



Kay Geels is now retired after 40 years of experience with preparation of metallographic/materialographic specimens. He received his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering in 1958 from Copenhagen Technical College and joined Struers A/S, Denmark in 1962. After a couple of years, he advanced to being responsible for development of new equipment, new consumables, and new methods for metallographic/materialographic specimen preparation. This made him part of the very considerable developments that have taken place in all steps of preparation in the last 40 years. Kay Geels has authored a high number of technical papers and lectured all over the world. He is a member of ASTM International, ASM International, International Metallographic Society (IMS), Electronic

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