

P/N 7600 tool post with P/N 2256 RH inserted carbide tip tool holder, 55° carbide tip and Torx wrench

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# Carbide Cutting Tool Inserts and Holders

## P/N 7600

Sherline has teamed up with Valenite™ to bring the home shop machinist into the space age with cutting tools that add new dimension to small lathes. Until now, high speed steel or brazed carbide tools were the only choices available to the owner of miniature metal lathes. High speed steel had short tool life while brazed carbide chipped easily. Inserted carbide cutting tools have replaced these tools in the modern machine shop. Now your miniature machine shop can benefit from these same features.

The proper carbide insert has the ability to consistently give good finishes and long tool life at a much higher cutting speed. This is especially important with small lathes because they don't have excessive power at low RPM. With inserted carbide tools, you can cut stainless steel at the same RPM you were formerly using to cut aluminum with high speed steel tools without any sacrifice of quality in surface finish.

Cost must be considered when selecting cutting tools, because these carbide tools are not inexpensive. However, they are worth every penny if you have problems grinding your own high speed steel tools or cutting exotic materials such as stainless steel.

If you would like a good, solid, easy-to-use holder for these carbide tips, we suggest you start with the number 2256 right hand holder that uses the number 7605 insert tip. This 55° insert is good for turning, facing and profiling. The inserts are offset 35° to either the right (2256) or left (2257) and can be purchased as a pair (2258) which yields a substantial cost savings.

The 55° inserts have the advantage of being able to cut a larger number of different shapes. The 80° inserts are slightly less versatile but offer the advantage of longer tool life due to the stronger, more square shape.

Boring bars come in a standard 6-inch length and are intended to be cut to length for each specific use. The 80° boring bar is intended for boring straight holes, while the 55° tool can do certain types of inside diameter profiling. Remember there is a minimum hole diameter for I.D. boring bars. (See tables on reversed side of this sheet.)

Sherline does not recommend attempting to cut hardened steels or piano wire with these inserts. Materials such as these should be ground to shape, not cut. However, abrasive materials such as glass reinforced plastics can be easily cut with these tools.

The main purpose of using a diamond insert is to true up commutators used in electric motors. The most unique

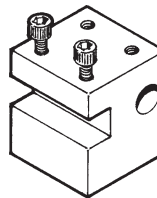
aspect of this tool is that the diamond has four cutting edges. Although the initial cost may seem high, when you consider you are really getting four cutting surfaces rather than one, the cost in relation to the usefulness of the tool is quite reasonable. Diamonds, while expensive, are capable of giving mirror-like finishes to copper or aluminum. Never attempt to cut steel with the diamond cutter. (NOTE: Cutter holder no longer available from Valenite as of 9/04)

Your present Sherline tool post may be modified to accept these special tool holders, but an easier solution is Sherline's special tool post (P/N 7600) shown below. It is specially designed to hold all the tools shown on this sheet.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The inserted carbide and diamond cutting tools offered by Sherline will improve the performance of the Sherline lathe, but they will not correct poor machining technique. Rigid setups are a must for tools such as these.

### 3/8" Tool Post (P/N 7600)

*Fits All 3/8" round, square insert holders*

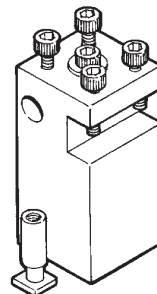


The Sherline 7600 tool post is specially designed to fit the larger 3/8" size tool holders used for carbide or diamond inserted tips. It is machined from solid aluminum

and has a black anodized finish for long life. In addition to the slot for a 3/8" lathe cutting tool, a 3/8" diameter hole is provided for holding round boring tools. Purchase of this tool post will allow you to keep your standard P/N 4018 tool post available for use with 1/4" high speed steel tools for jobs where they are sufficient and/or a specially ground and shaped tip is required.

### 3/8" Riser Tool Post (P/N 1289)

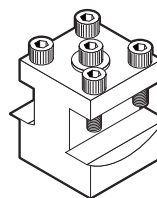
*(Shown at left) Fits All 3/8" round and square insert holders*



The Sherline P/N 1289 riser tool post is identical to the P/N 7600 tool post except it is extended in length to be used when riser blocks are installed on the lathe.

### 1/4"-3/8" Two-Position Tool Post (P/N 7603)

This tool post has slots on two opposite sides to hold both 1/4" and 3/8" square shank tools individually or at the same time. This allows you to switch quickly between tools of the two different sizes simply by rotating the tool post 180°.

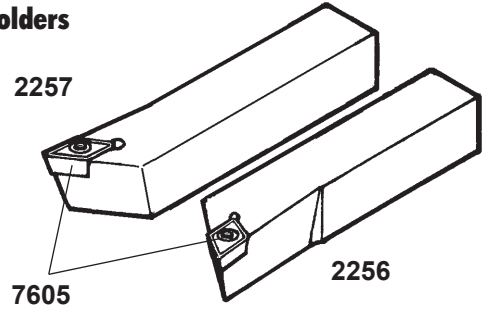


# Cutting Tool Inserts and Insert Holders

## 55° Insert Holders—Left-hand and Right-hand

PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	TOOL POST	INSERT
2256	55° RH Holder (w/ insert)	7600*	7605
2257	55° LH Holder (w/ insert)	7600	7605
2258	PAIR, RH & LH (w/ inserts)	7600	7605
7605 7605B	55° Carbide Insert (2 Cutting Edges)	Each Box of 10	

### 55° Holders

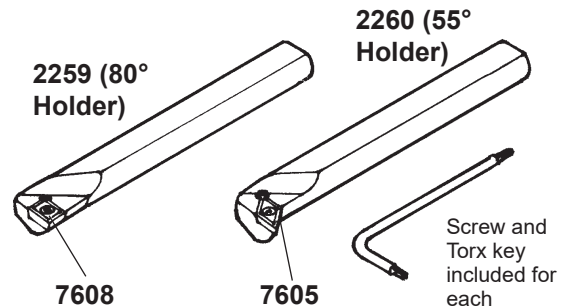


\*NOTE: Tool post not included. Part numbers are provided for your convenience so you can see what is needed for a complete set. The P/N 7600 tool post is \$20.00 and the insert prices are listed at the bottom of each section. P/N 2256, 2257 and 2258 come with one insert per holder as part of the price. All other insert holders do not come with an insert.

One carbide insert plus a hold-down screw and hex key are included with each holder. These holders will also accept the 7611 55° diamond inserts shown below.

## 3/8" Diameter Boring Bars—80° and 55°

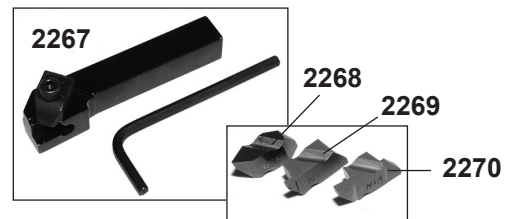
PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	TOOL POST	INSERT
2259	80° Boring Bar w/ insert*	7600	7608
2260	55° Boring Bar w/ insert**	7600	7605
2261	Set of both of above holders	7600	7608, 7605
	*Minimum Hole Diameter: .50" **Minimum Hole Diameter: .75" Max hole depth approx. 2" (Total tool length 3.25")		



## Outside Threading and Grooving Insert Holders

PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	TOOL POST	INSERT
2267	Threading & Grooving Insert Holder Only	7600	7606, 7660
2268	60° Threading Insert (2 Cutting Edges)	Each	7605
2269	.031" Grooving Insert (2 Cutting Edges)	Each	7605
2270	.062" Grooving Insert (2 Cutting Edges)	Each	

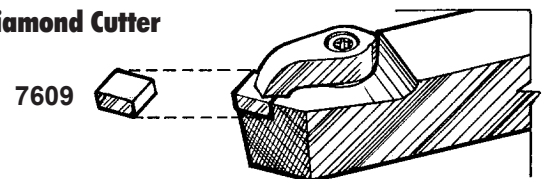
### Outside Threading & Grooving Tool



## Diamond Inserts

PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
7609	Diamond Insert (4 Cutting edges, Fits Valenite holder.)
7611	55° Diamond Insert (1 Cutting edge, Fits Sherline LH, RH and Boring 55° carbide tool holders)

### Diamond Cutter



NOTE: Valenite no longer offers this holder. For those who already own this holder we still offer replacement diamond inserts for it. The alternative for new purchasers wishing to use diamond inserts is the 55° holder 7611 above that fits our standard Sherline 55° holders.

(Valenite holder no longer available)

### WARNING

Carbide cutting tips may chip or fragment in use. Always use machine guards, protective clothing and safety glasses to prevent burns or other injury to body or eyes from flying particles or chips. Grinding produces hazardous dust: To avoid adverse health effects, use adequate ventilation and read Material Safety Data Sheet for applicable carbide grade first.

For Data Sheet write to:

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