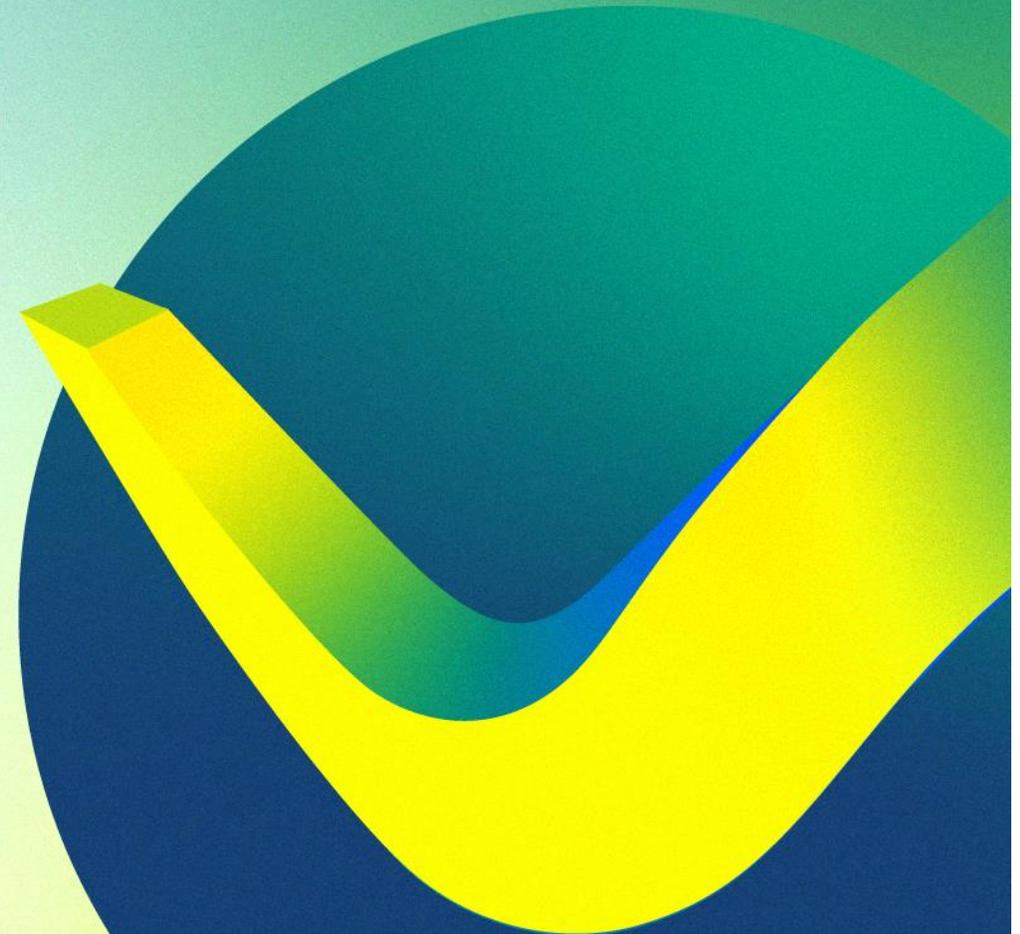


# The power of steel: Exploring the latest high-performance steel grades for industrial applications

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# Can you recognize these challenges?



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- ▶ Tight tolerance demands in drawings
- ▶ Quite high scrap ratio
- ▶ Poor cutting edge
- ▶ Multiple stops in unmanned production
- ▶ Deviations in bending
- ▶ Cracking in bending
- ▶ Details not fitting properly in welding
- ▶ Poor surface quality
- ▶ Variations in properties



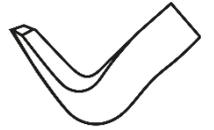
# What demands must steel have?



- ▶ Mechanical properties
- ▶ Small variations in properties
- ▶ Proper chemical composition
- ▶ Ease to hot-dip galvanization
- ▶ Good cut edge quality
- ▶ Good surface quality and flatness
- ▶ Dimensional accuracy
- ▶ Good bendability
- ▶ Good weldability
- ▶ Good impact toughness at low temperatures

$$CEV = C + \frac{Mn}{6} + \frac{Cr+Mo+V}{5} + \frac{Cu+Ni}{15}$$





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# MAXIMIZE YOUR OUTPUT WITH STEEL OPTIMIZED FOR LASER CUTTING

# SSAB Laser<sup>®</sup> offers several benefits, including



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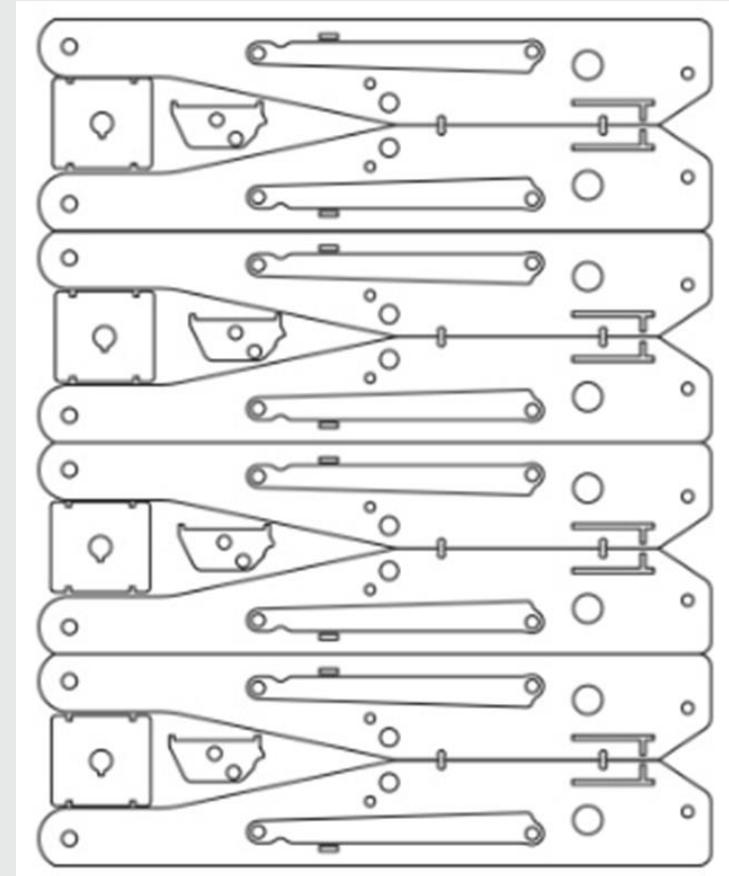
- ▶ Superior steel cleanliness
- ▶ Optimized and consistent chemistry
- ▶ Narrow and consistent dimensional tolerances
- ▶ Properties that exceed EN standards
- ▶ Optimized surface quality for laser cutting
- ▶ Tight nesting with shared cutting lines
- ▶ Same bending properties in all directions
- ▶ High-quality cut edges even at high cutting speeds
- ▶ Flatness deviation of cut parts  $\leq 3.0$  mm/m
- ▶ Predictable and repetitive performance in cold forming
- ▶ SSAB Laser<sup>®</sup>Plus
- ▶ Enhanced impact toughness at low temperatures and inner bending radius  $0.0 \times$  thickness

# More efficient material consumption

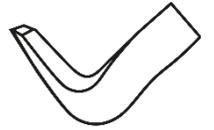


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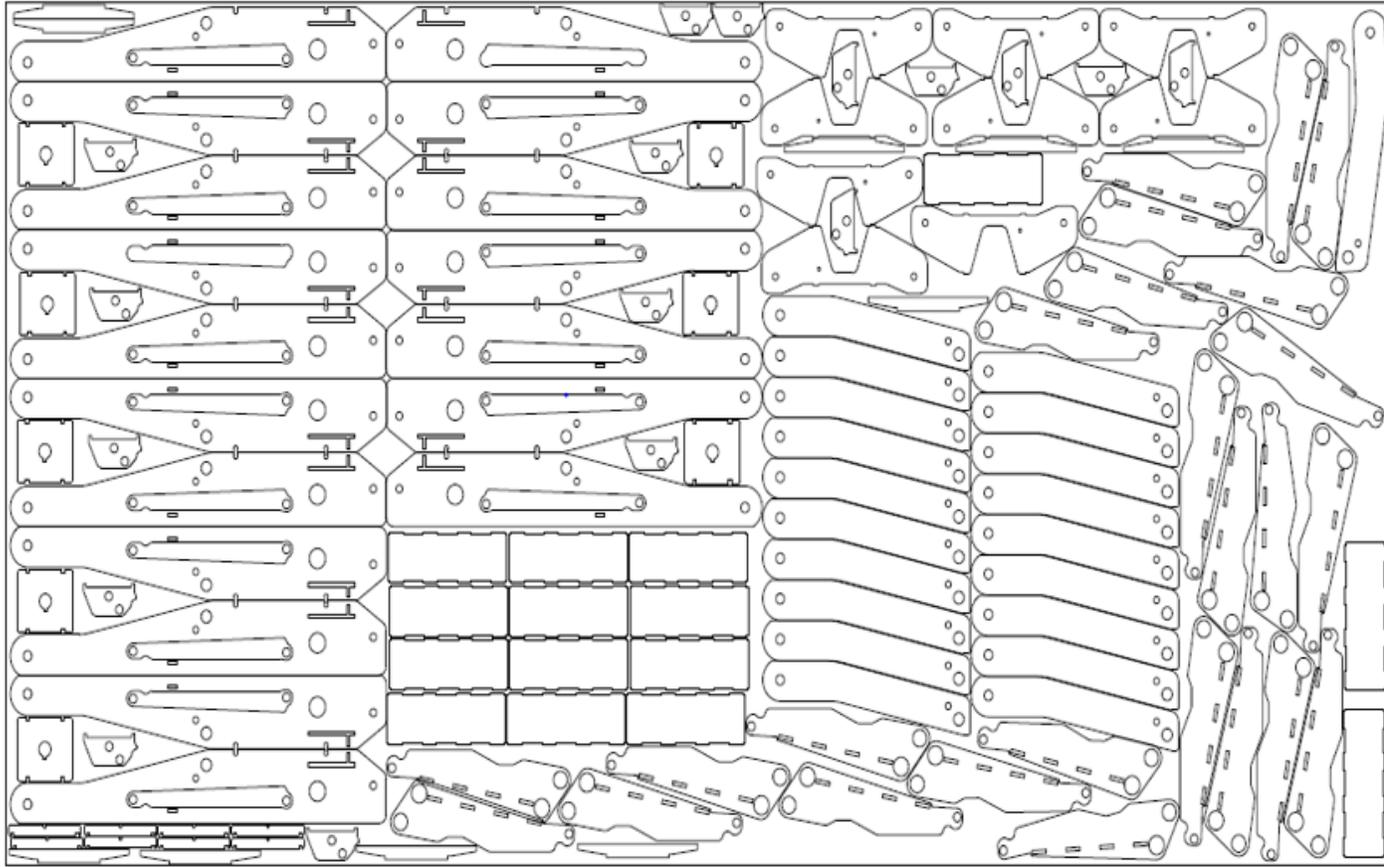
- ▶ Superior flatness behavior and cut quality typically enable tighter nesting of parts
- ▶ Depending on the specific parts in the nest, shared cutting paths can be used
  - Sometimes this is the correct way to go in order to avoid bowing of the skeleton
- ▶ By optimizing the starting points and parts positioning, tighter nesting can often be achieved



# Nesting example



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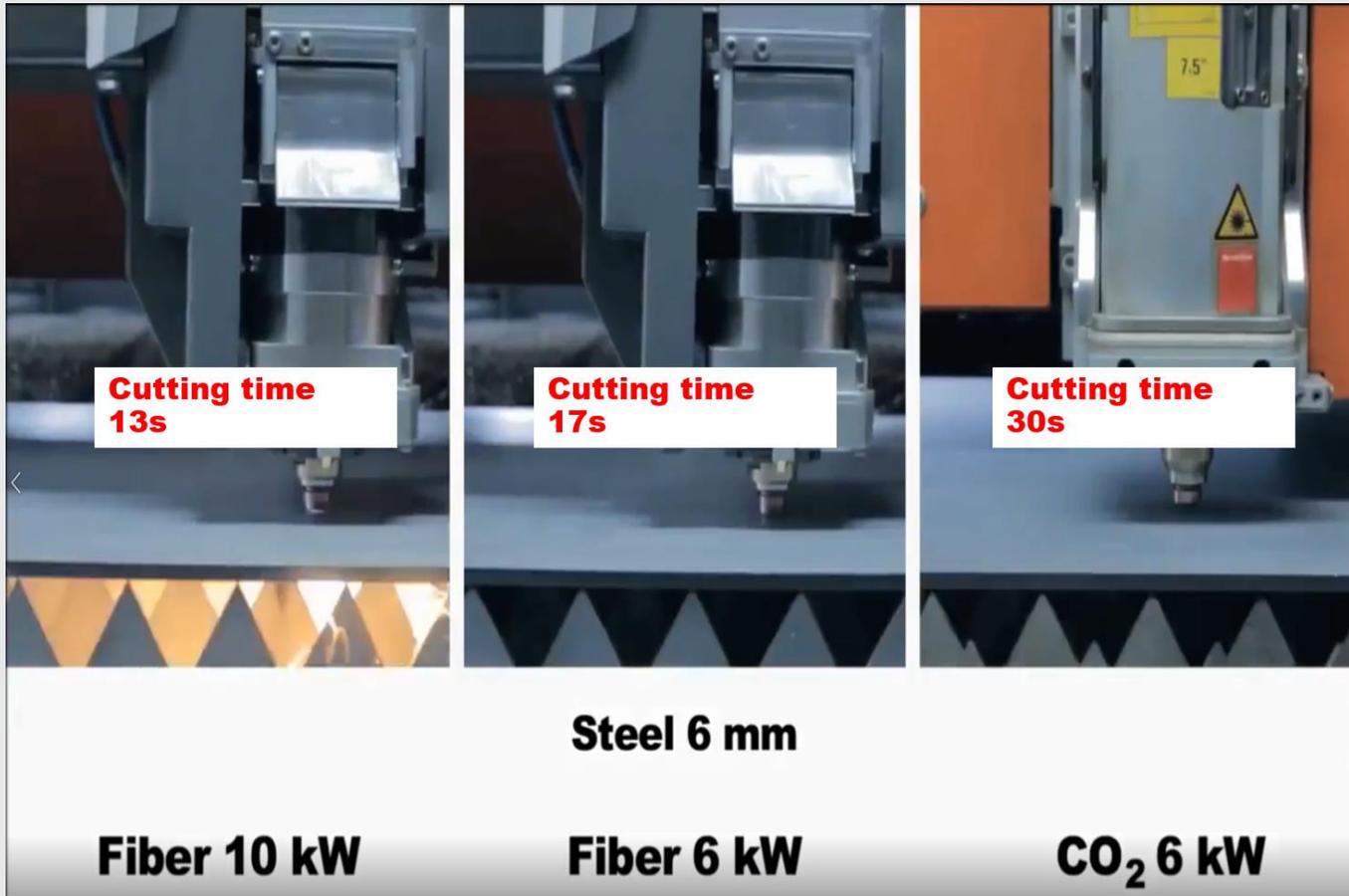




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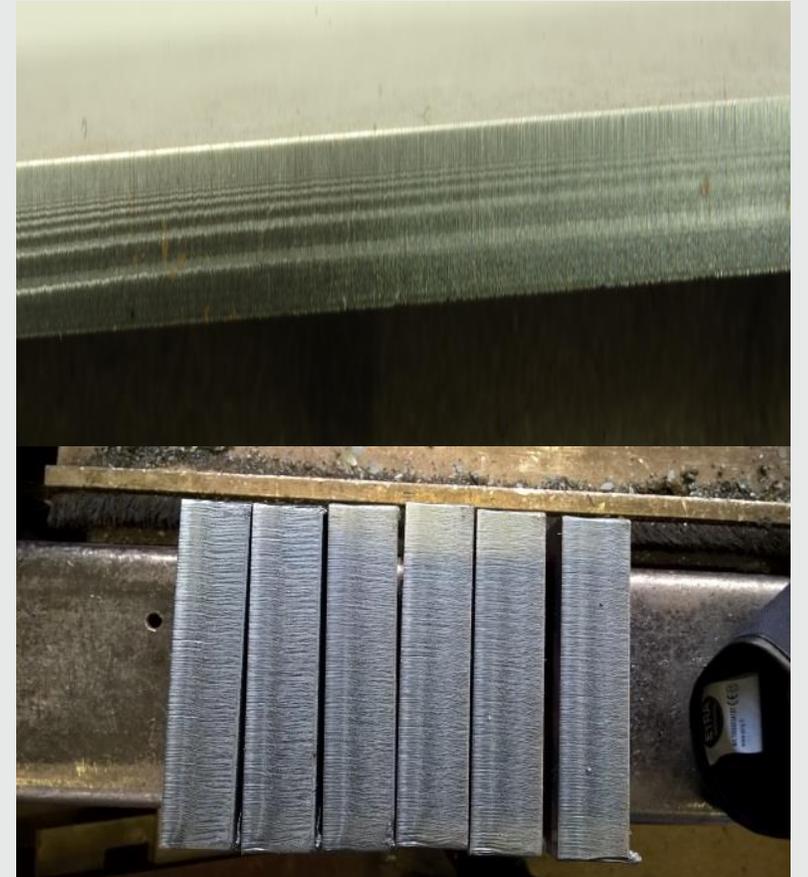
# SSAB LASER<sup>®</sup> - OPTIMIZED SURFACE QUALITY FOR LASER CUTTING

# SSAB Laser®

- ▶ The surface quality has great impact on cutting speed and cut edge quality
- ▶ Rigorous quality control ensures the best possible surface and cut edge quality for demanding components
- ▶ Always offers the optimal surface quality for high-quality laser cutting in all its products and delivery conditions



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# Silicon (Si)



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- ▶ Silicon increases viscosity and surface
- ▶ Low Si-content good for laser cutting quality
  - Higher Si-content can lead to a higher amount of dross
  - For example (EN 10025-2, t=25 mm):
    - High Si-content of 0.2% in S355JR
    - Low Si-content of 0.02% in SSAB Laser 355 C
    - While cold steel cutting is ok, after heating the material cutting is not possible





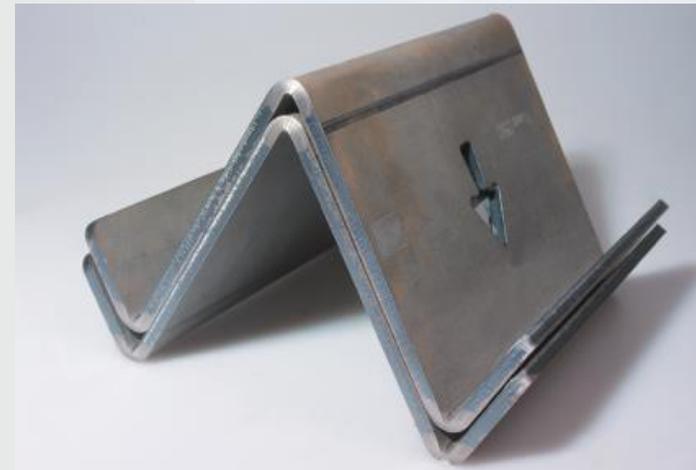
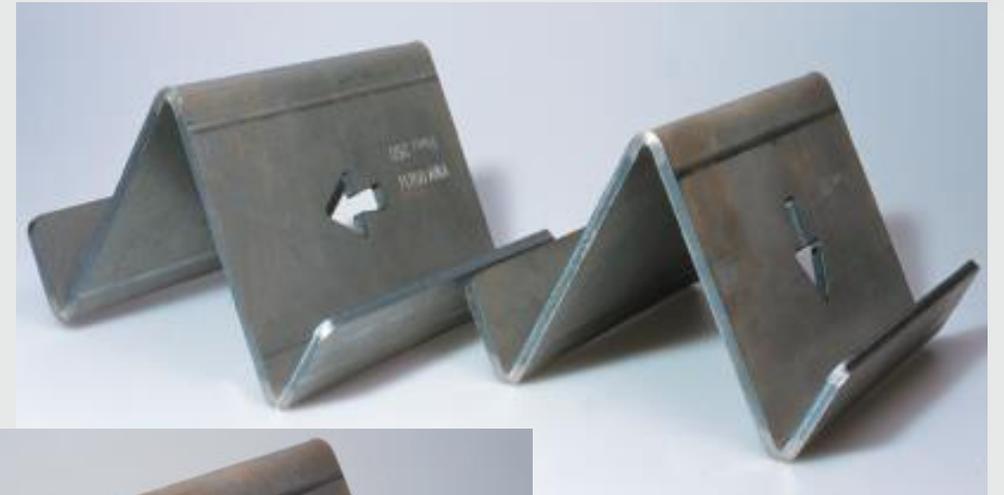
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# SSAB LASER<sup>®</sup> - OPTIMIZED FOR BENDING

# SSAB Laser<sup>®</sup>



- ▶ Good mechanical properties, repeatable bendability in both directions
- ▶ Thanks to exceptionally isotropic mechanical properties of SSAB Laser<sup>®</sup> Plus
  - Bending angle is the same both in longitudinal and transversal directions
  - Freedom in positioning parts in nesting regardless of rolling direction
  - Easier nesting & better utilization of steel and less scrap in bending



# Bendability of structural steel Strip and plate products



SSAB Laser 355MC Plus  
Sheet  
R = 0



SSAB Domex 355MC  
Sheet  
R = 4



EN 10149-2 / S355MC  
Sheet  
R = 8



Yield strength 355 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

Thickness 8 mm

R = min inner bending radius

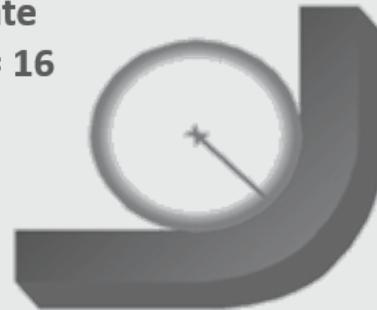
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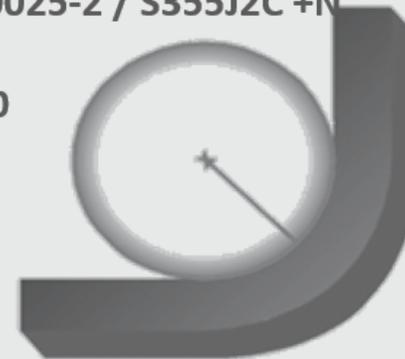
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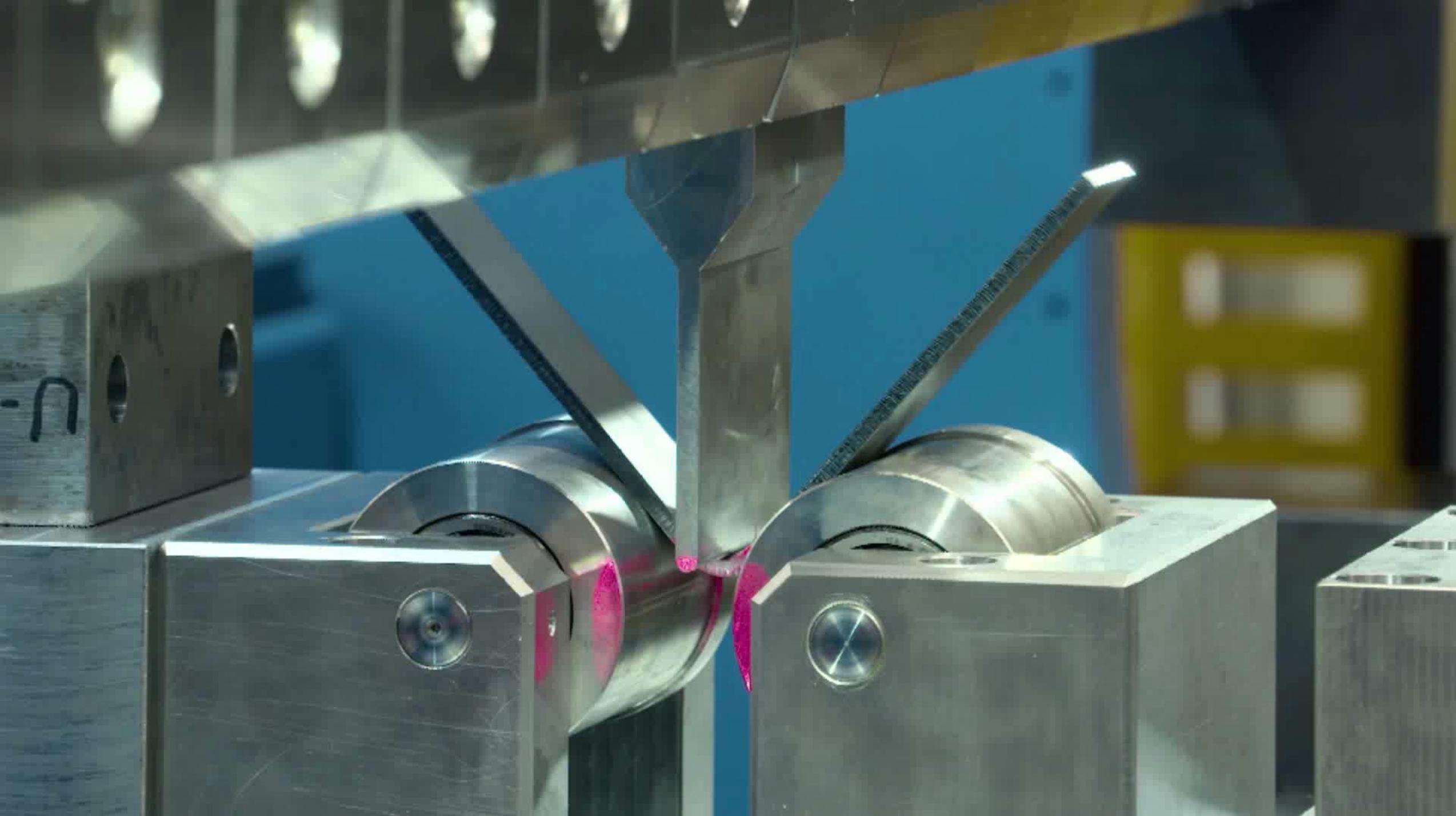
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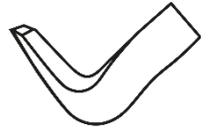
EN 10025-2 / S355J2C +N  
Plate  
R = 20



\* SSAB Laser 355ML Plus fulfills EN 10025-4 requirements



# SSAB Laser steel grades



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## Hot rolled plate

SSAB Laser 250C

SSAB Laser 275C

SSAB Laser 355C

SSAB Laser 355ML Plus

SSAB Laser 420ML Plus

SSAB Laser 460 ML Plus

## Hot rolled sheet Cold rolled sheet

SSAB Laser 250C

SSAB Laser 275C

SSAB Laser 355C

SSAB Laser 355MC Plus

SSAB Laser 420MC Plus

SSAB Laser 460MC Plus

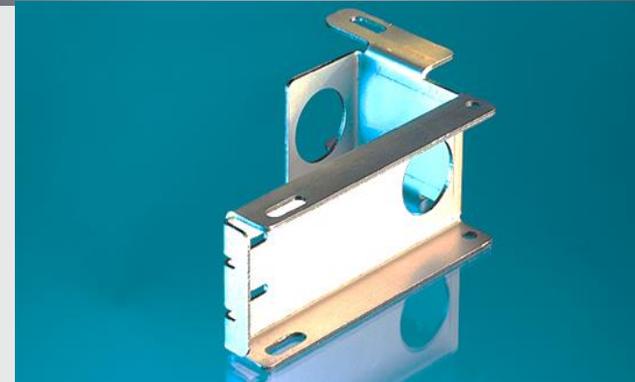
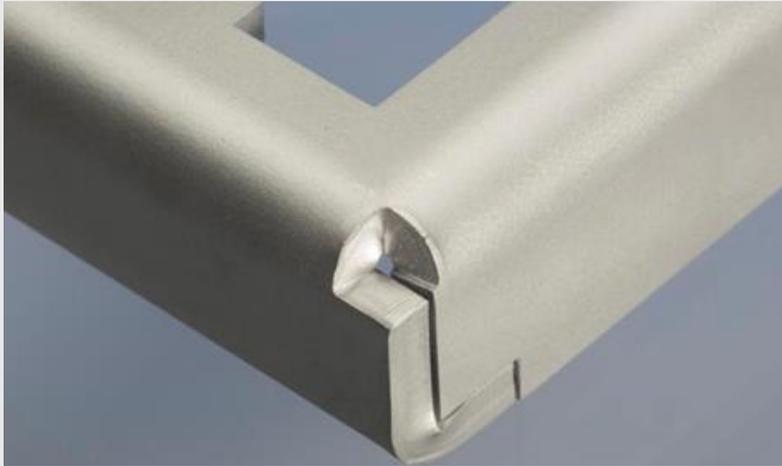
SSAB Laser 500MC Plus

SSAB Laser DC03

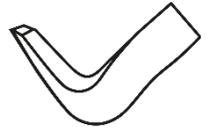
# Some applications



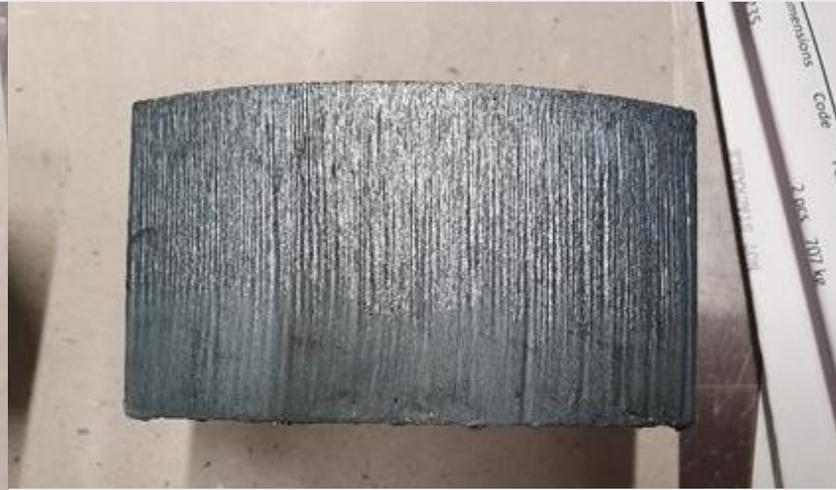
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# Laser cutting in the future



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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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# QUESTIONS?

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