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## XIJ-TEC PROCESS AND XU-TEC SAW BLADES

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The Xu-Tec process is also called the double glow surface alloying technology and is a new method of surface metallurgy which can produce an alloy layers with special phisical and chemical properties on the surface of common and inexpensive materials. Many super alloys and alloy steels, such as nickel base alloys, high speed steels and stainless steels, have been produced by Xu-Tec Process on the surfaces of carbon steels. The depth of the alloy lasyers may vary from several microns up to 300 micr ons with alloying elements in a concentration of few percentage to 100%. World wide patents for Xu-Tec process have been granted in the United states, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia and Japan.

High performance saw blades have been successfully produced by the Xu-Tec process with much simper processing steps and less cost than bimetal high speed saw blades. A comparison of the cutting times and wear rates of the Xu-Tec blades with the conventional bimetal blades has been made. The Xu-Tec blases demonstrates sim ilar or better performance than bimetal blades. A Xu-Tec Unit for the commercial production of Xu-Tec saw blades has been designed and manufactured. This Unit can to reat 10,000 hack saw blades at one time. Three Xu-Tec hack saw blades production I ines have been set up in China.