



# DIMO C55

## UNALLOYED CARBON TOOL STEEL FOR HIGH QUALITY HOLDERBLOCK APPLICATIONS

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DIMO C55 is an unalloyed carbon tool steel for the construction of plastic mold assemblies. DIMO C55 is designed for holderblock applications requiring extensive machining and high dimensional stability as mold assemblies, ejector plates, supports, clamping plates and housings for diecasting dies.

### Product description

#### Designation and range of application

DIMO C55 is a modified version of C55 in accordance with EN 10083-2 (steel number 1.0535 or 1.1203) respectively Grade 1055 in accordance with ASTM A 830 in holderblock quality.

DIMO C55 is available as plate with cut edges (sheared, flame cut or water jet cut) in the following dimensions:

Thickness	≥ 10 ≤ 130 mm	> <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> ≤ 5 in	> 130 ≤ 215 mm	> 5 ≤ 8½ in
Width <sup>a)</sup>	≥ 1000 ≤ 3000 mm	≥ 40 ≤ 119 in	≥ 1000 ≤ 2050 mm	≥ 40 ≤ 80½ in
Length	≥ 3000 ≤ 6000 mm	≥ 119 ≤ 236 in	≥ 3000 ≤ 6000 mm	≥ 119 ≤ 236 in

<sup>a)</sup> Widths < 1500 mm (59 in) have to be ordered with an even number of plates  
Other dimensions available upon request.

#### Production

The DIMO C55 production route is designed to achieve good machinability, dimensional stability and high cleanliness. The good oxidic cleanliness and the modification of remaining inclusions by the calcium treatment lead to good machinability and minimize the tool wear.

These properties can only be achieved by the combination of the following DIMO C55-production steps:

- hot metal desulphurization
- vacuum degassing
- argon stirring for high sulfidic and oxidic cleanliness
- calcium treatment for inclusion shape control
- special casting conditions to assure the high cleanliness and homogeneity
- High Shape Factor Rolling (high thickness reduction) to realize a closely packed structure
- appropriate heat treatment parameters according to analysis and dimensions to assure homogeneous hardness distribution over the plate and to minimize residual stresses.

<sup>1)</sup> The latest edition of this material data sheet is available at <http://www.dillinger.de/>.



**Chemical composition**

For the ladle analysis the following limiting values in % are applicable

	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Mo	Ni	Cr+Mo+Ni
<b>Limiting values</b>	0,52 - 0,60	≤ 0,40	0,60 - 0,90	≤ 0,025	≤ 0,010	≤ 0,40	≤ 0,10	≤ 0,40	≤ 0,63
<b>Auxiliary data</b>	0,55	0,34	0,75	0,017	0,0020	0,040	0,012	0,040	0,09

**Delivery condition**

DIMO C55 is supplied in a stress relieved condition with a normalized ferrite-pearlite-microstructure. The normalizing can be replaced by a normalizing rolling. Cut edges are stress relieved by an appropriate heat treatment.

**Mechanical and physical properties in the delivery condition**

**Hardness /Strength**

Unless otherwise agreed the hardness at the surface in the delivery condition is 170 - 240 HBW. A tensile test acc. DIN EN 10083-2 can be agreed. The requirements of the standard have to be met.

**Physical properties (auxiliary data)**

<b>specific heat at</b>	20°C								
<b>[kJ/(kg K)]</b>	0,47								
<b>specific heat at</b>	68 °F								
<b>[Btu/(lb°F)]</b>	0,11								
<b>thermal conductivity at</b>	20 °C	100 °C	200 °C	300 °C	400 °C				
<b>[W/(m K)]</b>	48	49	49	48	47				
<b>thermal conductivity at</b>	68 °F	210 °F	390 °F	570 °F	750 °F				
<b>[Btu/(ft h°F)]</b>	27,7	28.3	28.3	27.7	27.2				
<b>coefficient of thermal expansion between</b>	20 °C and	100 °C	200 °C	300 °C	400 °C	500 °C	600 °C		
<b>10<sup>-6</sup> [m/(mK)]</b>		11.1	11.8	12.8	13.6	13.7	14.3		
<b>coefficient of thermal expansion between</b>	68 °F and	210°F	390°F	570°F	750°F	930°F	1110°F		
<b>10<sup>-6</sup> [in/(in°F)]</b>		6.2	6,8	7.39	7.86	7.91	7.94		

**Testing**

- Heat analysis
- Dimension control
- Surface inspection
- Hardness
  - The hardness (HBW) is tested on surface of a rolled mother plate
- Tensile test acc. DIN EN 10083-2 can be agreed
- Ultrasonic testing
  - Unless otherwise agreed, ultrasonic testing is performed on each plate in accordance with EN 10160, class S2/E3, 100% of the surface.
  - Upon request, an ultrasonic testing in accordance with ASTM A 578, Level C + S1 is possible. In this case the desired testing standard has to be indicated on the order.



Unless otherwise agreed, the results are documented in an inspection certificate 3.1 in accordance with EN 10204.

### Identification of plates

Unless otherwise agreed the marking is carried out via steel stamps with at least the following information:

- steel grade (DIMO C55)
- heat number
- number of mother plate and individual plate
- the manufacturer’s symbol
- inspector’s sign

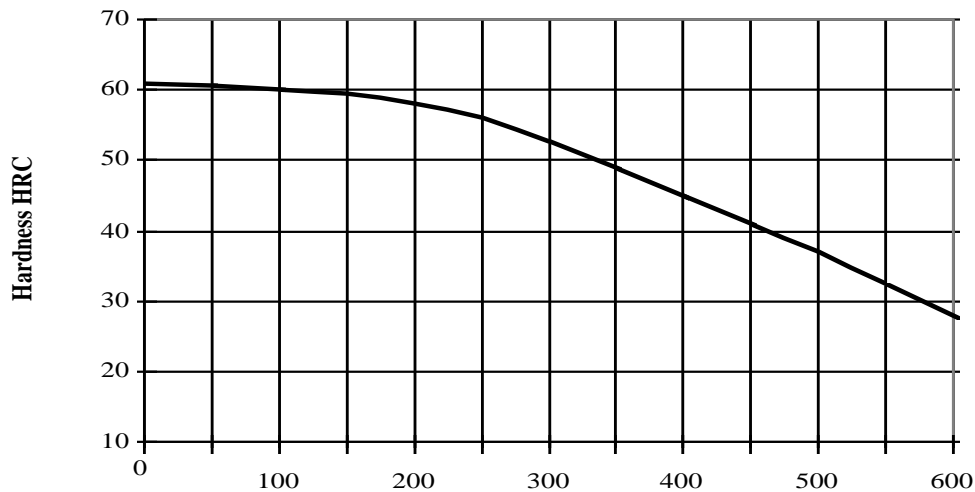
### Processing

#### Heat treatment

DIMO C55 is generally applied in the delivery condition. Should a heat treatment become necessary, the following data are recommended depending on the complexity of the products:

soft annealing	stress relieving	hardening	tempering
680 - 710 °C (1260 - 1310 °F) 2 - 4 h, furnace cooling	in the delivery condition approx. 600 °C (1112 °F) 1 - 2 h; furnace cooling	810 - 850 °C (1490 - 1562 °F) / min. 30 min., water	in accordance with tempering diagram to required hardness

#### Tempering diagram



**Tempering temperature [°C]** (valid for soaking time 1 h, air cooling)

Remark: the values in the diagram are mean values on samples, diameter 25 mm (1 in), length 50 mm (2 in), hardened at 800 °C (1470 °F) in water

### General technical delivery requirements

Unless otherwise agreed, the general technical delivery requirements in accordance with EN 10021 apply.



## Tolerances

Unless otherwise agreed, tolerances are in accordance with EN 10029 with the following restrictions:

<b>plate thickness:</b>	in accordance with EN 10029, class C			
<b>plate width:</b>	$\geq 1000 \text{ mm} \leq 1500 \text{ mm}$	$\pm 25 \text{ mm}$	$\geq 40 \leq 59 \text{ in}$	$\pm 1 \text{ in}$
	$> 1500 \text{ mm} \leq 2050 \text{ mm}$	$\pm 40 \text{ mm}$	$> 59 \leq 80\frac{1}{2} \text{ in}$	$\pm 1\frac{1}{2} \text{ in}$
	$> 2050 \text{ mm}$	$\pm 50 \text{ mm}$	$> 80\frac{1}{2} \text{ in}$	$\pm 2 \text{ in}$
<b>plate length:</b>		$\pm 500 \text{ mm}$		$\pm 20 \text{ in}$
<b>flatness:</b>	$\leq 3 \text{ mm/m}$ ( $\frac{1}{8} \text{ in}/40 \text{ in}$ )			

## Surface quality

Unless otherwise agreed, the specifications will be in accordance with EN 10163-2 class A, subclass 3. Shot blasting of upper and lower surface of the plate and shop priming are possible on request.

## General note

If special requirements, which are not listed in this specification, are to be met by the steel due to its intended use or processing, these requirements are to be agreed before placing the order.

The information in this specification is a product description. This specification is updated if necessary. The latest version is available from the mill or as download at [www.dillinger.de](http://www.dillinger.de).

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