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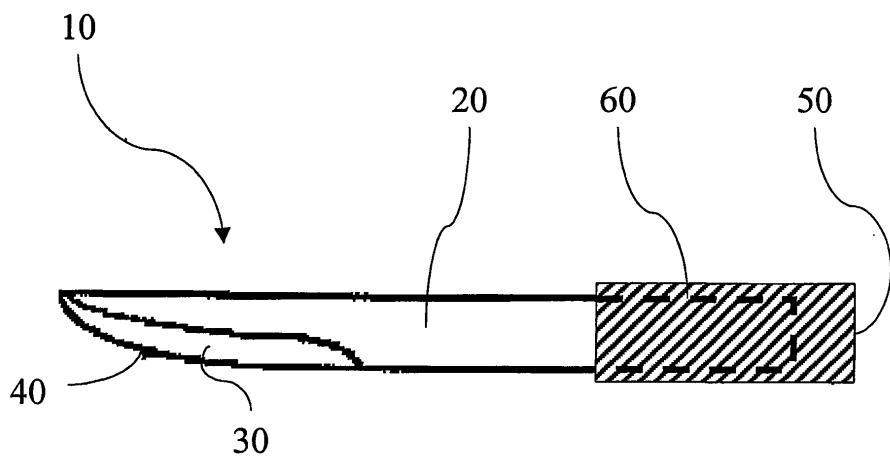
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(54) Sharp-edged cutting tools

(57) The invention regards a cutting tool comprising a blade portion having a sharpened edge and a body portion, wherein at least one of the blade portion (30) and the body portion (20) are formed from a bulk amorphous alloy material. In an embodiment, the at least one portion

formed from the bulk amorphous alloy has a thickness of at least 0.5 mm. In another embodiment, the at least one portion formed from the bulk amorphous alloy is designed such that it does not undergo plastic deformation at strain levels of at least about 1.2%.

Figure 1





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1. claims: 1,2,16,22-24

A cutting tool having a sharpened blade portion and a body portion wherein at least one of these portions consists of an undefined bulk amorphous alloy and method of its manufacture

2. claims: 3,11,12

A cutting tool having a sharpened blade portion and a body portion wherein at least one of these portions consists of a bulk amorphous alloy defined by its ability to withstand plastic deformation when strained.

3. claims: 4-7

A cutting tool having a sharpened blade portion and a body portion wherein at least one of these portions consists of a bulk amorphous alloy defined by some of its physical properties.

4. claims: 8-10

A cutting tool having a sharpened blade portion and a body portion wherein at least one of these portions consists of a ferrous bulk amorphous alloy.

5. claim: 13

A cutting tool having a sharpened blade portion and a body portion wherein at least one of these portions consists of a bulk amorphous alloy comprising an undefined amount of a ductile metallic crystalline phase precipitate.

6. claims: 14,15

A cutting tool having a sharpened blade portion and a body portion wherein at least one of these portions consists of an undefined bulk amorphous alloy and wherein the cutting tool further comprises an handle.

7. claim: 17



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A cutting tool having a sharpened blade portion and a body portion wherein at least one of these portions consists of an undefined bulk amorphous alloy and wherein the sharpened edge has a specific radius of curvature.

8. claims: 18,19

A cutting tool having a sharpened blade portion and a body portion wherein at least one of these portions consists of a bulk amorphous alloy and wherein the blade portion is coated.

9. claim: 20

A cutting tool having a sharpened blade portion and a body portion wherein at least one of these portions consists of a bulk amorphous alloy and whereby the cutting tool is a knife or a scalpel.

10. claim: 21

A cutting tool having a sharpened blade portion and a body portion wherein at least one of these portions consists of a bulk amorphous alloy and wherein the sharpened edge is serrated.
