Tungsten carbide is the most widely sprayed wear-resistant coating. HVOF is currently the standard WC deposition method and WCCoCr accounts for the largest HVOF business segment.

Many customers perceive HVOF WC coatings as prohibitively expensive, because:
- Costs of powder, oxygen, and spare parts are high
- Spray rates are low -> many expensive workhours to spray
- Deposition efficiency is low

HVOF WC quality does not justify the cost:
- WC decomposes at high HVOF temperatures, making brittle coatings
- Mechanical properties of HVOF WC are still far from theoretically possible
- Process deviation is high -> quality is not consistent

Result 1: Tungsten carbide coating is too expensive for many applications.

Substitutes are present, each of them having their own problems:
- Hard chromium electroplating is carcinogenic
- Laser clad and PVD/CVD coatings cannot reach WC performance, but growing

Result 2: Growing competition squeezes HVOF spray shops profits.
Kermetico C: Win-Win for an End-User and a Shop

• Kermetico Convertible HVAF/HVOF Systems

• A Job Shop Gets Competitive Edge
  Exceptional HVAF deposition rate while meeting quality standards. Unprecedented technological efficiency. Safe (no flashback possible). Works with the existing HVOF infrastructure. Easy to operate and support. Less than ½ of conventional HVOF WCCoCr coating cost @$50/kg WCCoCr.

• An End-User Gets New Quality and Applications
  Higher coating quality for existing materials: high density and strength, high hardness combined with ductility (no embrittlement), consistent results. Low roughness of as-sprayed coatings. New geometries and new applications are feasible for high velocity spray.
Kermetico Convertible Guns

Convertible equipment works in HVOF or HVAF mode.

- Meet-the-spec HVOF mode: same HVOF powder size, same process, high DE, higher spray rate, ½ of the cost of conventional HVOF
- Beyond the spec HVAF mode: fine powder, no Oxy. Higher-value, harder, less brittle, ductile, non-permeable, smooth as-sprayed coatings
  - **C7** – a high power gun for spraying metals and carbides onto large parts with the best cost and quality.
  - **C6** – a universal thermal spray gun to deposit metals, alloys, and cermets onto a variety of parts.
  - **ID** – a gun to spray onto internal diameters 80 mm (3.15”) and larger

Additional HVAF-only guns you may use with the same system:

- **AK5** – a compact spray gun
- **AK-IDR** – a rotating gun to spray IDs 100 mm (4”) and larger
- **AK-HH** – a manual HVAF gun
- **Specialized** guns

All the equipment is controlled by the industrial IP67-rated tablet + PLC.

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Kermetico C7

The most powerful HVOF/HVAF gun for massive parts, parts with diameter >200mm (8”).

- Selectable HVAF or HVOF mode
- Ductile, high-hardness coatings with low hardness deviation
- Perfect combustion + optimal nozzle design
- The best protection against feedstock oxidation is in HVAF mode
- Most flexible hardware setup (a large selection of different chamber, injector and nozzle combinations to best fit your task)
- 5-20 to 20-53 µm powder sizes, suspension spray
- 33+ kg/hour (73+ lbs./hour) with 60% DE lets you spray 0.25 mm (0.001”) thick 1 m² (11 ft²) WCCoCr coating in just 10 minutes!

– It is too powerful for small parts or IDs
Kermetico C6

Universal gun to deposit metals and carbides onto a variety of parts:

✓ With 2/3 of C7 gun power, maximum spray rate - 28kg/hour (62 lbs./hour)
✓ Works great on medium to small parts, well on larger parts
✓ Wide tuning range: HVOF + Economy, Balanced or Ultra HVAF modes
✓ 5-20 to 20-53 μm powder size ranges

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Kermetico HVOF/HVAF **ID**
Gun

High velocity combustion equipment to apply coatings onto internal diameters of pipes, nozzles, sleeves, elbows, etc.

- **ID** – a gun to spray internal diameters 80 mm (3.15“) and larger, reach up to 1.5 m (5’) deep
- **✓** Maximum spray rate – 5 kg/hour (11 lbs./hour)
- **✓** Spray angle - 90°
- **✓** Elegant design, axial powder feed + air cooling provide long life and high technological stability
- **✓** 1-10 to 3-15 µm powder sizes
- **✓** Sprays WCCoCr and Hastelloy-type powders
## Tungsten Carbide Spray Modes

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<th>WC-10Co-4Cr Spray Mode</th>
<th>Coating Hardness, HV\textsubscript{300}</th>
<th>Coating Porosity, %</th>
<th>Deposition Efficiency, %</th>
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<td>1,050-1,250</td>
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<td>HVAF Balanced (B)</td>
<td>1,250-1,350</td>
<td>&lt;0.5</td>
<td>48 – 58</td>
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<td>HVAF Ultra (U)</td>
<td>1,350-1,600+</td>
<td>&lt;0.3</td>
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- Spray AMS-specified powders in HVOF mode with HVAF spray rates
- Save money in HVAF economy, getting HVOF quality with a lower cost
- Use the highest quality HVAF U-mode to get high-hardness ductile coatings
- Or choose HVAF Balanced mode to gain in both cost and quality
HVOF and HVAF Mode Micrographs WCCoCr

AMS 7882-specified WC-10Co-4Cr powder in HVOF mode, hardness 1,180 HV$_{300}$, DE 50%, porosity less than 0.5%

H.C. Starck Amperit WC-10Co-4Cr in HVAF U-mode. Hardness 1,450 HV$_{300}$, DE 45%, gas impermeable, porosity less than 0.5%
AMS 7880-specified sintered and crushed WC-12Co powder in HVOF mode, hardness 1,152 HV$_{300}$, DE 48%, porosity less than 0.5%

AMS 7880-specified sintered and crushed WC-12Co powder in HVOF mode, hardness 1,214 HV$_{300}$, DE 35%, porosity less than 0.5%
HVOF Mode Micrographs
Steel

C6 HVOF mode Super-Stainless coating, gas impermeable at 80 microns

C6 HVOF mode SS 316 coating, gas impermeable at 80 microns
Kermetico HVAF AK5

Our compact gun to spray versatile powders
✓ Maximum spray rate - 15kg/h (33 lbs./hour)
✓ Designed for spraying thin walls, internal surfaces or small parts
✓ Fits internal diameters 205 mm (8”) and larger
✓ 3-15 to 5-30 μm powder sizes
✓ Sprays WC-10Co-4Cr, CR₃C₂-NiCr, Hastelloy-type, super stainless onto sleeves, flanges, valves, shafts, spindles, rods, shafts and tubes
Kermetico HVAF AK-HH

Built on the basis of our successful AK5, this gun provides impressive quality for manual coatings:

- Maximum spray rate - 15kg/h (33 lbs./hour)
- Gun weight 2.5 kg (5 lbs.)
- 1-10 to 15-30 µm powders
- Designed to make perfect coatings with slow movement along a surface
- Gun Base Station with built-in ignition and remote pendant
- Deposits WCCo, WCCoCr, Cr₃C₂-NiCr, Hastelloy-type, super-stainless coatings onto boiler tubes, vessels, flanges, nozzles, elbows, etc.
- Good for manual blasting or coating stripping
Kermetico HVAF **AK-IDR**

High velocity thermal spray equipment to apply coatings onto internal diameters of hard-to-rotate parts.

- A rotating gun to spray bores 100 mm (4”) and larger up to 600 mm (2’) deep
- Maximum spray rate – 5 kg/hour (11 lbs./hour)
- Spray angle - 90°
- Elegant design, axial powder feed + air cooling provide long life and high technological stability
- 1-10 to 3-15 µm powder sizes
- Sprays WCCoCr and Hastelloy-type powders

[Image of HVAF AK-IDR equipment]
HVAF Coating Quality

Uniformity of HVAF Coatings Properties:
Hardness of HVOF and Kermetico HVAF WC-10Co-4Cr coatings (Schlumberger, UK)

Charts are courtesy of Schlumberger (left) and CPRI, India (right)

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HVOF and HVAF Cost vs Quality

Kermetico Makes More for Less

The Data for the U.S. at Powder Price of $50 per kg.

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## The Result

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<th>Gun</th>
<th>Hardness, HV(_{300})</th>
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<th>Fracture Toughness K1C</th>
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<td>AK</td>
<td>1326 ± 98</td>
<td>0.3</td>
<td>5.97 ±0.7</td>
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<td>JP</td>
<td>1289 ± 108</td>
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<td>JK</td>
<td>1047 ± 112</td>
<td>1.7</td>
<td>3.01 ±0.6</td>
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**Source**: Wear and corrosion performance of WC-10Co4Cr coatings deposited by different HVOF and HVAF spraying processes Qun Wang etc., Hunan University, 2013
Designed for Manufacturing

Our systems are designed by sprayers for sprayers:

✓ Use existing HVOF infrastructure, powders and specs
✓ User-friendly controls, one system - several guns → easy to learn
✓ High technological efficiency → it is really hard to make a poor coating
✓ Axial powder + simple design→ long-lasting, easy to change spare parts
✓ Hardness deviation <6% → fewer QC issues
✓ No fumes of sprayed powder → less health hazards

Blast & Spray with One Gun: 10x Faster, One Setup

We Spray Tons of Powder Each Year

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Business Benefits

1. Buy and use fewer systems, investing four times less in a new Job Shop. Each Kermetico gun sprays 5x faster than a conventional HVOF gun, and there is an option to switch to an ID or a hand-held gun with the same system.

2. Return your investment spraying a second metric ton of WC-10Co-4Cr. How?
   - The spray rate is up to 33 kg/hour with deposition efficiency higher than 50%. Fewer work hours means fewer hours to pay for. And with our system you need to spray just a fraction of the HVOF spray time
   - No oxygen in HVAF mode – just compressed air, which costs 10 times less;
   - Easy-to-change specialized guns allow spraying each part in the most efficient way
   - The cost of our spare parts is 1/10 of the typical HVOF cost for the same work
   - You gain more than $100 per deposited kilogram of E-mode HVAF WC-10Co-4Cr compared to a conventional HVOF system

3. Eliminate the blasting room – blast and spray with one setup to improve quality, cut manufacturing time and reduce blast media consumption by a factor of 100.

4. Reduce as-sprayed coating thickness and grinding time due to the low roughness of the as-sprayed coating.

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System Control

- PLC-based, mass-flow controlled system
- Industrial IP67 rated tablet is the basic operator control device for a gun and all external devices
- Works consistently with propane, propane-butane, propylene, natural gas
- Variety of powder feeders with canisters from 3.3 to 10.4 liters, with a weight loss control option
- Gas control unit with fully isolated compartments
- Optional interfaces:
  - to a computer display(s)
  - to monitor and troubleshoot equipment at any authorized internet-connected device

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Each of our developers has more than 30 years of coating experience. We have been designing and producing our equipment and technology in California, USA, since 2006.

More than 60 systems are at work worldwide, 20 of them are in universities and labs; there are numerous academic papers published showing HVAF superiority over HVOF. We and our partners have sprayed thousands of different customer parts with no rejection.

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