

# CNC Green Machining of Novel AA7475/ZrN/Fly Ash Composite Compared with and without the TiCN Coated WC Tools for Enhanced Surface Finish

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## Abstract

This study compares the performance of two distinct tool types on the surface roughness of a lightweight composite material made of AA7475, ZrN, and fly ash. The two tool types are high-speed steel (HSS) and titanium carbonitride (TiCN) coated tungsten carbide (WC). Stir casting was used to create the composite material, and it was pre-processed to remove surface blemishes. Sixteen workpieces were machined using CNC milling at four stages with varying cutting parameters. Surface roughness was evaluated using SPSS software and statistically analyzed. Using SPSS software, surface roughness of samples was statistically analyzed by the institution. With a p value of 0.000 ( $p < 0.05$ ), these findings demonstrated a statistically significant difference between the two groups. It is famous that the observations are statistically unbiased and observed without a violation. When samples are prepared with a TiCN-lined WC tool, the suggested floor roughness is less than when using an HSS tool. Within the confines of this study's constraints, WC tools with TiCN coating have less surface roughness than HSS tools.

## Keywords

High-speed steel tool, Titanium carbonitride coated tungsten carbide tool, AA7475, Novel ZrN, Fly ash, Surface roughness, CNC milling

## Introduction

This study uses an HSS tool and a WC device with a TiCN coating to measure and analyze the surface roughness of milled AA7475 surfaces [1]. The main gain of this work is to reduce the merchandise cost, increase the standard of floor end and growth the meeting rate. Composites of novel mild weight material AA7475 + ZrN+ fly ash are often utilized in the car sectors and aerospace, and it is frequently applied inside the fabrication of ribs of the wings in aero motors [2].

For the past five years, research related to AA7475 + novel ZrN + fly ash reinforcement composite has ended in around 240 papers in google student and 71 papers in technology without delay. For the surface roughness evaluation of AA6061 with reinforcement of SiC, the technique parameters were mainly encouraged [3]. It's been discovered that taguchi's device has a sturdy layout method to type the parameters which one should influence the surface roughness [4]. Slicing pace parameters have the most results inside the surface roughness analysis followed through feed fee and depth of cut. The Feed rate changed into the foremost essential parameter of the output response (floor roughness) as compared to different factors like intensity of reduce and cutting speed [5]. Special parameters like slicing pace, feed fee, and intensity of reduction are exceptionally motivated in effect of material elimination rate for machining. Floor roughness has a full-size function inside the machining of alloys because the selection of great technique parameters is much greater essential to optimize

the surface roughness [6]. Because of floor damage the fee of discharge energy is much less than and the most fee turned into determined in the top-rated check. Further the wonderful floor end became acquired with the consumption of the bottom power stage [7]. Within the check excessive satisfactory floor finish acquired within the samples through the usage of the desired leading fringe of the insert. To be able to attain exact floor end, there's a supply needed to control the influencing parameters like dielectric medium, material, and electric parameters. Previously, our staff had extensive experience working on many research tasks across many fields [8].

The machinability research of the latest material is most critical. As a widely relevant metal matrix, composite aluminum alloys like AA7475 + 4% of novel ZrN + 3% fly ash of fabric may be a changed fabric. The machinability studies to be conducted. Affordable and effective machining is often executed at CNC machining. No literature was found at the machinability of AA7475 + 4% of novel ZrN + 3% of fly ash material, in particular CNC milling. This has a look at addresses the machinability AA7475 + 4% of novel ZrN + 3% of fly ash material in CNC milling [9].

## Materials and Methods

The Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences in Chennai, which houses the Saveetha School of Engineering, conducted this study. Ethics clearance was not necessary for this study because no human samples were used for testing. In this experiment, two groups, the control group (HSS tool) and the intervention group (TiCN coated WC tool) are compared. There should be 16 groups, hence there should be 16 samples for each group. Using an open source sample size calculator, the necessary sample size is determined [10]. The sample means are as follows: g-power 80%, alpha 0.05, 0.9675 for the conventional method, and 0.9773 for the suggested method. The reinforcement materials and aluminum were purchased from Bhandari Metals and Alloys in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. The novel AA7475 + 4% of novel ZrN + 3% of fly ash aluminum steel matrix composite stir casted (Figure 1) At Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, at Metmech Casting Enterprise The matrix used is: AA7475 (3.2 kg, 93%), Titanium diboride novel ZrN (0.13 kg, 4%) and boron carbide fly ash (0.096 kg, 3%). The specimens have been prepared with the aid of reducing the casting with help of twine cut discharge

machining. The samples were arranged as shown in figure 2 with dimensions of 50 × 50 × 10. Dry milling of manipulation organization sample using an HSS cutter is required. The green machine with 16 unique parameter entry combinations. The 25 mm sample duration was prefixed. The group B agency uses the same work surface for both agencies, and group B is an intervention agency where samples must be machined using a TiCN coated WC device with sixteen different combinations of input parameters as seen for the manipulation institution.

The YCM EV-1020A vertical milling center has a spindle speed of 45 - 1000 RPM, the spindle nose taper is BT40, and the spindle motor (standard) (continued for 15 min) is 5.5/7.5 kw, utilized when performing machining tests. The samples of machined specimens exhibited in figure 3 and figure 4 for HSS and TiCN coated WC tool organizations respectively. The surface profilometer made by Mitutoyo used to test the floor's roughness has a stylus with a 2 μm tip radius. Examining current trends modified to ISO - 4287 in 1997. After the sample has been machined for the specified length of the pattern, the surface roughness was measured using a sampling duration of five and a measurement speed of 0.25 mm/sec.

Cut-off length of two 0.5 mm turned into used. The process was done three times at various machined floor locations, and the average of those repetitions was used to help prevent errors. The specifications for entry are listed in table 1. For the HSS institution and TiCN coated WC device organizations, the surface finish measures for samples from



Figure 1: Stir casting process.

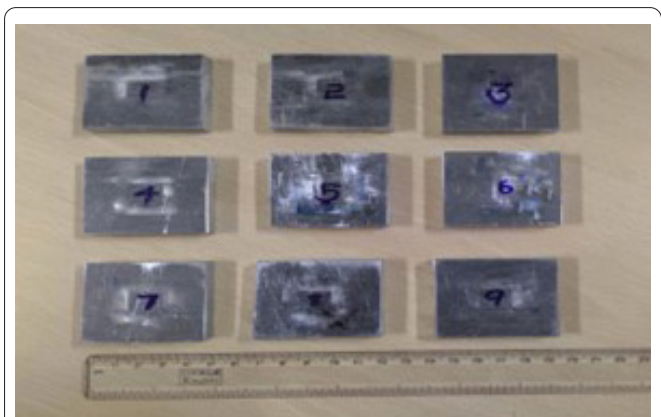


Figure 2: Raw specimen without machining.



Figure 3: Machined specimen (HSS tool).

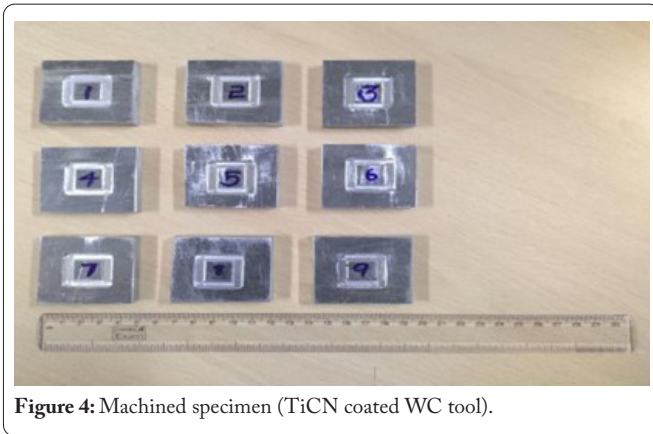


Figure 4: Machined specimen (TiCN coated WC tool).

Table 1: Machining parameters.

Parameter	Value
Standard ISO	4287 (1997)
Sampling length	5
Measuring speed	0.25 mm/sec
Cut off length	2.5 mm

both firms are provided in table 2 and table 3, respectively.

### Statistical analysis

IBM SPSS records 26' software was used to administer the statistical analysis (Table 4). The objective pattern analysis was successful in analyzing both the control organization's and the intervention group's approaches. Cutting speed, feed rate, and depth of cut are the independent factors, while surface roughness is variable. The statistical analysis was conducted using unbiased samples analysis and t-tests. In the results of the test using impartial samples, a significant level of 0.017 was found. The results of them were obtained, leading to the bar graph of mean comparison.

Table 2: Surface roughness obtained by using HSS tool (16 samples).

S. No	Cutting speed (rpm)	Feed (mm/rev)	Depth of cut (mm)	Surface roughness (µm)
1	500	2	0.2	1.86
2	710	4	0.4	1.32
3	1000	6	0.6	1.43
4	1400	8	0.8	1.312
5	500	4	0.4	1.231
6	710	2	0.2	1.421
7	1000	8	0.8	1.67
8	1400	6	0.6	1.421
9	500	6	0.6	1.231
10	710	8	0.8	1.543
11	1000	2	0.2	1.456
12	1400	4	0.4	1.479
13	1100	2	0.8	0.999
14	1100	4	0.6	1.001
15	1100	6	0.4	1.095
16	1100	8	0.2	1.076

Table 3: Surface roughness obtained by using TiCN coated WC tool (16 samples).

S. No	Cutting speed (rpm)	Feed (mm/rev)	Depth of cut (mm)	Surface roughness (µm)
1	500	2	0.2	0.98
2	710	4	0.4	0.949
3	1000	6	0.6	0.937
4	1400	8	0.8	0.933
5	500	4	0.4	0.898
6	710	2	0.2	0.855
7	1000	8	0.8	0.863
8	1400	6	0.6	0.822
9	500	6	0.6	0.873
10	710	8	0.8	0.738
11	1000	2	0.2	0.745
12	1400	4	0.4	0.735
13	1100	2	0.8	0.712
14	1100	4	0.6	0.652
15	1100	6	0.4	0.642
16	1100	8	0.2	0.628

## Results and Discussion

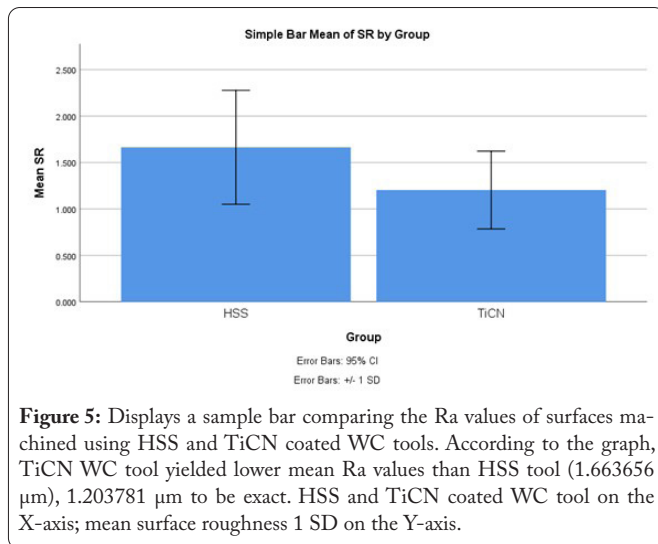
A statistical analysis is performed on the surface roughness checking out (Ra) rate that was determined using a profilometer on samples from both organizations (16 samples per group). The mean (1.203781 µm) of the intervention group (TiCN covered WC) is seen to be significantly lower than the mean (1.663656 µm) of the control group (HSS) (Figure 5).

As a result, the surface finish was significantly enhanced when using a TiCN coated WC tool compared to samples that were machined using traditional HSS equipment. The specifications of the applied inputs from the 16 test types are provided.

The lowest surface roughness was determined to be 1.049 µm using a HSS tool, 1100 m/min of speed, 0.2 mm of depth of cut, and a few 8 mm/rev feeds. A maximum surface polish of 2.9219 µm was recorded. By using a titanium Aluminum nitride coated WC cutter, 1100 m/min of speed, 0.2 mm of depth of cut, and 8 mm/rev of feed, the minimum surface roughness was achieved as 0.075 µm. The highest surface polish recorded was 1.969 µm. According to test results, TiCN coated WC tools have less surface roughness than HSS tools.

Table 4: Results of a t-test for a sample of the composite material AA7475 + ZrN + fly ash that was machined using two different techniques. HSS and TiCN coated WC tools are used to machine group A samples and group B samples, respectively. The proposed method's sample means (group B) are much lower than those obtained using the traditional HSS tool in sample group A.

Group statistics					
Ra	Composite	N	Mean	Std. deviation	Std. error mean
	HSS	16	1.3475	0.24171	1.32743
	TiCN coated WC	16	0.8101	0.117507	0.801905



**Figure 5:** Displays a sample bar comparing the Ra values of surfaces machined using HSS and TiCN coated WC tools. According to the graph, TiCN WC tool yielded lower mean Ra values than HSS tool (1.663656  $\mu\text{m}$ ), 1.203781  $\mu\text{m}$  to be exact. HSS and TiCN coated WC tool on the X-axis; mean surface roughness 1 SD on the Y-axis.

The significance level for the test is less than 0.05 ( $p < 0.05$ ) (Table 5). When reduced surface roughness is achieved through rapid cutting speed, shallower cutting depth, and high feed rate. With a significant value of  $p < 0.05$ , they statistically demonstrate intelligent importance. When using the TiCN coated WC tool instead of the HSS tool, the composite's surface roughness was significantly reduced. Additional factors that were influencing surface roughness were the feed rate and unit depth of cut, both of which are equally indicated in [11]. Surface roughness will increase together with feed rate and depth of cut [12]. In support of this, it is frequently said that using TiCN coated WC tools instead of traditional HSS tools reduced surface roughness by 21.82% because just a small number of input parameters were used. Additionally, the use of coated carbide tools in CNC machining [13] brand-new reinforced composites 3% of fly ash and 4% of novel ZrN (light weight material). Additionally, this study demonstrated that a WC tool with a TiCN coating is appropriate for this specific composite to encourage reduced surface roughness, as reduced surface roughness is necessary for every application in order to encourage enhanced surface finish. This work reports experimental analysis of the CNC(VMC) drilling process to evaluate the impact of cutting parameters to obtain top quality of drilled holes on material. Since the TiCN coated WC tool is typically recommended tool for CNC machining in

specific operation, namely contour milling with this minimal range of input parameters, higher speed, higher feed rate, and lower depth of cut gives minimized surface roughness for this composite. Taguchi L9 is frequently used to evaluate the impact of method parameters on output variables [14]. The assembly of squeeze cast components with better levels of surface quality would be made possible by these discoveries. Only three variables-squeeze pressure, die preheating temperature, and die material-are considered in this study [15, 16]. It is clear from the foregoing considerations that, in addition to the usual input factors (feed, speed, and depth of cut), the tool hardness and cutting zone temperatures have a significant impact on surface roughness. The TiCN coated WC tool produced substantially better results (reduced surface roughness) than the HSS tool because it is much harder. Although the outcomes greatly improved, this study has several restrictions. Although coolant will considerably help to reduce surface roughness, this study on green manufacturing did not take coolant impacts on surface roughness into account. The study was restricted to using WC tools with TiCN coatings to reduce surface roughness. Therefore, this study will be expanded to consider harsher tools with specially coated coatings in addition to those already taken into account, as well as cooling effects such wet machining, minimum liquid amount cooling, cryogenic cooling, etc. for further lowering the surface finish values.

### Conclusion

The CNC green machining of the novel light weight material AA7475 + ZrN + fly ash reinforcement composite using HSS and TiCN coated WC tools was compared for minimizing surface roughness within the confines of this investigation. The outcome demonstrates that the group means of samples produced by machines using TiCN coated WC tools had reduced surface roughness than those produced by HSS tools. Surface roughness is thereby reduced on average by 19.97%.

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### Conflict of Interest

None.

**Table 5:** Results of independent samples tests for CNC milling of the reinforced composite material AA7475 + 4% novel ZrN + 3% fly ash machined with traditional HSS tool (group 1) and suggested TiCN coated WC tool (group 2). Because the significance value of 0.017 is less than 0.05, the obtained results are statistically significant.

Independent samples test									
Ra	Levene's test for equality of variances		T test for equality of means						
	F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2 tailed)	Mean difference	Std. error difference	95% confidence interval of the difference	
								Lower	Upper
Equal variances assumed	6.415	0.017	2.476	30	0.019	0.459875	0.185764	0.08049	0.839255
Equal variances not assumed	-	-	2.476	26.48	0.02	0.459875	0.185764	0.07836	0.84138

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