

# Mold Steel 718

## Description

Mold steel 718 (Chinese designation: 3Cr2NiMo) is an improved pre-hardened plastic mold steel based on P20 (3Cr2Mo). It is engineered for high hardenability, superior polishability, and excellent dimensional stability. Supplied in a pre-hardened condition, it is ready for immediate machining without requiring further heat treatment (quenching).

**Steel Grade** This steel grade corresponds to the following international standards: China (GB): 3Cr2NiMo; Germany (DIN): 1.2738; Sweden (ASSAB): 718; USA (AISI/SAE): P20+Ni; Japan (JIS): Optimized SNCM; International (ISO): 35CrMo2.

## Features

It is supplied in the pre-hardened condition and can be used directly without quenching, eliminating the risk of heat treatment deformation. It offers excellent mirror polishability, making it ideal for high-gloss products. The material provides a balanced combination of strength, toughness, and wear resistance, retaining over 80% of its strength even at 300°C. With outstanding dimensional stability and good machinability, it also contains chromium and nickel, offering good corrosion resistance against common plastics and weak acids.

**PSPEPPABS Plastics** It is commonly used for large mirror-finish plastic molds, such as those for automotive parts, home appliances, and audio-visual products. It is also suitable for plastic molds requiring a high-gloss finish, as well as injection molds and blow molds for materials like PA, POM, and others.

## Parameters (Standard Values in Pre-Hardened Condition)

### Chemical Composition of Grade 718 Steel (%)

Composition	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo
Min.	0.28	0.2	1	-	-	1.4	0.8	0.3
Max.	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.03	0.03	2	1.2	0.55

### Physical Properties

Density: 7.85 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Elastic Modulus: 205–210 GPa

Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (20–200°C):  $12.7 \times 10^{-6}$  /°C

Thermal Conductivity: 29–35 W/(m·K)

Specific Heat Capacity: 460 J/(kg·K)

### Mechanical Properties (Pre-Hardened Condition)

Hardness: HRC 30–36 (718H: 33–38 HRC)

Tensile Strength: 1000–1200 MPa

Yield Strength: 800–1000 MPa

Elongation at Break: ≥12%

Impact Toughness (Room Temperature): 60–80 J/cm<sup>2</sup>

Reduction of Area: 40–50%