

## Project # 206-293

### TG Tools United Co.

Performance and Endurance Testing  
Cutting Tools

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## Conclusions:

### KIK HS Drill Bit.

1. Minor slippage or approximately 20% overall less slip when compared to Hitachi Black drill bit
2. Exceptional roundness, smoother path, and greater than 50% cleaner entry when compared to Hitachi Black drill bit
3. No burr remained on edges of holes when compared to Hitachi Black drill bit which contained significant amount of burrs

## SAMPLE INFORMATION:

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### **Drill Bits:**

TG HSS – ¼" (KIK Point)

Hitachi Black Shield – ¼" (Split Point)

Hitachi Black Gold – 17/64" (Split Point)

DeWalt Brad Point – ¼" (Spur Point)

**Test Methods and Procedures:**

1. Thin Sheet Metal – Slippage  
Draws Squares formed by cross lines  
Back material – any wood  
Hand Power Tools – Drill straight down  
Starts pointing any cross  
Scale under wood – 25Lbs pressure, full power

**Mechanical TEST DATA AND RESULTS:**

**Drill Bits: Roundness of Bore Test:**

Test material: Stainless steel sheet 0.02” thickness.

Samples of TG HSS produced slightly elongated holes.

Samples of Hitachi Black Shield and Hitachi Black Gold caused severe deformation of the test material upon penetration.



TG HSS



Hitachi Black Shield



Hitachi Black Gold

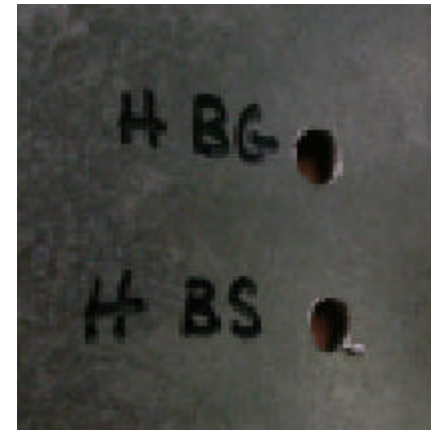
**Test Methods and Procedures: “continued”**

- 5. Thicker Sheet Metal – Entry and Exit/Burr  
NO back material  
Drill Press – Drill straight down  
Scale under vise – 25Lbs pressure, 1500RPM

**Mechanical TEST DATA AND RESULTS: “Continued”**

**Drill Bits: Exit Hole Burr Test:**

Test material: Stainless steel sheet 0.02” thickness.



The Hitachi Black Gold produced an elongated hole with moderate burring at the exit.  
The Hitachi Black Shield produced a consistently round hole with significant burring at the exit.  
The TG HSS produced a consistently round hole with minor burring at the exit.

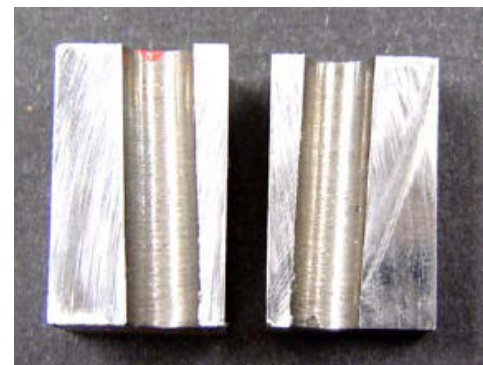
**Test Methods and Procedures: “continued”**

- 8. Metal Block – Speed Compare  
NO back material  
Drill Press – Drill straight down  
Scale under vise – 125Lbs pressure 1500RPM

**Mechanical TEST DATA AND RESULTS: “Continued”**

**Drill Bits: Consistent Through Hole Test – Steel Plate:**

Test material: Low carbon steel plate 1” thickness.



TG HSS



Hitachi Black / Gold Shield

The TG HSS produced significantly smoother and more consistent through hole than the Hitachi Black Shield.

**Test Methods and Procedures: “continued”**

9. Metal Block – life  
NO back material  
Drill Press – Drill straight down  
Scale under vise – 125Lbs pressure 1500RPM

**Conclusions:**

Based on all mechanical and metallurgical testing conducted in this study it is our opinion that TG tools tested in this project are superior in performance and endurance to the competitor’s tools. Furthermore, TG samples exhibited more original conditions after testing than did the competitor’s samples where burning and damage to the competitor’s samples was more significant than the TG samples. This is significant to the tool life where metallurgical wear analysis prove TG tools to be in the order of and estimated two (2) times the life of the competitor’s tools.