

Packed with power

Powerbit Underground





It has arrived

It's finally here! Powerbit Underground. The drill bit for miners who want to push it to the limit. Drill more metres every day and between regrinds, while enjoying longer bit service life. It's simply a drill bit for miners who won't settle for anything but the fastest, most productive underground drilling imaginable.

Is Powerbit Underground for you too?



Rocketing rig ROI



Powerbit Underground is more than a new drill bit. It's a way to boost the return on your rig investment – through increased drilling efficiency and reliability.

Boosts modern rigs...

Even the most powerful rig won't do all the work by itself. You need a drill bit that matches the rig's performance, withstanding the immense forces to give you more drill meters per day. Only then will you experience true drilling productivity.

...and older rigs too

Powerbit Underground gives older rigs a power boost too. It has more flushing holes and a smarter hole configuration than previous generations of bits. It will therefore increase the efficiency of rigs with lower water pressure and less effective flushing.



Faster, more reliable drilling

Powerbit Underground drills up to 15 percent faster than previous Epiroc models, reducing the total cost of ownership considerably.

Even so, the true gain comes from what Powerbit Underground will do to your availability and productivity. How about 20 percent more drill meters before the first regrind and 15 percent more drill meters between regrinds?

With this innovative bit, miners will experience a whole new “flow” at work. Enjoying the satisfaction of trouble-free, uninterrupted drilling that spells more money in the pocket. All thanks to the bit’s extreme ruggedness.

Full utilization of your rig

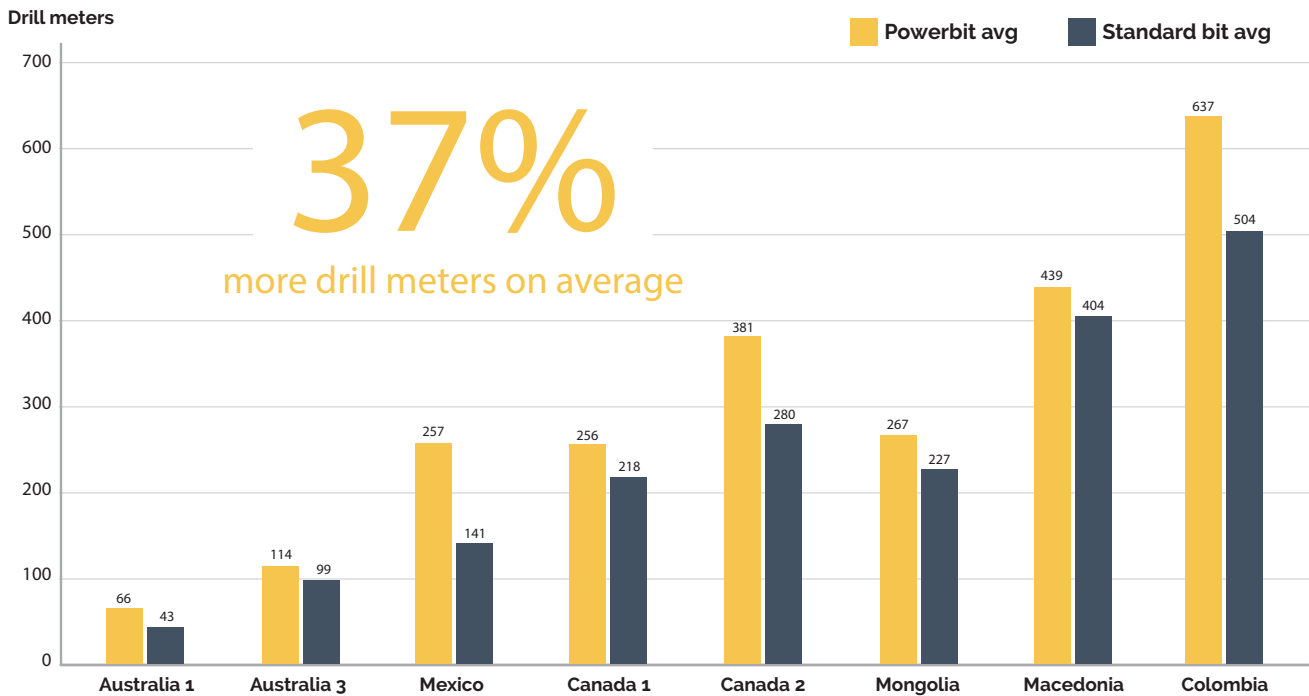
Drill rigs get most of the attention in mining – and perhaps rightly so. After all, they do provide the necessary

brute force. But smart miners also realize how to best make use of their rig’s full capacity.

Powerbit Underground allows miners to complete more drill meters per day. Experience faster and more reliable drilling. Improve efficiency. Capitalize fully on their rig investment. All thanks to Powerbit Underground.

Proven performance

Powerbit Underground has been put to the test in numerous drill tests. Before launch, we carried out thousands of drillings across the globe in collaboration with selected customers. The tests were made independently and offer strong evidence of the new bit's superior performance. See for yourself!



Test results show that Powerbit Underground provides 37 percent more drill metres on average before bit discard than a standard drill bit. The chart shows the location of the test mines used for testing.



A closer look at our tests

So how did we test Powerbit Underground? Let's have a closer look at two of our test sites, specifically. Here we present some crucial test characteristics including typical rock type and equipment used.

Mexico

Site characteristics

The test mine is located in northern Mexico, in a district well-known for mining. The main mineral is zinc followed by lead and copper. The rock offers challenging conditions due to the presence of quartz, pyrite and magnetite.

Method

The test was conducted in development drilling, both in waste rock and in the ore itself. Ten drillings were made to measure both drilled metres and penetration rate. The results are in comparison with a standard 45 mm bit.

Equipment

- Drill rig: **Tamrock Axera**
- Rock drill: **Sandvik HLX5**
- Flushing pressure: **2-6 bar at 30-35 liters/min**
- Drill bit: **Powerbit Underground 45mm**
- Buttons: **Trubbnos trapezoid-shaped buttons**

Results

Penetration rate

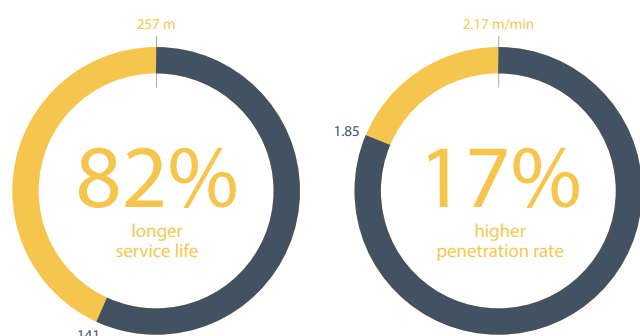
Standard bit: **1.85 meters/min**

Powerbit Underground: **2.17 meters/min**

Service life

Standard bit: **141 meters**

Powerbit Underground: **257 meters**



The average service life was 82% longer with Powerbit Underground, which has a direct impact on the cost per metre for the bit.

The average penetration rate was 17% higher with Powerbit Underground, which has a direct impact on the energy consumption of drilling.

South Korea

Site characteristics

Powerbit Underground was tested at a tunnelling project for a road construction, outside Seoul, South Korea. The test was conducted in excellent collaboration with the customer.

Method

The test was conducted in igneous formations, which consists of medium to hard rock with pockets of clay. Powerbit Underground was benchmarked against a standard model 39 semi-ballistic bit.

Equipment

- Drill rig: **Epiroc Rocket Boomer E3**
- Rock drill: **Epiroc COP 3038 rock drills**
- Drill bit: **Powerbit Underground 45mm**
- Buttons: **Trubbnos trapezoid-shaped buttons**
- Grinding equipment: **Epiroc Grindmatic BQ3**

Results

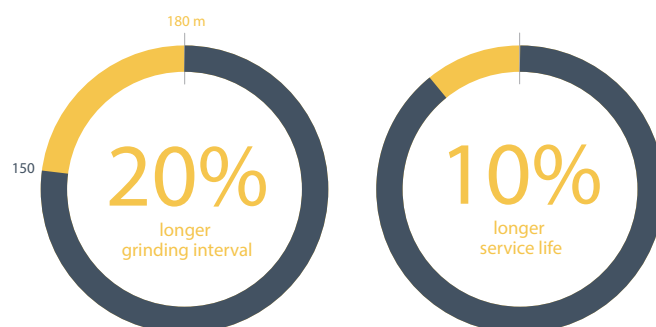
Grinding interval

Standard bit: **150 meters**

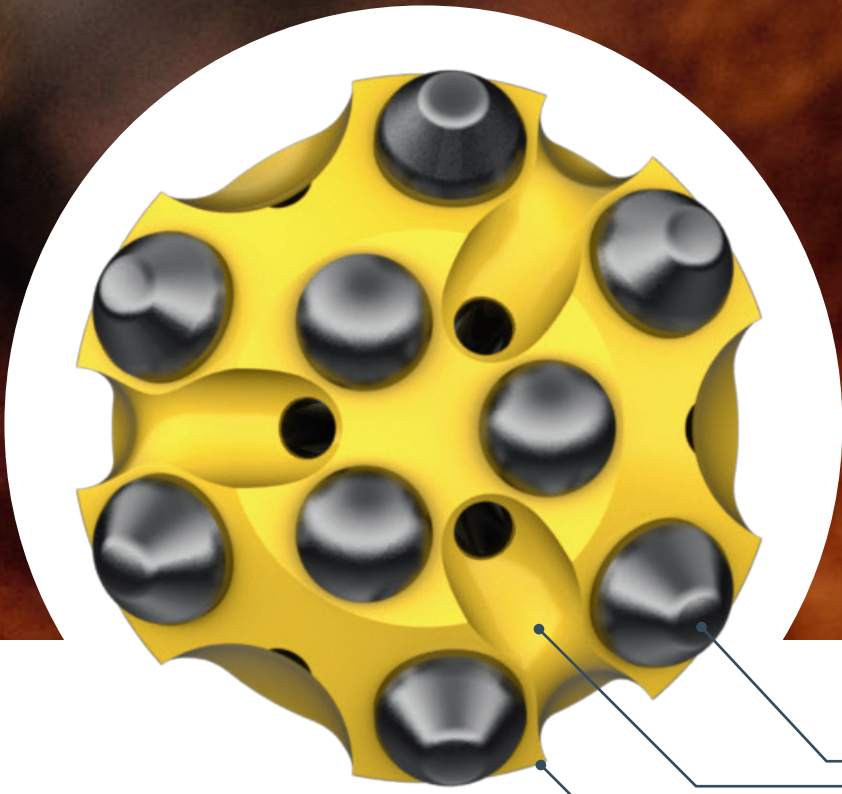
Powerbit Underground: **180 meters**

Service life

10% longer



The average grinding interval was almost 20% longer with Powerbit Underground. The bit proved highly effective on mixed rock, performing well in the igneous formations on site. The high flushing capacity was effective on soft clay pockets.



All is new

Powerbit Underground may look like just another drill bit. It's not. Everything about it is new. The steel it's made of. The shape and design of its buttons. Its hole configuration. One factor just as important for your drilling efficiency as the other. Add all these benefits together, and you have the perfect recipe for successful drilling.



The steel

We put our metallurgists to work with a simple request – invent the most durable steel we've ever used in a drill bit (and our history dates back to 1873...) What they came up with 15 percent higher wear resistance and 10 percent higher fatigue strength.



The face

We put a lot of engineering into optimizing the bit's face, since it is key to a high penetration rate. More flushing holes and a smarter hole configuration to maximize flushing efficiency and we paid special attention to make sure cuttings are removed as fast as possible.



The buttons

The durability of the buttons is crucial to high drilling productivity. The Enduro Extra patented treatment, used on our spherical and Trubbnos buttons, makes them tougher and more wear resistant. For you, that means more drill meters between regrinds.



Trubbnos

The drillbit can be delivered with both spherical buttons and Trubbnos. Trubbnos is our new and innovative trapezoid-shaped buttons, which offer longer service life and improved penetration rate than semi-ballistic buttons. (Trubbnos, by the way, is Swedish for flat nose, an indication of the geometry of the new buttons.)

Unbeatable drill string

Every part of the drill string must perform optimally. That's why we pay equal attention to shank adapters, drill rods, couplings and drill bits. For you, it means that you can get a complete, unbeatable drill string from a single supplier: Epiroc.

The best shank adapters and drill rods

Shank adapters and drill rods from Epiroc have long been the equipment of choice for drillers looking for high quality and long service life. We put all our 100 years of rock drilling experience and know-how into making the best adapters and rods. A proven and tested combination of material choice, heat treatment and the unique T-WiZ threads gives you high uptime and effective drilling.

For any rock conditions

With Powerbit Underground, we can now add even more to the performance of your drill string. As tests show, these new bits work outstandingly well in any rock formation and outperform previous generations of bits. For greatly increased service life – use Powerbit Underground.

An unbeatable drill string...

No detail has been overlooked when creating the perfect drill string. Our shank adapters, drill rods and powerful bits are tough and wear resistant. And the pieces work perfectly together. For an unbeatable drill string, you need to look no further than Epiroc.

...key to tomorrow's automated drilling

A reliable drill string is key to automated rock drilling. As a leading rock drill and rig provider, Epiroc not only offers complete drill strings, but total rock drilling technology solutions. In us, drillers find the only true one-stop shop for tomorrow's fully automated, seamlessly integrated underground drilling solutions.



Drill bit

Higher penetration rate. Improved reliability. Longer service life. Powerbit Underground is without a doubt the jewel of the drilling string crown.

Drill rod

Must be stiff to drill straight holes, tough not to break if bent, have high fatigue strength and wear resistant to give long service life.



Coupling

Manufactured to close tolerances, especially in threads, to minimize energy loss in this critical component (3 percent energy lost in each thread on average).

Shank adapter

With one of the market's most comprehensive range of shank adapters produced for virtually all rock drill types, Epiroc knows how to deliver the necessary wear resistance, fatigue strength and resilience.

Easy selection



Selection guide

SOFT ROCK

MEDIUM HARD ROCK

HARD ROCK



130 MPa

220 MPa



SOFT ROCK

Will be released in April 2020.

MEDIUM HARD ROCK

Trubbnos buttons (gauge) and spherical buttons (centre)

Ideal for abrasive, medium hard to hard rock. Larger Trubbnos buttons and flushing grooves give the ideal balance between service life and penetration rate. Available with a short retract for straight holes in broken rock.

HARD ROCK

Spherical buttons

For tough conditions in hard and abrasive rock. Optimised face and body design and with large spherical buttons for long service life. Available with a short retract for straight holes in broken rock.

Technical data

45 mm (1¼") bits

Thread	Diameter		Product No.	Product code	No. of buttons	Buttons × button diameter (mm)		Gauge buttons angle°	Flushing hole		Weight approx. kg
	mm	inch				Gauge	Centre		Side	Centre	
Powerbit underground – Trubbnos buttons (gauge) and spherical buttons (centre)											
SR28	45	1¼	90030012	125-5045-39-70,37-20	9	6x10	3x9	35°	3	3	0,8
R32	45	1¼	90029940	103-5045-39-70,37-20	9	6x10	3x9	35°	3	3	0,7
SR32	45	1¼	90030013	126-5045-39-70,37-20	9	6x10	3x9	35°	3	3	0,8
SR35	45	1¼	90030015	128-5045-39-30-70,37-20	9	6x9	3x8	40°	3	3	1,0
SR35	45	1¼	90029939	128-5045-39-70,37-20	9	6x10	3x9	35°	3	3	0,7
Powerbit underground – Spherical buttons											
R28	45	1¼	90030014	107-5045-39,37-20	9	6x10	3x9	35°	3	3	0,7
R32	45	1¼	90030011	103-5045-39,37-20	9	6x10	3x9	35°	3	3	0,7
SR35	45	1¼	90030016	128-5045-39,37-20	9	6x10	3x9	35°	3	3	0,7

48 mm (1⅞") bits

Thread	Diameter		Product No.	Product code	No. of buttons	Buttons × button diameter (mm)		Gauge buttons angle°	Flushing hole		Weight approx. kg
	mm	inch				Gauge	Centre		Side	Centre	
Powerbit underground – Trubbnos buttons (gauge) and spherical buttons (centre)											
R28	48	1⅞	90030066	107-5048-39-70,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9
SR28	48	1⅞	90030067	125-5048-39-70,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,8
R32	48	1⅞	90030041	103-5048-39-70,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,8
SR32	48	1⅞	90030063	126-5048-39-70,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9
SR35	48	1⅞	90030037	128-5048-39-70,37-06	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9
SR35	48	1⅞	90030038	128-5048-39-70,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9
TC35	48	1⅞	90030065	169-5048-39-70,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9
Powerbit underground – Spherical buttons											
R32	48	1⅞	90030069	103-5048-39,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,8
SR35	48	1⅞	90030040	128-5048-39,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9

51 mm (2") bits

Thread	Diameter		Product No.	Product code	No. of buttons	Buttons × button diameter (mm)		Gauge buttons angle°	Flushing hole		Weight approx. kg
	mm	inch				Gauge	Centre		Side	Centre	
Powerbit underground – Trubbnos buttons (gauge) and spherical buttons (centre)											
R32	51	2	90030049	103-5051-39-70,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9
SR35	51	2	90030046	128-5051-39-70,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9
TC35	51	2	90030048	169-5051-39-70,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9
Powerbit underground – Spherical buttons											
R32	51	2	90030051	103-5051-39,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9
SR35	51	2	90030044	128-5051-39,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9
SR35	51	2	90030047	128-5051-39,37-06	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9
TC35	51	2	90030045	169-5051-39,37-20	9	6x11	3x9	35°	3	3	0,9

41 mm (1⁵/₈") bits

Thread	Diameter		Product No.	Product code	No. of buttons	Buttons x button diameter (mm)		Gauge buttons angle*	Flushing hole		Weight approx. kg
	mm	inch				Gauge	Centre		Side	Centre	
Powerbit underground – Trubbnos buttons (gauge) and spherical buttons (centre)											
SR28	41	1 ⁵ / ₈	90030055	125-5041-39-70,37-20	9	6x9	3x7	35°	3	3	0.6
SR32	41	1 ⁵ / ₈	90030050	126-5041-39-70,37-20	9	6x9	3x7	35°	3	3	0.6

43 mm (1¹¹/₁₆") bits

Thread	Diameter		Product No.	Product code	No. of buttons	Buttons x button diameter (mm)		Gauge buttons angle*	Flushing hole		Weight approx. kg
	mm	inch				Gauge	Centre		Side	Centre	
Powerbit underground – Trubbnos buttons (gauge) and spherical buttons (centre)											
R32	43	1 ¹¹ / ₁₆	90030057	103-5043-39-70,37-20	9	6x9	3x8	35°	3	3	0.7
SR32	43	1 ¹¹ / ₁₆	90030058	126-5043-39-70,37-20	9	6x9	3x8	35°	3	3	0.6
SR35	43	1 ¹¹ / ₁₆	90030054	128-5043-39-70,37-20	9	6x9	3x8	35°	3	3	0.6
Powerbit underground – Spherical buttons											
R32	43	1 ¹¹ / ₁₆	90030056	103-5043-39,37-20	9	6x9	3x8	35°	3	3	0.7

54 mm (2¹/₈") bits

Thread	Diameter		Product No.	Product code	No. of buttons	Buttons x button diameter (mm)		Gauge buttons angle*	Flushing hole		Weight approx. kg
	mm	inch				Gauge	Centre		Side	Centre	
Powerbit underground – Trubbnos buttons (gauge) and spherical buttons (centre)											
R32	54	2 ¹ / ₈	90030060	103-5054-39-70,37-20	9	6x12	3x9	35°	3	3	1.0
SR35	54	2 ¹ / ₈	90030059	128-5054-39-70,37-20	9	6x12	3x9	35°	3	3	1.0

57 mm (2¹/₄") bits

Thread	Diameter		Product No.	Product code	No. of buttons	Buttons x button diameter (mm)		Gauge buttons angle*	Flushing hole		Weight approx. kg
	mm	inch				Gauge	Centre		Side	Centre	
Powerbit underground – Trubbnos buttons (gauge) and spherical buttons (centre)											
SR35	57	2 ¹ / ₄	90030061	103-5057-39-70,37-20	9	6x12	3x9	35°	3	3	1.2

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Performance unites us, innovation inspires us, and commitment drives us to keep moving forward. Count on Epiroc to deliver the solutions you need to succeed today and the technology to lead tomorrow.

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