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PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING HARD METAL PARTS

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VERFAHREN ZUR HERSTELLUNG VON HARTMETALLBAUTEILEN

Title (fr)

PROCEDE DE FABRICATION DE PIECES EN METAL DUR

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[origin: DE19546901C1] The invention relates to the field of the ceramic and hard metal industries and concerns a process for manufacturing hard metal parts, in particular those having a complex geometry, such as those used for example as machining tools and wear elements. The object of the invention is to create a process which allows the manufacture of hard metal parts with a complex geometry by using a stable dispersed hard metal-binder suspension, in which the binder is a thermoplastic binder having a viscosity of 3 to 6 mPas, and without using an organic solvent to eliminate the binder. For that purpose, a process is disclosed wherein a hard metal powder having an average corn size smaller than 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  is mixed with a liquefied thermoplastic binder, the viscosity of the mixture being set upon a value of at least 100 mPas and up to 4000 mPas during the whole production and treatment process. The thus obtained stable disperse suspension is shaped into a moulded body from which the thermoplastic binder is then expelled and the binder-free shaped body is then sintered.

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