



CA-ROD Abrasive Grains
Rod-shaped ceramic grains
for maximum stock removal

Case Study: CA-ROD Abrasive Grains

CA-ROD is a rod-shaped ceramic alumina abrasive grain with a similar chemical composition as BCA. The special production process allows for shaping abrasive grains with a very high aspect ratio which helps to create an open structure with high porosity.

Test 1:

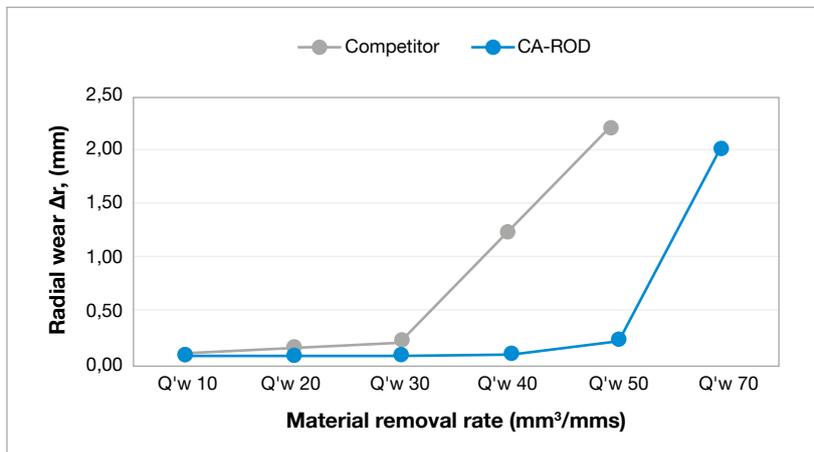
CA-ROD & well-established ceramic rod tested on a profile surface grinding machine. Wheels produced at a low firing temperature.

- Wheel dimensions $400 \times 20 \times 203,2$ mm
- Diameter of the rods around $200 \mu\text{m}$ (corresponds to CA-ROD T80)
- Creep feed grinding process
- Firing temperature between $900 - 1000^\circ\text{C}$
- Nickel based alloy workpiece

The material removal rate ($Q'w$) was measured and plotted against the observed radial grinding wheel wear:



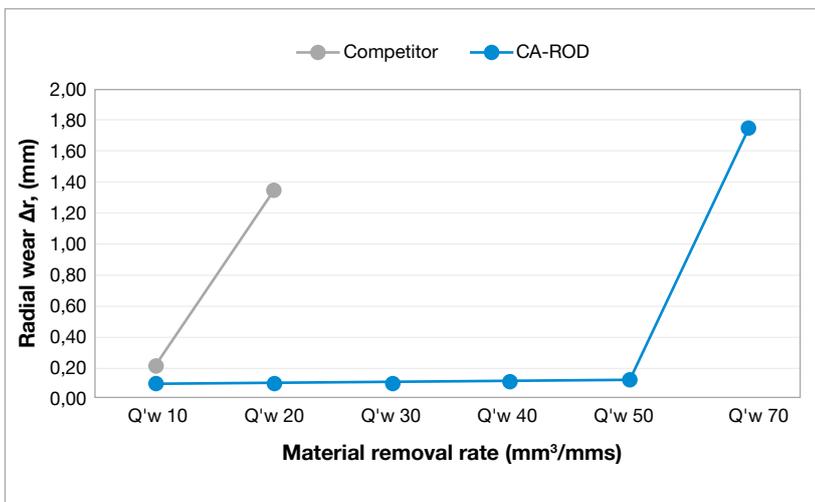
Rod-shaped ceramic grains for high stock removal



Wheels produced with CA-ROD can efficiently be used up to $Q'w = 50$ whereas high wear of wheels produced with the competitive grain started considerably earlier.

Test 2:

CA ROD & well established ceramic rod tested on a profile surface grinding machine. Wheels produced at a higher temperature (1050 - 1150°C).



The wheels produced with CA ROD showed a very similar performance as in test 1, whereas wheels produced with the competitive ceramic grain started to show a high radial wear at low Q'w.

Conclusion

CA-ROD provides a significant benefit over existing rods in terms of material removal rate. CA-ROD also has a higher temperature stability. With less reactive bonds, BCA and CA-ROD abrasive grain can be used at temperatures up to 1250°C to produce vitrified bonded wheels without degrading the high performance. The microstructure and hardness remain stable.

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