

Improving Tools life and reducing fluid consumption with FUCHS Metal Removing Fluids

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- Selection of Coolants for Each Cutting Tool Materials
- Causes of Cutting Tool Failures and Remedies
- Effects of Coolants to Cutting Tool Life
- Coatings for Cutting Tools
- Special Problems Related to Cutting Tools and Coolants
- Two Pack System

Selecting Right Coolant for Each Tool's Material



High Speed Steels:

For Low & Medium Cutting Speeds Use Water-Miscible & Non-Water-Miscible Coolants

For High Cutting Speeds Use Water-Miscible Coolants.

Carbides & Polycrystalline Diamonds:

Can be used dry, with air blow to evacuate chips

If using coolants, neat oils are less risk to cause thermal shock and cracking; flood cutting area with coolant before, during and after cutting

Ceramic Materials:

Sensitive to fast temperature changes, many times are used dry

Water-Miscible coolants are used if cutting area is flooded continuously

Cubic Boron Nitride (CBN): If using coolants, neat oils are less risk to cause thermal shock and cracking; flood cutting area with coolant before, during and after cutting or grinding





Wear Mechanisms



Cutting-tool wear depends on tool composition, material being machined, cutter geometry, type and condition of machine, speeds, feeds and other working conditions, and cutting fluid or lubricant.

Regrinding is required when flank wear and cratering reach a level that effects surface finish and accuracy

Flank wear is unavoidable and is easy to measure - it is therefore often used as an indicator of tool life

Coolants plays a vital part in reducing or eliminating more gradual wear process.

ABRASION CRATERING WELDING BREAKAGE



Heat and Shear Angles





Tools' Shear Angles are directly related to heat produced

1. Friction caused by tool and chip rubbing each other

2. Rake Angle of Tool to Material

Coolants Helps Dissipate Heat on Cutting Edges of Tool

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Why Cutting Tools Fail?

- 1. High Heat & Pressures
- Temps Up to 985C (1800F)!
- Tool Contract Pressures Up to 140 kgf/cm2 (2000 psi)
- This causes cutting tool's binder to soften, allowing the carbide grains to move
- Thermal deformation progresses, heat and cutting pressure increase
- Inconsistent part size and tool breakage can follow.







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2. Thermal & Mechanical Shock

<u>Thermal shock</u> – rapid heating and cooling of the tool – is most common in milling operations, where insert heats up while cutting and then cools while away from the cut

<u>Mechanical shock</u> is also a factor in milling, in machining interrupted surfaces, and even in turning



Why Cutting Tools Fail?



3. Basic Failure Mechanisms

Basic failure mechanisms include flank wear, chipping wear, notch wear, built up edge (BUE) wear, flaking wear, crater wear, plastic deformation and thermal



Figure 2: Principal Tool Wear



Abrasive Flank Wear



The most common form of wear on the tip and side of the tool and is viewed as normal type of wear

Its occurrence can be positive, in as much as it makes the edge sharper

After a certain amount of wear, continued friction against the machined surface causes abrasion, and deteriorates edge performance

The solution to excessive or premature flank wear is usually to ease up on cutting speed

Also select a more wear-resistant coating, such as TiCN.



Cratering



Cratering occurs where there is very high friction between the metal being cut and the tool surface

As the chip passes back across the face of the tool, its temperature increases through friction when it reacts with the tool material; particles of the tool are absorbed by the chip and a depression or crater appears on the tool face

The first recourse is to reduce speed to lower the cutting temperature; reduce feed.

A medium temperature CVD or PVD coated tool with positive geometry will resist wear better.



Tool Failures In Detail



Tool failures can typically be grouped under one of the following categories

- Complete Failure the tool is unusable
- Flank Failure this can be estimated with maximum lw values
 - Roughing Cuts
 0.03" for carbide tools
 (0.76mm)0.06" for high speed steel
 (1.52mm)
 - Finishing Cuts
 0.010" for carbides (0.25mm)0.015" for high speed steel (0.38mm)
- Work surface finish is inadequate
- Work dimension outside tolerance



This wear controls tool life, and will change work dimensions



 $d_c = crater depth$

Welding



Welding of the chip to the cutting edge of the tool causes a built-up edge that increases cutting pressures, adversely affects surface finish and may result in the breaking away of the entire edge

Pressure welding of this kind occurs within a critical range of speeds, depending on the cutting tool and work piece, and is especially injurious to carbide cutting tools

Increasing cutting speed usually reduces welding. Try switching to a tougher-grade, higher-rake tool. If tool life is too short, apply coolant in large quantities to keep the tool flooded.



Chipping: damaged carbide inserts

Chipping (especially carbides & ceramics) are in three forms:

Crumbling cutting edges Thermal cracking 'Crazing' of flank and face

Crumbling cutting edges are the result of weak edges caused by excessive rake and relief angles, and vibration

Thermal cracking is usually due to interrupted or intermittent coolant supply, which causes the tool tip to be alternately heated and cooled

'Crazing' of flank and face is usually the result of poor grinding techniques during preparation of the tool tip.



Solutions: Reduce feed rate, change the tool approach angle to ensure stability and select a tougher-grade insert

Coolant must be used in a generous and uninterrupted supply



Chipping: fracture damage caused by impact or fatigue



Ceramic material is hard, but brittle and must be treated with care to avoid breakage by impact.

Sometimes the edges of honing stones and ceramic tools can flake during use





Burning damaged caused by loss of effective lubrication & cooling



In any severe cutting process it is essential to ensure a plentiful supply of lubricant to the cutting surfaces at all times. In this example of deep-hole drilling, the lubricant flow was blocked only for a very short time. Resulting in overheating and re-tempering of the tool which had to be re-ground. Note the colour change in the overheated tool compared with the new undamaged bit.



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Cutting Fluid



Cutting fluid is a vital factor in the great majority of machining operations, reflected especially in tool life and performance and surface finish

It is important to know not only the type to be used, but also when, where and in what quantity it can be most effective



Cutting Fluid Effects on Tool Life

Coolants extends tool life primarily by preventing tools from exceeding their critical temperature range while in the cut. If cutting temperature is too high, the following can happen:

tools soften wears rapidly fail to meet tolerances for surface finish and part size

Effects of Coolants:

Removes heat by carrying it away from the cutting tool and workpiece inter



- Lubricates cutting tool/work piece interface, minimizing the amount of heat generated by friction
- Removes chips and metal fines from the tool/work piece interface (To prevent the tool's coating surface to be damaged, cutting chips generated during machining operations must be continually flushed away from the cutting zone)



Vegetable Oil Technology Improves Tool Life



The lubricating film layer provided by vegetable oils is intrinsically strong and lubricious; these coolants have lubricity that is significantly higher than that of mineral oil

Vegetable oil-based products provide more effective, durable lubrication than can be achieved with alternative coolants

For heavy-duty machining of demanding material, vegetable-oil coolants can be utilized without requiring EP additives.





Substantial improvements in performance have been reported in a variety of applications:

- Using vegetable oil-based coolant while drilling automotive gears resulted in a threefold increase in tool life
- Vegetable oil technology made it possible to increase production volume by 10 percent, while also reducing tool cost by 50 percent, in producing titanium and stainless steel medical implants
- Vegetable oil-based lubrication made possible a 15-fold increase in tool life while tapping steel parts for an automotive application

Friction Properties of Several Base Fluids Source: Michaelis,K., Höhn,B.-R. (1994)





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Hot, Cutting Chips (Swarf) Causing Tool Wear

On milling cutters, hobs, grinding wheels, hot chips are carried back into the cutting zone

Causes:

- Welding of chip on tooth breaking off with coating or metal edge
- Scoring of tooth face & damage to coating surface
- Increase cutting pressure, friction and heat to flank (side) of tool leading to flank wear

We can see similar tool problems with chips dragging back into cutting zone for inserts, drills and grinding tools







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Solutions:

- Increase volume of coolant into cutting zone by increase pump flow or adjust nozzles directly into cutting zone
- With more than two nozzles, set one nozzle on the back side of the tool against the rotation to push off the

chips on the tool

 Change the coolant (lighter viscosity, less 'stickiness', additives)

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Overheating Causing Tool Wear

Excessive heat on tool face and flank leading to cratering, chipping and edge welding

Causes:

- Excessive feeds and speeds not matching tool's material and workpiece machinability
- Wrong type of coolant
- Coolant is not getting into the cutting zone
- Foaming of coolant can increase temperatures within machine, coolant and workholdings

Picture shows effects on gear cutting hob after overheating (color distortion)







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Solution:

- Work with tool manufacturer for correct feeds & speeds
- Review coolant's viscosity, neat oil vs. water-base coolants, check level of tramp oil
- Check flow and pressure of coolant (pump flow, scale
- or fungi levels in machine bed & piping), placement of nozzles, and number of nozzles
- Check foaming of coolant and add anti-foaming additives if needed; or replace coolant

Picture shows reduced area due to scale in coolant piping





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MODULAR FLUID CONCEPT

- Modular Cutting Fluid (MCF): contains the necessary additives for lubrication and special emulsifiers to incorporate the lubricant additives into the aqueous phase
- Synthetic (SYN): aqueous phase containing corrosion preventative additives and biocides
- ✓ ECOCOOL MCF 5000 + ECOCOOL SYN



LUBRICANT PHASE: ECOCOOL MCF 5000

- Mineral oil free, formulated with synthetic and vegetable-based esters
- Optimal lubrication in low concentrations. The lubricity index can be measured directly via the saponification index
- Reduced emulsifier quantity: No foam formation even in soft water
- Low COD in comparison with conventional fluids. The concentrate is biodegradable
- ✓ The concentration is measured by acid split



SYNTHETIC PHASE: ECOCOOL SYN

- ✓ BORON free
- Secondary Amine free
- Compatible with all types of materials: provides a high level of corrosion protection
- Especially suitable for soft water
- ✓ Suitable on its own for grinding ferrous metals
- ✓ The concentration is measured by alkalinity titration



MANN+HUMMEL (UK) LTD

PLANT:	MANN+HUMMEL (UK) LTD
	Oil Conditioning System Units
PRODUCT:	ECOCOOL MCF 5000 (4,5%) + ECOCOOL SYN (2%)
DESCRIPTION:	MAPAL REAMING BORE Material: Aluminium (Si content 6%)



- ✓ After 6 months in operation
- Zero quality problems
- ✓ Tool life Improved
- ✓ Optimum level of cleanliness in machine and tool



MAPAL Dr. Kress KG

PLANT: Aalen (Germany)

PRODUCT: ECOCOOL MCF 5000 (4%) + ECOCOOL SYN (2%)

DESCRIPTION: Material: Steel CK 45, Cast Iron GG25, and Aluminium CNC Hüller Hille nb-h 70 Milling, drilling and reaming using MAPAL tools



- After 1 month in operation
- Zero quality problems
- Optimum level of cleanliness in machine and tool



NISSAN MOTOR IBERICA S.A.

- PLANT: Trai
- Transmisiones Barcelona
- PRODUCT:
- **DESCRIPTION:**
- ECOCOOL MCF 5000 (4%) + ECOCOOL SYN (2%)
 - Gearbox machining Material: Aluminium (Si content 12%) CNC MAZAK & MITSUI Tapping, drilling, milling and reaming using hard metal Production of 960 gearboxes per day



- After 2 months in operation
- Optimum level of cleanliness in machine and tool
- Zero quality problems



TEKOR S.A.

PLANT: VIC (Barcelona)

PRODUCT:

ECOCOOL MCF 5000 (4%) + ECOCOOL SYN (2%)

DESCRIPTION: Machining of hydraulic pump parts Material: Aluminium (Si content 8-10%) CNC KITAMURA 3XIH Milling (stainless steel tools) and internal reaming (diamond tool, 20 bar) Production: 30,000 parts/month



- ✓ After 6 months in operation
- Zero quality problems
- Optimum level of cleanliness in machine and tool



FORD SPAIN

- **Engine DURATEC HE 1.8 / 2.0 / 2.3 L**
 - Cylinder block, cylinder heads, camshafts, crankshafts and connecting rods
- Production: 1,500 parts / day
- > 2 Central Systems:
 - F1 110,000 L Camshaft seats, valve guides and seats
 - F10 50,000 L Crankshafts bore, AI cylinder blocks



FORD SPAIN

Situation using MCF:

- Sys F1: Camshafts seats, valve guides and seats
- Sys F10: Al cylinder blocks, crankshaft bore 5,5% \pm 0.5% ECOCOOL MCF 5000 2% \pm 0.5% ECOCOOL SYN

Results:

- Excellent surface finish
- Increased tool life
- Foam reduction at high pressures
- Direct cost reduction > 40%
- New contract Coolant 4P+

MAPAL Tests with ECOCOOL MCF 5000



Machine: Hüller Hille nb-h 70 in use from March 23, 2007 until March 20, 2008 Ecocool MCF 5000 Cutting Fluid used: Trial No. Work Piece Customer Material Operation Remarks 2007-063 Hydraulic block 38 CrNiM Starrag-Heckert 38 CrNiMo 6 drilling requirements passed without any problems 2007-090 Plate 300 x 300 Bobst C 45 drilling requirements passed without any problems 2007-146 Actuator housing Kern-Liebers Pernifer requirements passed without any problems arinding 2007-158 Bracket S 25C (unalloyed steal) drilling Kavaba requirements passed without any problems C45 2007-179 Caliper TRW drilling requirements passed without any problems 2007-187 Coating test Ck45 MAPAL intern arindina requirements passed without any problems 2007-195 Pump case GGG60 requirements passed without any problems Bosch Bari drill-reaming 2007-202 Conrod requirements passed without any problems Honda Thailand Aluminium borina/arindina

