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# Thermal Deburring

## Process and Application



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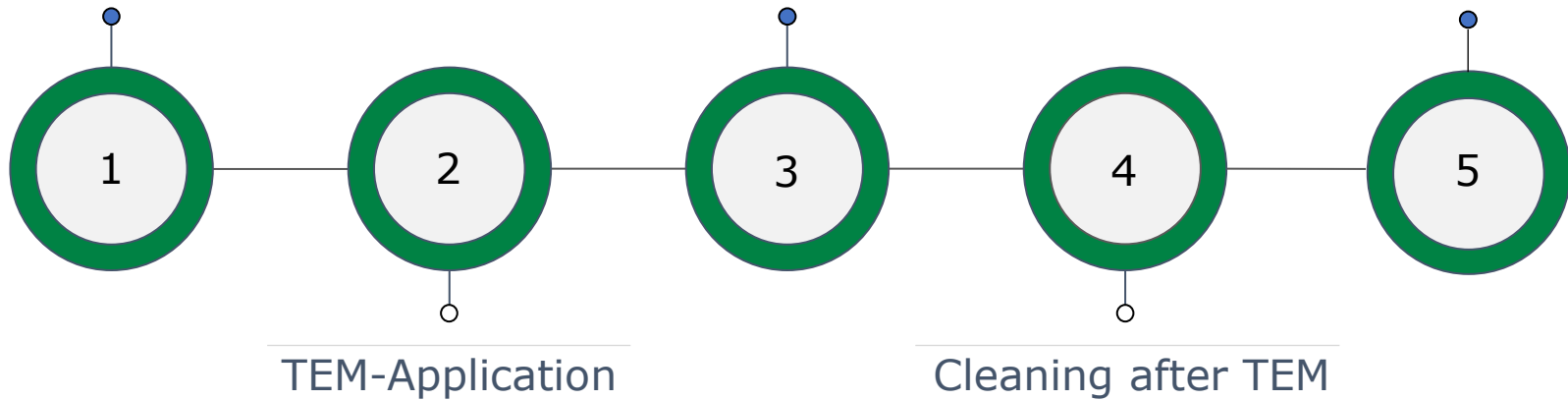
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# Agenda

Thermal Process

Suitability TEM

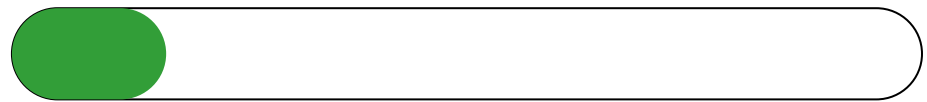
TEM Summary





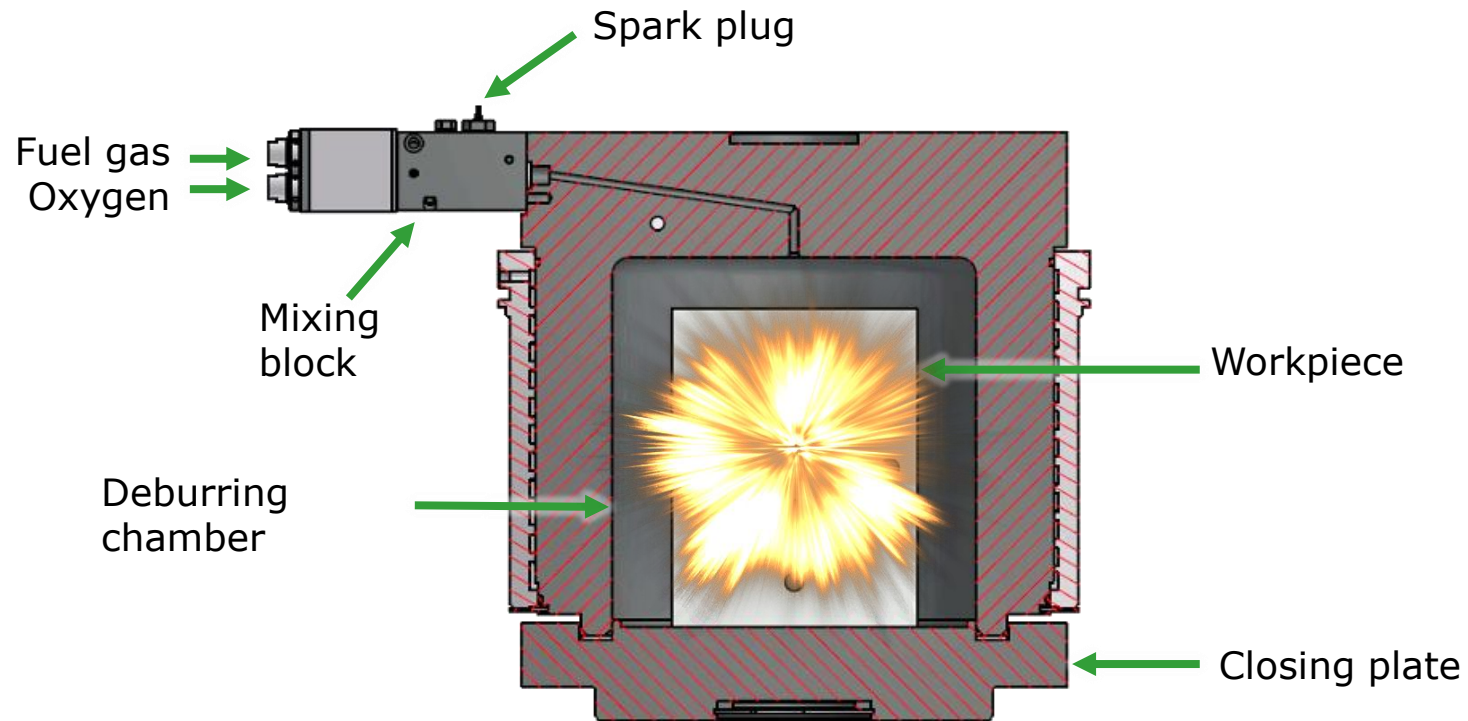
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# Thermal process



# Deburring (Milliseconds)

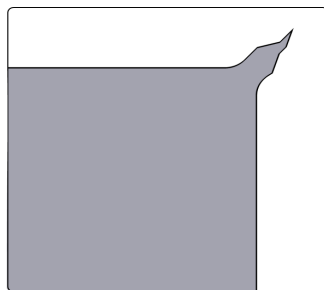
Combustion of the gas mixture via the spark plug. Suitable fuel gases are natural gas, methane and hydrogen.



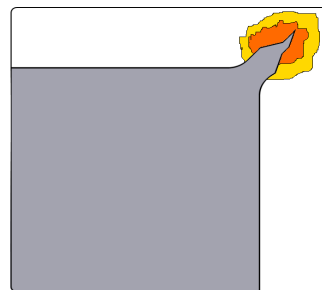
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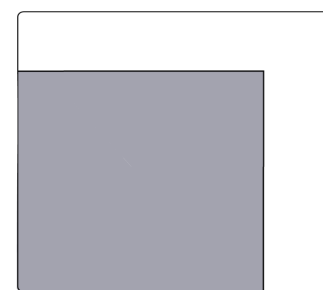
- ➔ Gas filling pressure
- ➔ Gas mixing ratio
- ➔ Fixture technology



Before deburring



During deburring

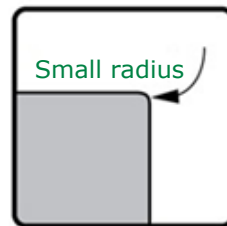
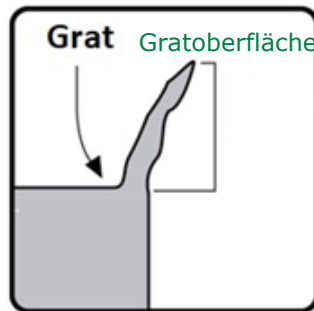


After deburring  
**burr free, sharp edged**

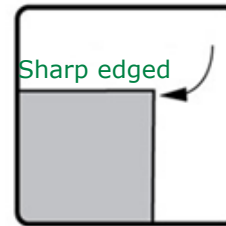
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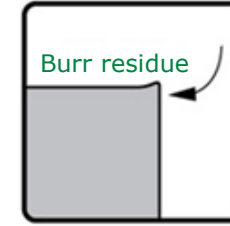
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Maximum result



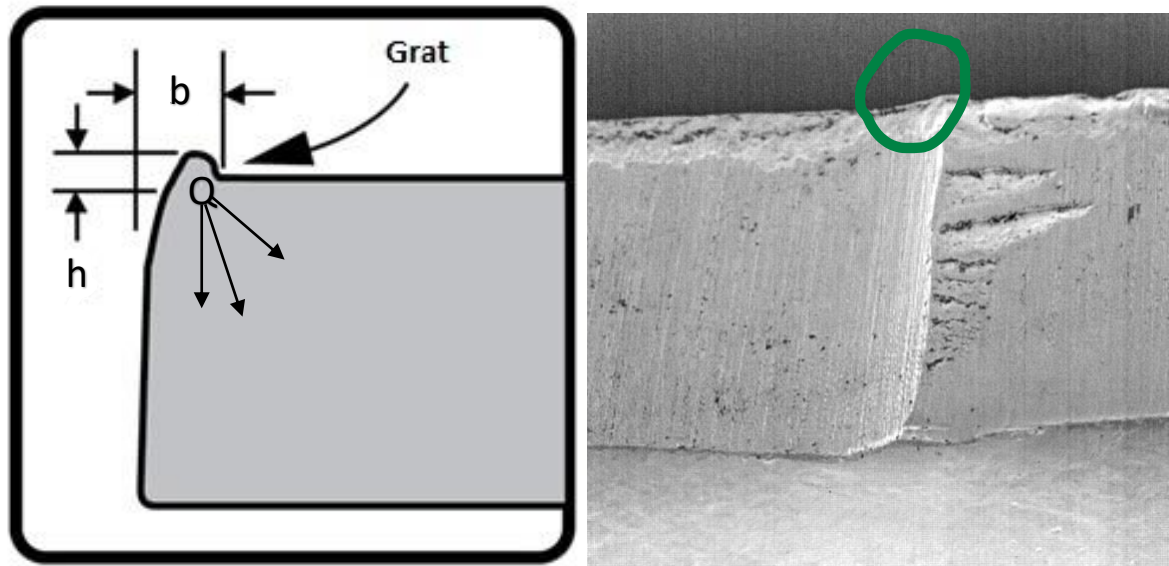
Ideal result



Burr residue

The deburring result is influenced by the root thickness of the burr

# Example of punching burrs



Punching burrs are not suitable for TEM, as they quickly dissipate the required heat and only heat up the burr.

# TEM Process

## 1. Pre machining

Untreated part



## 4. Cleaning

Finished / cleaned part



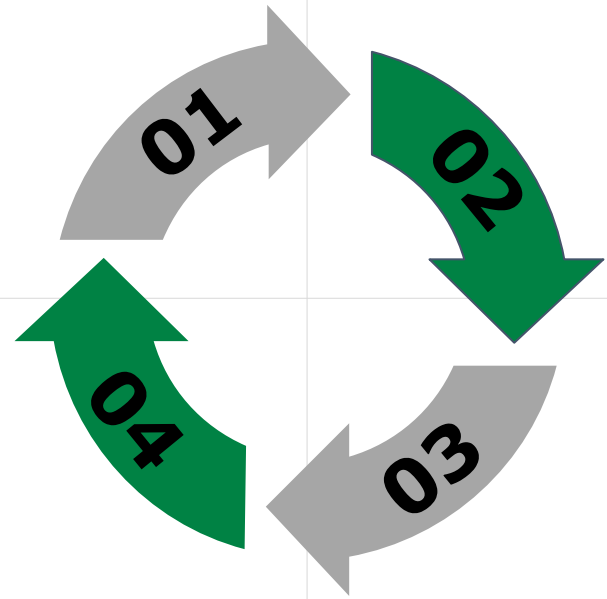
## 2. TEM

After the first shot with an excess of oxygen



## 3. TEM

Oxide minimization through stoichiometric gas mixing





# Suitable materials

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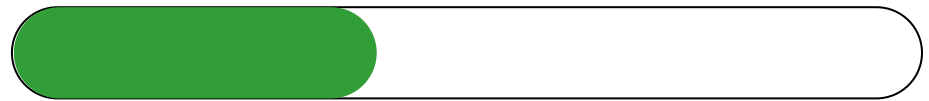
## Materials for thermal deburring:

- ➔ Steel / Stainless steel
- ➔ Cast iron
- ➔ Aluminum with max. 5% Mg
- ➔ Brass
- ➔ Zinc die casting (ZAMAK)
- ➔ Plastic (Thermoplastics)

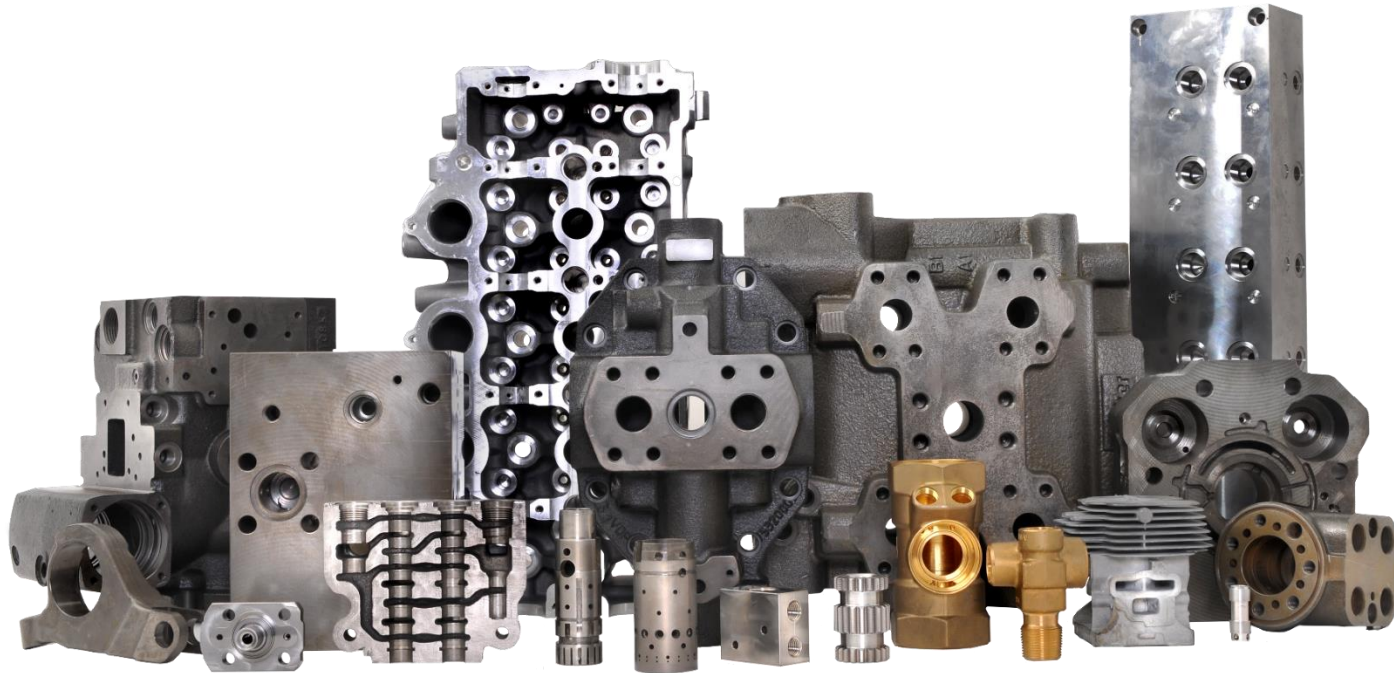


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# TEM- Application



# TEM Applications



## TEM Plastic



# TEM in practice

## Thermal deburring is best suited for:

- ➔ Internal burrs - Burrs that are difficult to access
- ➔ Cleanliness - When „burr - free“ is required
- ➔ High flexibility - For small and large lot sizes
- ➔ Reproducibility - When a consistent deburring quality is required
- ➔ Generally - Burrs after machining such as drilling, milling, turning, or grinding





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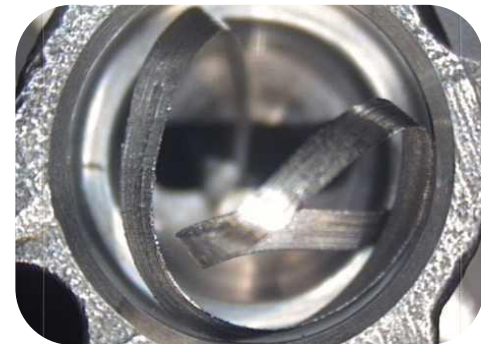
# TEM- Suitability



# Pre treatment TEM

Pre treatment of the workpieces before TEM is important

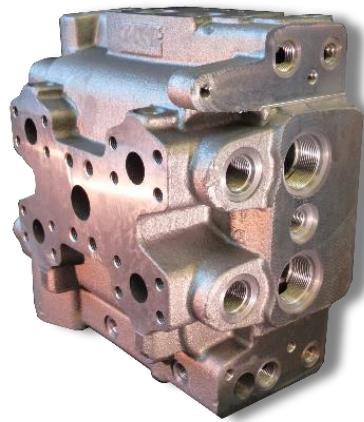
- ➔ No large free hanging burrs
- ➔ No chips
- ➔ Oil free
- ➔ Clean and dry



# Suitable parts

## Hydraulic blocks

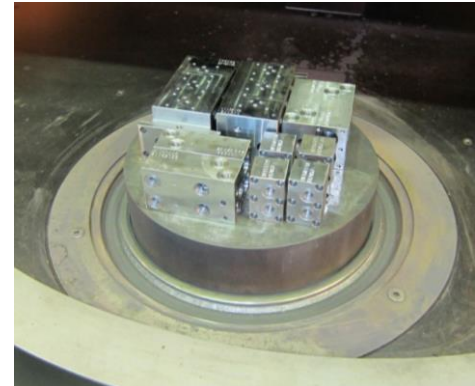
- ➔ Removing burrs from cross holes
- ➔ Removing burrs from „difficult to reach“ places
- ➔ Result: Sharp edges, burr free



# Placing of the parts

## Example

High flexibility for different components





# Suitable parts

## Deburring of special nuts for injection systems

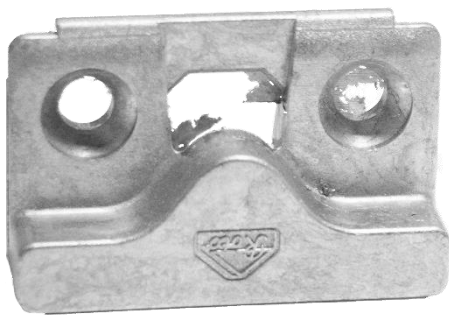


Throughput of high quantities in the bulk material process

# Suitable parts

## Zinc die casting (ZAMAK)

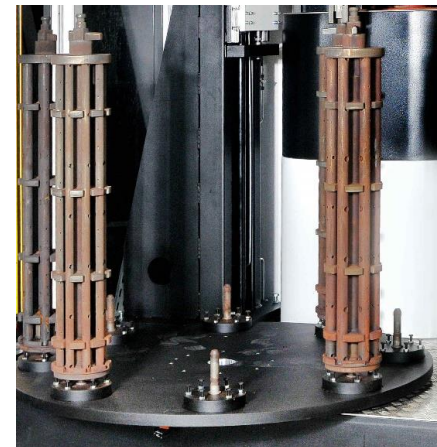
- ➔ Removal of casting skins, reduction of burrs at the edges of the mould joints
- ➔ Incineration of tinsel burrs
- ➔ Suitable for large quantities



# Suitable parts

## Engine and transmission parts(Automobile / Truck)

- ➔ Complete deburring of all inner and outer contours during one cycle
- ➔ Deburring of bulk material
- ➔ Deburring of high numbers of pieces



# Suitable parts

## General mechanical engineering / military industry

- ➔ Tem- Deburring offers a high degree of flexibility for different components and materials. All this with high process reliability.
- ➔ Deburring of military / sports weapon parts



# Comparison deburring process

## TEM



- ➔ Many inner holes
- ➔ Burrs in hard to reach places
- ➔ Sharp-edged deburring, no detachable burrs

## Waterjet deburring



- ➔ Few internal holes
- ➔ Good accessibility of the burrs
- ➔ Light material
- ➔ No thermal stress

## ECM



- ➔ Distinct root of the burr
- ➔ Good accessibility of the burr
- ➔ Edge rounding

# iTEM Machine types

- ➔ ***iTEM 320 NG*** – 5 deburring stations, chamber size from Diameter D250 to D320 mm, Height H300 to H400 mm
- ➔ ***iTEM 400+*** – 5 deburring stations, chamber size from Diameter D400 to D460 mm, Height H600 mm
- ➔ ***iTEM LC*** – 5 deburring stations, chamber size from Diameter D200 bis D250, Height from H1000 bis H1200

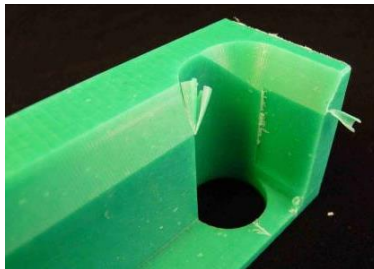


# Deburring of plastics

## Deburring of thermoplastics

- ➔ Deburring of machined plastic parts and for injection moulded parts without glas fibre content.
- ➔ Smoothing of the surface structure.

Before:



After:

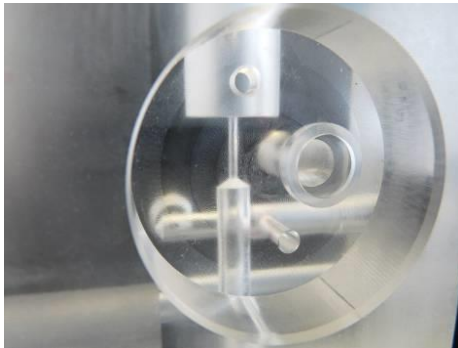


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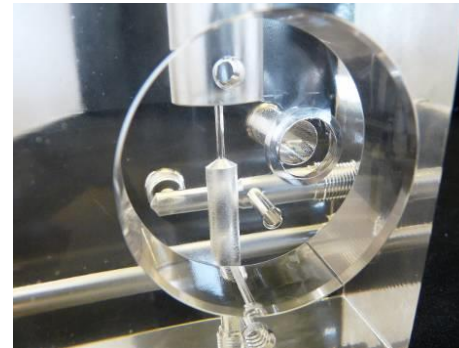
## Treatment of PMMA (Polymethylmethacrylat)

- ➔ Before deburring the material is matt, afterwards crystal clear
- ➔ Smoothing („polishing“) the mechanically machined surface
- ➔ Removing burrs

Before



After





# *ITEM* Plastics

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360 x 360 x 760 mm,



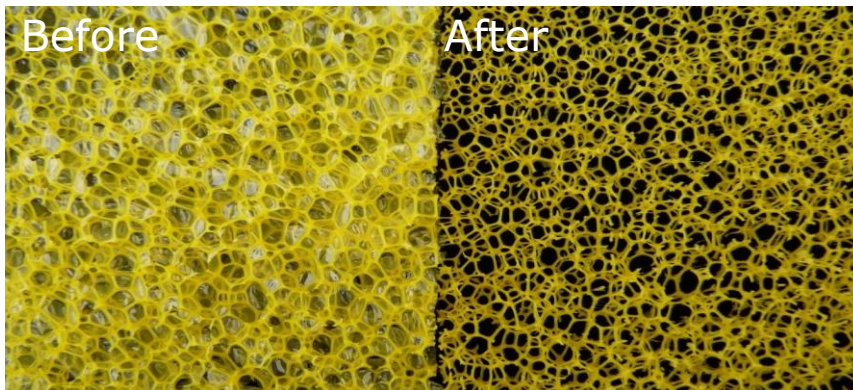
## Operating gases:

- ➔ Hydrogen
- ➔ Oxygen

# Foam Reticulation

## Special application

- ➔ Left: Pores in the foam are closed by skins
- ➔ Right: Reticulated foam, open pored structure
- ➔ **Aim: Very good air permeability**





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# Cleaning after TEM



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Many components can be used directly after the TEM process and doesn't require a post treatment (e.g. aluminum).

In case of heavy oxide deposits or defined quality specifications, a subsequent cleaning must be carried out (e.g. steel, cast iron).

## Recipe for the best TEM aftercare:

- ➔ Suitable chemical substances
- ➔ Suitable washing method
- ➔ Ultrasound support



# Cleaning after TEM

## Cleaning machines (waterbased)



### Chamber type

- ➔ Ultrasound
- ➔ Rotating basket
- ➔ Vacuum drying



### Transfer type

- ➔ Ultrasound
- ➔ Oscillating basket
- ➔ Vacuum drying



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# Summary

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# Summary

Not suitable components for TEM:

- ➔ Only external burrs
- ➔ Wall thickness too thin
- ➔ Too large dimensions (max. Ø 450 X 600 mm or max. Ø 200 X 1200 mm)
- ➔ Components with punching burrs
- ➔ Parts with defined edge rounding

Industries:

- ➔ Hydraulics, Pneumatics
- ➔ Automotive
- ➔ Medical (Plastics)

TEM-suitable components:

- ➔ High quantities (Exception of large components)
- ➔ Components with complex internal deburring
- ➔ Suitable for almost all materials (Except alloys with more than 5% Mg content)
- ➔ Where cleanliness and process reliability is required

**TEM deburring result:**

- ➔ **Sharp-edged-burr-free**
- ➔ **No defined radius**



# Thank you!

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