

Title (en)

Process for forming a superficial layer having a high hardness by plasma-free thermochemical treatment

Title (de)

Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Oberflächenschicht von grosser Härte durch thermochemische plasmafreie Behandlung

Title (fr)

Procédé pour la formation, par traitement thermochimique sans plasma, d'une couche superficielle présentant une dureté élevée

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0885980A2] A hard surface layer is formed on a piece of alloy which is reactive with nitrogen, oxygen or carbon, such as titanium or zirconium, by heating the piece to over 650 degrees C in an enclosure where the pressure is no more than 0.1 mbar, then injecting a suitable reactive gas but still maintaining a pressure below atmospheric for a period between a few tens of minutes and 24 hours or more, depending on the layer thickness required.

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