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## Hardmetals — Metallographic determination of microstructure —

### Part 3: Measurement of microstructural features in Ti (C, N) and WC/cubic carbide based hardmetals

*Métaux-durs — Détermination métallographique de la  
microstructure —*

*Partie 3: Mesure des caractéristiques des microstructures des métaux-  
durs à base de carbures Ti (C, N) et WC/cubiques*



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- *Part 1: Photomicrographs and description*
- *Part 2: Measurement of WC grain size*
- *Part 3: Measurement of microstructural features in Ti(C,N) and WC/cubic carbide based hardmetals*
- *Part 4: Characterisation of porosity, carbon defects and eta-phase content*

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## Introduction

This part of ISO 4499 essentially covers the following topics:

- materials types and phases to be measured including the following:
  - Ti(C, N) cermets;
  - WC/Cubic carbide hardmetals;
- preparation methods to highlight differences between conventional WC/Co hardmetals and materials containing cubic phases;
- linear analysis techniques to acquire sufficient statistically meaningful data for phase quantification;
- analysis method to calculate representative average values;
- reporting to comply with modern quality requirements.