"Special Milling Tools for the Fine Facing Work on Mould & Die Tools"



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Hot Embossing Tool

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## Variety of Workpieces



- Workpieces of the Mould & Die Industry
- Machining of the cast iron
- characteristic of the surface:
- free-form surface
- Artefact of Observation: Fine Facing work
- long machining time
- Requirements:
- best surface finish
- fast Manufacturing

## **Process Improvements: Observation of the Power**



-> Quality costs time and capital

To reach the last 5% of the Optimum, very high struggles are necessary.

The objective is, that either the quality increases to a greater extent than the time and capital expenditure, or with the same quality of time and capital expenditure can be reduced!

-> starting points are the sizes that are not yet or only in a small measures are improved, because in these sizes lies the greatest potential!

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- For the cutting performance:

 $P_c = z \cdot k_c \cdot A \cdot v_c = k_c \cdot a_p \cdot a_e \cdot v_f$ 

- the spec. cutting force can be neglected during finishing work
- the axial cut depth of cut is determined by pre-finishing
- the  $v_f$  depends on the  $f_z$  and the  $v_c$  or from the cutting material or tool-life
- The radial depth of cut can be identified as the design size. Thus:

 $a_e = B_r \cdot \cos \Delta \kappa$ 

-> <u>analysis of the groove width B<sub>r</sub> of</u> the surface profile is necessary



**Blow Moulding** 

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Foaming Mould

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- Abbreviation of the machining time
  - -> higher feed speed
- technical limits
- often confusion:
- <u>High-Speed Cutting</u> und machining with high rpm respectively with <u>higher feed speed</u>
  essential is the realised <u>surface</u> <u>production rate Q<sub>A</sub>!</u>

$$Q_A = B_r \cdot v_f = B_r \cdot z \cdot f_z \cdot n$$



## **Production Chart – Roughing Work**

- feed per flute is given
- Tool-life defines the cutting speed
- by facing operations it is important to realise tool changes as low as possible, for not to endanger the surface quality!
- at the same cutting speed, but different diameters you can find the typical rpm range of so-called HSC-machines
- -> Please distinguish between *spindle speed* and *surface speed*!

## **Selection of the Tool**



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- classical Tool:

ball nose end mill or total radius end mill

- often the corner radius is restricted by constricted rooms at the workpiece
- low distance of the machining traces
- enormous expenditure of time for the manufacturing

## Calculated Surface Profile – Cutting with classical Ball Nose End Mill



 If the width of the profile's grooves are integer of each other, good circumstances are visible.

- problem: starting point of cutting by fine-facing
- if the pre-face groove is not founded, it follows:



Reaction-Injection Moulding (RIM)

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# Production Chart – Facing Work



- Increasing of the surface production rate
- Increasing of the radial infeed
- Feed speed do not has to increase so much
- Decoupling of corner radius and tool diameter is necessary
- Result: Special Milling Tools





- skin surface of cylindrical tools

can be curved convex

- ->crown bow
- trade description:

"Parabolic Performance Cutting"

 $y = a \cdot x^2 + b \cdot x + c$ 

$$y = -\left(a \cdot x^2 + b \cdot x + c\right) - \frac{1}{d} \cdot y^2$$

- Data Processing: Circle is approximated by polynomials (CAD) !



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## **Tool: Width-Facing-End-Mills – Orientation in Practice**

- For the difference tool cutting edge

angle of the ball nose end mill is:

$$\cos\Delta\kappa = 1 - \frac{a_p}{r_{\varepsilon}}$$

- For the difference tool cutting edge angle of the conical barrel mill is:

 $\Delta \kappa = \kappa_r$ 

- For the difference tool cutting edge angle of the tangential barrel mill is:

$$\sin\Delta\kappa = 1 - \frac{a_p}{r_{\rm E}}$$

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## **Comparison of Surface Profiles**

- Difference of the grooves for ball nose end-mill:
- $B_{rKK} = 0.4 \text{ mm} (100\%)$
- Difference of the grooves for the widthfacing-end mill:
- B<sub>rBS</sub> = 2,2 mm (548 %)
- Consideration of the rest area informs about the average surface finish  $R_a$ .
- previous: Considerations by the same maximum roughness R<sub>t</sub>
- The situation changes, if the average surface finish should be the same.
- The width of the grooves B<sub>r</sub> is thereby limited!



Forming- & Punching Tool

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## **Different Tools**



Blow form of a Tank



Embossing-Clinching-Tool Soil of a Boot



Blow form of a Casing of a Powertrain



Forming-Punching-Tool Heat Shield



- Blow Forms
- Hot Embossing Tools
- Vehicle Manufacturing

## **Machine Tool**



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Appropriation and coordination of
 5-Achsen

- 3 translational and 2 rotatory axes
- all axes have to be controlled or moved simultaneously
- Programming is carried out by a programming system (CAM)

## **Programming Systems**



source: OPEN MIND



Programming systems enables
 a continuous orientation between
 workpiece and tool or vice versa

- A cooperation between a producer of programming systems and a tool manufacturer makes this progress available!
- Science and machine tool manufacturers do not take part by the progress.

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## **Cost-effective Analysis: The delivery quantity – Surface Production Rate**



- For the delivery quantity by the facing

work is:

$$Q_A = \frac{A_{WST}}{t} = B_r \cdot v_f$$

By the same feed speed, the surface production rate can increase by
 22 dm<sup>2</sup>/h (1.150%)

## **Cost-effective Analysis: The Machining Time**



- For the delivery quantity by the facing work is:

$$Q_A = \frac{A_{WST}}{t} = B_r \cdot v$$

- What is the influence on the machining time?
- By the same conditions, the machining time can reduce of 976 min (-92%)

## **Cost-effective Analysis: The Machining Time**



- <u>Note:</u>
- The surface production rate is improved.
- The effect of the time is higher, if the manufactured surface is larger!

$$t = \frac{A}{Q_A} = \frac{A}{L_f \cdot v_f}$$
$$\Delta t = \frac{A}{Q_{A2}} - \frac{A}{Q_{A1}} = \frac{Q_{A1} - Q_{A2}}{Q_{A2} \cdot Q_{A2}} \cdot A$$



## **Cost-effective Success: The Trick of Improvement**

 For generating a surface rapidly, a width groove and a high feed speed has to be select.

- previous: generating a lot of grooves and every groove has to be generated fast.
- new: generating less grooves, so that there is more time for every groove.



## **Cost-Effective Success: The Trick of Improvement**

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- The width of the groove B<sub>r</sub> will be much

more increased by the same surface

production rate, as the feed speed is

decreased.

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source: Koller Formenbau

- Overview over the workpieces

- Analysis of the previous machining
- Identification of the tool design as improvement
- by the possibilities of modern machine tools and programming systems cutting advantages are available, which were utilised exemplarily.

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