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Lubricant-Friendly, Superhard and Low-Friction Coatings by Design

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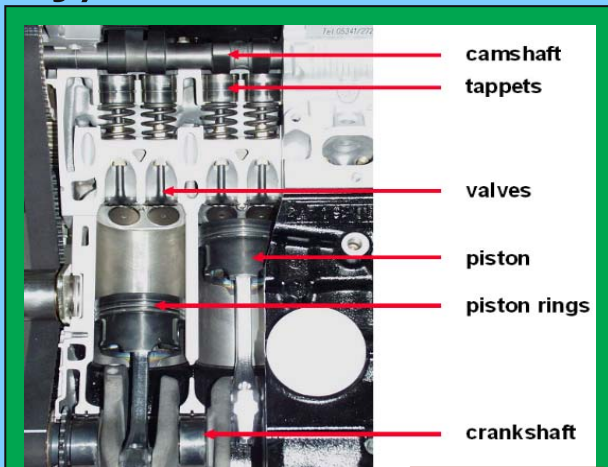


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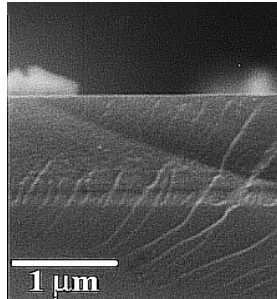
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Parasitic energy losses due to friction account for ~10% of fuel energy in engines (which amount to ~1.2 million barrels of petroleum per day)

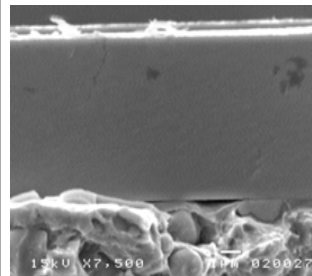


**Superhard and low-friction coatings/
surface treatments can help improve
fuel economy and durability in engines**



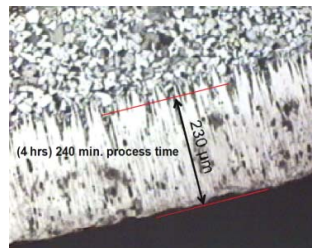
Near-frictionless Carbon:

- Friction coefficients down to 0.001 feasible
- Excellent compatibility with alternative fuel environments



Superhard Nanocomposite Coatings:

- Extreme resistance to wear and scuffing
- Superlow-friction under boundary lubrication



Ultra-fast Boriding

- 10s of micrometer-thick boride layers in minutes
- 2 to 3 times harder than nitrided and/or carburized surfaces

