

INVESTIGATION OF A CERAMIC COATING OF ALUMINUM OXIDE OBTAINED BY VACUUM-ARC DEPOSITION¹

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Surface wear of cutting tools is determined by the predominant influence of adhesive and diffusion processes. Operating the cutting edge at a small constant cutting cross section does not destroy the substrate. In this case, tool resistance is determined by the characteristics of the tool surface, namely the protective coating. The dominant factor that leads to dullness of the cutting edge in this case is the thermal impact, the value of which is determined by the cutting speed.

Achieving new physico-mechanical properties is possible due to chemical and physical effects. It is known that oxide coatings (Al₂O₃, SiO₂, TiO₂, ZrO₂, B₂O₃, HfO₂, SeO₂, etc.) have a number of properties not inherent in metal and other types of coatings - low thermal conductivity, chemical inertness, wear resistance. The majority of oxides have high melting point, hardness and wear resistance. They are the most universal under operating conditions and can be used as corrosion-resistant, heat-resistant, heat-proof, electrical insulating and wear-resistant. The most effective is the coating, which includes aluminum oxide. To obtain coatings from aluminum oxide, the method of CVD is used more often, but this method is not widespread due to the fact that the temperature of deposition on these units is 1050 °C, the CVD method is used to obtain metastable modifications of Al₂O₃ because the transition temperature of θ -Al₂O₃ to less porous and harder α -Al₂O₃ is 1200 °C [3].

The purpose of this work is to study the physical and mechanical properties and structural-phase coating of caps based on aluminum oxide. An alumina ceramic coating is applied to study the wear of the carbide. Microhardness, adhesion strength, coating thickness, coating phase composition were investigated on the obtained samples. Results of researches expand knowledge about physical and mechanical properties of ceramic coverings of aluminum oxide deposited their plasma of vacuum arc discharge.

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