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A Deeper Look at

Precision Toolholders Quality of machining and quality control differentiates "standard" toolholders from precision



Although toolholders are known to be critical components in the precision machining process, the unique details that differentiate a "standard" toolholder from one that is designed for more precise, high speed work can be subtle.

Like the parts they are used to create, precision toolholders are machined to exacting tolerances to create the optimum fit within the spindle, concentricity and balance. The more precise the work, the more these factors come into play. If not properly machined, a toolholder that doesn't fit securely in the spindle or is improperly balanced can vibrate, wobble or fret, leading to out-of-tolerance parts, oversized, tapped holes and inconsistent, unrepeatable results.

As such, there is value in taking a deeper look at the elements of fit, balance, application of coolant, and other aspects of precision toolholders. For many, doing so may be the key to maximizing the speed and accuracy potential of their machining centers.

AT3 Certified Tapers

The toolholder is the essential connection between the machining center and the cutting tool. The toolholder fits into and is secured by the machining center's spindle, and in turn, secures the cutting tool such as a drill or end mill by clamping onto its shank.

Toolholder tapers are often conical, including CAT and BT taper specifications. A different kind of taper, HSK, is not tapered at all, but instead includes a variety of flanges for securely locking the toolholder in place.

For free-releasing toolholders with tapered flanges, the quality of the fit between the spindle and the holder is critical for accurate location and proper hold. Unlike those that require a drawbar, free-releasing varieties must maintain firm contact over the entire conical surface so the forces of drilling can be resisted and the tool remains in the spindle when idle.

"If the toolholders don't seat in the machine properly...you can't make a good product," says Ron Fulks, tool room manager for National Oil Varco. The company manufactures reciprocating pumps used in midstream oil and gas transportation. According to Fulks, he began purchasing precision toolholders for several CNC boring mills after switching from tension compression tapping to a more rigid approach.

"The tapping procedure is very important, because if there is runout it will make the tap cut bigger, so your hole won't gauge," says Fulks. The items he purchased included tapered toolholders for the taps as well as straight ID shank toolholders for end mills for several CNC boring mills.

To ensure the toolholders would fit optimally, Fulks says he selected Collis Toolholder. Founded in 1901, the company manufactures and distributes over 4500 tools and toolholders.

For its tapered toolholders, Collis is known for exceeding the industry "AT" standards for precise fit in the spindle. These standards are a specification of ANSI/ASME standard (ASME B5.50-2009) and indicate the tolerances that must be met in relation to the taper angle.

Since most CNC machine spindles are manufactured to an AT2 tolerance, toolholder manufacturers often provide tapered products that are "AT3 or better."

However, while some providers claim to offer AT3 toolholders, Collis is the only manufacturer that goes through a process of quality control testing to certify and document its products actually meet the specification.

Precision balancing for high speed machining

When RPMs increase to 20,000 to 30,000 or higher in high speed machining, the toolholder must be balanced more precisely.

Starting at about 8,000 RPM, the spindle begins to expand and can diminish the contact with the toolholder taper.

This can result in vibration that leads to out-of-tolerance parts. The generated "whipping effect" can stress spindle bearings and ultimately reduce tool life.

To prevent this from occurring, manufacturers often specify the level of unbalance by a G number with units in millimeters per second (mm/sec). For these reasons, machine-tool spindles and machine-tool parts usually are specified with vibration levels of G2.5 and G6.3.

According to Waylan Deen, President of Erosion Technologies, concentricity along the centerline is the most critical characteristic of a toolholder. Otherwise, runout can alter the size or width of drilled holes or slots, ruining the cut.

Imperfections such as these can be particularly costly when working with titanium or other exotic metals, often used in the aircraft industry.

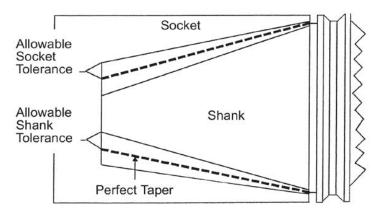
Since 2005, Erosion Technologies has added three high-speed vertical machining centers to complement its wire EDM services. Deen also turned to Collis for tapered and standard end mill holders and quick-change toolholders for taps, which are balanced to the higher G2.5 standards.

"I purchase from Collis because the toolholder are always spot-on in terms of balance and concentricity," says Deen. Coolant-induced toolholders

Machining centers designed for through-spindle coolant application have been standard for years. When used in boring or tapping operations with hollow cutting tools, excess metal scrap and shavings must be flushed from holes and bores.

However, when there is no provision for feeding coolant through the machine spindle, there are alternatives where coolant can be introduced through the collar of the toolholder.

Although coolant-induced toolholders are available on the market, they can be quite expensive.



For toolholders with tapered flanges, AT3-certified products ensure the ideal fit between the spindle and holder for accurate location and proper hold.

Fortunately, there are options that cost much less – in the several hundred dollar range – from manufacturers such as Collis for Cat V-Flange, BT, NMTB, Morse Taper and R8 style shanks.

Difficult-to-Find Toolholders

For machining operations that have been around for a long time there is a high likelihood that equipment purchased decades ago is still being used – even if newer CNCs have been added to the mix. This can include drill presses, manual milling machines, and automotive transfer line equipment.

If this is the case, the necessary toolholder may be otherwise difficult to obtain except from a provider that offers a broad catalogue of options. Collis, for example, continues to offer hard-to-find toolholders for automotive transfer lines, Bridgeport R8 milling machines, a Rapid Switch line interchangeable with Universal's Kwik Switch, and others.

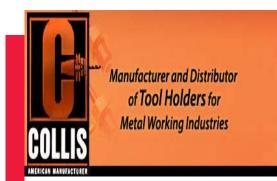
If the correct toolholder cannot be located, a replacement can be machined by those with the in-house capability.

Custom toolholders for those with special requests or proprietary dimensions can also be produced, in just about any combination of shank, collar, and collet in a variety of lengths can be created – often using information already on file.

Another option is for the customer to purchase "blanks" and then machine them to the requirement specifications themselves.

"When I need a specialty toolholder, I purchase a blank from Collis and I can modify it to suit our needs," explains Fulks of National Oil Varco.

Although there are a myriad of other considerations when selecting a toolholder, by utilizing options with superior fit and better balance, more accurate work and better surface finishes can be achieved while extending the life of the equipment itself.



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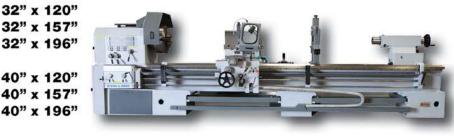
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The Rise of Steel Prices & What You Can Do to Avoid It





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In 2009 Merrick Alpert ran a grassroots campaign challenging then incumbent United States Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT) to a primary election, forcing Dodd to drop out of the race and give up the Senate seat Dodd had held for 30 years.

Prior to his business career, Merrick Alpert served in the United States Military. He enlisted in the National Guard in 1994, eventually earning his commission as a First Lieutenant. In 1998 Merrick Alpert volunteered for deployment to Bosnia as a Captain in the 129th Rescue Wing and for his lifesaving actions in a valley outside of Sarajevo, he was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

With the currently rising cost of steel in the U.S., replacing this material has become a pricey endeavor for domestic organizations. As steel prices skyrocket, it becomes more important than ever to preserve the integrity of steel and employ corrosion prevention methods to keep steel purchasing to a minimum.

The Rising Cost of Steel

The rising cost of steel prices is due, in part, to the duties placed on steel imports by the United States. The loose and large amounts of steel imports previously enjoyed by domestic organizations have been drastically reduced in recent times on account of more stringent duty trade laws, and an easier process of filing future cases against foreign steel. These laws have discouraged foreign countries from continuing to export steel to the U.S. Prior exports were finding their way to domestic purchasers at unreasonably low rates, making competition by domestic producers a challenging feat. These new laws to reduce the "dumping" of steel ring especially true for exports from China,.

By succeeding in commissioning higher duties on foreign exporters (and taxing them as much as 266% on their steel exports) U.S producers hope to regain a stronghold on the steel market. This effort has diminished steel exports to the U.S., reducing them from over 32% in mid-2015 to just under 24% only a year later, according to "Steel Market Update".

But despite new U.S. trade laws, economic growth and increases in housing construction in China have led to an upturn in the steel market. Steel buyers who were destocking inventories in 2015 when steel market conditions were less promising are now restocking their inventories, leading to an overall higher demand for steel. As the global prices of steel rise and demand is high, and foreign exports to the U.S. are subject to new, prohibitive duties and trade laws, domestic steel mills have been given the opportunity to grab additional pieces of the market, as well as the opportunity to raise their set prices.

How Can Organizations Focus on Corrosion Prevention?

The rise of steel prices is concerning for organizations who rely heavily on carbon steel, such as the energy, industrial, infrastructure, and heavy equipment industries. And because many of the products made of steel are exposed to harsh environments yet are expected to last a long time, this metal must be properly protected from corrosion.

Corrosion of steel is an electrochemical process caused by the combination of moisture and oxygen. Iron in the steel becomes oxidized and produces rust. Rust diminishes the integrity of the structure, compromising its strength and durability. Corrosion prevention and control is important to preserve materials, manage costs, and avoid catastrophic events that can occur without proper preventative measures.

Effects of Corrosion

Corrosion can cause many issues, including minimizing the safety and efficiency of steel and lowering the integrity of the equipment and structures it is a part of. Replacement of corroded metal can be expensive and time-consuming, slowing down production and raising the cost of doing business. Instead of falling prey to the changing conditions of the steel market, organizations can level the playing field by taking steel preservation into their own hands. Corrosion can:

- •Reduce the thickness of metal, lowering its strength
- •Crack and weaken otherwise sturdy structures

•Pose safety risks to people on, in, or near these structures

•Cause contamination of fluids when heavy metals are released, or pipes are perforated and liquids escape

•Cause loss of surface properties, reducing the ease of fluid flow, conductivity, heat transfer, etc.

•Cause operational slowdowns because of metal replacement and repair needs

•Reduce the value of structures or equipment

Preventative Conditioning

Preventative conditioning can help stop or slow the process of corrosion. By conditioning the metal and the environment, organizations can limit the risk and loss attributed to carbon steel corrosion.

Conditioning Options

Coating - Conditioning the metal can be accomplished by coating the metal

to create a corrosion-resistant coating between the metal and its environment. This coating often consists of a coating of another metal, a permutation of the same metal, or a resin, plastic, paint, oil, or another organic coating. This common method isolates the metal from the environment, eliminating the opportunity for corrosion. But this method only works as long as the coating remains intact. Air pockets, scratches, and general wear will cause this method to become less effective over time.

Galvanizing - Steel can also be galvanized with anodicorcathodicinhibitorsorotherretardants that inhibit the electrochemical process of corrosion. The most common method of galvanizing is to apply a protective zinc coating by dipping steel parts into a bath of molten zinc.

Alloying – Steel can also be alloyed with other metals to produce a more corrosion-resistant layer. In the case of EonCoat, an amorphous magnesium iron phosphate layer chemically bonds to the steel. A white ceramic layer then forms on top of the alloy layer, providing a second line of defense.

Conditioning the Environment - This is another option to reduce the opportunity for corrosion to creep in. By removing oxygen from water systems, one of the two components of corrosion (oxygen and liquid) becomes absent. Corrosion inhibitors can also be introduced into the liquid surrounding metal structures via a chemical to reduce the rate of steel degradation.

The rising cost of steel is one of many reasons for organizations to focus on corrosion prevention. Better preventative measures can help retain the integrity of steel structures and equipment, helping them keep their value and function longer and more efficiently.

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motion control products, including drives, breakers, power supplies and other control hardware for its cabinet builds.

As Hotset President David Cieslica explains, "We've now built between 500 and 600 control cabinets for our customers, with practically no issues, due to a combination of factors. Our supplier Siemens does an excellent job, helping with application us engineering assistance, product support and, a real key for us, hands-on training for their products and software from their Atlanta offices, so we can

maintain a consistent flow of finished units to our customers."

The Hotset competitive advantage, according to Cieslica, is their ability to deliver high quality control cabinets in a short assembly time at a competitive price and be made in America. The company currently builds control cabinets for injection molding presses, and other electricallypowered machinery, as well as turnkey solutions related to thermal processing.

The Hotset mantra reads "Controlled Energy Flow" and the company subscribes to a build-where-used philosophy, making the Georgia location far more than a distribution outlet, as Cieslica relates. "We have over 50 employees here in Swainsboro, having grown from 14, just a few years ago. The Hotset team comprises design and mechanical engineers, thermal specialists, quality personnel and a crew of installation technicians I'd put up against anyone in the industry."

He further notes all the control cabinets are fully run-tested and consistently shipped on time to the Hotset OEM customers.t.

Over many decades, the corporate brand Hotset has primarily stood for hot runner technology, and for the production of industrial heating elements – predominantly for plastics processing.





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The new Hotset brand is key to ongoing success.

"We take the brand concept very seriously. We strive to be a true value-adding supplier to our customers and we see the same attitude from Siemens, as they are constantly offering us suggestions on more efficient implementation of their products into our cabinet designs," says Cieslica. In this context, he further cites the advantage of collaborative engineering with the company's controls supplier. Cieslica notes, "While we utilize almost entirely standard products, implementing them into our CAD formats, we often require assistance in the configuration of the controls inside the cabinet, given our frequent customer challenges for more compact cabinet footprints and machine integration specifics."

Shifting to the reasons Hotset moved from its original location in Vermont to the relatively remote, southeast Georgia town of Swainsboro, Cieslica explains, "We were attracted by many factors, starting with the Savannah Port Free Trade Zone, but we quickly discovered something else that strongly influenced our decision and, I suppose, appealed to a personal belief of mine. The Georgia Quick Start program is internationally renowned for its workforce development strategies that provide training for qualified new, expanding and existing businesses.

Our company had a great desire to help rectify the unemployment situation locally, so we've brought a number of people into the operation, trained them and watched them grow, often with amazement." He cited the case of one employee, who was previously a delivery driver and, since joining Hotset, has become a highly skilled cabinet builder and now is the company's production supervisor.

"All it took was somebody giving him an opportunity to demonstrate his talents and it all started with proper training. It's been such a joy to watch him prosper with our company," Cieslica beamed. The program has existed for over 40 years and "... provided customized workforce training free-ofcharge to qualified businesses in Georgia. Today, the program is one of the state's key assets for supporting new and expanding industries. Quick Start delivers training in classrooms, mobile labs or directly on the plant floor, wherever it works best for a company."

David Cieslica would certainly agree it's worked quite well for Hotset.

As he further notes about the relationship between Hotset and Siemens, "We've entered into a very long-term contract with one customer, so we knew we needed a reliable supplier who could support us growing our cabinet manufacturing business in America," he said. He also mentioned another OEM who currently has a contract with Hotset for 105 control cabinets. "Siemens has been here to help us in many ways and we appreciate their commitment to our business."

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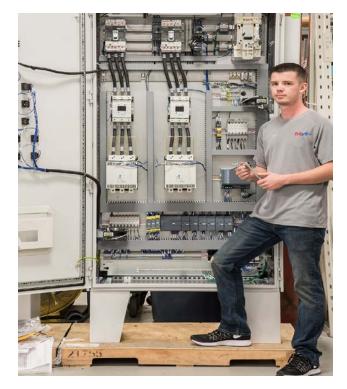
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JM Performance Products' Patented High Torque Retention Knobs Spearhead Productivity & Reshoring Solution.



The easiest and most cost-effective way to achieve the highest level of performance from existing CNC mills and tooling is to eliminate toolholder expansion. Toolholder expansion occurs when a standard retention knob is installed into a toolholder. Pressure exerted by thread engagement, coupled with the elastic properties of the steel used to manufacture the toolholders creates a bulge at the small end of the holder. Once expansion occurs, the holder will not pull all the way into the spindle, and the toolholder can't make contact with upwards of 70% of the spindle surface.

Because this bulge stops the toolholder from making full contact with the taper of the spindle, a wide range of CNC milling issues surface: vibration and chatter, poor tolerances, non- repeatability, poor finishes, shortened tool life, excessive spindle wear and tear, run-out, and shallow depths of cuts. By eliminating the bulge and subsequent problems, reduced downtime, extended tool life, and increased speed and feed rates can be realized on existing machinery.

JM Performance Products, Inc., a leading manufacturing innovator of CNC mill spindle optimization products since 2009, introduced their Patented High Torque Retention Knob several years ago. Recognizing the design flaw inherent in CNC v-flange tooling that was responsible for costly CNC milling and boring issues, JMPP designed a retention knob that can be used in existing toolholders to eliminate the bulge.

A Southern California leading aerospace engineering shop, Hansen Engineering Company, has embraced the High Torque knobs to overcome ongoing production issues. By converting to the High Torque knobs in their 14 CNC machines, requiring approximately 120 total High Torque retention knobs per machine, HEC has realized an approximate 15% increase in productivity and decrease in downtime respectively since their implementation.

Deformation Profile

Established in 1962, HEC is an approved ATA (Air Transport Association) manufacturing supplier of precision NC machined multi-axis parts, assemblies, and major structural assemblies. HEC specializes in complex MDI surface geometry, statistical process control, and electronic probing of part surfaces.

Two buildings on their 43,000 square foot facility campus boast a wide array of major CNC equipment including: high-speed 5-axis machining centers, heavy-duty 5-axis machining centers, horizontal machining centers with dual tombstones, 3-axis machining centers, and one with dual shuttle tables.

Focused on staying LEAN and practicing the industry 5S methodology (Sort, Set-In Order, Shine, Standardize, Sustain), HEC's shop is designed for maximum productivity. The majority of HEC's state of the art, high-speed enclosed CNC machines operate within a 10-15K RPM range, running titanium, stainless steel, and aluminum at high speeds–cutting large blocks of material for a wide array of aerospace products.

Over time, everyday heavy-duty machining operations began to present increased issues. Toolholders were getting stuck in the spindle due to deformation factors evidenced by wear marks at the top and bottom of the holders, fretting appeared on contact surfaces, and increasingly long cycles developed. These persistent problems lead to increased production shut downs to allow the machines to cool off for significant periods of time. Additionally, poor finishing and chatter problems were recurring when roughing aluminum, titanium, and stainless steel for forging jobs.



High Torque Results

Seeking a solution to their production issues, HEC engineering personnel initially met with JMPP's Technical Team at a WESTEC show in Los Angeles, where they were given a demonstration on the benefits of how the High-Torque retention knobs would work with their 50 taper V-flange toolholders. JMPP's patented High-Torque retention knob design features a knob that is longer and reaches deeper into the holder's threaded bore. As a result, all thread engagement occurs in a region of the toolholder where there is a thicker cross-section of material to resist deformation.

Intrigued by their potential, HEC initially bought 25 High Torque knobs and properly installed them, following calculated torque specs and using a retention knob socket and torque wrench. Immediately, they noticed a 5% spindle load decrease using a 3.0" hi-feed insert mill running titanium. HEC also installed them on an aluminum forging job they were running that had consistently produced chatter problems. Among the tools tested for this job were a 1-1/4" diameter knuckle rougher and 2.0" diameter finisher.

According to HEC's Curtis Sampson, Shop Lead-Man, "Again, the results were positive as the chatter was eliminated and it produced the best finish we have ever seen on these parts. After that, we bought 50 more pieces and immediately noticed improvements all around the table–we've been increasing their use over time ever since."

In noting the progressive conversion over time for HEC's machines since these initial tests, HEC's Buyer Tool Crib, Jose Campos, stated, "Productivity has continued to increase by approximately 15%. The same rate applies for downtime as there is less change out of tool cutters across the board." Campos also provided a key example for a HEC machine running at a speed of 10,000 RPM, 350 in/ min feed on aluminum parts for speed, accuracy, and repeatability. In 2015 they used 170 High Torque retention knobs for the year; in 2016 they used 300 High Torque knobs.

Campos also noted usage on HEC's latest Mazak 5-axis CNC machining center, featuring 160 length with dual shuttle tables, and a tool changer which is designed to run one table full of parts while the other is being loaded–eliminating down time. Campos stated, "Our Mazak machines used to make a loud noise when changing tools, and JMPP's High Torque retention knobs solved that problem. The machines are much quieter now when roughing titanium and stainless steel.

The images below represent HEC's after-use images of standard vs. High Torque retention knobs. The first image shows taper deformation which prevents a toolholder from properly mating with the CNC machine's spindle. The second image reflects JMPP's patented High Torque retention knobs' design elements (see list below) that dramatically improve taper contact quality, as the tool holder has close to 100% contact.

Key Design Elements

Longer than traditional retention knobs, with a precision pilot to increase rigidity, a relief below the flange forces threads into a deeper cross section of the toolholder. The knobs are hard turned to ensure precision fit and are balanced by design with threads cut to start and finish 180 degrees from each other. The High Torque knobs will work in existing toolholders.

Productivity and Reshoring Potential

Ultimately, the progressive conversion over time to JMPP's High-Torque retention knobs allowed HEC to overcome long-standing productivity issues for their entire fleet of high-speed CNC mills.

For HEC's demanding aerospace products production, these retention knobs have shown lower spindle loads, which is better for the machine. Additionally, when roughing titanium and stainless steel with the knobs, HEC's power meter showed a significant reduction in power consumption and overall tool life was improved.

HEC's Sampson advised, "I would like to put a word out to the people who are not quite convinced yet, they are worth the small investment. You may not want to jump in with both feet, but just try them on a job or two and I am sure that you will notice improvements. In this competitive world we live in today, we can use a product like these retention knobs. They are something that we can just screw in our tools to give us an upper hand on our competitors."

Hansen Engineering Company is an ideal example of conversion success. Other manufacturing entities serving the automotive, aerospace, and medical device markets have been achieving similar results by implementing JMPP's patented High Torque retention knobs. According to JMPP President, John Stoneback, "By significantly increasing the speed of machines via eliminating the problems that were designed into v-flange tooling, conservative estimate savings of 10-15% can be achieved. The High Torque knobs transform v-flange tooling into the most cost effective, reliable, and precision tooling system available."

Stoneback also noted the reshoring potential these substantial savings can represent in bringing machine tool die/milling jobs back to the US stating, "Most US manufacturers are running machines 20-40% slower than they should be. With the ability to jack up the speed of CNC machines via minimizing the expansion/ deformation that happens at the small end of the taper when a standard retention knobs is installed, significant increases in tool life, production rates, and revenue can be achieved. The climate is now for US manufacturers to take advantage of adopting and converting to these productivity advantages."

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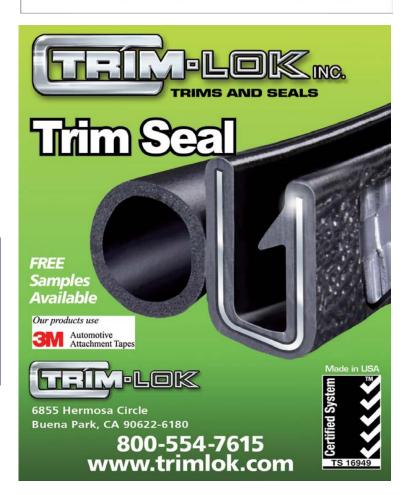
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For more information, visit <u>www.fronius.com</u>

300GMSL Multi-Sensor Gear Inspection

The versatile platform of Gleason's 300GMSL Inspection System provides the classic tactile probing

methods for inspecting conventional gear data on spur and helical cylindrical gears as well as straight, spiral and hypoid bevel gears with a diameter of up to 300 mm. In addition, the new inspection system allows non-contact laser sensor scanning of tooth flanks to support gear development. Complete topography data can be recorded far more rapidly than with conventional tactile probing, with comparable results. The integration of laser scanning and associated 3D graphics with CAD interface considerably expand both the functionality and the range of applications for this machine platform.

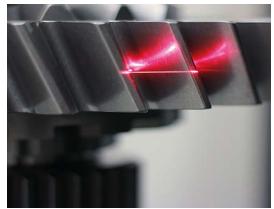
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500°F Inert Atmosphere Walk-In Oven From Grieve

No. 1038 is a 500°F (260°C), inert atmosphere walkin oven from Grieve, currently used for annealing polyurethane tubing at the customer's facility. Workspace dimensions of this oven measure 60" W x 72" D x 84" H. 40 KW are installed in Incoloy-sheathed tubular heating elements, while a 4200 CFM, 3-HP recirculating blower provides vertical downward airflow to the workload. This Grieve walk-in oven has 6" insulated walls and an aluminized steel exterior with white epoxy paint. Type 304, 2B finish stainless steel interior with continuously backwelded seams and inert atmosphere construction are also onboard.

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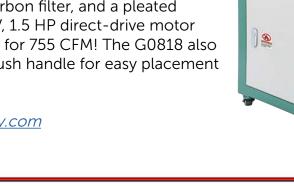




Metal Dust Collector from Grizzly Industrial

The G0818 Metal Dust Collector will help keep your shop safe and clean. This sturdy steel-constructed dust collector features a removable chip clean-out drawer for easy disposal of metal chips and collected particulate. Incoming air from the dual 4" inlets must pass through a three-stage filtering system that includes a 30-micron stainless steel filter, 5-micron active carbon filter, and a pleated 1-micron filter. An industrial-duty 220V, 1.5 HP direct-drive motor powers the 12-3/4" aluminum impeller for 755 CFM! The G0818 also features locking caster wheels and a push handle for easy placement and positioning.

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Honeywell Headset Integrates Bluetooth



The new Honeywell Howard Leight[™] Sync® Wireless protective earmuffs integrate Bluetooth wireless technology allowing workers to talk on the phone, connect with co-workers, get instructions and perform tasks without sacrificing hearing protection in noisy or dangerously loud environments. The headsets connect wirelessly via Bluetooth to most smartphones and features a boom microphone that enables workers to answer calls and carry on clear phone conversations while keeping the phone safely in a pocket. The wireless format eliminates the need for cords or cabling that can pose trip, slip or hand hazards.

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JDN-RC from J D Neuhaus



J D Neuhaus has developed an innovative and robust new concept for controlling hoists and cranes. The company's JDN-RC (Radio Control) receiver is designed for long-lasting performance in rigorous operating environments commonly found in industrial and offshore applications, including ATEX (explosive atmosphere) zone 2/22 conditions. Featuring a solid and extremely compact receiver to suit even hoists with low-carrying capacity, all components are accommodated in a shock-resistant GRP casing offering protection class IP65. This means that the device is totally protected against the ingress of dust, and can withstand lowpressure water jets from any direction, thus making it resistant to seawater in offshore applications.

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Mastercam 2018



Mastercam 2018 offers new 2D/3D Milling features. Stock awareness has been added to select 2D toolpaths. The tool motion can now use the top, bottom, or both values of the stock, and all the linking parameters can be set to adapt to changing stock values. Finish passes now have more options to choose from. Now you can add or remove finish cuts, based on the number of rough depth cuts specified on the Depth Cuts page. The workflow for all 3D High Speed toolpaths has been streamlined and gives you fine control over exactly where to cut. You can also assign variable stock to leave values on its walls and floors.

For more information, visit <u>www.mastercam.com</u>

Muller's Octopus Load Containment Solution

Muller's Octopus[™] "1825 B" automatic rotary ring stretch wrapper. The Octopus 1825 B is able to accommodate a wide range of pallet load sizes and a variety of applications. With its simple installation and durable aluminum frame structure, the Octopus 1825 B requires minimal assembly, less maintenance and boasts a smaller footprint compared to most other styles of wrappers. The modular design of the machine allows for numerous innovative options to solve nearly any stretch wrapping challenge.

For more information, visit <u>www.mullerlcs.com</u>





NOARK Electric Introduces 3- And 4-Pole DP Contactor Line



Available in 20-40A range in 3- and 4-pole configurations, the Ex9CKT Series features an optional mounting plate, making it a direct replacement for popular DP contactors. The Ex9CKT Series is UL 508 and UL 60947-4-1 Recognized and compliant to CSA C22.2, IEC/EN 60947, CE, RoHS and ARI-780 HVAC standards. It features a Double E magnet assembly for increased performance and reduced power consumption. The newly redesigned body has a high arc-resistant polyester base assembly, allowing for space savings, while the quick-connect spades speed install time. Users can select terminal options, screw or lug connection.

For more information, visit <u>www.noark-electric.com</u>

MicroMAX Gen 2 from OMAX



Contributing to the ultra-high precision capability of the MicroMAX is OMAX's proprietary linear traction drive system that utilizes optical encoders. Protective bellows seal off all precision components inside the MicroMAX and the machine's rigid construction minimizes vibration, enhancing its accuracy. The MicroMAX can machine virtually any material in a wide variety of thicknesses. The cold-cutting nature of waterjet machining means there is no heat-affected zone (HAZ) and therefore no change to the material properties. Waterjets can handle materials that are difficult to cut with lasers and EDMs and make an excellent complement to other machine tools.

For more information, visit <u>www.omax.com</u>

Palmgren's 2-Speed Belt Grinders

Palmgren's 2-Speed Belt Grinders' provide the ultimate flexibility from roughing, to intermediate grinding and blending, to final finishing. By changing the belt, the grinder quickly converts from heavy stock removal to shaping, forming, snagging, deburring, chamfering and finishing operations. The grinder features a production duty 2-speed motor, direct drive design with oversized shaft and bearings, fully enclosed adjustable guarding, tool rest and simple easy belt tension and tracking. The grinders are available in 6-inch and 8-inch models and all are complete with a safety electrical package and heavy duty steel floor stand.



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Model 4460 Sit-Down Counterbalanced Forklift

The Raymond Corporation introduces the Model 4460 3-wheel sitdown counterbalanced truck. With dual entry and exit, a lower step height, a larger entry opening and a larger operator compartment, the Raymond® truck gives operators increased foot, leg and headroom, allowing for improved ergonomics. The Model 4460 includes several unique features to maximize efficiency and productivity. These features include an open view mast design with integral side shift, which is combined with a three-stage mast and full free lift. The Model 4460 has oil-cooled disc brakes that reduce cost of ownership by keeping the brakes free of dust and debris.



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For more information, visit <u>www.rocklinmfg.com</u>



Roland monoFabTM ARM-10 Rapid Prototyping 3D Printer

With the advanced, precise and user-friendly monoFab ARM-10 rapid prototyping 3D printer, complex parts which previously required multi-axis milling, such as those that are hollow or require undercuts, can be built quickly and easily. The ARM-10 uses Digital Light Processing (DLP) stereolithography 3D printing that prints layer-upon-layer of resin material which, once exposed to UV light, hardens into a semi-transparent object. This layered projection system of adding and curing converts a digital image created in 3D software into a solid object. By using a suspended build system, resin usage is kept to a minimum, making model production efficient and affordable.



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For more information, visit <u>www.bifold.com</u>



Seco End Mills Boost Material Removal Rates for a Wide Range of Materials

Seco Tools recently released two new solid-carbide end mills that significantly boost metal removal rates and offer exceptionally long tool life for a variety of today's challenging workpiece materials. The Jabro®-HFM JHF181 is an excellent choice for high-feed milling strategies in hardened steels and nickel-based alloys, while the Jabro® -Solid2 JS564 and JS565 represent Seco's continued focus on developing tools for optimized roughing strategies for materials such as steels, stainless steels and titanium alloys. The JHF181 is especially effective at machining complex parts that require long tool overhangs and a mix of multiple axial and radial machining operations.

For more information, visit <u>www.secotools.com</u>



WiFi USB Connect

The WiFi USB Connect from Shop Floor Automations is a wireless USB solution for the manufacturing shop floor. It emulates a USB stick, allowing you to share data from a PC to your machines. No drivers are required - after a quick web configuration, plug it in and it's ready. The device serves as an easy and economic shop floor upgrade. Data can be stored on a remote PC, or locally in the device's memory, with the device itself providing up to 128 MB of storage. Floppy drive emulators and CNC machines with a USB port can now have wireless abilities.

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Sinamics V20 Smart Access web server module

Siemens announces the launch of its Sinamics V20 Smart Access web server module, designed to mount directly onto the drive, transforming a mobile device or laptop into a virtual operator panel for drive control. By providing a wi-fi hot spot, the wireless connection on this module facilitates setup, programming, commissioning, production monitoring and maintenance on a variety of machines and production equipment. A simple, embedded graphical user interface (GUI) enables easy use of the Sinamics V20 in every phase of operation. No separate app is required.

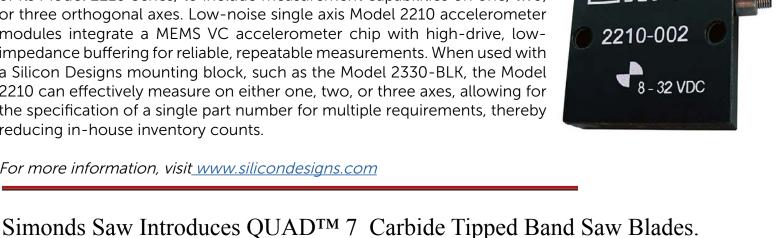
For more information, visit www.usa.siemens.com/sinamics-v20

Single Axis MEMS VC Accelerometers

For more information, visit <u>www.silicondesigns.com</u>

Silicon Designs, Inc. developer and manufacturer of industrial-grade MEMS capacitive accelerometer chips and modules, announced the added versatility of its Model 2210 Series, to include measurement capabilities on one, two, or three orthogonal axes. Low-noise single axis Model 2210 accelerometer modules integrate a MEMS VC accelerometer chip with high-drive, lowimpedance buffering for reliable, repeatable measurements. When used with a Silicon Designs mounting block, such as the Model 2330-BLK, the Model 2210 can effectively measure on either one, two, or three axes, allowing for the specification of a single part number for multiple requirements, thereby reducing in-house inventory counts.

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Stäubli introduces TX2 Line of Collaborative Robots



Stäubli introduced its new TX2 line of collaborative robots to the North American market at the Automate trade show in Chicago. The features of the new models comply with the stringent requirements of the highest safety category and excel in every facet of automation, including high-volume manufacturing as well as collaborative scenarios. To ensure maximum safety, sensors monitor every movement of the robot, while the robot's coordinates, speed and acceleration are recorded in real time.

For more information, visit <u>www.staubli.com</u>

Rotomax from Suhner

Suhner introduces the Rotomax flexible shaft machine, a unique unit with interchangeable hand pieces that allow a user the freedom to perform a wide variety of machining operations with a single machine. The Suhner Rotomax functions as an angle grinder, straight grinder, drum polisher, belt sander, tube polisher or die grinder, simply by changing the hand piece. This new machine has myriad applications in industrial steel fabrication, polishing operations, sheet metal assembly, food processing and foodservice equipment builds, appliance manufacturing, various stainless steel fabrications including medical and more. The Suhner Rotomax offers users a range of power from 2.0-4.7HP and features electronically-controlled speeds ranging from 500-15,000 RPM in increments of 100 RPM at the touch of a button.



For more information, visit www.suhner-abrasive-expert.com

MC232 Perform from Walter

Walter's new MC232 Perform solid carbide milling cutters are particularly suitable for shops that frequently machine small and medium lot sizes. Walter has added to its range of solid carbide milling cutters with the introduction of its MC232 Perform product line. This versatile, cost effective new cutter type is available with 2, 3 or 4 flutes, in a diameter range of 1/8 in. to 5/8 in. (2 to 20 mm). Smaller diameters are offered with cylindrical shank and larger diameters with a Weldon shank of higher horsepower cutting.

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Yaskawa HC10 Collaborative Robot

Yaskawa Motoman's new six-axis HC10 robot works safely with, or in close proximity to humans by stopping the robot in the event of contact with an operator. Dual torque sensors in all joints constantly monitor force to quickly react to contact; something typically only found in more expensive systems. It is designed to eliminate operator pinch points while through-arm utilities hide cabling and increase safety by reducing the risks of snagging or interference with other equipment. Utilizing Easy Teach software, the user can hand-guide the HC10 robot when teaching new program paths. This allows the HC10 to be quickly deployed or redeployed on demand.

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