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(Bottom Left Inset) Examples of chemical-vapor-deposition (CVD) diamond thick-film- and thin-film-coated flat tools and thin-film-coated round tools for nonferrous, dry-machining operation. The diamond film was produced by direct-current arc-jet technology at Norton Diamond Film extending the life of the tool five to 10 times.

(Top Left Inset) SiC rotary pump seals. One ring is coated with 5 μ m of nanocrystalline diamond using a technology developed at Argonne National Laboratory. The other ring is uncoated.

(Top Right Inset) Electronic package using thick-film CVD diamond, which acts as a heat spreader beneath a 90-W Motorola LDMOS radio-frequency transistor. Using diamond lowers the integrated-circuit operating temperature to 120°C compared to 213°C for a conventional package with a metal heat spreader. The inset is the thermal image of the operating device. Note the low thermal resistance: 0.56°C/W.

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