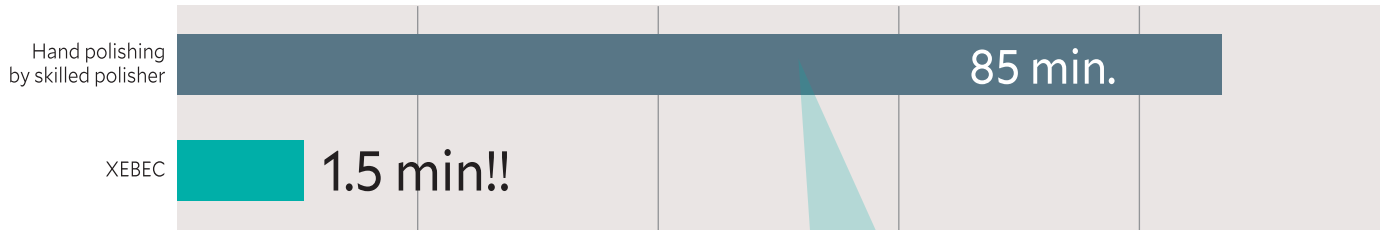


Mold polishing

Hand polishing by skilled polisher 85min. versus Automated polishing by XEBEC Brush™ 1.5min

METRIC CONVERSION	micrometer	microinches
	1 μm	= 39.4 μin

◆ NAK steel polishing time trial



Experiment setup

The polishing was conducted using identical conditions for 3 skilled polishers (target material for polishing & tools for polishing).

Material

NAK80 steel 40x40mm Polishing flat surface (≒ X40CrMoV51, Prehardened Steel)

Before polishing (After milling process)

Surface roughness : Ra 0.34μm

After polishing process

Surface roughness : Ra 0.02μm

Automated polishing by XEBEC Brush™

Material

NAK steel 70x70mm Polishing half area of pocket processed surface (≒ X40CrMoV51, Prehardened Steel)

Before polishing (After ball end milling process)

Surface roughness : Ra 1.4μm, Rz 6.1μm

After polishing process

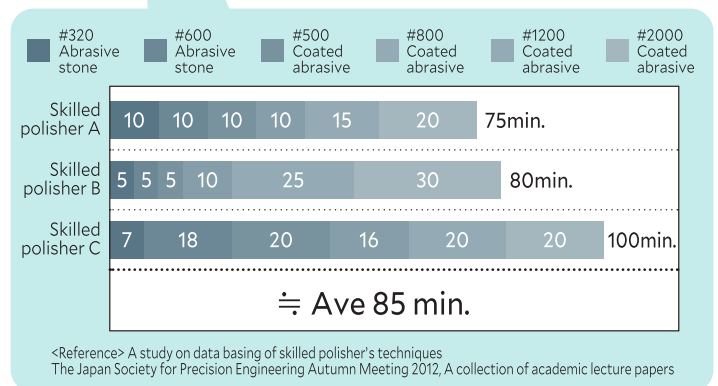
Surface roughness : Ra 0.029μm, Rz 0.337μm

Tool used

XEBEC Brush™ Surface
A32-CB25M(Blue)
A11-CB25M(Red)

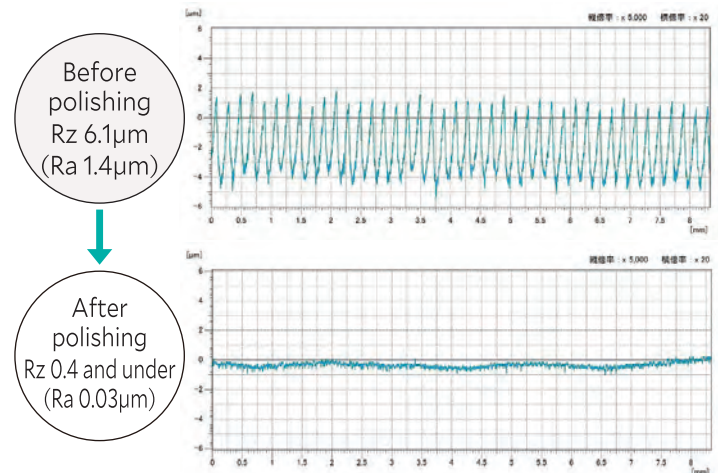
Processing parameters

Rotation speed : 5000min⁻¹
Feed : 500mm/min
Depth of cut : (Blue)0.3mm
(Red)0.2mm



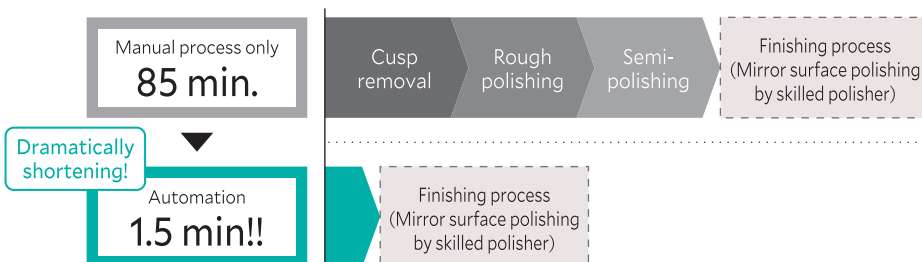
◆ Automated polishing by XEBEC Brush™

NAK55 steel Tool mark removal (polishing) process



Proposal for major shortening of processing by means of automated die and mold polishing

◆ NAK steel Comparison of polishing time

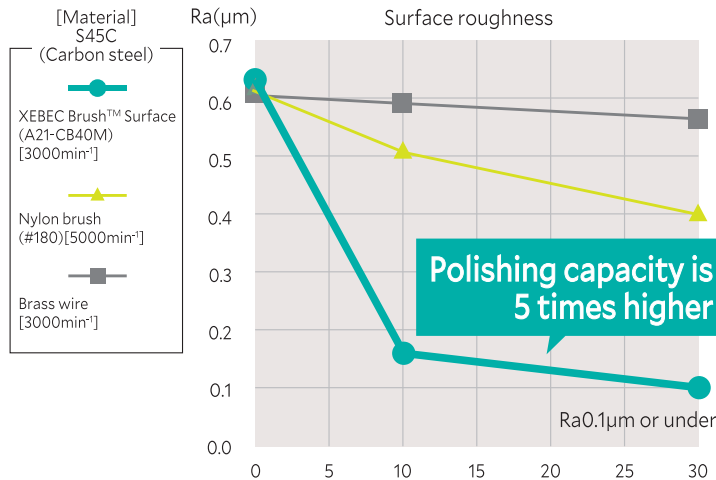


Techniques of skilled polishing can be used only for integrating the final stages in the process of polishing mirror surfaces, etc.!

	Merits	Demerits
Hand polishing	① Curved surfaces and complex shapes can be dealt with flexibly.	① It takes time (if the worker is not skilled, processing time is even longer.) ② Things, such as the competence levels of the workers, yielded quality and processing time differences.
Automated polishing	① Automated deburring and polishing process right after cutting process in the same machining. (Cusp removal+semi-polishing) ② Possible to shorten polishing time dramatically. ③ Automation resulted in stable quality, eliminating quality variations due to manual processing.	① Programming is necessary for complex shapes and curved surfaces. (OK if it can be made to follow the shape.) ② It is unsuitable for critical edge requirement. (Deburring effects of approx. 0.1mm)

METRIC CONVERSION | micrometer microinches
1 μm = 39.4 μin

◆ Comparison of grinding capacity with other companies' products



- XEBEC Brush™ Surface / Improved approx. 0.5 μm in 10sec.
- Nylon brush / Improved approx. 0.1 μm in 10sec.
- Brass wire / No improvement

◆ Best surface roughness Ra=0.029 μm

The superfine fibers, measured in micrometers, can improve surface roughness in a short time.



- Material / NAK55 steel
- Tool used / A32-CB25M → A11-CB25M
S5000 / F500 / D0.3→0.2

XEBEC Brush™ Polishing Applications

◆ Pocket part flat surface polishing



Material

SUS304/HRC10

Tool used

A32-CB25M, A11-CB25M

Rotational speed

(A32) 3200min⁻¹, (A11)4000min⁻¹

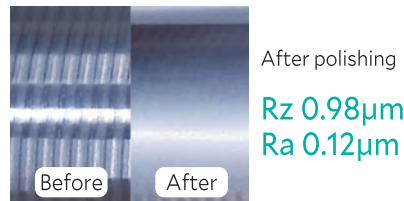
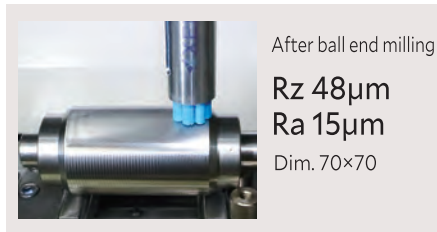
Feed

(A32) 1500mm/min, (A11) 6000mm/min

Depth of cut

(A32) 0.1mm, (A11) 0.3mm

◆ Curved surface polishing



Material

SUS304/HRC10

Tool used

A32-CB25M, A11-CB25M

Rotational speed

5000min⁻¹

Feed

(A32) 1500mm/min, (A11) 6000mm/min

Depth of cut

0.3mm

◆ Hardened steel mirror polishing



Material

SKD11/HRC62 (≒X165CrMoV12)

Tool used

A32-CB100M, A11-CB100M

Rotational speed

1200min⁻¹

Feed

600mm/min

Depth of cut

0.2mm