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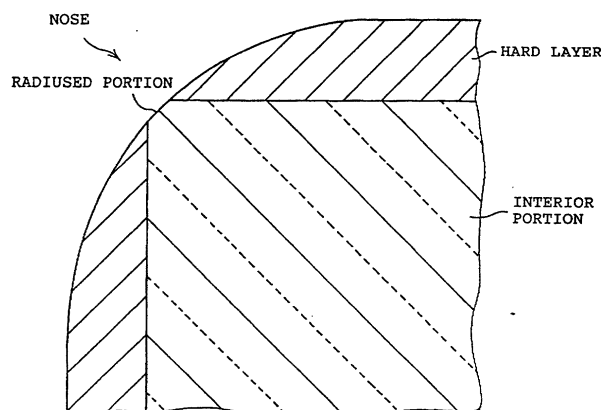
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(54) **Cermet tool and method for manufacturing the same**

(57) A cermet tool 1 is composed of a hard layer 11 which is very hard and which covers the surface of the tool 1, and an interior portion 13 which is covered with and softer than the hard layer 11. A nose 7, which comes into contact with a workpiece during cutting, is formed at a corner of the cermet tool 1. The tip of the nose 7 is

radiused through honing to curvature having a radius of 0.04 mm to 0.16 mm so as to form a radiused portion 15 where the interior portion 13 of the tool 1 is exposed. Accordingly, the hard layer 11 is disposed around the radiused portion (exposure portion) 15, and provides a cermet tool having excellent resistance to chipping and wear.

**Fig. 1**





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