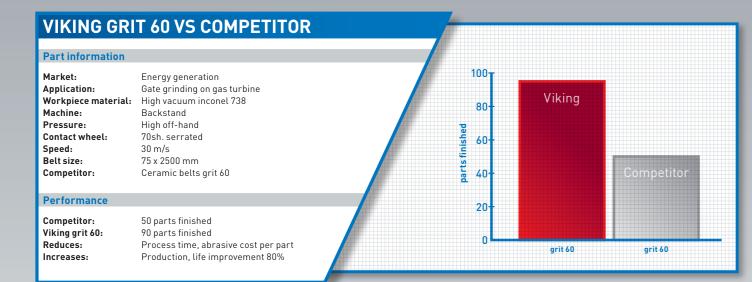
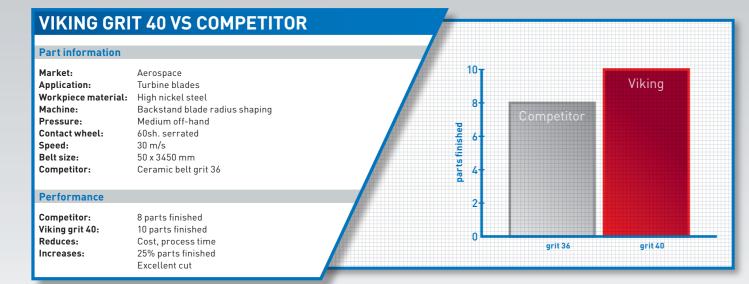
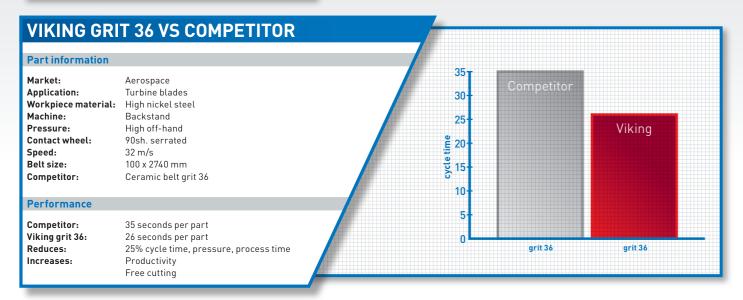
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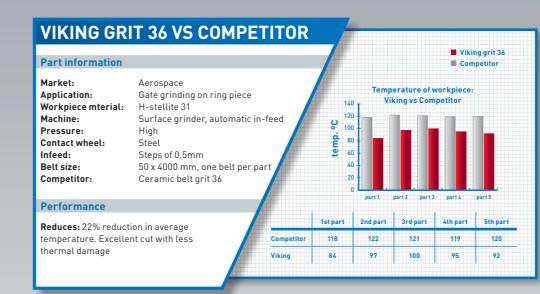
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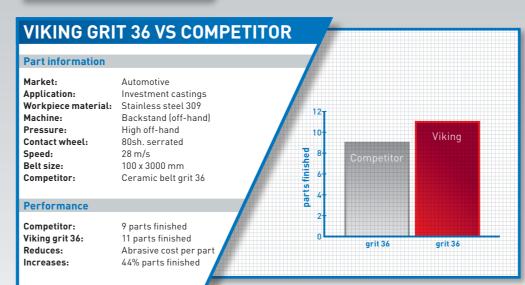
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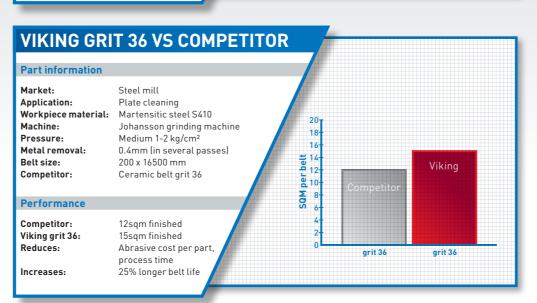
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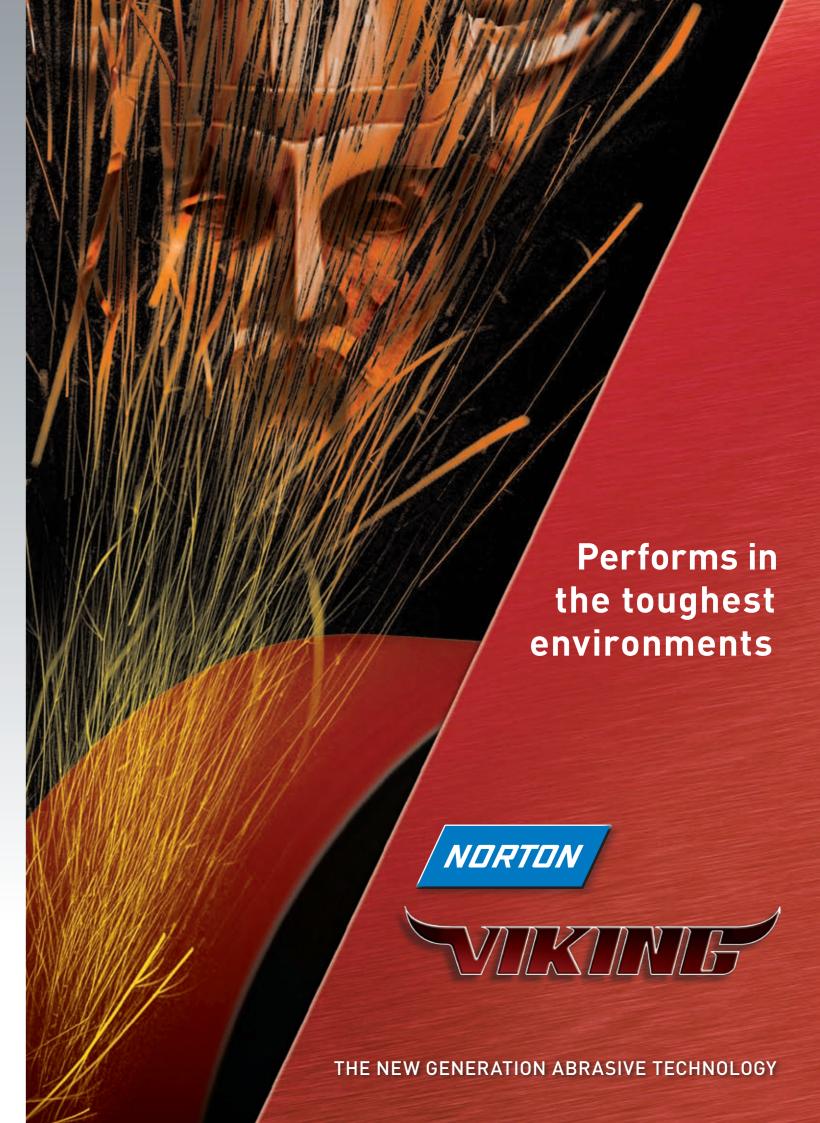
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Viking R996 belts are a unique concept from Norton specifically designed to perform in the toughest environments. Offering high metal removal with a faster cutting action, Viking can provide an 80% increase in parts finished and 22% reduction in grinding temperature.



MARKETS

- Investment casting foundries (stainless steel, cobalt chromium)
- Aerospace foundries
- Medical prosthesis (casting)
- Forged parts (tools, turbine blades)
- Steel mills (plate grinding)
- General engineering (heavy stock removal operations)

FEATURES

- New generation SG[®]
- New formulation of Supersize layer
- High performance resin system
- YY polyester backing for coarse grits (36-50).
- Available in grits 36, 40, 50, 60
- Usable width 1500mm
- Available in narrow and wide belts and rolls

BENEFITS

- Longer belt life
- Advanced cooling system
- Fast and consistent cut rate
- High stock removal
- Maximum performance
- Cost reduction per part
- Reduced heat generation
- Process improvementLess off hand pressure

required to cut

INNOVATION

Viking R996 belts are made from a new generation of ceramic grain with innovative bonds specially developed to enhance grain performance offering high stock removal and longevity at high pressure.



- A new generation Seeded Gel (SG®)
 ceramic grain, needle like and very sharp,
 encourages a fast cutting action with low
 heat generation.
- The formula of the Supersize layer offers the most advanced cooling system available, aiding cutting and reducing friction, protecting the material integrity.
- **High performance resin** system works together with the SG[®] ceramic grain improving cutting action and grain retention under severe work conditions.

- YY polyester backing on coarse grits supports the high performance grain avoiding slipping and allowing a consistent aggressive cutting action.
- A generation of technology that maximises
 efficiency helping achieve the best
 from both the workforce and automated
 machinery.
- For grinding materials ranging from stainless steel to cobalt chromium used in a range of markets from plate grinding to turbine blades.

MAXIMUM POTENTIAL

PROBLEM	VIKING SOLUTION
At full capacity and not keeping up with demand. Considering adding new machines and increasing manpower.	Higher stock removal reduces cycle times and improves processes.
High material scrap rate due to heat deformation and burn issues. Increase down time / process time due to work piece overheating.	Less friction enables free cutting and long lasting SG grains.
Looking to increase belt life.	Specifically designed bonds makes belt life longer.
Looking for overall cost reduction.	Excellent cost / performance ratio reduces cost per part.

INTERNAL TESTING

Viking Performance vs Competitor Performance

Application: Robotic grinding on backstand

Belt speed: 38 m/s

Contact wheel: Hard contact wheel 90sh. serrated

Material: Stainless steel 304SS
Constant in-feed: 2 mm/s

Performance: Viking grinds 25% more parts before

burns begin to appear



Viking Performance vs Competitor Performance

Application: Offhand grinding on backstand **Belt speed:** 34m/s

Contact wheel: Hard contact wheel 90sh. serrated Material: Stainless steel 304SS

Applied pressure: High 'constant' pressure **Performance:** Viking showed a life 2-3 times

superior to VSM and 3M

