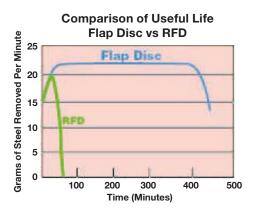
Product Information Report Flap Discs





Overview

- Grind and finish in one step
- No need to switch from a Type 27 grinding wheel to a resin fiber disc (RFD)
- Last 15 times longer than an RFD
- Increased productivity
- Lowest cost per part finished
- Superior, consistent finish
- Reduced operator fatigue
- Flap discs handle both rough grinding and smooth finishing on all types of material
- They offer the aggressiveness of a resinbonded grinding wheel and the finishing capabilities of fiber-backed coated abrasives



- Flap discs are preferable to depressed-center discs when light-gauge material is being ground and finished
- Flap discs are quieter and easier to use than depressed-center discs
- Studies show that a flap disc will last as long as ten fiber-backed discs in many applications
- The finish with a flap disc will remain constant every time. Fiber-backed discs become finer with use, causing the finish to change each time the fiber-backed disc is replaced
- No separate backing pad is needed
- There is reduced clogging, loading and glazing of the disc

Applications







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Target Industries/Operations

- Stainless steel fabrication
- Air-handling ducts
- Elevator manufacturing
- Fiberglass boat building/repair
- Bridge building
- Railroad car building
- Construction equipment sales/repairs
- Fire sprinkler manufacturing
- Truck and car body fabrication
- Aircraft manufacturing
- Building construction
- Food equipment fabrication
- Casket manufacturing
- Sheet metal fabrication
- Liquid storage tank fabrication
- Enclosure manufacturing
- Propeller manufacturing
- Dairy equipment manufacturing
- Ornamental iron shops

Typical Applications

- Weld blending
- Grinding
- Cleaning
- Finishing
- Stock removal
- Edge chamfering
- Deflashing

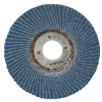


Application Requirements

Application Requirement	Backing Type
Rigid support for maximum aggression; recyclable	Aluminum
Prevent backing from scratching the workpiece during operation	n Phenolic
Application Requirement	Grain Type
High stock removal rate and long life in demanding applications	Zirconium
General-purpose metalworking applications	Aluminum Oxide
Maximum material removal	Coarser Grits
Achieve desired finishes	Finer Grits

Blue Kote Flap Discs









Blue-Kote Flap Discs – High Cut Rate and Long Life

- The benchmark of the industry, Blue-Kote Flap Discs provide both a high cut rate and long life
- Available with phenolic backing for smooth grinding and aluminum backing for maximum aggression

Blue-Kote II High-Density Flap Discs – High Performance and Longest Life

- 30% to 40% longer life than standard flap discs
- Thicker disc with larger flaps that conform to curved and irregular surfaces
- High-density configuration adds flexibility for smoother grinding action

Blue-Kote Mini Flap Discs

• 2" or 3" size allows access to confined areas

Blue-Kote Aluminum Application Flap Disc

- Same great quality with A3 material and calcium stearate coating which liquefies under heat
- A/O paper with phenolic backing

Flap Disc DOs and DON'Ts	 DO select a flap disc one or two grit sizes coarser than the resin fiber disc currently being used.
	 DO use a light feed pressure allowing the speed of the machine to do the work. DO maintain the grinder at the proper working angle to use 100% of the grinding surface. Premature wear will occur if only the cloth extending beyond the backing plate is used.
	 DO NOT use in place of resin fiber discs when flexibility is vital. Blue-Kote Flap Discs work best on flat or gently contoured surfaces.
	 DO NOT use in place of resin-bonded grinding wheels when heavy stock removal is required. Blue-Kote Flap Discs work best when moderate stock removal and a good finish are desirable.
	 DO NOT choose a grit which is too coarse when used on aluminum. Loading may occur between the zirconium grains.

• DO NOT use in place of very coarse resin fiber discs (16 or 24 grit).