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Prices valid from 1st March 2023. This price list supersedes all previous price lists.

All prices exclude VAT.

Delivery is £17.50 per order up to 25Kg. Timed deliveries are £25.

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There is no minimum or maximum order.

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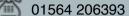


Welcome to our 2023 consumables price list

We offer 24/48 hour delivery as standard from our UK warehouse for the majority of consumable items. Most morning orders are despatched the same day for delivery the following working day.

The few items not carried in stock are marked with this icon: 1 . They can be ordered very easily and will be delivered within 2-4 weeks.

If you cannot find what you're looking for just contact us: 201564 206393





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In addition to our consumables we offer a complete range of equipment needed for sample preparation, testing and analysis. If you'd like to discuss how to improve the speed and consistency of your sample preparation route and reduce your costs, we'd be delighted to help.

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Cutting





Aka-Cut 1000 (500-1000HV) 5 pcs 11151170 £118

Diamond Cut-off wheels										
Metal bonded (1 pc)	Resin bonded	(1 pc)								
125 x 0.5 x 12.7 AP101250	£275	200 x 1.5 x 32	AP102060	£340						
150 x 0.5 x 12.7 AP101550	£340	250 x 1.5 x 32	AP102560	£475						
175 x 0.6 x 12.7 AP101850	£390	300 x 1.5 x 32	AP103060	£525						



Cut-off wheels	off wheels 250mm (10")		300mm (12")		350mm (14")		400mm (16")		432mm (17")	
Actual size:	254 x 1.7 x	32mm	305 x 2.2 x	32mm	354 x 2.6 x	32mm	406 x 3.2 x	32mm	Note: Prices for 432) mm
Aka-Cut 500HV (10)	11251140	£148	11301140	£178	11351140	£206	11411140	£326	are for box of	
Actual size:	250 x 1.5 x	32mm	300 x 2.0 x	32mm	350 x 2.5 x	32mm	400 x 3.0 x	32mm	432 x 3.0 x	32mm
Aka-Cut Fe50 (10)	11252150	£232	11302150	£306	11352150	£427	11402150	£572	11432150	£386
Aka-Cut Fe60 (10)	11252160	£232	11302160	£306	11352160	£427	11402160	£572	11432160	£386
Aka-Cut NF10 (10)	11252110	£232	11302110	£306	11352110	£427	11402110	£572	11432110	£386
Aka-Cut Ti20 (10)	11252120	£232	11302120	£306	11352120	£427	11402120	£572	11432120	£386

Cutting accessories										
Aka-Cool - Concentrate for recirculation units										
Aka-Cool	11	19201015	£55	51	19201017	£180				
Aka-NoFoam - Anti-	foaming conc	entrate for reci	rculation	n units						
Aka-NoFoam	500ml	19501013	£65							

Aka-Cut 500HV

These blades have a unique fibre-web coating that leads to:

- an exceptional lifetime and fewer breakages
 - clean cuts due to water retention
- reliable cutting of surface hardened samples that normally compress during cutting



Recommended Cut-off Wheels

Hardness Range	50-250 HV	100-350 HV	250-500 HV	350-700 HV	500-1000 HV	
Brass						
Ceramic Capacitors						
Titanium Alloys						
Aluminium Alloys						
Plasma Spray Coated Parts						/
Coated Sintered Carbides						
Stainless and Duplex Steel						
Titanium Fasteners						
Carbon Composites						
Soft Materials						
Medium Hard Materials						
Hard Materials						
Electronic Parts						
Cast Iron						
Zinc Coated Steel						
Medium Soft Materials						
Nitrided Steel						
Surface Hardened Steel						
Superalloys with Diffusion Coatings						
Superalloys						
Cut-Off Wheel	AKA-Cut NF10	AKA-Cut Ti20	AKA-Cut 500HV	AKA-Cut Fe50	AKA-Cut Fe60	Diamond



Metallurgy isn't ALL about consumables. We supply equipment too!

Cut-off machines, mounting presses, grinder/polishers...



£62

£48

£470



Cold Mounting



Our epoxies have perfect adhesion and minimal shrinkage. These cured resins have no environmental risk. This makes them ideal for both routine work and for embedding difficult specimens such as plasma sprayed coatings or porous surfaces.

We provide resin and hardener separately so you can order only what you need.

Aka-Resin Liquid is a low viscosity, transparent epoxy resin. One of the Aka-Cure hardeners is required in addition to the liquid.

Our acrylic resin consists of a powder and a liquid.

Aka-Clear-2 is a fast curing, transparent embedding system. It cures in 8mins and produces totally clear, bubble free mount without having to use a pressure pot.

Mixing of the two components is not critical: if a slightly thinner mix is required a little extra liquid can be added without an adverse effect on the cured mount.

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	Mounting Epoxies & Resins											
	Aka-Resin Epoxy Liqu	id			Aka-Cure Quick Harde	ener - 30mi	n cure @ 80º	°C				
	Aka-Resin Liquid	11	25101115	£63	Aka-Cure Quick	<u></u> 500ml	25101223					
Aka-Resin	Aka-Cure Slow Harden	er - 8-12	2hrs cure @	20°C								
Tompored by St.	Aka-Cure Slow	500ml	25101213	£68	Aka-Cure Slow-2*	500ml	25102213					
D. 8510	Aka-Clear-2 Acrylic Re	sin Sys	tem - 8min	cure @ R	T. Best in class for edge	retention.						
**************************************	Aka-Clear-2 Powder	1kg	25202311	£108	Aka-Clear-2 Powder	5kg	25202313	£				
	Aka-Clear-2 Liquid 👌	11	25202415	£104	* Discounted price as Aka-Cure	e Slow-2 has b	een discontinue	d.				
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Moulds and Accessor	ies							
Polyethylene - 10 pcs	25mm		30mn	า	40mm		50mm	
Aka-Mould	73112510	£32 7	3113010	£36	73114010	£44	73115010	£49
Silicone rubber - 10 pcs	25mm		1.25'		40mm		50mm	
Circular	S10A01	£75	S10A02	£80	S10A03	£87	S10A04	£95
Silicone rubber - 10 pcs	20x55x27ı	mm	40x70x23mm		50x100x25mm		LxWx	D
Rectangular	S10B00	£137	S10B01	£145	S10B02	£150		
Mould Release Agent			CI	ips				
Aka-No Stick Powder 50g	219011	05 £90	Al	ka-Clip S	St. Steel 100 po	cs	73210860	£53
Aka-No Stick Liquid 250ml 25901201 £26		Al	ka-Clip T	rio 100 pcs		AK8810	£29	
Cold Mounting Mixing Kit								

73511075

£90

200 cups, 200 sticks



Hot Mounting

Epoxy - black, mineral-filled res	sin offering the	e best edge reter	ntion and eml	bedding		
Aka-Resin Epoxy	1kg	21101521	£72	7.5kg	21101524	£401
Acrylic - clear thermoplastic re	sin					
Aka-Resin Acrylic	1kg	21201001	£64	7.5kg	21201004	£382
Melamine - white, mineral-filled	I resin offering	amazing edge r	etention			
Aka-Resin Melamine	1kg	21301511	£69	7.5kg	21301514	£396
Phenolic - black, wood-filled, e	conomy value	resin				
Aka-Resin Phenolic	2.5kg	21501122	£66	7.5kg	21501124	£143
Black Bakelite	25kg	AP112007	£189			
Phenolic SEM - black, graphite	e-filled, conduc	ctive resin				
SEM Conductive Phenolic	1kg	21501721	£103	7.5kg	21501724	£579





We offer a range of hot mounting compounds for use in hot embedding presses. These products are available in 1kg to 25kg packs.

- Aka-Resin Epoxy a black, mineral-filled compound for excellent embedding and edge retention.
- Aka-Resin Acrylic a crystal clear, transparent, thermoplastic resin.
- Aka-Resin Melamine a white, mineral-filled compound offering excellent edge retention. We believe this to be even better than the Epoxy.
- Aka-Resin Phenolic a black wood-filled compound for economic embedding or backfilling.



Grinding & Polishing

Fine Grinding

Aka-Piatto

Aka-Piattos are a series of polymer-coated steel, diamond grinding discs suitable for magnetic systems. They are colour coded in grit sizes P80-P2400.

They have a number of advantages over grinding papers. They can:

- · Replace several grinding stages
- Replace 100-200 pieces of grinding paper
- · Create fully plane samples avoiding half-moon effects
- · Last longer due to the wear compensation design
- Maintain absolute edge retention due to the diamond abrasive being bonded to the disc
- Plane and fine-grind all materials harder than 150HV, although for materials above 400HV we recommend the use of a long life dressing stick (AP9885).

Aka-Piatto+

Aka-Piatto+ are a series of Piatto discs with double the diamond concentration used on Aka-Piattos. They have an improved lifetime and produce a finer surface finish on brittle samples such as cermets and ceramics due to the lower specific pressure.

They share all the other features of Aka-Piattos such as colour-coding, wear compensated design and the 3 small tabs for easy exchange. Aka-Piatto+ discs need to be dressed with a dressing stick before first use and, depending on the material, once in a while during use.

We recommend the dressing stick AP9885.

Aka-Allegran & Aka-Largan

Aka-Allegran & Aka-Largan are rigid fine grinding/polishing discs. Built in abrasive is released when diamond suspension or spray is added during preparation. This unique abrasive system results in high removal rates, perfect planeness and a very long life. Discs are delivered ready to use and require no maintenance.

Aka-Largan 9 is used for fine grinding of soft materials in the range 50HV to 400HV. Diamond suspension or spray in grain sizes 15 to 3μ m is added during preparation.

Aka-Allegran 9 is used with 15 to 3 μ m diamond for fine grinding materials harder than 450HV. It will replace grinding steps from P320-P1200 in a single step.

Aka-Allegran 6 is recommended when an optimal balance between material removal and fine surface finish is required. It is the most universal disc in the range. It provides fast fine grinding of most materials with a hardness above 150HV using 9 to 3μ m diamonds. It will replace the traditional grinding steps from P320-P1200 with one single step.

Aka-Allegran 3 can also be used with 15 to $3\mu m$ diamond for fine grinding materials with a hardness above 150HV. It also replaces P320-P1200 in a single step. Used with $6\mu m$ diamond it will produce perfectly flat samples ready for final polishing with $1\mu m$.

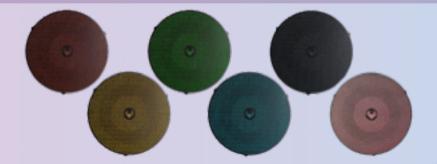
Aka-Allegran 1 is used for polishing material with a hardness above 150HV. It can be used with diamonds as small as 0.1 μ m resulting in outstanding planeness.

Rhaco Grit Abrasive Papers

Our brand of plain abrasive grit papers, the Rhaco grit, are available in all standard sizes. Also available to special order in 9". Please contact us for prices.

Rhaco grit papers have several advantages over traditional SiC papers:

- · Lasting 2-3 times longer than typical P120, P180, P220 and P320 papers
- Providing better edge retention than usual P500-P1200 papers
- Replacing self-adhesive paper when used with an Aka-Rhaco (see pages 10-13)





Grinding & Polishing

Polishing Cloths

Magnetic Polishing Cloths

Our range of magnetic polishing cloths contain a thick polymer barrier that keeps lubricant and abrasive on the surface. This makes them more effective at removing material. The magnetic backing ensures easy placement and removal.



Magnetic Adaption

We have magnetic adaption to suit every situation.

Aka-Rhaco is a stainless steel disc with a soft adhesive polymer coating on one side. This creates a low tack finish which means that additional adhesive is not required. It lasts for over 200 applications and is perfect for grinding and polishing.

Use with:

- Rhaco grit instead of buying expensive PSA backed papers
- Aka-cloths without removing their liner. Simply lay the cloth on the Aka-Rhaco and you have a magnetic cloth. When the cloth is worn out simply replace it with another.

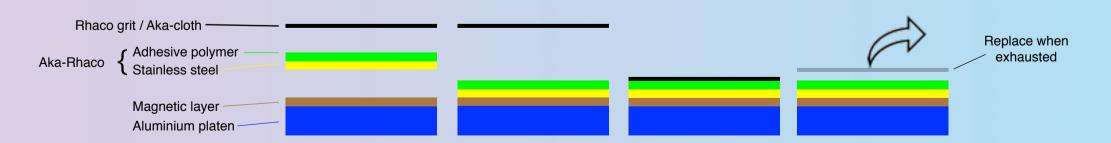
Aka-Rhaco Flex uses a soft magnetic polymer material in place of the stainless steel disc. Due to its lower magnetism it is only recommended for polishing or manual grinding.

Aka-Rhaco-PSA is a self adhesive version which is adhered directly onto a platen and will remain there until worn out.

Please Note:

On the following pages details are given for 8",10", 12" and 14" consumables.

How the Rhaco system works:





200mm (8")

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200mm (8") consumables

	Aka-Piat	to (1 pc)			Aka-Piatto	o+ (1 pc)			Aka-	Allegran (2 pcs)			Rhaco-Gr	it Plain Paper	
80	Red-Brown	31212010	£95	80	Red-Brown	31412010	£131	9	Grey	33412022	£124	P120	(50pcs)	35220207	£32
120	Yellow-Ochre	31212020	£77	120	Yellow-Ochre	31412020	£100	6	Red	33412032	£113	P180	(100pcs)	35220258	£54
220	Green	31212030	£69	220	Green	31412030	£89	3	Blue	33412042	£113	P220	(100pcs)	35220308	£52
600	Blue	31212045	£69	600	Blue	31412045	£89	1	Buff	33412062	£113	P320	(100pcs)	35220358	£52
1200	Black	31212060	£69	1200	Black	31412060	£89					P500	(100pcs)	35220408	£52
2400	Pink	31212075	£87						Aka	-Largan (2 pcs)		P800	(100pcs)	35220508	£52
								9	Grey	33212022	£113	P1000	(100pcs)	35220558	£52
												P1200	(100pcs)	35220608	£52
Ma	agnetic Polishir	ng Cloths (5 p	ocs)			Magnetic	Polishing	Cloths	(5 pcs)			P2400	(100pcs)	35220758	£185
Mag-l	Plaran	42201013	£84	Fine		Mag-Napal	4	2207013	£	76 Fine		P4000	(100pcs)	35220908	£185
				arindina						polishing					

Magnetic Polish	Magnetic Polishing Cloths (5 pcs)								
Mag-Plaran	42201013	£84	Fine						
Mag-Paran-S	42202013	£92	grinding 15-6µm						
Mag-Silk	42204013	£87	Polishing						
Mag-Daran	42202513	£84	6-1 <i>µ</i> m						
Mag-Ramda	42203 <mark>01</mark> 3	£66	Polishing						
Mag-Moran	42205013	£89	3 <i>µ</i> m						
Mag-Moran-U	42205113	£75							
Mag-Plural	42206013	£76							

Magneti	c Adaption	P	
Aka-Rhaco	75151202	£93	
Aka-Rhaco Flex	75152202	£75	Aka-Rhaco, Aka-R <mark>h</mark> aco Flex and Aka-Rhaco PSA
Aka-Rhaco PSA	75153202	£75	sol <mark>d</mark> in p <mark>acks of 2.</mark> Aka-Magnet sold in
Aka-Magnet	75110201	£35	packs of 1.

42209013

1μm or less

Mag-Chemal

		Hermes	SiC Paper	
	P2500	(100pcs)	35820808	£9
Aka-Rhaco, Aka-Rhaco				



250mm (10")

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250mm (10") consumables

	Aka-Piatt	o (1 pc)			Aka-Piatt	o+ (1 pc)			Aka-Alle	egran (2 pcs)			Rhaco-Gr	it Plain Paper	
80	Red-Brown	31212510	£104	80	Red-Brown	31412510	£141	9	Grey	33412522	£135	P120	(50pcs)	35225207	£47
120	Yellow-Ochre	31212520	£87	120	Yellow-Ochre	31412520	£119	6	Red	33412532	£124	P180	(100pcs)	35225258	£75
220	Green	31212530	£79	220	Green	31412530	£105	3	Blue	33412542	£124	P220	(100pcs)	35225308	£70
600	Blue	3 <mark>12</mark> 12545	£79	600	Blue	31412545	£105	1	Buff	33412562	£124	P320	(100pcs)	35225358	£70
1200	Black	31212560	£79	1200	Black	31412560	£105					P500	(100pcs)	35225408	£70
2400	Pink	31212575	£102						Aka-La	argan (2 pcs)		P800	(100pcs)	35225508	£70
								9	Grey	332125 <mark>2</mark> 2	£124	P1000	(100pcs)	35225558	£70
												P1200	(100pcs)	35225608	£70
Ma	agnetic Polishin	g Cloths (5 إ	pcs)			Magnetic	Polishing	Cloths	(5 pcs)			P2400	(100pcs)	35225758	£272
Mag-	Plaran	42251013	£102	Fine	-	Mag-Napal	4	2257013	£102	Fine		P4000	(100pcs)	35225908	£272
Mag-	Paran-S	42252013	£122	grinding		Mag-Chemal	4	2259013	£122	polishing 1um or less					

Magnetic Polish			
Mag-Plaran	42251013	£102	Fine
Mag-Paran-S	42252013	£122	grinding 15-6µm
Mag-Silk	42254013	£116	Polishing
Mag-Daran	42252513	£102	6-1 <i>μ</i> m
Mag-Ramda	42253013	£80	Polishing
Mag-Moran	42255013	£121	3 <i>µ</i> m
Mag-Moran-U	42255113	£89	
Mag-Plural	42256013	£102	

Magne	tic Adaption	
Aka-Rhaco	751512 <mark>52</mark>	£109
Aka-Rhaco Flex	75152252	£90
Aka-Rhaco PSA	75153252	£90
Aka-Magnet	75110251	£47

Aka-Rhaco, Aka-Rhaco
Flex and Aka-Rhaco PSA
sold in packs of 2.
Aka-Magnet sold in
packs of 1.



300mm (12")

Grinding & Polishing

300mm (12") consumables

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	Aka-Piatt	o (1 pc)			Aka-Piatt	o+ (1 pc)			Aka-Al	llegran (2 pcs)			Rhaco-Gri	t Plain Paper	
80	Red-Brown	31213010	£157	80	Red-Brown	31413010	£211	9	Grey	33413022	£149	P120	(50pcs)	35230207	£61
120	Yellow-Ochre	31213020	£127	120	Yellow-Ochre	31413020	£169	6	Red	33413032	£137	P180	(100pcs)	35230258	£103
220	Green	31213030	£110	220	Green	31413030	£146	3	Blue	33413042	£137	P220	(100pcs)	35230308	£97
600	Blue	31213045	£110	600	Blue	31413045	£146	1	Buff	33413062	£137	P320	(100pcs)	35230358	£97
1200	Black	31213060	£110	1200	Black	31413060	£146				工	P500	(100pcs)	35230408	£97
2400	Pink	31213075	£143						Aka-L	argan (2 pcs)		P800	(100pcs)	35230508	£97
								9	Grey	332130 <mark>2</mark> 2	£137	P1000	(100pcs)	35230558	£97
												P1200	(100pcs)	35230608	£97
Magnetic Polishing Cloths (5 pcs)					Magnetic F	Polishing	Cloths	(5 pcs)			P2400	(100pcs)	35230758	£385	
Mag-I	Plaran	42301013	£129	Fine	-0	Mag-Napal	42	2307010	3 £129			P4000	(100pcs)	35230908	£385
Mag-I	Paran-S	42302013	£166	grinding 15-6 μ m		Mag-Chemal	42	2309010	3 £166	polishing 1µm or less					

Magnetic Polisl				
Mag-Plaran	42301013	£129	Fine	
Mag-Paran-S	42302013	£166	grinding 15-6µm	
Mag-Silk	42304013	£145	Polishing	
Mag-Daran	42302513	£129	6-1 <i>µ</i> m	
Mag-Ramda	42303013	£83	Polishing	
Mag-Moran	42305013	£156	3 <i>µ</i> m	
Mag-Moran-U	42305113	£113		
Mag-Plural	42306013	£129		

Magnet	tic Adaption	
Aka-Rhaco	75151302	£132
Aka-Rhaco Flex	75152302	£105
Aka-Rhaco PSA	75153302	£105
Aka-Magnet	75110301	£53

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	P2500	(100pcs	35830808	£160			
Aka-Rhaco, Aka-Rhaco							

Flex and Aka-Rhaco PSA

sold in packs of 2. Aka-Magnet sold in

packs of 1.



350mm (14")

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350mm (14") consumables

	Aka-Piatto	o (1 pc)	
80	Red-Brown	31213510	£218
120	Yellow-Ochre	31213520	£177
220	Green	31213530	£153
600	Blue	31213545	£153
1200	Black	31213560	£153

Aka-Piatto+
Not available in 350mm Ø

	Aka- <i>l</i>	Allegran (2 pcs)	
9	Grey	33413522	£214
6	Red	33413532	£198
3	Blue	33413542	£198
1	Buff	33413562	£198

4	Not available in 350mm Ø
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8	
	Magnetic Adaption

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	Aka-L	argan (2 pcs)	
	7	(= p)	
9	Grey	332135 <mark>2</mark> 2	£198

Magneti	c Adaption	
Aka-Rhaco	75151352	£154
Aka-Rhaco Flex	75152352	£126
Aka-Rhaco PSA	75153352	£126
Aka-Magnet	75110351	£68
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Rhaco-Grit Plain Paper

Magnetic Polis	shing Cloths (5 p	ocs)	
Mag-Plaran	42351013	£193	Fine
Mag-Paran-S	42352013	£252	grinding 15-6µm
Mag-Silk	42354013	£203	Polishing
Mag-Daran	42352513	£193	6-1 <i>µ</i> m
Mag-Ramda	42353013	£141	Polishing
Mag-Moran	42355013	£233	3 <i>µ</i> m
Mag-Moran-U	42355113	£163	
Mag-Plural	42356013	£193	

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Mag-Napal	42357013	£193	Fine
Mag-Chemal	42359013	£252	polishing 1µm or less

Magnetic Polishing Cloths (5 pcs)

	PSA sold in packs of 2. Aka-Magnet sold in packs of 1.
it	And Magnet Sold III packs of 1.

Grinding Stones 356mm 150 grit

Our stone grinding discs are ideal for general metal grinding and fit both Struers[™] and ATM© grinding machines with stone adapters.

Al ₂ O ₃ grinding stone	(1pc)	39136240	£462
SiC grinding stone	(1pc)	39136210	£570
Al ₂ O ₃ grinding stone with base plate	(1pc)	39235240	£622



Diamond Suspensions, Oxides and Lubricants

DiaUltra is a unique 2-in-1 diamond suspension that provides absolutely the best preparation results in the shortest possible time.

DiaUltra is an advanced diamond suspension using high-quality diamonds and a superior lubrication system. With **DiaUltra** you get the highest material removal, shortest preparation times and best surface quality possible. This diamond suspension can reduce your preparation time by up to 40%, which also means that you can save cost on consumables as well. **DiaUltra** is recommended for all materials, as long as they are not water sensitive. Only having to dose one liquid - instead of two - makes the preparation easy, trouble-free and reproducible.

DiaMaxx-Poly, DiaMaxx-Mono, DiaDoublo-Poly and **DiaDoublo-Mono** are one dose liquid preparations containing both diamonds and a lubricant (Aka-Lube Clear plus) in a permanently stable form that offers excellent and consistent results. Unlike other two-in-one products on the market, they are perfectly compatible with any polishing or fine-grinding surface. The **DiaMaxx** products contain 20ct/l of diamonds while the **DiaDoublos** contain 10ct/l. They contain no oil and are consequently very easy to clean.

Aka-Poly, Aka-Mono, Aka-Poly Plus and Aka-Mono Plus contain no lubricants, allowing you to choose the most suitable one for your project. The suspensions have been developed to ensure that the diamond stays evenly distributed throughout the products. This ensures an outstanding, scratch-free finish is achieved every time. They have been designed for use with semi-automatic systems and are compatible with all manufacturers' dosers. Aka-Poly and Aka-Mono contain 20ct/l of diamonds (up to 50% greater than comparable products on the market) while the Plus products contain 40ct/l leading to exceptional removal rates and cost/time savings.

Our range of glycol based **Water Free Diamond Suspensions** contain less than 0.1% water and are ideal for water sensitive samples. They are all oil-free to ensure easy cleaning and are non-hazardous and non-flammable. **Aka-Poly Water-free** and **DiaDoublo Water-free** are made from non-toxic and non-flammable glycols. **Aka-Stick** and **Aka-Paste** are both water-free and are ideal for manual polishing and for quick charging of new polishing cloths. Both have high diamond concentrations to ensure high removal rates.

Our range of fumed and colloidal **Silica Suspensions** are designed to suit a variety of materials and are available in grain sizes from 0.05-0.2 μ m. They polish through a combined chemical and mechanical reaction. The chemical etches the surface which is then removed by the soft silica leaving a deformation-free surface. They are designed to prevent the crystal formation common in competing products. Our water-free suspensions are unique on the market. The **Alumina Oxides** are virtually pH neutral for final polishing.

Lubricants

Our low viscosity lubricants provide an unrivalled combination of removal rates and smooth finish. The low evaporation rates and very stable preparation ensure that they offer consistent lubrication. This reduces the heat produced in the grinding and polishing process.

Aka-Lube Green - a very thin film suitable for high removal in initial preparation stages.

Aka-Lube Red - a thick film giving the best finish for final polishing.

Aka-Lube Yellow - a general purpose lubricant, sitting between Red & Green.

Aka-Lube Clear Plus - a polymer based lubricant with an excellent removal rate. It is deal for use with Aka-Poly and Aka-Mono (and their Plus ranges) or any suspension that does not already contain a lubricant.

Aka-Lube Clear - a water-free, non-hazardous and non-flammable version of Aka-Lube Clear Plus.

Aka-Lube Blue - water free, very thin lubricant for high removal rates.

Aka-Lube Blue Concentrate - a traditional water-free ethanol based lubricant. It requires the addition of ethanol in a ratio of 10:1 to create a thin film for high removal rates.



Self-Lubricating Diamond Suspensions

		Dia	Ultra		DiaMax	cx-Poly		DiaMax	x-Mond		DiaDou	blo-Pol	y	DiaDou	blo-Mor	10
15 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	43618013		£87	43128013		£106	43118013		£76	43328013		£76	43318013		£42
	2.51							43118016		£220	43328016		£346	43318016		£160
	51	43618017	T	£483	43128017		£855	43118017	T	£415	43328017		£615	43318017		£297
9 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	43617013		£87	43127013	$\overline{\lambda}$	£106	43117013		£76	43327013		£76	43317013		£42
	2.51							43117016		£220	43327016		£346	43317016		£160
	51	43617017	4	£483	43127017		£855	43117017	T	£415	43327017		£615	43317017	1	£297
6μm	500ml	43616013		£87	43126013		£106	43116013		£76	43326013		£76	43316013		£42
	2.51							43116016		£220	43326016		£346	43316016		£160
	51	43616017	T	£483	43126017		£855	43116017	T	£415	43326017		£615	43316017	7	£297
3µm	500ml	43615013		£87	43125013		£106	43115013		£76	43325013		£76	43315013		£42
	2.51							43115016		£220	43325016		£346	43315016		£160
	51	43615017	T	£483	43125017	4	£855	43115017	T	£415	43325017	4	£615	43315017	T	£297
1 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	43614013		£87	43124013		£106	43114013		£76	43324013		£76	43314013		£42
	2.51							43114016		£220	43324016		£346	43314016		£160
	51	43614017	T	£483	43124017		£855	43114017	1	£415	43324017		£615	43314017	1	£297
0.25 <i>μ</i> m	500ml	43612513		£87	43122513		£106				43322513		£76			
	2.51										43322516	4	£346			
	51	43612517	4	£483	43122517	1	£855				43322517		£615			



Diamond Suspensions

		Aka-Po	oly	Aka-N	lono	Aka-Po	oly+	Aka-N	lono+
15 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	44128013	£139	44118013	£84	44148013	£195	44138013	£113
	11	44128015	£263	44118015	£149	44148015	£363	44138015	£206
9 <i>μ</i> m	500ml	44127013	£139	44117013	£84	44147013	£195	44137013	£113
	11	44127015	£263	44117015	£149	44147015	£363	44137015	£206
6μm	500ml	44126013	£139	44116013	£84	44146013	£195	44136013	£113
	11	44126015	£263	44116015	£149	44146015	£363	44136015	£206
3 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	44125013	£139	44115013	£84	44145013	£195	44135013	£113
	11	44125015	£263	44115015	£149	44145015	£363	44135015	£206
1 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	44124013	£139	44114013	£84	44144013	£195	44134013	£113
	11	44124015	£263	44114015	£149	44144015	£363	44134015	£206
0.5 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	44123013	£139						
	11	44123015	£263						
0.25 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	44122513	£139			44142513	£195		
	11	44122515	£263						

Most of our diamond preparations can be supplied with either poly-crystalline or mono-crystalline diamonds. But which to choose?

Poly-crystalline diamonds are more resistant to fracture under load and consequently produce a more consistent polish. They also last longer since when they do fracture they produce new cutting edges. Mono-crystalline diamonds are, however, cheaper.

Don't forget to factor in the lubricant. The lubricant also has a massive effect on the quality and speed of preparation.

Just email websales@aptexgroup.com for more information.



Water-free Polishing Media

		Aka-Stick Poly	
9µm	20ml	46027012	£97
6µm	20ml	46026012	£97
3 <i>µ</i> m	20ml	46025012	£97
1 <i>µ</i> m	20ml	46024012	£97
0.25µ	20ml	46022512	£97

Other diamond sizes available. Please contact us.

		Aka-Pas	te Poly	
15 <i>µ</i> m	10ml	47028011	4	£97
9µm	10ml	47027011	1	£97
6µm	10ml	47026011	1	£97
3µm	10ml	47025011		£97
1 <i>µ</i> m	10ml	47024011		£97
0.25μ	10ml	47022511	1	£97

		Aka-Poly Water-fr	ee
15 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	44168013	£140
9 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	44167013	£140
6µm	500ml	44166013	£140
3 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	44165013	£140
1 <i>µ</i> m	500ml	44164013	£140
0.25 <i>μ</i> m	500ml	44162513	£140

		Aka-Stick Mono	
9 <i>µ</i> m	20ml	46017012	£56
6µm	20ml	46016012	£56
3µm	20ml	46015012	£56
1 <i>µ</i> m	20ml	46014012	£56

		Aka-Paste Mono				
15 <i>µ</i> m	10ml	47018011	4	£56		
9µm	10ml	47017011	1	£56		
6μm	10ml	47016011		£56		
3µm	10ml	47015011		£56		
1µm	10ml	47014011	7	£56		





Lubricants & Oxides

Lubricants							
Aka-Lube Green							
11	49301015	£26					
51	49301017	£91					
	Aka-Lube Yellow						
11	49401015	£26					
51	49401017	£91					
	Aka-Lube Red						
11	49501015	£26					
51	49501017	£91					
	Aka-Lube Clear Plus						
11	49201015	£31					
51	49201017	£105					
	Aka-Lube Clear Water Fr	ee					
11	49101015	£36					
51	49101017	£122					
	Aka-Lube Blue						
11	49601015	£32					
Aka-Lube Blue Concentrate							
500ml	49605013	£29					
51	49605017	£251					



		Oxides for final polis	shing	
Alkaline	e pH 9-10	. ASSA		
11	Colloidal silica s	uspension 50 nm	48161015	£54
51	Colloidal silica s	uspension 50 nm	48161017	£203
11	Fumed silica sus	spension 0.2 μ m	48123015	£71
51	Fumed silica sus	spension 0.2 μ m	48123017	£282
Water-f	ree For wate	r sensitive materials		
11	Fumed silica sus	spension 0.2 μ m WF	48133015	£83
5l	Fumed silica sus	spension 0.2 μ m WF	48133017	£317
Alumin	a pH 7-8 neut	ral for final polishing		
11	Alumina suspens	sion 50 nm neutral	48211015	£78

Fumed or colloidal silica?

Alumina suspension 50 nm neutral

fact that the aggregates have a mean size of $0.2\mu m$.

Fumed silica is made in a flame oxidizing process which produces crystals about 40nm in size. However, these then clump forming aggregates with a grain size of between 0.12 and 0.2 μ m. (0.2 μ m equivalent to StruersTM OP-S). Colloidal silica is made in a wet process that is very uniform and does not lead to clumping. Final particle size is about 0.05 μ m. Some manufacturers quote a grain size of 0.04 μ m for fumed silica, despite the

48211017

£339



Sample Preparation Kits For Specific Materials - Demo Kits

We have a wide range of demo kits ideal for improving your sample polishing process. The kits are available in 200mm, 250mm and 300mm sizes and include everything that you need to produce 25-50 samples for your specific preparation route: a step-by-step guide with images showing how each stage should look, grinding/polishing discs, papers and polishing cloths, and 100ml sizes of self lubricating diamond suspensions. The kits are an inexpensive way to test out a new route, typically saving you £60-£190 over buying the items separately.



These kits are not kept in stock but are made to order.



Example: Our Brass preparation kit contains the items shown below in quantities sufficient to produce between 25 and 50 samples:



Rhaco Grit P320



Daran and DiaUltra 3µm



Chemal and 0.2µm Furned Silica



Largan 9 and DiaUltra 9µm



Napal and DiaUltra 1µm

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Demokits - Material Specific Smart Preparation Kits	200mm d	liameter		250mm di	ameter		300mm d	iameter	
Brass - 5 Step Preparation Kit	61200110	1	£127	61250110	4	£147	61300110	1	£207
Ceramic Capacitors - 4 Step Preparation Kit	61200210		£127	61250210	4	£147	61300210		£207
Titanium Alloys - 3 Step Preparation Kit	61200310	7	£127	61250310	4	£147	61300310	1	£207
Aluminium Alloys - 4 Step Preparation Kit	61200410		£127	61250410	T	£147	61300410		£207
Plasma Spray Coated Parts - 4 Step Preparation Kit	61200510		£127	61250510	4	£147	61300510	1	£207
Coated Sintered Carbides - 3 Step Preparation Kit	61200610		£127	61250610	T	£147	61300610		£207
Stainless & Duplex Steel - 4 Step Preparation Kit	61200710		£127	61250710	4	£147	61300710	1	£207
Titanium Fasteners - 3 Step Preparation Kit	61200810		£127	61250810	4	£147	61300810		£207
Carbon Composites - 5 Step Preparation Kit	61200910		£127	61250910	4	£147	61300910	1	£207
Soft Materials 50-150 HV - Quick 3 Step Kit	61201010		£127	61251010	4	£147	61301010		£207
Medium Hard Materials 400-700 HV - Quick 3 Step Kit	61201110		£127	61251110	4	£147	61301110	1	£207
Hard Materials 450-2000 HV - Quick 3 Step Kit	61201210		£127	61251210	T	£147	61301210		£207
Electronic Parts - 4 Step Preparation Kit	61201310		£127	61251310	T	£147	61301310	1	£207
Nodular Cast Iron - 4 Step Preparation Kit	61201410		£127	61251410	4	£147	61301410		£207
Zinc Coated Steel - 4 Step Preparation Kit	61201510	7	£127	61251510	4	£147	61301510	1	£207
Medium Soft Materials 150-450 HV - Quick 3 Step Kit	61201610		£127	61251610	4	£147	61301610	1	£207
Nitrided Steel - 5 Step Preparation Kit	61201710	7	£127	61251710	4	£147	61301710	1	£207
Surface Hardened Steel - 4 Step Preparation Kit	61201810		£127	61251810	45	£147	61301810		£207
Superalloys with Diffusion Coatings - 5 Step Preparation Kit	61201910	1	£127	61251910	46	£147	61301910	1	£207
Superalloys - 4 Step Preparation Kit	61202010		£127	61252010	4	£147	61302010		£207



Portable Polishing Consumables / General Accessories

Our portable polishing consumables are compatible with all major brands of portable grinder polishers.

d grinding discs - 32mm 1	00 pcs
AP13 03 00	£18
AP13 03 03	£18
AP13 03 07	£18
AP13 03 10	£18
AP13 03 12	£18
AP13 03 15	£18
	AP13 03 03 AP13 03 07 AP13 03 10 AP13 03 12

Self-adhesive polishing	cloths - 32mm 25 pcs	
Aka-Daran	41032516	£35
Aka-Moran	41035016	£38
Aka-Plural	41036016	£35
Aka-Ramda	41033016	£35
Aka-Napal	41037016	£35
Aka-Silk	41034016	£46
Aka-Moran-U	41035116	£33
Aka-Rhaco	75153037	£50

Bottles and triggers					
Trigger spray for 250-1000ml bottles	78200005	5 pcs	£21		
Trigger spray bottle 250ml	78101103	3 pcs	£21		
Trigger spray bottle 500ml	78101303	3 pcs	£21		

Portable grinder / polisher spar	es		
Flapper abrasive wheel P240 60x30x70	APFLAP01	25 pcs	£120
Controller (110v or 220v)	NE249	1 pc	£725
Motor and cord	ENK-250T	1 pc	£860
Motor and cord	ENK-410S	1 pc	£780
Handpiece	BMH-300	1 pc	£390
Handpiece	IH-300	1 pc	£390
Handpiece 45° angle	KC-300	1 pc	£495
Handpiece 90° angle	IC-300	1 pc	£495
Reduction gearbox	RG-01	1 pc	£495
Extension joint	CN-01	1 pc	£380
Foot control	FC-64	1 pc	£145
Rubber 30mm disc holder/3mm shank	PT-030	5 pcs	£40



Dressing stick (for Aka-Piattos & Aka-Allegrans >400HV)

Long life dressing stick 25x25x150mm AP9885 1 pc £11

Our small range of accessories help increase reproducibility and improve consistency. If you don't see what you're looking for, please contact us.





Metallurgy isn't ALL about consumables. We supply equipment too:

Nikon Microscopes



LV150N

We have experience with all sorts of makes, models and types of microscope and know that customers, companies, even countries have their preferences.

So when working with a customer we listen to your needs, likes and dislikes before recommending a microscope solution.

However, with Nikon being a strategic business partner with Clemex, we are able to offer great optics at all magnifications and full integration with the Clemex Image Analysis solutions.

This combined solution will give you great ease of use and years of reliable service.

Don't just trust us, test us!



SMZ1270i



Microscope Accessories

Stage Micrometers		
Clemex micrometer, NIST traceable	CL14322	£995
Stage micrometer 1mm into 100 divisions, glass	MTMA285	£120
Stage micrometer 1mm into 100 divisions, metal for reflected light	MTMA292	£245
Glass stage micrometer, 1mm into 100 divisions	TS-M1	£35
Stainless steel stage micrometer, 10mm in 0.1mm divisions with UKAS cert.	PS1R	£385
75x75mm glass stage micrometer 50mm in 0.1mm divisions with UKAS cert.	PS50	£480
Stainless steel stage micrometer, 1mm in 0.01mm divisions with UKAS cert.	PS78	£360



Hand Press Hand press K10017302 £170

Many other stage micrometers are available. Please contact us for details and prices.

Eyepiece graticules (other sizes available - please contact us)		
Olympus - eyepiece graticule 24mm diameter U-OCM 10/100	K10017220	£38
Olympus - eyepiece graticule 24mm diameter 35072 U-OCMC 10/100	K10017241	£43
Eyepiece micrometer, 10mm into 100 divisions, 19mm diameter	MTMA280	£65
Eyepiece micrometer, 10mm into 100 divisions, 25mm diameter	MTMA506	£65

Microscope Servicing

We are pleased to offer microscope servicing at £195 for the first microscope and £50 per subsequent instrument at the same location and on the same order.

Minor adjustments and repairs will be performed as part of the service; for more major repairs please contact us for a quotation.

Microscope Bulbs 1 pc						
Meiji 6V 10W halogen for PBH stand	MTGE787	£20	Olympus 6V 30W halogen bulb	OLE0430150	£15	
6V 30W bulb	MTMA326	£25	Olympus 12V 100W bulb	OL035359	£15	
Meiji 6V 1.2A bulb for PB incident lamp	MTMA560	£17	Olympus 15V 150W halogen bulb (KL1500)	OLE0433066	£15	
Olympus HL-EKE 21V/150W bulb	K10017116	£25	Leica 12V 100W bulb	LEBULB	£15	



Metallurgy isn't ALL about consumables. We also supply equipment:

Hardness Testers

We supply a wide range of Affri Hardness Testers performing every hardness test scale such as Rockwell, Brinell and Vickers, on any material from iron, steel, aluminium, metal alloys, to plastic and rubber with absolute accuracy due to fully automatic control and precise software. Benchtop and portable hardness testers conform to ASTM and ISO hardness standards.









Hardness Testing Accessories

Reference hardness blocks with UKAS certificates

Vickers test blocks (specify hardness followed by load)

Nominal hardness block values: 40, 70, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700, 750, 800, 850, 900, 950

Vickers test block (HV2, HV3, HV5, HV10, HV20, HV30, HV50 & HV100)

INBLOCKV

£495

Micro Vickers test block (HV0.01, HV0.025, HV0.05, HV0.1, HV0.2, HV0.3, HV0.5 & HV1)

Knoop test block (HK0.01, HK0.025, HK0.05, HK0.1, HK0.2, HK0.3, HK0.5 & HK1)

INBLOCKMV

£660

INBLOCKKP



Rockwell and Superficial Rockwell test blocks (specify hardness scale and hardness value)

Please specify Rockwell hardness scale and hardness value.

INBLOCKRC



£260

Blocks can be supplied with a grid pattern for an additional £40.

Brinell test blocks (specify hardness scale and hardness value)

Low load <187.5kgf (64mm dia x 15mm)

INBLOCKBL



£370

High load >250kgf (150 x 125 x 16mm)

INBLOCKBH

£495

Standard Indenters with UKAS certificates

Micro Vickers Indenter

INDENTV01



£630

Vickers Indenter

INDENTV02

£450

Knoop Indenter

INDENTV03



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When ordering an indenter please specify your machine's manufacturer and model number. Other indenters are available. Please contact us.



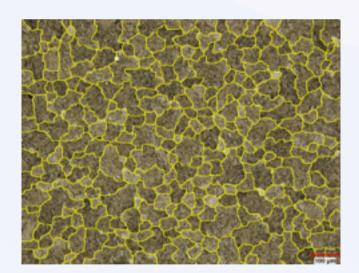


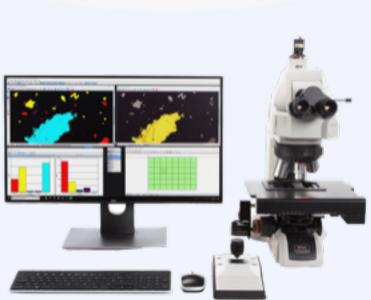
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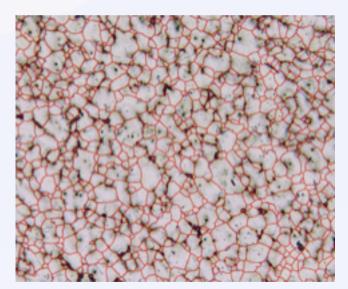
Cameras/Image Analysis

We are proud to be the UK representative for Clemex Image Analysis systems. Not only do we think they are the most user-friendly and most versatile, but also that they are the most innovative.

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