Steel

# perform®



Product information for high-strength thermomechanically hot-rolled strip and cut-to-length plate

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perform® from thyssenkrupp is a microalloyed steel which is thermomechanically rolled and available as uncoated wide hot strip and cut-to-length plate in the sizes listed in the section "Available dimensions".

perform® steels are characterized by a very low levels of sulfur and a low carbon content, microalloying with niobium, vanadium, titanium as well as their combination. The combination of microalloying and the special thermome-chanical rolling process gives perform® steels outstanding cold formability and weldability. The extremely fine-grain microstructure additionally results in very good toughness levels with a low risk of cold cracking. thyssenkrupp supplies perform® steels in various yield strengths from 300 to 1100 MPa.

perform® steels are primarily used for complex part geometries such as vehicle frames, axle structures, BIW beams and pillars, special profiles and shaped parts in car and commercial vehicle construction.

# Available steel grades

				Delivery form						
				Hot-rolled strip	Product version scalur® Hot-rolled strip	Cut-to-length plate	Product version scalur® Cut-to-length plate			
Steel grade	Reference grade DIN EN 10149-2	Reference grade VDA 239-100	Material No.							
perform® 300	_	HR300LA		•						
perform® 315	S315MC	-	1.0972	•	•					
perform® 340	_	HR340LA	_	•						
perform® 355	S355MC	_	1.0976	•	•					
perform® 380	_	HR380LA	1.0978	•						
perform® 420	S420MC	HR420LA	1.0980	•	•					
perform® 460	S460MC	HR460LA	1.0982	•	•					
perform® 500	S500MC	HR500LA	1.0984	•	•	•	•			
perform® 550	S550MC	HR550LA	1.0986	•	•	•	•			
perform® 600	S600MC	-	1.8969	•	•	•	•			
perform® 650	S650MC	-	1.8976	•	•	•	•			
perform® 700	S700MC	HR700LA	1.8974	•	•	•	•			
perform® 900	S900MC	-	1.8798			•				
perform® 960	S960MC	-	1.8799			•				
perform® 1100	_	_	_			•				

Available

## Comments

By arrangement the grades perform® 300 to 700 can be also supplied with category A galvanizing properties based on DIN EN 10149-2.

Wide hot strip <sup>1)</sup> and cut-to-length plate can be ordered in pickled or non-pickled condition and with mill or trimmed edges. For surface quality requirements of cut-to-length plates DIN EN 10163 is applicable.

Cut-to-length plate is supplied with flatness tolerances in accordance with DIN EN 10029, table 4. Reduced flatness tolerances in accordance with DIN EN 10029, table 5 can be agreed separately when ordering.

By special arrangement, cut-to-length plate can be supplied in blasted and primed condition.

The admissible tolerances are based on DIN EN 10051 for wide hot strip and cut-to-length plates.

Unless otherwise agreed upon in the order, the delivery will be governed by the conditions outlined in DIN EN 10021.

Orders can also be placed for microalloyed steels to DIN EN 10149-2 or VDA 239-100.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1)} \mbox{For trimmed edges and/or pickled conditions not all thickness and width combinations are possible.$ 

## Technical characteristics

Mechanical properties – test direction parallel to rolling direction, state of delivery: thermomechanically rolled									
	Yield strength	$\frac{\text{Tensile strength}}{R_{_{m}} \text{[MPa]}}$	Elongation		Notch impact	energy	Bend test, mandrel diameter <sup>3)</sup>		
			A [%] min. $L_0 = 80 \text{ mm}$ $L_0 = 5,65 \sqrt{S_0}$		KV [J] at a test	KV [J] at a test			
	R <sub>eH</sub> [MPa] min.		Nominal thickr	ness ≥ 3.0 mm	temperature of -20 °C	temperature of -40 °C	D [t = specimen thickness]		
Steel grade									
perform® 300	300	380-500	21	25	40	27	0 t		
perform® 315	315	390-510	20	24	40	27	0 t		
perform® 340	340	420-540	19	23	40	27	0.5 t		
perform® 355	355	430-550	19	23	40	27	0.5 t		
perform® 380	380	450-590	17	21	40	27	0.5 t		
perform® 420	420	480-620	16	19	40	27	0.5 t		
perform® 460	460	520-670	14	17	40	27	1.0 t		
perform® 500	500	550-700	12	14	40	27	1.0 t		
perform® 550	550	600-760	12	14	40	27	1.5 t		
perform® 600	600	650-820	11	13	40	27	1.5 t		
perform® 650 <sup>1)</sup>	650 <sup>2)</sup>	700-880	10	12	40	27	2.0 t		
perform® 700 1)	7002)	750-950	10	12	40	27	2.0 t		
perform® 900 <sup>1), 4)</sup>	900	940-1.200	_	10	60	30	8,0 t		
perform® 960 <sup>1), 4)</sup>	960	980-1,200	_	10	60	30	8.0 t		
perform® 1100 <sup>1), 4)</sup>	1,100	1,200-1,550	_	8	40	30	_		

<sup>1)</sup> State of delivery: Possibly additionally tempered.

#### Number of tests

#### Wide hot strip

Unless otherwise agreed upon in the order, for the inspection certificate 3.1 to DIN EN 10204 the scope of testing applies in accordance with DIN EN 10149-1 and 2. The notch impact energy is optional. The test temperature,  $-20\,^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $-40\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ , has to be agreed when ordering.

#### Cut-to-length plate

Unless otherwise agreed upon in the order, the tests listed below will be performed during inspection:

Test	Scope of testing
1 tensile test	1 specimen per 40 t from each heat
1 notched bar impact test <sup>6)</sup>	1 set (3 specimens) per 40 t from each heat
1 bend test	1 specimen per 40 t from each heat

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6)</sup> The notched bar impact tests in accordance to EN ISO 148 are carried out by using longitudinal specimens. The values for the impact energy are minimum values obtained as the average of three specimens, no single value being less than 70% of the value stated in the table. The values apply to plate thicknesses from 10 to 20 mm. For thicknesses below 10 mm the required minimum impact value is reduced proportionally to the specimen width (product thickness). No impact test is performed on products below 6 mm in thickness.

The notched bar impact test will be carried out at a test temperature of -20 °C by default. By special arrangement the notched bar impact test can be carried out at a test temperature of -40 °C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> For thicknesses > 8 mm yield strengths may be 20 MPa lower.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3)</sup> Bend test in accordance with ISO 7438 is performed by using transverse specimens.

 $<sup>^{4)}</sup>$  Values for test direction transverse to rolling direction:  $R_{\text{eH}}$  min. and  $R_{\text{m}}$  min. ( $R_{\text{m}}$  max. is not displayed), KV at -20 °C min. 30 J, KV at -40 °C min. 27 J – shall be agreed separately upon in the order.

Chemical composition											
Mass fractions in ladle analysis	C [%] max.	Si [%] <sup>1)</sup> max.	Mn [%] max.	P [%] max.	S [%] max.	AI [%] min.	Nb [%] <sup>3)</sup> max.	V [%] <sup>3)</sup> max.	Ti [%] <sup>3)</sup> max.	Mo [%] max.	B [%] max.
Steel grade											
perform® 300	0.10	0.10	1.30	0.025	0.010 2)	0,015	0.050	0.08	0.100	_	_
perform® 315	0.10	0.10	1.30	0.025	0.010 2)	0,015	0.050	0.08	0.100	_	_
perform® 340	0.10	0.10	1.50	0.025	0.010 2)	0,015	0.060	0.08	0.100	_	_
perform® 355	0.10	0.10	1.50	0.025	0.010 2)	0,015	0.060	0.08	0.100	_	_
perform® 380	0.10	0.10	1.50	0.025	0.010 2)	0,015	0.065	0.08	0.100	_	_
perform® 420	0.10	0.10	1.60	0.025	0.010 2)	0,015	0.070	0.10	0.100	_	_
perform® 460	0.10	0.10	1.60	0.025	0.010 2)	0,015	0.080	0.15	0.100	_	_
perform® 500	0.10	0.10	1.70	0.025	0.006	0,015	0.080	0.15	0.100	_	_
perform® 550	0.10	0.10	1.80	0.025	0.006	0,015	0.080	0.15	0.100	_	_
perform® 600	0.10	0.10	1.90	0.025	0.006	0,015	0.080	0.20	0.200	0.50	0.0050
perform® 650	0.10	0.30	2.00	0.025	0.006	0,015	0.080	0.20	0.200	0.50	0.0050
perform® 700	0.10	0.30	2.00	0.025	0.006	0,015	0.080	0.20	0.200	0.50	0.0050
perform® 900	0.12	0.30	1.70	0.020	0.006	0.015	0.060	0.12	0.050	0.70	0.0050
perform® 960	0.12	0.30	1.70	0.020	0.006	0.015	0.060	0.12	0.050	0.70	0.0050
perform® 1100	0.20	0.30	1.70	0.020	0.006	0.015	0.060	0.12	0.050	0.70	0.0050

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> By arrangement the grades perform® 300 to 700 can be supplied with category A galvanizing properties based on DIN EN 10149-2, i.e. reduced Si content.

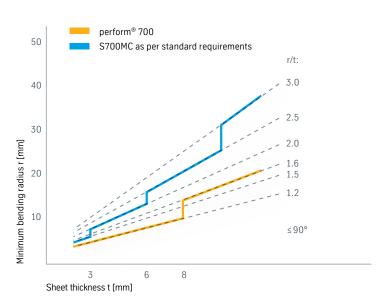
# Information on use and processing

#### **Forming**

Microalloyed steels are particularly suitable for structural and crash-relevant parts, e.g. beams. The choice of grade for a particular strength level should take into account the anticipated forming loads so that individual advantages can be optimally exploited and the steels can also be used for difficult forming operations.

The typical r- and n-values for microalloyed steels do not make them suitable for a particular kind of forming operation. They are equally suitable for stretch-forming and deep-drawing.

Graphic 1: Press brake bending radii



perform® 700 is significantly better for press brake bending compared to the comparative grade according to DIN EN 10149-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> A sulfur content of max. 0.006% can be agreed when ordering.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>For perform® 300 to 700: The sum of the alloying components Nb, V and Ti must not exceed 0.22%.

## Bending and press braking

With their particularly fine-grain microstructure and high cleanness levels, perform® steels offer optimum forming behavior. They are also suitable for multi-stage forming processes. The drawing limit ratios differ very little from those of mild steels.

The predominant forming technique for cold forming steels is press brake bending. In most cases, bending with a defined inside radius in a die is limited by the rigid design of the die. The higher the strength of the steel, the greater the minimum press brake bending radius.

Graphic 1 on page 4 shows the press brake bending radii for perform® 700 compared with grade S700MC as per standard requirements independent of direction.

#### Minimum bending radii during cold forming Recommended smallest bend radius for nominal thicknesses t in [mm] 1) $3 < t \le 6$ 6 < t < 8 $8 \le t \le 10$ t > 10t ≤ 3 Thermo-mechanically rolled steel for cold forming Steel grade perform® 700 1.2 t 1.2 t 1.2 t 1.6 t 1.6 t Reference grade DIN EN 10149-2 S700MC 1.5 t 2.0 t 2.5 t 2.5 t 3.0 t

#### Shearing, blanking, machining

perform® steels can be sheared and blanked. In general the quality of the cut edges and consequently the cutting process are of great importance. Defect-free cut edges are essential to achieve the stated inside bending radii.

To achieve smooth material flow, grinding the cut edges in the bending zone and measures such as lubrication have proven effective.

The behavior of perform® steels during drilling, turning and milling is similar to that of conventional cold forming steels. Normal tools can be used for high-strength grades provided the cutting parameters are adapted accordingly.

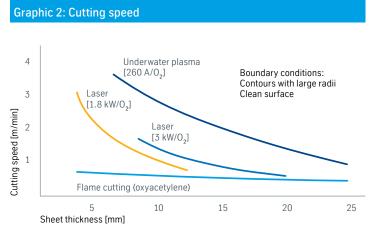
#### Thermal cutting

The following thermal cutting processes can be used with perform® steels:

- Plasma cutting
- Laser beam cutting
- Flame cutting

The plasma and laser beam techniques offer major advantages in terms of cost-efficiency and workpiece distortion. Plasma cutting permits the highest cutting speeds, as shown in Graphic 2, albeit with certain limitations with regard to cut edge quality.

Depending on sheet thickness and laser power, laser beam cutting offers significantly higher cutting speeds than flame cutting. Other advantages include a very narrow heat-affected zone, low distortion and high dimensional accuracy. Graphic 2 shows thermal cutting speeds for ferritic steels.



#### **Joining**

Microalloyed steels display good weldability for both similar and dissimilar joints with other common steel grades on condition that the welding parameters are matched to the material.

 $<sup>^{1)}</sup>$  Values for bending angles  $\leq 90^{\circ}$ .

#### Welding

For welding follow DIN EN 10149-2 chapter 7.5 "Technological Properties" and STAHL-EISEN-Werkstoffblatt 088.

Recommendations for welding are also given in DIN EN 1011 part 1 and part 2. For those, who process this steel for the first time it is recommended to consult the steel supplier to take advantage of the experiences gathered so far.

## Resistance spot welding

Resistance spot welding is widely used in automotive body making. Sheets in thicknesses of less than 3 mm in particular can be joined cost-efficiently and reliably by this method in mass production, although in general this calls for adjustments to welding current, welding time and electrode force. Particularly important is the influence of electrode force and welding time on the welding range. With increasing sheet thickness and strength, higher electrode forces and longer current flow times are generally required to achieve an adequate welding range. Alternatively the use of multiple-pulse welding based on SEP12202 can have a favorable effect on the welding range.

The welding range depends not only on the grade, surface and thickness of the sheet; process parameters such as current type (AC 50 Hz/DC 1,000 Hz) and electrode geometry are also important. The welding ranges of conventional high-strength steels largely overlap. In addition to the good weldability of the individual steel grades, by setting similar parameters it is thus also possible to achieve good weldability for combinations of a broad range of materials available from the steel industry.

#### MIG arc brazing

The data sheet DVS 09382 "Arc brazing" describes the brazing of steels with tensile strengths up to approx. 500 MPa. As the material described has a higher tensile strength, it is advisable to check the suitability of parts for brazing.

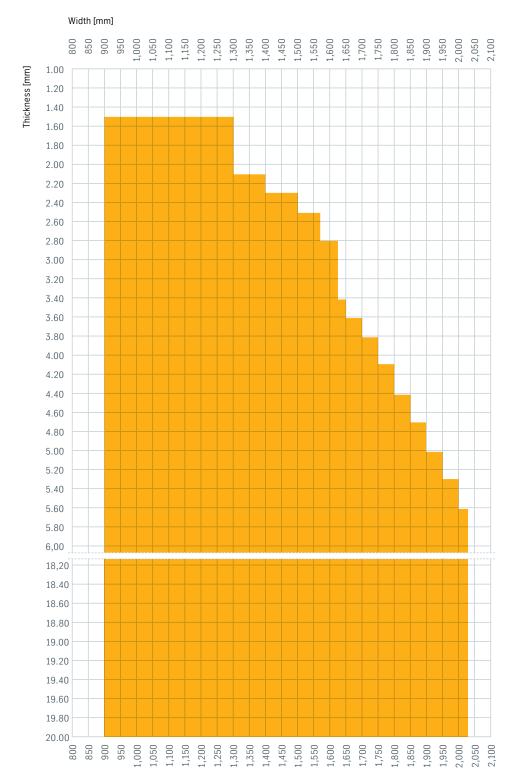
#### Fatigue strength and crash behavior

Microalloyed steels guarantee higher minimum yield and tensile strengths than deep-drawing steels. These parameters allow reliable and practical evaluation of fatigue strength. Microalloyed steels are available in various strengths. The higher the yield strength and tensile strength, the higher the fatigue strength. Formability tends to decrease with increasing strength, so designers and production planners need to find the optimum solution. Microalloyed steels are traditionally used for stamped and welded parts and structural components. Thanks to their high residual elongation they demonstrate very robust crash behavior. However, compared with dual-phase and retained-austenite grades they display lower work hardening and possibly lower yield strength, which reduces their energy absorption capacity.

## Available dimensions

#### Wide hot strip

perform® 300, perform® 340, perform® 380



Wide hot strip

Widths < 900 mm and other sizes on request.

#### Wide hot strip

perform® 315, perform® 355



Wide hot strip
Product version scalur®

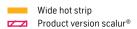
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Widths < 900 mm and other sizes on request.

Wide hot strip

perform® 420, perform® 460, perform® 500, perform® 5501)





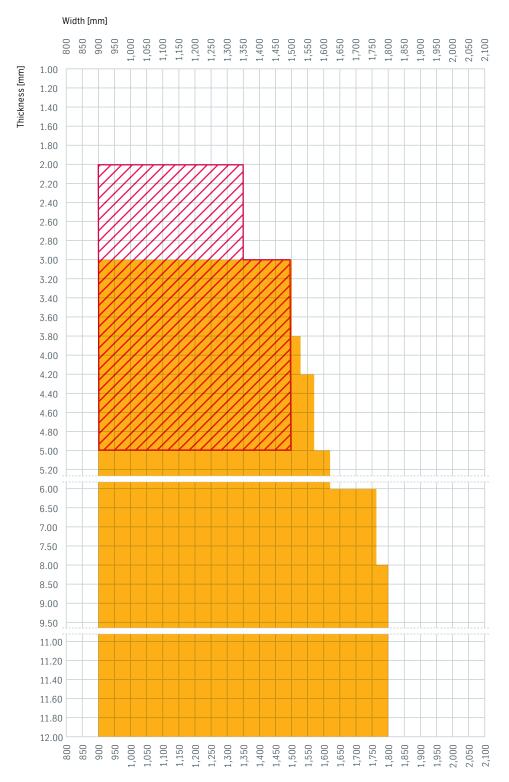
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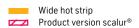
<sup>1)</sup> Max. thickness for perform® 550 in product version scalur®: 4.0 mm.

Widths < 900 mm and other sizes on request.

Wide hot strip

perform® 600, perform® 6501, perform® 700





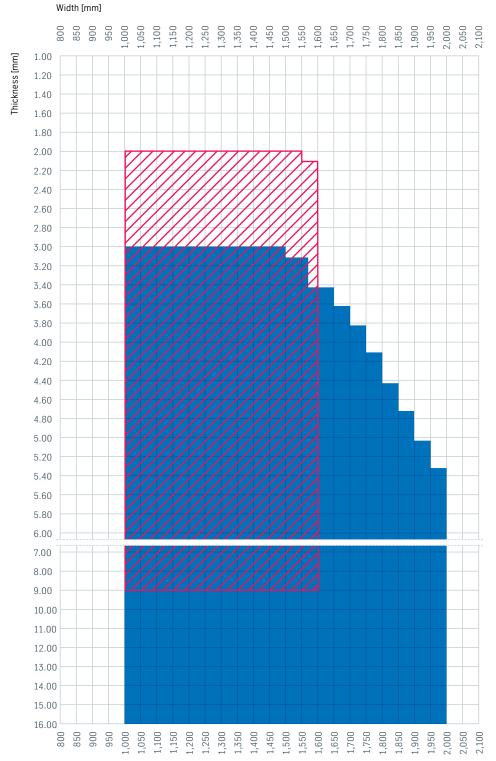
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Widths < 900 mm and other sizes on request.

perform® 500







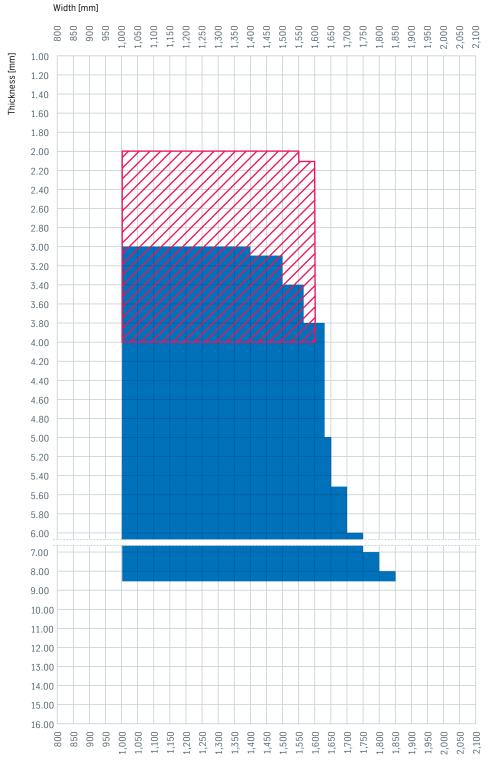
Cut-to-length plate Product version scalur® cut-to-length plate

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Length: 2,000 to 16,000 mm

perform® 550







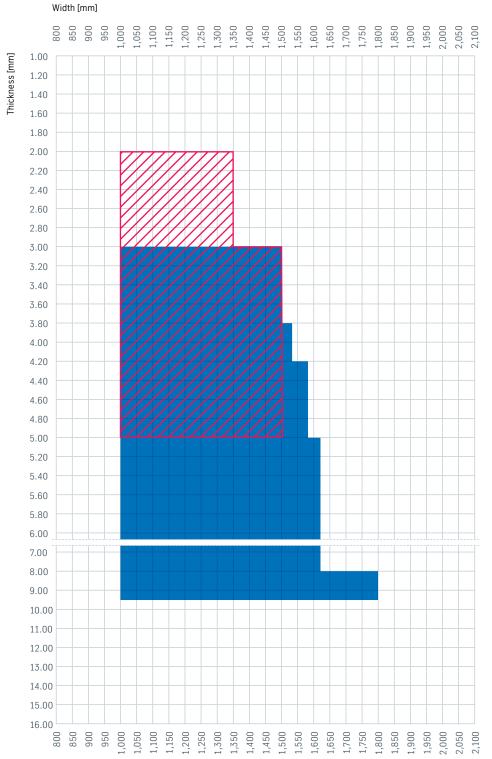
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Length: 2,000 to 16,000 mm

perform® 600







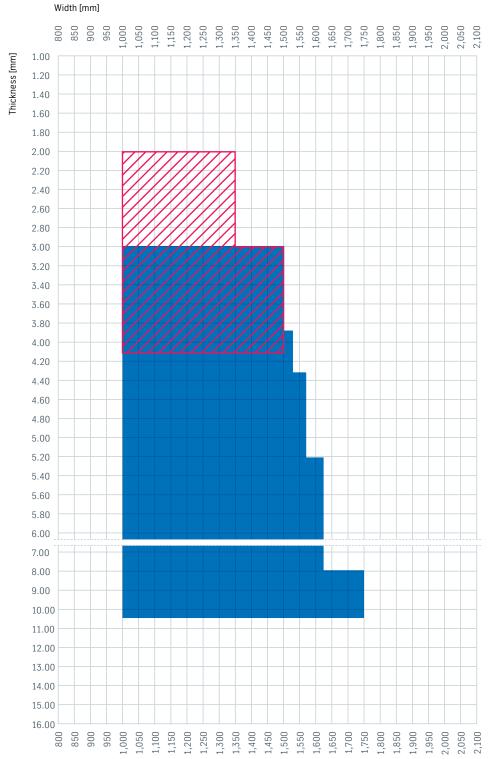
Cut-to-length plate Product version scalur® cut-to-length plate

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Length: 2,000 to 16,000 mm

perform® 650







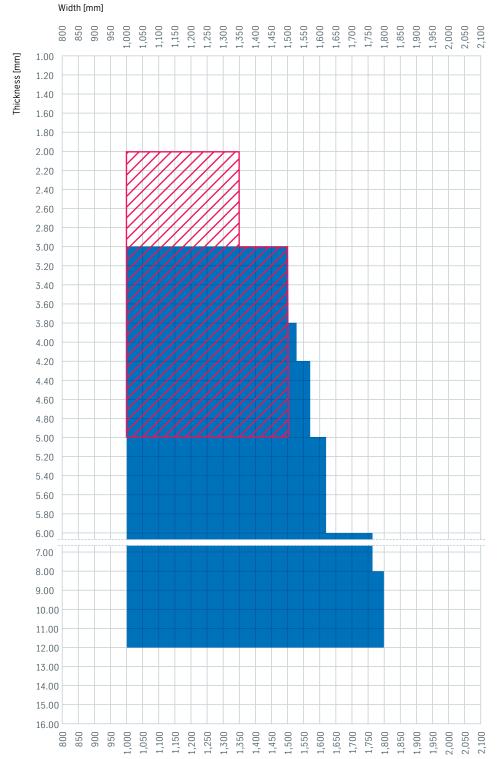
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Length: 2,000 to 16,000 mm

perform® 700







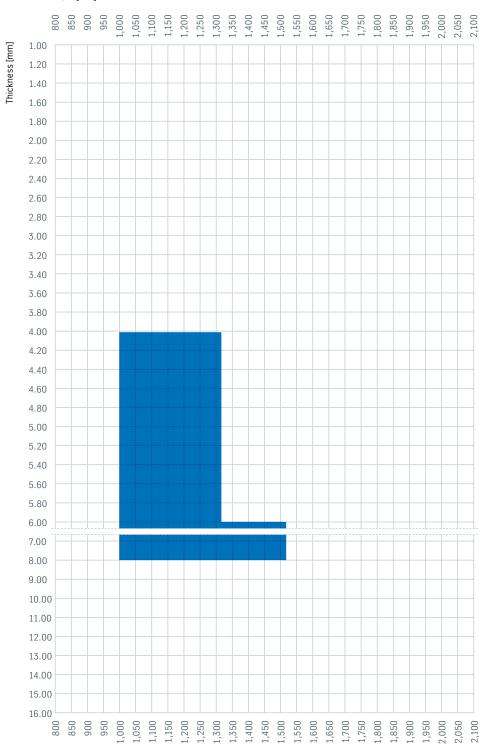
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Length: 2,000 to 16,000 mm

perform® 900, perform® 960



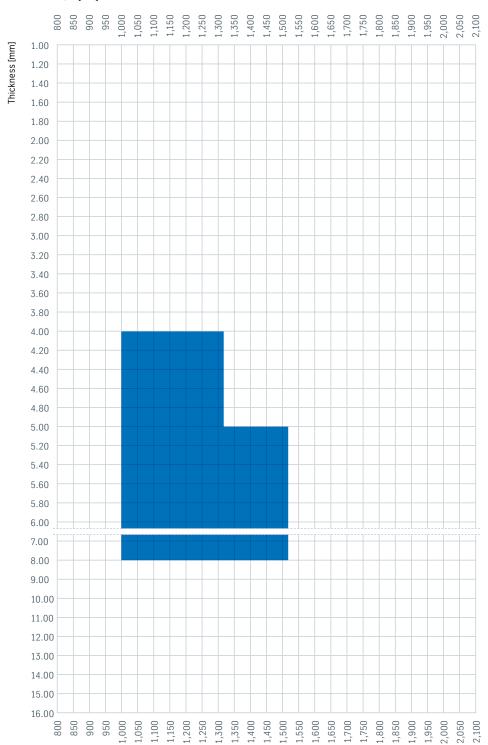


Cut-to-length plate

Length: 2,000 to 16,000 mm

perform® 1100

Width [mm]



Cut-to-length plate

Length: 2,000 to 16,000 mm

# Sample applications



Axle structures and wheel rims in truck manufacturing.



Lifting and working platforms for special-purpose vehicles.

Special mill grades are supplied subject to the special conditions of thyssenkrupp. Other delivery conditions not specified here will be based on the applicable specifications. The specifications used will be those valid on the date of issue of this product information brochure.

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