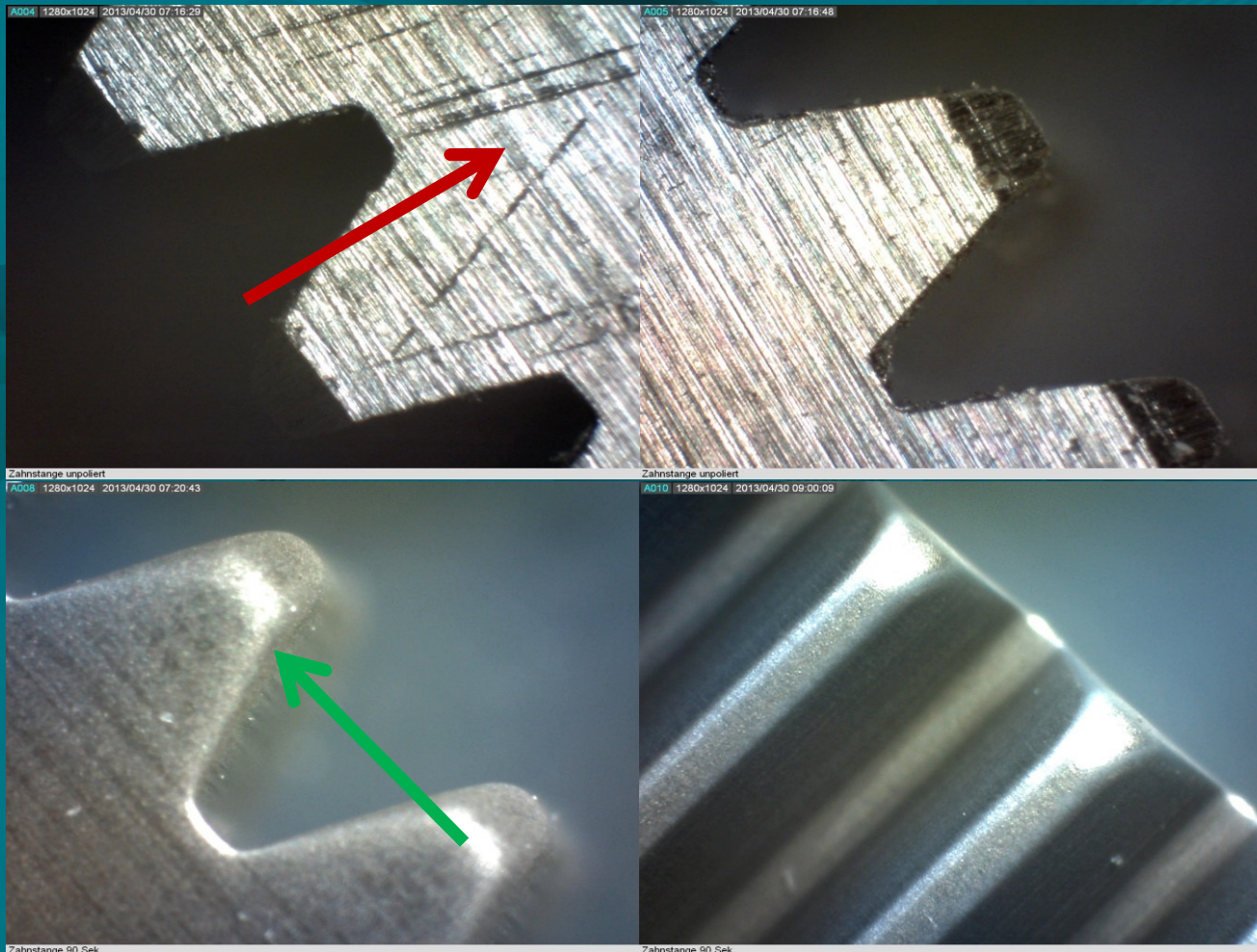
- > ridge away
- > basic material ok
- > smooth homogeneous surface



# Application examples machining program

## Rack and gear wheels

Processing target: Deburring, preparation for coating processes



## Surface before plasma polishing process

- > sharp cut edges
- > coarse milling marks
- > metal particles

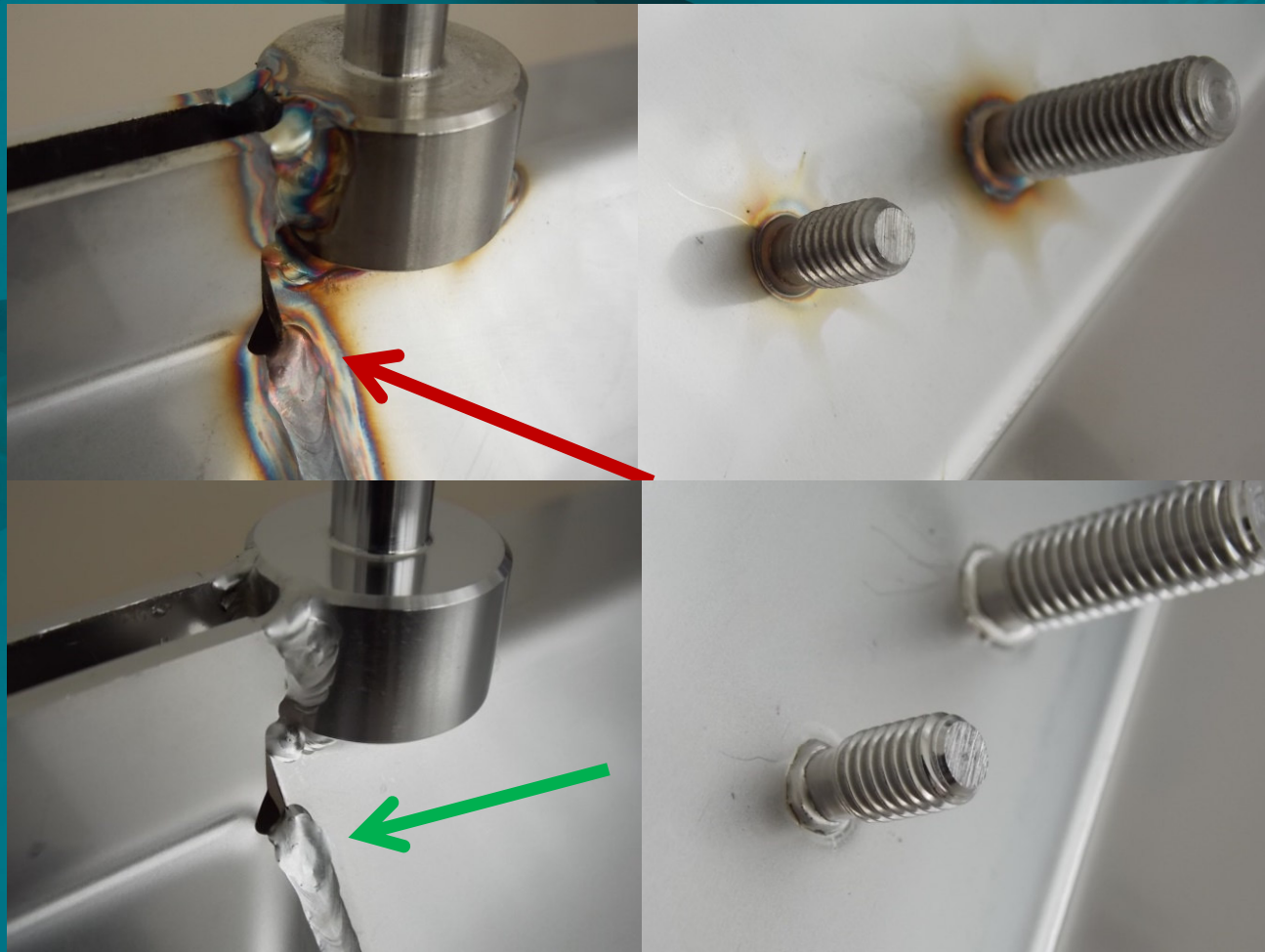
## Surface after plasma polishing process

- > deburred cut edges
- > milling traces eliminated
- > no metal particles
- > ideal for further coating processes

# Application examples machining program

**Welded assembly:**

**Processing target: Welding cleaning, surface polishing**



**Surface before  
plasma polishing  
process**

- > strong tarnish colors
- > impurities of  
Pre-litigation

**Surface after plasma  
polishing process**

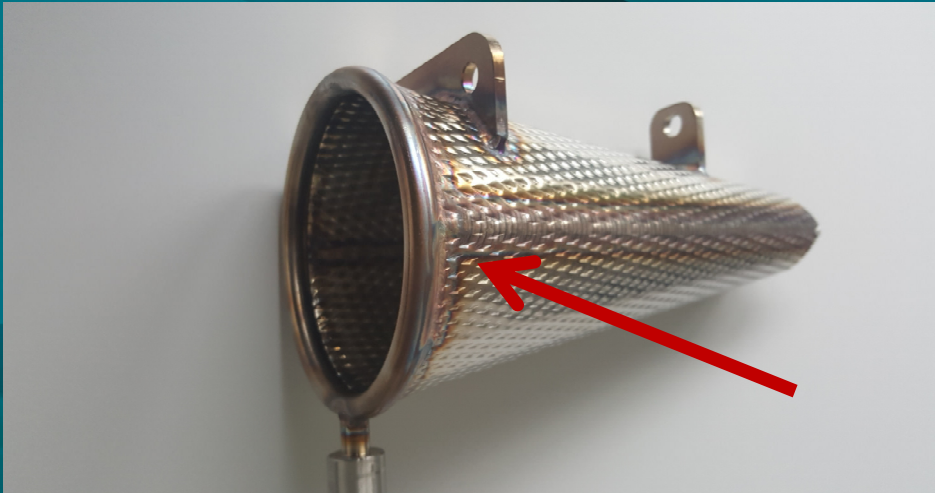
- > welds cleaned
- > removed tarnish colors
- > surface polished



# Application examples machining program

**Welded assembly:**

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**Surface before  
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process**

- > strong tarnish colors
- > impurities of  
Pre-litigation



**Surface after plasma  
polishing process**

- > welds cleaned
- > removed tarnish colors
- > surface poliert



# Application examples machining program

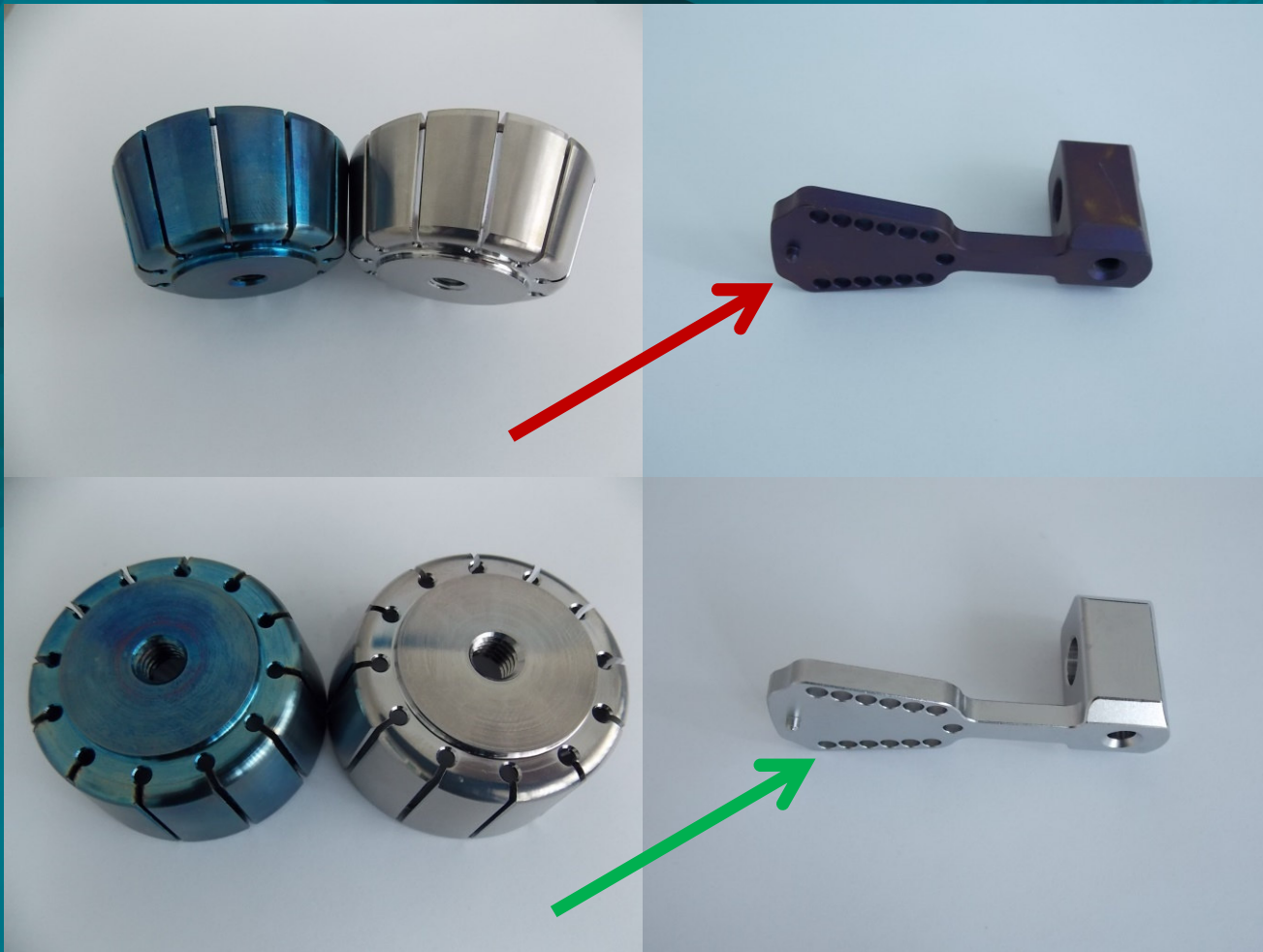
**Hardened turned and milled parts:  
Processing objective: Cleaning, surface polishing**

**Surface before  
plasma polishing  
process**

- > strong tarnish colors
- > impurities of  
Pre-litigation

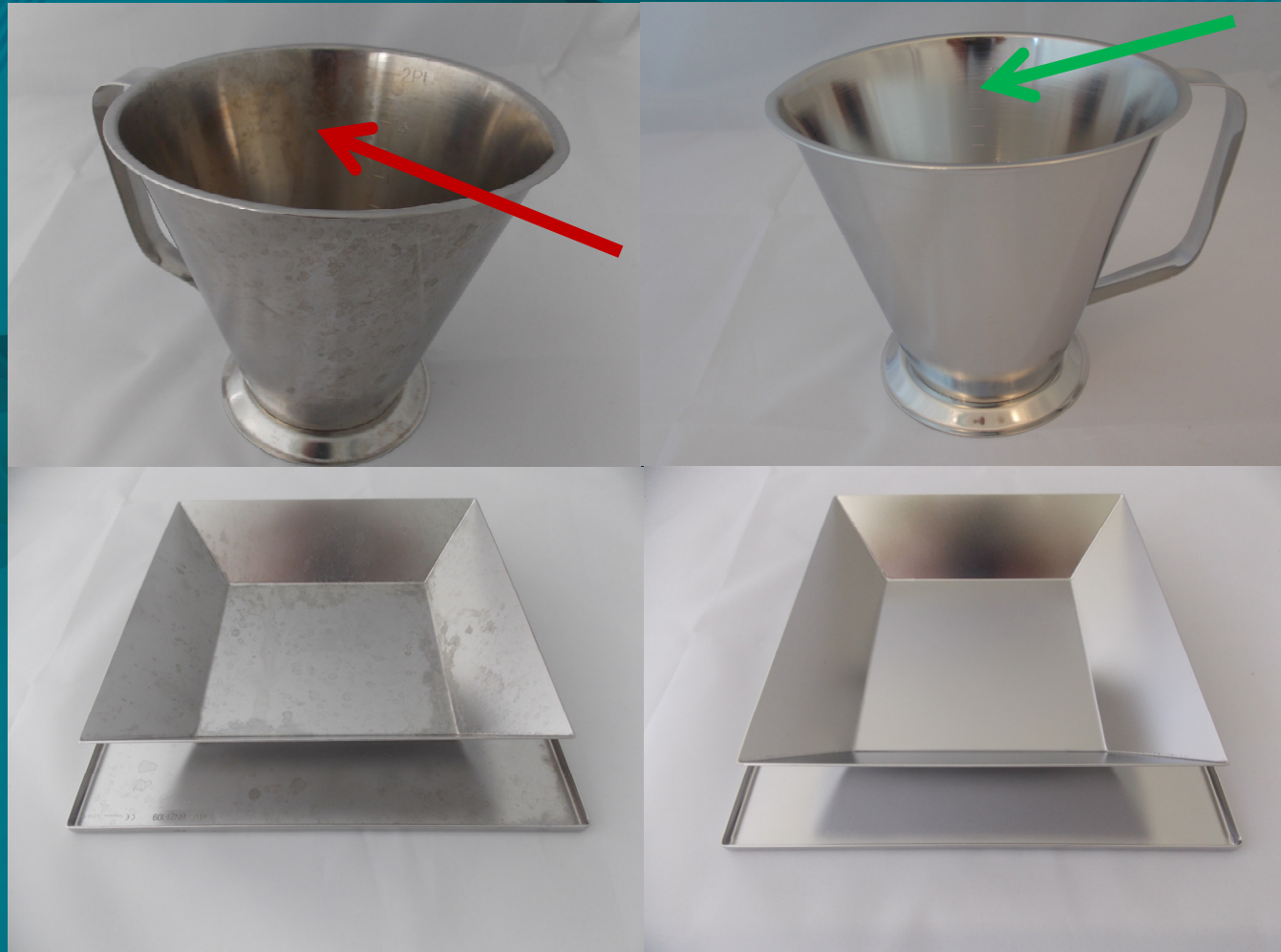
**Surface after plasma  
polishing process**

- > welds cleaned
- > removed tarnish colors
- > surface polished



# Application examples machining program

Cleaning of surgical accessories / processing target: Residue-free cleaning of contamination by multiple sterilization



## Surface before plasma polishing process

- > discoloration of the surface due to long exposure time of strongly alkaline cleaners
- > water stains
- > no glossy ridge

## Surface after plasma polishing process

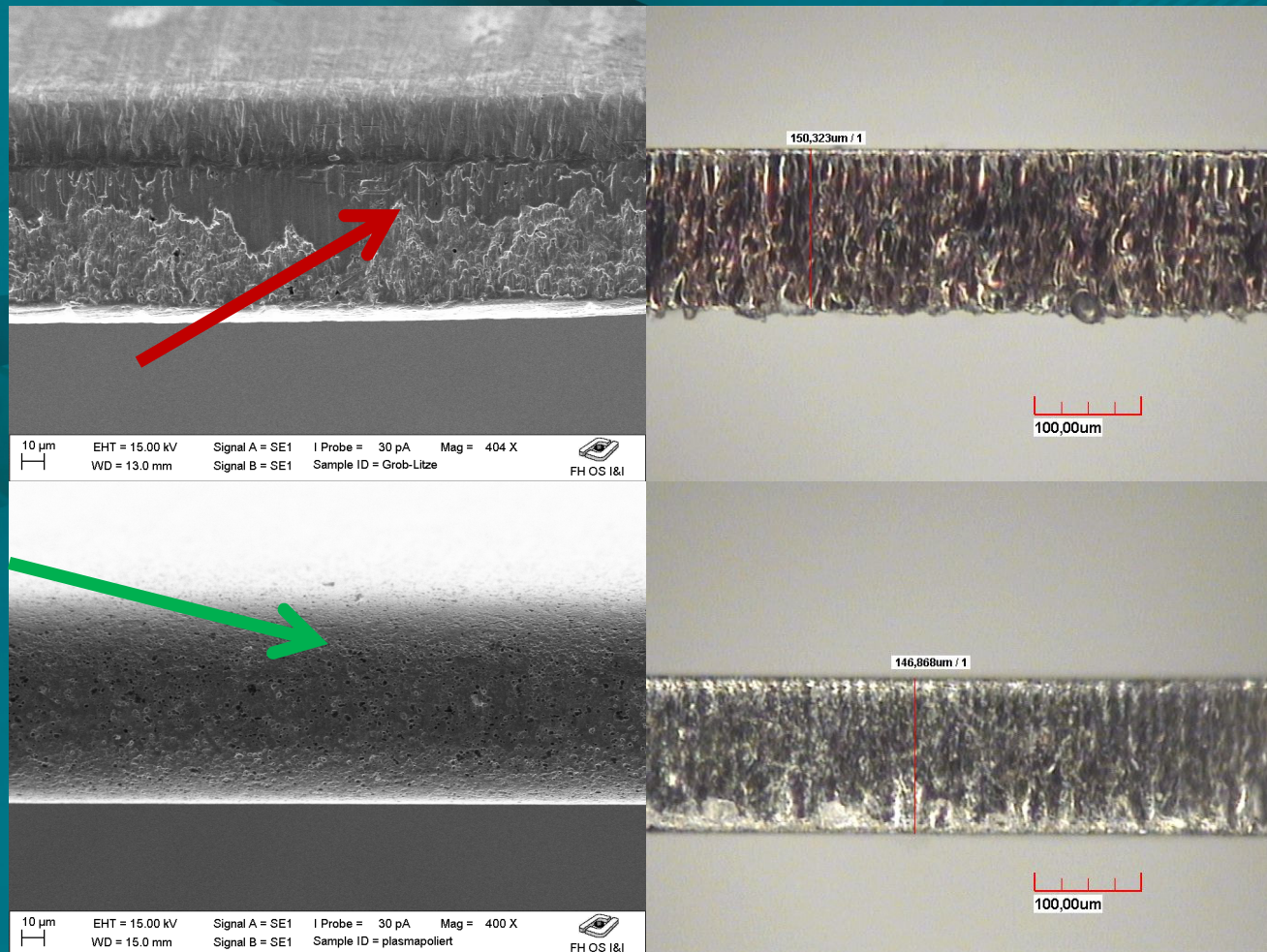
- > no brown discoloration
- > no water stains
- > clean beautiful surface
- > length of resistance to new contamination



# Application examples machining program

**SMD screen printing film:**

**Processing target: Laser pads deburr at min. edge rounding**



**Surface before  
plasma polishing  
process**

- > coarse laser structures
- > strong tarnish colors

**Surface after plasma  
polishing process**

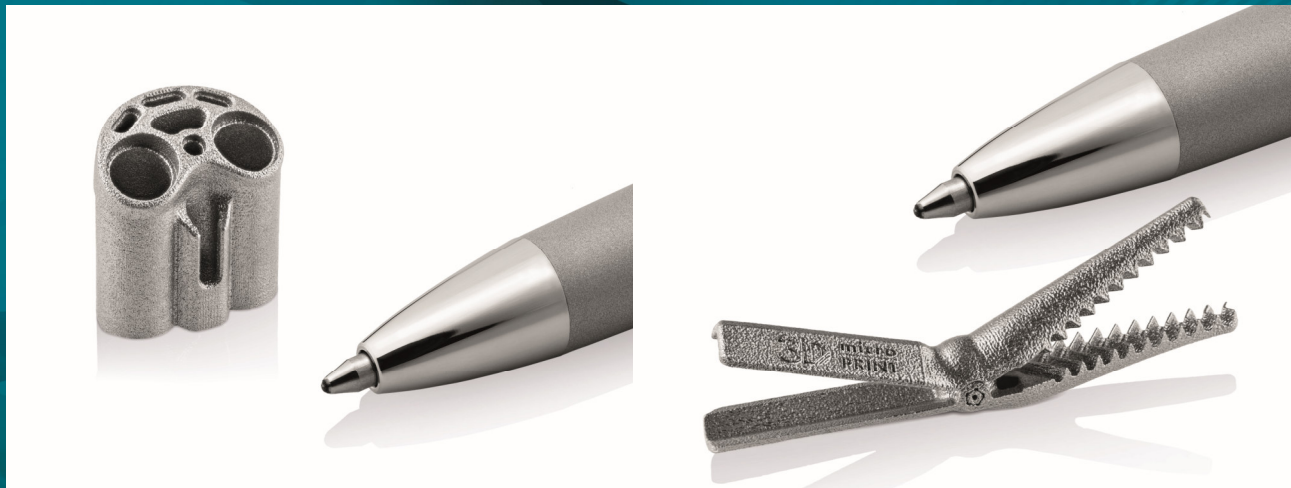
- > deburring of the laser pads
- > maintaining a strong edge structure
- > tarnish paints eliminated



# Application examples from machining program

Medical technology: dosing systems and tools from medical technology,  
Material 1.4404

Processing target: maximum fineness / deburring



Surface unprocessed  
average  
measurement  
results

Ra= 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$

Rz= 15  $\mu\text{m}$

Surface Plasma  
Polished

Processing time 120  
seconds

average measurement  
results

Ra= 1.5-1.0  $\mu\text{m}$

Rz= 6 - 4  $\mu\text{m}$

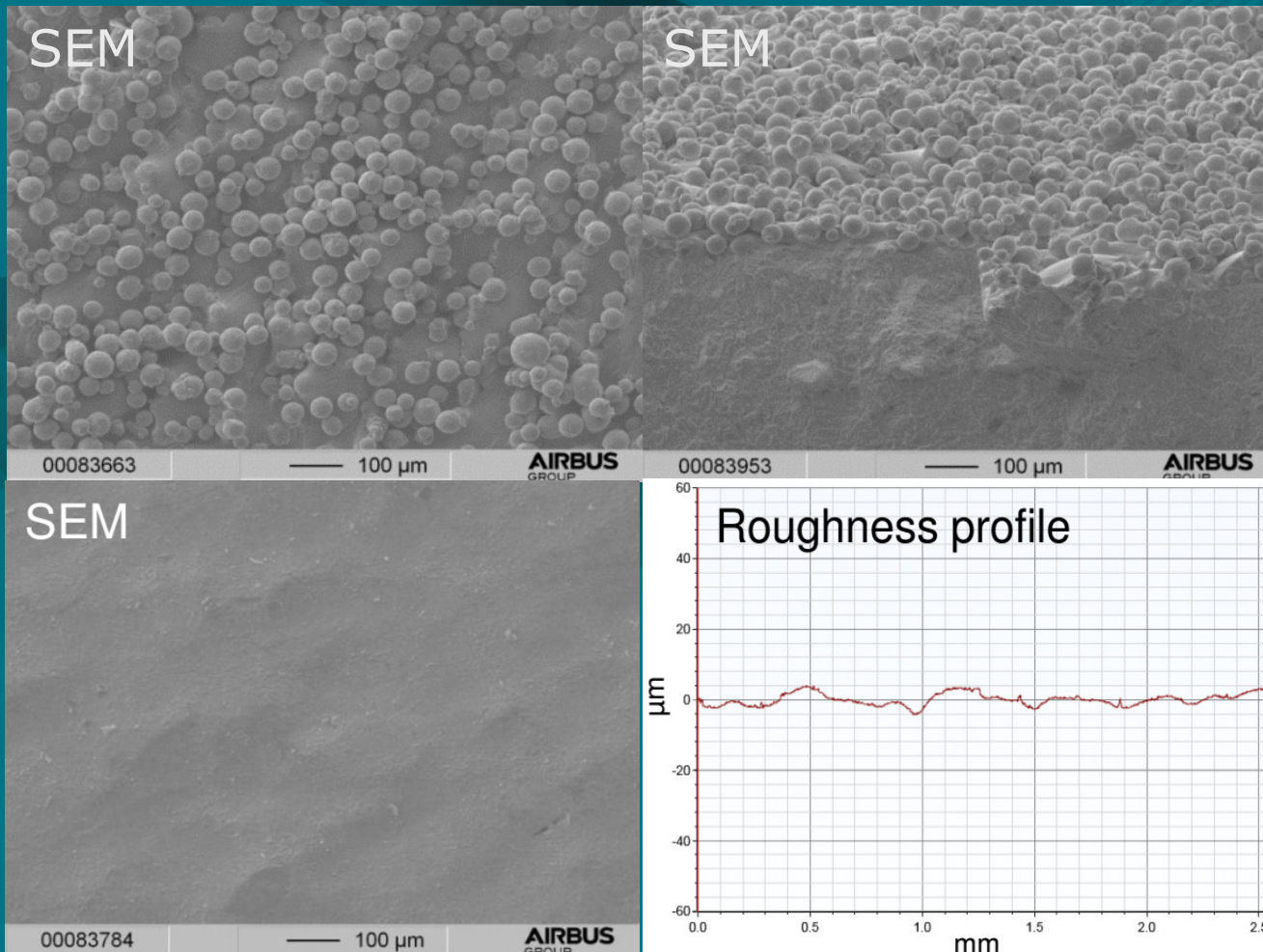
Improvement Rz 67%

Improvement Ra 50%



# Application examples machining program

Surface ALM manufactured (photos with SEM / REM)  
Processing target: maximum fineness



Surface before  
plasma polishing  
process

-> Ra: ca. 20 µm

Surface after plasma  
polishing process

-> Ra: ca. 1,4 µm



# Interesting views



Quelle: plasotec GmbH / Kurzfilm Plasmapolieren



# Innovation and added value

very high geometry fidelity

Material remove as function of time

very short cycle times

no pre-treatment

short cleaning processes

improved corrosion properties

Environmentally friendly electrolyte  
technology

# Let's start the conversation

We are happy to process your sample parts and we will help you to solve your surface problems.

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