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Keep this manual in a safe location for future reference.

Throughout this manual and on associated products where applicable, in accordance with ANSI Z535, the following symbols and words are used as defined below:

| | | |
|--|---|---|
|  DANGER | "DANGER" with or without a red background = Hazard WILL cause death or serious injury if ignored. |  |
|  WARNING | "WARNING" with or without an orange background = Hazard COULD cause death or serious injury if ignored. |  |
|  CAUTION | "CAUTION" with or without a yellow background = Hazard MAY cause minor to moderate injury if ignored. |  |
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CNC Control Operating Specifications

| | Minimum | Maximum |
|--|--|--|
| Operating Temperature | 40°F (5°C) | 104°F (40°C) |
| Ambient Humidity | 30% relative, non-condensing | 90% relative, non-condensing |
| Altitude | 0 Ft. (Sea Level) | 6000 Ft. (1830m) |
| Input Voltage (110, 220, 440 VAC, System Dependent) | -10% of Specified System Input Voltage | +10% of Specified System Input Voltage |

Note: Your machine may have operating conditions different than those shown above. Always consult your machine manual and documentation.

Safety signs and labels found on your machine tool, and on CNC system components typically follow the following examples:

| Warning Symbol | Hazard Severity Level & Word Message | Action Symbol |
|---|--|--|
|  |  <p>High Voltage Electrocution Hazard. Death by electric shock can occur. Turn off and lock out system power before servicing.</p> |  |
| The warning symbol identifies the potential hazard and reinforces the word message. | The severity level is one of “DANGER”, “WARNING”, “CAUTION”, or “NOTICE”. Word message includes 3 parts: hazard, consequence if warning is ignored, and action to prevent injury. | Indicates actions to prevent injury. Blue circles indicate mandatory actions to avoid harm. Red circles with diagonal slashes indicate prohibited actions to avoid harm. |

CNC Machine Tool Safety

- All machine tools contain hazards from rotating parts; movement of belts, pulleys, gears, and chains; high voltage electricity; compressed air; noise; and airborne dust, chips, swarf, coolant, and lubricants. Basic safety precautions must be followed to reduce the risk of personal injury and property damage.
- Your local safety codes and regulations must be consulted before installation and operation of your machine and CENTROID CNC control. Should a safety concern arise, always contact your dealer or service technician immediately.
- Access to all dangerous areas of the machine must be restricted while the machine is in use. Ensure that all safety guards and doors are properly in place during use. **Automatically controlled machine tools may start, stop, or move suddenly at any time. Do not enter the machining area when the machine is in motion; death or severe injury may result.**
- Personal protective equipment, particularly ANSI-approved impact safety glasses and OSHA-approved hearing protection must be used. Proper handling, storage, use, and disposal of materials in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS, or your local equivalent) must be followed.
- DO NOT operate your machine or CNC control in explosive atmospheres or in environmental conditions outside of the manufacturer's specified ranges. Electrical power must meet the specifications provided by your machine and CNC control manufacturer.
- DO NOT operate your machine or CNC control if any safety systems are damaged or missing. Excessively scratched or damaged windows and guards must be replaced.
- ONLY authorized personnel should be allowed to operate the machine and CNC control. Improper operation can cause injury, death, and machine or control damage, and may void applicable warranties.
- All electrical enclosures and panels MUST be closed and secured at all times except during installation and service. Only qualified electricians and service personnel should have access to these locations. Hazards arising from high voltage electricity and heat exist in the control cabinet, and may exist even after the main disconnect is turned OFF.
- Improperly clamped or fixtured parts; improperly secured tooling; and broken parts, fixtures, and tooling resulting from machining operations at unsafe feedrates and speeds may result in projectiles being ejected from your machine, even through safety systems such as guards and doors. Always follow safe and reasonable machining practices and follow all safety precautions provided by your tooling and machine manufacturer.
- Ultimate responsibility for safe operation and maintenance of your machine and CNC control rests with shop owners and machine operators. Before performing any work or maintenance all individuals should be thoroughly acquainted with the safe operation of BOTH machine tool AND CNC control.
- Shop owners and operators are responsible for ensuring that shop and machine safety systems such as Emergency Stop and fire suppression systems are present and functioning properly, as required by local codes and regulations.

CNC Control Warning Labels



High Voltage Electrocutation Hazard.
Death by electric shock can occur.
Turn off and lock out system power before servicing.



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Chapter 1

Introduction

The CNC software display screen is separated into five areas called windows. A sample screen is shown below for reference. The five windows are the DRO display window, the [status window](#), the [message window](#), the [options window](#), and the [user window](#). The information that each window displays is described in detail in the following sections.

| <i>DRO Display Window</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|-----|-----|-----|----------|---|-------|---------|-----------|--|-----------------------|
| WCS #1 (G54) Current Position (Inches) | | | | | | Job Name: flange.cnc | | | | | <i>Status Window</i> |
| X | | | | | +15.6962 | Tool: T1 H1 | | | | | |
| Y | | | | | +6.6549 | Feedrate: 100% 0.0 ipm | | | | | |
| Z | | | | | +28.2652 | Spindle: 0 A | | | | | <i>Message Window</i> |
| A | | | | | -0.273° | 106 Emergency stop detected 9099 Message Cleared | | | | | |
| Dist to Go | | | | | | Press CYCLE START to start job | | | | | <i>User Window</i> |
| X | | | | | +0.0000 | | | | | | |
| Y | | | | | +0.0000 | | | | | | |
| Z | | | | | +0.0000 | | | | | | |
| A | | | | | +0.000° | | | | | | <i>Options Window</i> |
| Setup | Load | MDI | Run | CAM | Edit | Utility | Graph | Digitiz | Shut Down | | |
| F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 | F5 | F6 | F7 | F8 | F9 | F10 | | |

1.1 DRO Display

The DRO display contains the digital read out of the current position of the tool. The display is configurable for number of axes and desired display units of measure (see Chapter 14). The bars under each axis are the load meters and represent the amount of power being supplied to the drive for that axis.

The display of axis load meters is configured by machine parameter 143 – see Chapter 14 for specific information.

1.2 Distance-to-Go DRO

The [distance to go DRO](#) is located below the main [DRO](#). This display shows the [distance to go](#) to complete the current movement. The display of [distance to go](#) is controlled by [parameter 143](#). It can be turned on by using **Ctrl+D**, see “[Hot Keys](#)” for more details.

1.3 Status Window

The first line in the [status window](#) contains the name of the currently loaded job file. Below the job name are the Tool Number, Program Number, Feedrate Override, Spindle Speed, and [Feed Hold](#) indicators. The Feedrate Override indicator displays the current override percentage set on the Jog Panel. The Feedrate label will turn RED if the rapid override is turn off. If your machine is equipped with a variable frequency spindle drive (inverter), the Spindle indicator will display the current spindle speed. The [Feed Hold](#) indicator displays the current status (on/off) of **FEED HOLD**. See Chapter 2 for descriptions of the [Feed Hold](#) Button, Feedrate Override Knob, and Spindle controls. For a description of the Program Number see G65 in Chapter 12 or M98 in Chapter 13.

The Part Cnt and Elapsed Time indicators appear when **CYCLE START** is pressed while a job is running. The Part Count indicator displays the number of times the currently loaded job has been run. They count increments by one after the completion of a run. If a job is canceled prematurely, the part count will not be incremented. The Part # counter shows the how many parts have been run, with an up/down arrow displayed to indicate the counting direction. See the run menu for more information on the Part Cnt and Part # setting.

The Part Time indicator displays how much time has passed since the **CYCLE START** button was pressed. The indicator will help you to determine how long it takes to mill a particular part. The timer will not stop until the job is canceled. It will continue to count for optional stops, tool changes, **FEED HOLD**, etc.

1.4 Message Window

The message window is divided into a message section and a prompt section. The prompt section of the window is the lowest text line in the window and will display prompts to the user. For example, the prompt 'Press **CYCLE START** to start job' is displayed on the prompt line after power-up. The message section is the top four text lines of the message window. This section will display warnings, errors, or status messages. The newest messages always appear on the lowest of the four lines. Old messages are shifted up until they disappear off the top of the message window. When old messages scroll out of view, a scroll bar will appear on the right side of the window. When the scroll bar is visible you may use the up and down arrow keys to view older messages. See Chapter 15 for a description of the CNC software error and status messages.

1.5 Options Window

Options are selected by pressing the function key indicated in the box. For example, on the main screen, pressing the function key **F5 - CAM** selects the CAM option.

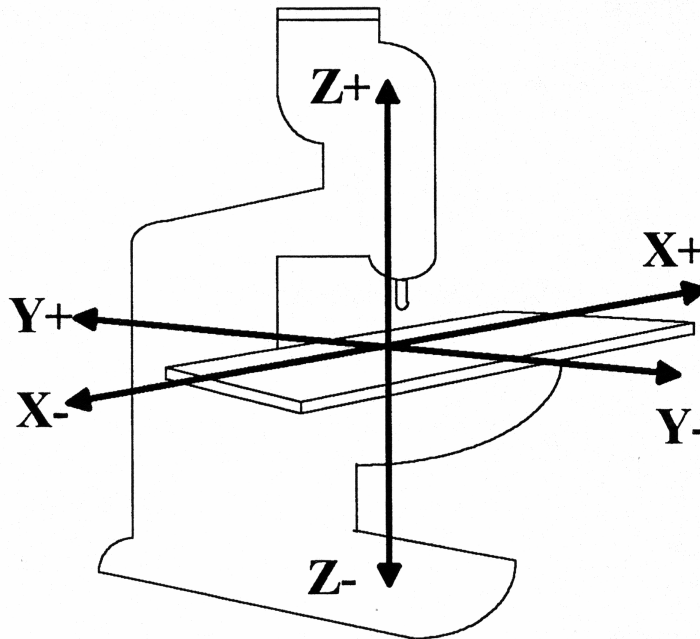
1.6 User Window

The information contained in this window is dependent upon on the operation the user is performing on the control. If no action is being taken, the window is empty.

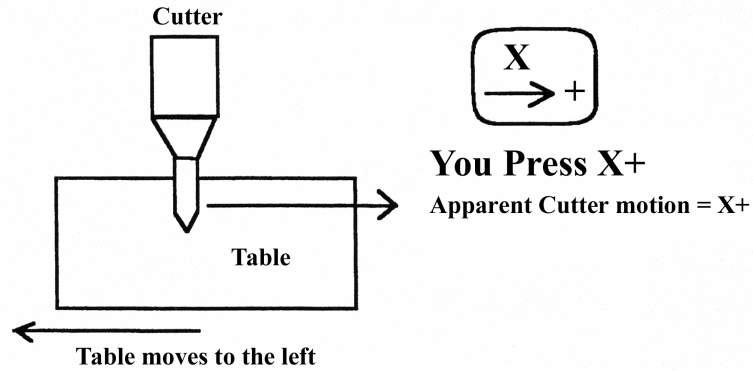
For instance, when the **CYCLE START** button is pressed and a job is processed correctly, up to 11 lines of G codes will be displayed in this window for the user to observe during the Run of the part. All of the part zeros, the tool library setup, and the Digitizing/Probing information are entered in by the user in this window.

1.7 Conventions

- Bold capitalized characters represent keystrokes. For example, the A key is written as **A**, and the enter key is written as **ENTER**. The "Escape" key is written as **ESC**. Key combinations such as **ALT- D** mean that you should press and hold **ALT** then press **D**.
- All data entry screens in the M-Series Control use **F10** to save changes.
- Any menu in the M-Series Control can be exited by pressing **ESC**. This will take you back to the previous menu. This also usually discards any changes you have made in that menu.
- All program examples and software use the standard Cartesian coordinate system (see the figure below). If you are facing the mill, the X-axis is defined positive to your right; the Y-axis is defined positive to the mill; and the Z- axis is defined positive upward, perpendicular to the XY plane.



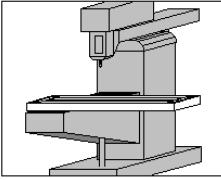
- The direction of motion is defined by the CUTTER motion, not the TABLE motion.



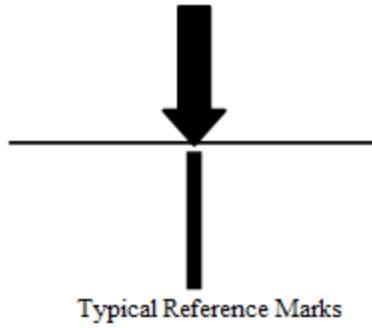
- CW stands for clockwise, and CCW stands for counterclockwise.

1.8 Machine Home

When the M-Series control is first started, the Main screen will appear as below.

| | | | |
|--|---|--|---------------------|
| X Y Z A B | WCS #2 (G55) Current Position (Inches) | Job Name: V24-B2ND.cnc Tool: T11 H--- Feedrate: 100% Spindle: 0 A | |
| | ----- . ----- ----- . ----- ----- . ----- ----- . ----- ----- . ----- | Stopped Alt-S to start job, Alt-J to jog. | |
| | WARNING: Machine Home Not Set 1) Press Alt-J to jog all axes to their home positions 2) Press Alt-S to set machine home | | |
| |  | SYSTEM ID 0000000000 DC System | |
| Setup F1 | MDI F3 | Utility F7 | Shut Down F10 |

Before you can run any jobs, you must set the machine home position. If your machine has home/limit switches, reference marks or safe hard stops, the control can automatically home itself. If your machine has reference marks, jog the machine until the reference marks are lined up, (see below), before you press **CYCLE START** to begin the automatic homing sequence. The control will execute the [G-codes](#) in a file called cncm.hom in the c:/cncm directory. By default, this file contains commands to home Z in the plus direction, then X in the minus and Y in the plus direction.



If your machine does not have home/limit switches or safe hard stops, the following message will appear instead.

WARNING: Machine Home Not Set

- 1) Jog all axes to their home positions**
- 2) Press CYCLE START to set machine home**

In this case you must move the machine to its home position yourself, using either the jog keys or the handwheels. Once all axes are at their home positions, press CYCLE START to set machine home.

1.9 Mill M and G Codes

This is a summary list of M and G codes. See Chapters 12 – 13 for more information.

| | |
|--|---|
| M00 Stop for Operator | G00 - Rapid to Position |
| M01 Optional Stop for Operator | G01 - Linear Move |
| M02 Restart Program | G02/G03 - CW/CCW Arc Move |
| M03 Spindle On Clockwise | G04 - Dwell |
| M04 Spindle On Counterclockwise | G09 - Decel and Stop |
| M05 Spindle Stop | G10 - Set Parameter |
| M06 Tool Change | G17/G18/G19 - XY/ZX/YZ Plane Selection |
| M07 Mist Coolant On | G20 - Inch Units |
| M08 Flood Coolant On | G21 - Metric Units |
| M09 Coolant Off | G22 - Work Envelope On |
| M10 Clamp On | G23 - Work Envelope Off |
| M11 Clamp Off | G28 - Return to Reference Point |
| M25 Move to Z Home | G29 - Return from Reference Point |
| M26 Set Axis Home | G30 - Return to Secondary Reference Point |
| M30 M-code for End of Intercon Program | G40 - Cancel Cutter Compensation |
| M39 Air Drill | G41/G42 - Cutter Compensation Left/Right |
| M91 Move to Minus Home | G43/G44 - Tool Length Compensation +/- |
| M92 Move to Plus Home | G49 - Cancel Tool Length Compensation |
| M93 Release/Restore Motor Power | G50 - Cancel Scaling / Mirroring |
| M94,M95 Output On/Off | G51 - Scaling / Mirroring |
| M98 Call Subprogram | G52 - Offset Local Coordinate System Origin |
| M99 Return from Macro or Subprogram | G53 - Rapid Positioning in Machine Coordinates |
| M100 Wait for PLC bit (Open, Off, Reset) | G54-G59 - Select Work Coordinate System |
| M101 Wait for PLC bit (Closed, On, Set) | G61 - Modal Decel and Stop |
| M102 Restart Program | G64 - Smoothing Mode Selection |
| M103 Programmed Action Timer | G65 - Call Macro |
| M104 Cancel Programmed Action Timer | G68 - Rotate |
| M105 Move Minus to Switch | G69 - Cancel Rotate |
| M106 Move Plus to Switch | G73 - High Speed Peck Drilling (Canned Cycle) |
| M107 Output Binary Coded Decimal Tool Number | G74 - Counter Tapping (Canned Cycle) |
| M108 Enable Override Controls | G76 - Fine Bore (Canned Cycle) |
| M109 Disable Override Controls | G80 - Cancel Canned Cycle |
| M115,M116,M125,M126 Protected Move Probing | G81 - Drilling and Spot Drilling (Canned Cycle) |
| M120 Open data file (overwrite existing file) | G82 - Drill with dwell (Canned Cycle) |
| M121 Open data file (append to existing file) | G83 - Deep hole drilling (Canned Cycle) |
| M122 Record local position(s) in data file | G84 - Tapping (Canned Cycle) |
| M123 Record value and/or comment in data file | G85 - Boring (Canned Cycle) |
| M124 Record machine position(s) in data file | G89 - Boring with dwell (Canned Cycle) |
| M127 Record Date and Time in a data file | G90 - Absolute Positioning Mode |
| M128 Move Axis by Encoder Counts | G91 - Incremental Positioning Mode |
| M129 Record Current Job file path to data file | G92 - Set Absolute Position |
| M130 Run system command | G93 - Inverse Time Feedrate Mode |
| M200/M201 Stop for Operator, Prompt for Action | G94 - Cancel Inverse Time Feedrate Mode |
| M223 Write Formatted String to File | G98 - Initial Point Return |
| M224 Prompt for Operator Input | G99 - R Point Return |
| M225 Display Formatted String for a time | G117/G118/G119 - XY/ZX/YZ Plane Selection |
| M290 Digitize Profile | G173,G174,G176,G181,G182,G183,G184,G185,G189 |
| M300 Fast Synchronous I/O update | - Compound Canned Cycles |
| M333 Axis Role Re-assignment | G180 - Cancel Canned Cycle |
| M1000-M1015 Graphing Color for feed move | |

1.10 How to unlock software features or unlock your Control

The following are necessary to unlock software features:

1. If you are at the "Demo mode expired" screen, start at step 4.
2. Go to the Main screen of the Control software.
3. Press **F7** "Utility" and then **F8** "Option"
4. Press **F1** "Unlock Option". (You may need to enter the password – usually 137)
5. Next, type in the Unlock # and press **ENTER**.
6. Then, type in the Unlock Value and press **ENTER**.
7. Repeat step 4, 5, and 6 for each new Unlock.

1.11 Skinning

CNC12 gives the user the ability to create a custom interface that can be applied in many different ways. Using the CNC12 C# programming language API, users may write their own software programs that communicate with CNC12 to perform desired tasks, including moving the machine, setting parameters, etc. For more information see the `CncSkinningDocumentation` folder in the root of the CNC12 installation directory.

Chapter 2

Operator Panel

The M-Series operator panel is a sealed membrane keyboard that enables you to control various machine operations and functions. The panel contains momentary membrane switches. The M-Series jog panel can be customized as to the location of various keys. The jog panel displayed in the figure above is representative of a default configuration found on most M-series controls.

2.1 Axis Jog Buttons

X+ X- Y+ Y- Z+ Z- 4TH+ 4TH-

The yellow X, Y, Z, and 4TH keys are momentary switches for jogging each of the four axes of the machine. There are two buttons for each axis (+/-). Only one axis can be jogged at a time.

- NOTE: The jog buttons will not operate if the M-Series CNC software is not running, or if a job (a CNC program) is running.

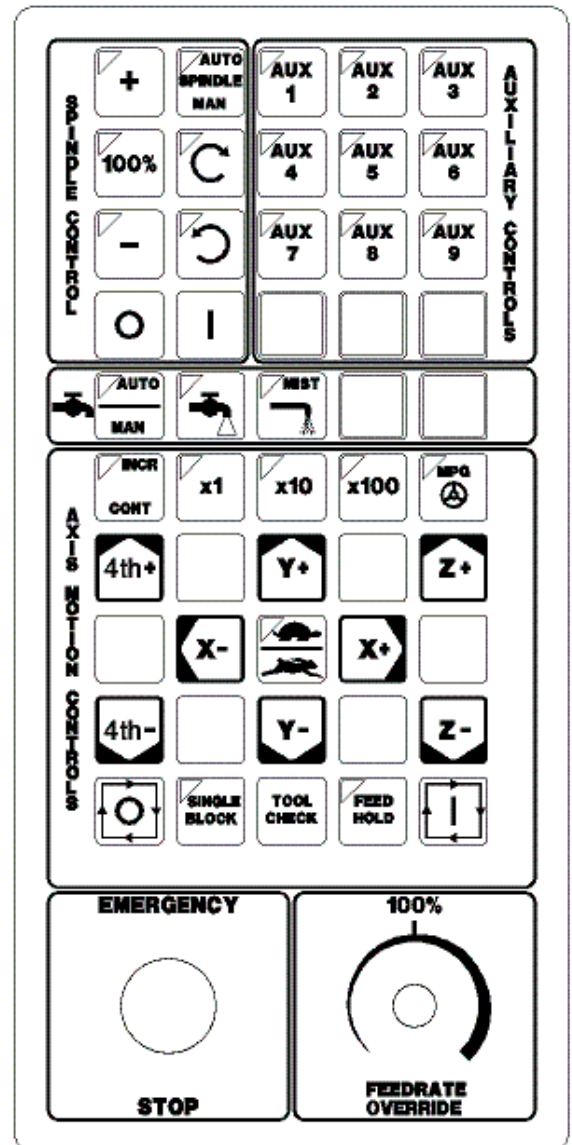
2.2 Slow/Fast



The **slow/fast** key is located in the center of the Axis Motion Controls section and is labeled with the turtle and rabbit icon shown to the right. The turtle represents slow jogging mode. When SLOW jog is selected (LED on) and a jog button is pressed, the axis moves at the slow jog rate. If FAST jog is selected, the axis will move at the fast jog rate. See Chapter 14 for information on setting the fast and slow jog rates for each axis.

2.3 Inc/Cont

INC/CONT selects between incremental and continuous jogging. Pressing the key will toggle between these two modes. The LED is lit when INC is selected. If CONT jog is selected and an



axis jog button is pressed, the axis will move continuously until the button is released.

2.4 x1, x10, x100

Press any one of these keys to set the jog increment amount. The amount you select is the distance the control will move an axis if you make an incremental jog (x1=0.0001", x10=0.0010" and x100=0.0100"). You may select only one jog increment at a time, and the current jog increment is indicated by the key that has a lit LED. The jog increment you select is for all axes; you cannot set separate jog increments for each axis. The jog increment also selects the distance the control will move an axis for each click of the MPG handwheel.

2.5 MPG

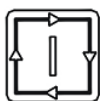


The MPG is housed in a separate hand-held unit. Press the **MPG** key to set the control jog to respond to the MPG hand wheel, if equipped. When selected, the LED will be on. Select the Jog Increment and desired axis and slowly turn the wheel. When the LED is not lit, the MPG is disabled and the jog panel is on.

2.6 Single Block

The **SINGLE BLOCK** key selects between auto and single block mode. When the **SINGLE BLOCK** LED is on, the single block mode has been enabled. Single Block mode allows you to run a program line by line by pressing **CYCLE START** after each block. While in block mode you can select auto mode at any time. While in auto mode and a program is running you cannot select single block mode. Auto mode runs the loaded program after **CYCLE START** is pressed. Auto mode is the default (LED off).

2.7 Cycle Start



When the **CYCLE START** button is pressed, the M-400/M-39 Control will immediately begin processing the current program at the beginning and will prompt you to press the **CYCLE START** button again to begin execution of the program. After an M0, M1, M2, or M6 is encountered in the program, the message "Press **CYCLE START** to continue" will be displayed on the screen, and the M-400/M-39 Control will wait until you press the **CYCLE START** button before continuing program execution.



WARNING

Pressing **CYCLE START** will cause the M-Series Control to start moving the axes immediately without further warning. Be certain that you are ready to start the program when you press this button. Pressing the **FEED HOLD** button, **E-STOP** or the **CYCLE CANCEL** button will stop any movement if **CYCLE START** is pressed accidentally.

2.8 Feedrate Override

This knob controls the percentage of the programmed Feedrate that you can use during feedrate cutting moves: lines, arcs, canned cycles, etc. This percentage can be from 0% to 200%.



CAUTION

The Feerate Override knob will not work during tapping cycles (G74 and G84) .

2.9 Feed Hold

Feed Hold decelerates motion of the current movement to a stop, pausing the job that is currently running. Pressing **CYCLE START** will continue the movement from the stopped location.



CAUTION

Feed Hold is temporarily disabled during tapping cycles (G74 and G84) , and automatic tool changes (M6).

2.10 Tool Check

Press **TOOL CHECK** while no program is running to move the Z-axis to its home position/G28 position. Press **TOOL CHECK** while a program is running to abort the currently running program. The control will stop normal program movement, pull Z to its home position, clear all M-functions, and automatically display the Resume Job Screen. From the Resume Job Screen, you can change tool settings (height offsets, diameter offsets, etc.) and resume the job with the new tool settings.

2.11 Cycle Cancel



Press **CYCLE CANCEL** to abort the currently running program. The control will stop movement immediately, clear all M-functions, and return to the Main Screen. It is recommended that you press **FEED HOLD** first before **CYCLE CANCEL**. If you press **CYCLE CANCEL**, program execution will stop; if you wish to restart the program you must rerun the entire program or use the search function. See search function operation in Chapter 3 or Chapter 6.

2.12 Emergency Stop

EMERGENCY STOP releases the power to all the axes and cancels the current job immediately upon being pressed. **EMERGENCY STOP** also resets certain faults if the fault condition has been fixed or cleared.



WARNING

On some machines, vertical axes (such as Z and/or W) may start to move due to gravity pulling it down when motor power is cut due to **EMERGENCY STOP** being pressed.

2.13 Spindle CW/CCW



The **SPINDLE CLOCKWISE/COUNTERCLOCKWISE** keys determine the direction the spindle will turn if it is started manually. If the spindle is started automatically, the direction keys are ignored and the spindle runs according to the program. The default direction is CW.

2.14 Spindle Speed +



Pressing this key will increase the spindle speed by 10% of the commanded speed in Auto spindle mode, limited by the maximum speed or 200% of commanded speed, whichever is less. For manual spindle mode, the spindle speed is increased by 5% of the maximum spindle speed (up to the maximum speed). The LED is on if the spindle speed is set above the 100% point.

2.15 Spindle Speed 100%



Pressing this key will set the spindle speed at the 100% point, which is defined as the commanded speed in Auto spindle mode, or 1/2 the maximum spindle speed in manual mode. The LED will be on when the spindle is at the 100% point.

2.16 Spindle Speed -



Pressing this key will decrease the spindle speed by 10% of the commanded speed in Auto spindle mode, limited to 10% of commanded speed. For manual spindle mode, the spindle speed is decreased by 5% of the maximum spindle speed down to 5% of maximum. The LED is on if the spindle speed is set below the 100% point.

2.17 Spindle Auto/Man

This key selects whether the spindle will operate under program control (automatic) or under operator control (manual). When the LED is lit, the spindle is under automatic control. If the LED is off, the spindle is under manual control. Pressing the **SPINDLE (AUTO/MAN)** key will toggle it from AUTO to MAN and back again. The default is AUTO mode.

2.18 Spin Start



Press the **SPIN START** key when manual spindle mode is selected to cause the spindle to start rotating. Press **SPIN START** when automatic mode is selected to restart the spindle if it has been paused with **SPIN STOP**.

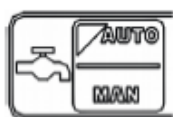
2.19 Spin Stop



Press the **SPIN STOP** key when manual spindle mode is selected to stop the spindle. Press **SPIN STOP** when automatic mode is selected to pause spindle rotation and can be restarted with **SPIN START**.

NOTICE **SPIN STOP** should only be pressed during **FEED HOLD** or when a program is NOT running.

2.20 Coolant Auto\Manual



This key will toggle between automatic and manual control of coolant. In automatic mode, M7 (Mist) and M8 (Flood) can be used in G-code programs to select the coolant type to be enabled. In manual mode, flood coolant and mist coolant are controlled by separate keys. Note: When switching from automatic to manual mode, both flood and mist coolants are turned off automatically.

2.21 Coolant Flood



In manual coolant control mode, flood coolant can be toggled off and on by pressing this key. The LED will be on when flood control is selected in either automatic or manual mode.

2.22 Coolant Mist



In manual coolant control mode, mist coolant can be toggled off and on by pressing this key. The LED will be on when mist control is selected in either automatic or manual mode.

2.23 Auxiliary Function Keys (AUX1 - AUX12)

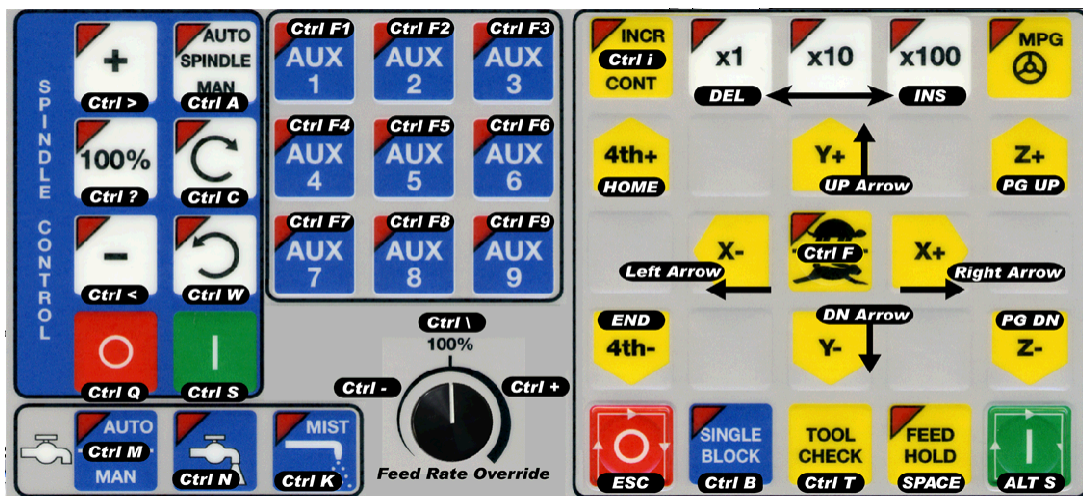
The M-Series jog panel has 12 auxiliary keys (9 labeled), some of which may be defined by customized systems.

2.24 Notes About Operator Panels

The behavior of the control system in response to the functions listed above for the M-Series jog panel is dependent upon optional software options, the PLC program, machine parameters, and hardware wiring of the system. It is possible that the functioning explained in this chapter does not apply to a particular control system or that it may differ in some aspects.

2.25 Keyboard Jog Panel

The PC keyboard may be used as a jog panel. Press **Alt-J** to display and enable the keyboard jog panel. The jog panel appears as shown below:










Some controls, such as coolant on/off, spindle on/off, feedrate and spindle override will work without the "jog panel" being displayed but for full functionality (and jogging) of the keyboard jog panel, the "jog panel" must be displayed on the screen. To enable keyboard jogging, parameter 170 must be set to "1".

The [status window](#) in the upper right corner of the screen displays the jogging mode (continuous/incremental), incremental step size, and jog speed (fast/slow). In continuous mode, the jog











keys start movement when pressed and movement stops when you release the key. In incremental mode, the axis will move the indicated incremental step amount.

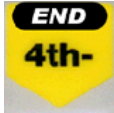
As shown in the picture above, the jog keys are located in the cursor key block to the right of the main keyboard and to the left of the numeric keypad. If a jog key controls an axis, it will be overlaid with the axis symbol ("X", "Y", etc.) The jog keys are the **Arrow Keys**, **Page Up**, and **Page Down**.

The remaining keys are described below:

| Legend | Key(s) | Function | Description | Availability (Notes) |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| - | Alt J | Start/Exit Panel | Invokes or exits the jog panel. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Alt S | Cycle Start | Same as Cycle Start | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Esc | Cycle Cancel | Same as Cycle Cancel. | During a job run; Otherwise, Esc is used to exit menus. |
|  | Ctrl F1-F12 | Aux 1-12 | Executes the corresponding Aux function and signals the PLC. A custom PLC program is required to act upon jog panel signals. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Ctrl M | Toggle Auto Coolant | Toggles coolant mode between auto and manual. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Ctrl N | Turns on/off Flood | Toggles Flood coolant if in manual mode. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Ctrl K | Turns on/off Mist | Toggles Mist coolant if in manual mode. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Ctrl +, Ctrl - | Increase/Decrease feedrate override | Increase/Decrease feedrate override by 1% while held. | Jog panel, job run, graphing, and some other times. |

| Legend | Key(s) | Function | Description | Availability (Notes) |
|---|--------|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
|  | Ctrl C | Selects CW Spin | Selects CW Spin direction in man mode. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Ctrl W | Selects CCW Spin | Selects CCW spin direction in man mode. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Ctrl A | Toggle Spindle Auto/Manual | Toggles between automatic and manual spindle operation mode | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Ctrl S | Spin Start | Starts spindle in selected direction if in manual mode. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Ctrl Q | Spin Stop | STOPS spindle regardless of auto or manual mode. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Ctrl > | Spindle Override +1% | Increase the spindle override by 1% while held. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Ctrl < | Spindle Override -1% | Decrease the spindle override by 1% while held. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Ctrl T | Tool Check | Performs a tool check. | Always, with few exceptions. |

| Legend | Key(s) | Function | Description | Availability (Notes) |
|---|---------------|---|--|---|
|  | Ctrl I | Incremental/ Continuous Jog Selection | Toggles incremental or continuous jog mode. | Available most times that jogging is available. |
|  | Ctrl B | Selects Single Block Mode | Selects Single Block Mode | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Delete/Insert | Decrease/ Increases Jog increment | Decreases/Increases current jog increment to the next available increment. | Always, with few exceptions. |
|  | Right Arrow | X+ Jog | | With on screen jog panel displayed. |
|  | Left Arrow | X- Jog | | With on screen jog panel displayed. |
|  | Up Arrow | Y+ Jog | | With on screen jog panel displayed. |
|  | Down Arrow | Y- Jog | | With on screen jog panel displayed. |
|  | Page Up | Z+ Jog | | With on screen jog panel displayed. |
|  | Page Down | Z- Jog | | With on screen jog panel displayed. |
|  | Home | 4th+ Jog | | With on screen jog panel displayed. |

| Legend | Key(s) | Function | Description | Availability (Notes) |
|---|--------|----------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
|  | End | 4th- Jog | | With on screen jog panel displayed. |

2.26 MDI and the Keyboard Jog Panel

Many of the keys used by the keyboard jog panel are also possible commands to MDI. To use the keyboard jog panel functions in MDI, you must press **Alt J**. You may jog; use the handwheels, or any other jog panel function. Press **Alt J** or **Esc** to return to MDI.

2.27 Keyboard Shortcut Keys

A computer style keyboard is supplied with most systems. This keyboard can be used as a jog panel. The keyboard jog panel has many “hot keys”. Hot keys are keys that can be used at almost any time, with few exceptions. Some menus may prohibit their use. Hot keys used in the CNC software are listed below:

2.27.1 ALT+D — WCS/Machine Coordinates

Switch DRO display between current WCS position and current machine position.

2.27.2 ALT+E — Generate Screenshot

If the value of parameter 389 is greater than 0, pressing the **ALT+E** key combination generates a screen shot and saves it as `screenshot-nnn.png`, where *nnn* is a three digit number starting at 000 and incrementing upward each time you take a screenshot. Note that when you restart the CNC software, the numbering starts over at 000.

2.27.3 ALT+I — Live PLC I/O

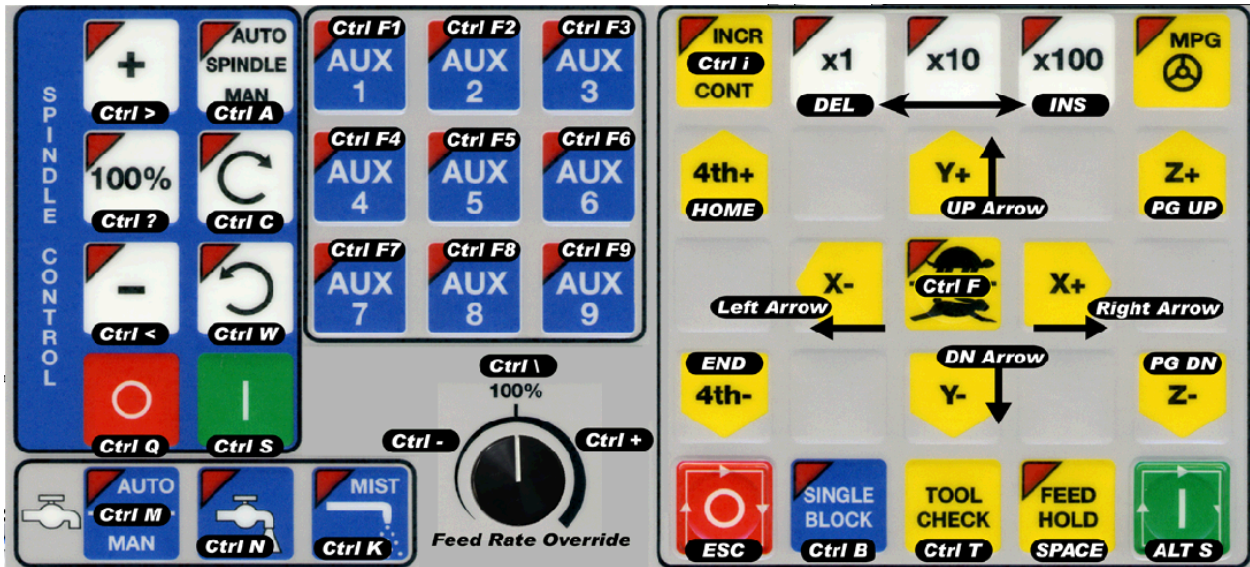
Pressing **ALT+I** brings up the live PLC I/O display screen (see the image below). In this screen you may view the real-time status of all the different inputs, outputs, etc. Use the arrow keys and the **F11** and **F12** keys to navigate the live PLC I/O screen. With proper PLC support, pressing **CTRL+ALT+I** allows you to toggle the value of inputs 1 through 80. Similarly, pressing **CTRL+ALT+F** allows you to toggle outputs.

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| WCS #1 (G54) Current Position (Inches) | | Job Name: demo1.cnc | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| X | +1.2374 | Tool: T---H--- | Feedrate: 100% 0.0 ipm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y | -1.2374 | Spindle: 0 A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Z | +0.0000 | SV_STALL ERROR Reported by CNC11!!! 4032 Reset Cleared SV_STALL ERROR Reported by CNC11!!! 9033 Reset Initiated, Press Reset to Clear SV_STALL ERROR Reported by CNC11!!! 4032 Reset Cleared Press CYCLE START to start job | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A | -0.012° | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B | +0.000° | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Prev F11 | | STG79 : STG79 | | Next F12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W01+=+0000584089 | W02+=+0000000100 | W03+=+0000000200 | W04+=+0000000200 | W05+=+0000000200 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W06+=+0212431139 | W07+=+0000000000 | W08+=+0000000100 | W09+=+0000000000 | W10+=+0000000000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PLC Run Time (ms) : 1.223855 | | Max: 1.322940 | | Min: 1.060220 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PLC Fast Stage Time (ms): 0.040380 | | Max: 0.089450 | | Min: 0.037150 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Avg: 1.079559 | Avg: 0.039256 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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|-------|---------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-------|---------|-----------|
| Setup | Utility | MDI | Load | Edit | Run | CAM | Graph | Digitiz | Shut Down |
| F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 | F5 | F6 | F7 | F8 | F9 | F10 |

2.27.4 ALT+J — Keyboard Jog Panel

Pressing ALT+J brings up the keyboard jog panel, which allows you to perform jog panel functions with the keyboard. When you press ALT+J a new window pops up containing a bitmap image of the jog panel overlaid with labels to show which keyboard keys simulate which jog panel key press. A print button allows you to print out the image of the keyboard jog panel.



2.27.5 ALT+K — ATC Bin

Press ALT+K to display the current ATC bin.

2.27.6 ALT+L — ATC Putback Location

Press ALT+L to display the current ATC putback location.

2.27.7 ALT+M — Run MDI

Press ALT+M to run MDI.

2.27.8 ALT+P — Live PID Display

Press ALT+P to display the live PID screen, where you can view current axis positioning information, as seen in the image below.

| Axis | Error | Sum | Delta | PID Out | Abs Pos | Max Error |
|------|-------|-----|-------|---------|----------|-----------|
| X* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -3489769 | 68 |
| Y* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 236737 | -70 |
| Z* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 660258 | 0 |
| B* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 0 |
| N | 0 | 0 | 0 | OFF | 0 | 0 |
| N | 0 | 0 | 0 | OFF | 0 | 0 |
| N | 0 | 0 | 0 | OFF | 0 | 0 |

2.27.9 ALT+S — Cycle Start

Press ALT+S as an alternative to the cycle start button.

2.27.10 ALT+T — Temperature Display

Press ALT+T to display the current temperatures for each axis in the message window.

2.27.11 ALT+V — Display CNC Software Version Info

Press ALT+V to display CNC12 software version information (the same information found when pressing F1 from the main menu).

2.27.12 ALT+1, ALT+2, . . . , ALT+0 — Select WCS

Press ALT+1, ALT+2, . . . , ALT+0 to cycle through the first ten work coordinate systems.

2.27.13 ALT+- — Select Previous WCS

Press ALT+- to select the previous WCS.

2.27.14 ALT+= — Select Next WCS

Press ALT+= to select the next WCS.

2.27.15 ALT+F10 — Exit CNC12

Press ALT+F10 (in the utility menu only) to exit CNC12.

2.27.16 CTRL+D Swap DRO and Distance-to-Go DRO

Press CTRL+D to swap the positions of the DRO and the Distance-to-Go DRO.

2.27.17 CTRL+E — Launch PLC Detective

Press CTRL+E to launch the PLC Detective application.

2.27.18 CTRL+H — Enable G-Code Display

If a job is running and the G-Code display is hidden (perhaps behind the Live PLC I/O or Live PID display screens) press CTRL+H to show the G-Code display.

2.27.19 CTRL+I — Save PLC state to file.

If you are in the Live PLC I/O display screen (accessible by pressing ALT+I), then pressing CTRL+I will print the current PLC I/O state to a file titled `plcstate.txt`.

2.27.20 CTRL+Q — Probing Cycles History

If you have run a probing cycle (found in the F9 Digitize → F4 Probe screen), then the probing cycle has been recorded so that you may access the positions you probed. Press CTRL+Q to view this history. A window will pop up (as seen in the picture below) where you can enter a description, delete any probing history you don't wish to keep, or copy the positions of that probing cycle to the clipboard. Click anywhere outside of that window, or press CTRL+Q again, to close the probing cycles history.

| Date | Cycle | Description |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 10/23/2018 1:04:28 PM | Center of Bore | Enter Description Here |
| 10/23/2018 1:06:23 PM | Center of Boss | Enter Description Here |
| 10/23/2018 1:06:54 PM | Single Axis Probe | Enter Description Here |

String Value:

X-2.5908 Y-3.1101 Z0.3000

Copy

X Position

Y Position

Z Position

Diameter

Angle

2.27.21 SHIFT+F1 — Switch to Old Style Graphics Backplot

When you are in the accelerated backplot, press **SHIFT+F1** to switch to the old style graphics backplot that does not use OpenGL.

2.27.22 SHIFT+F2 — Erase Log File

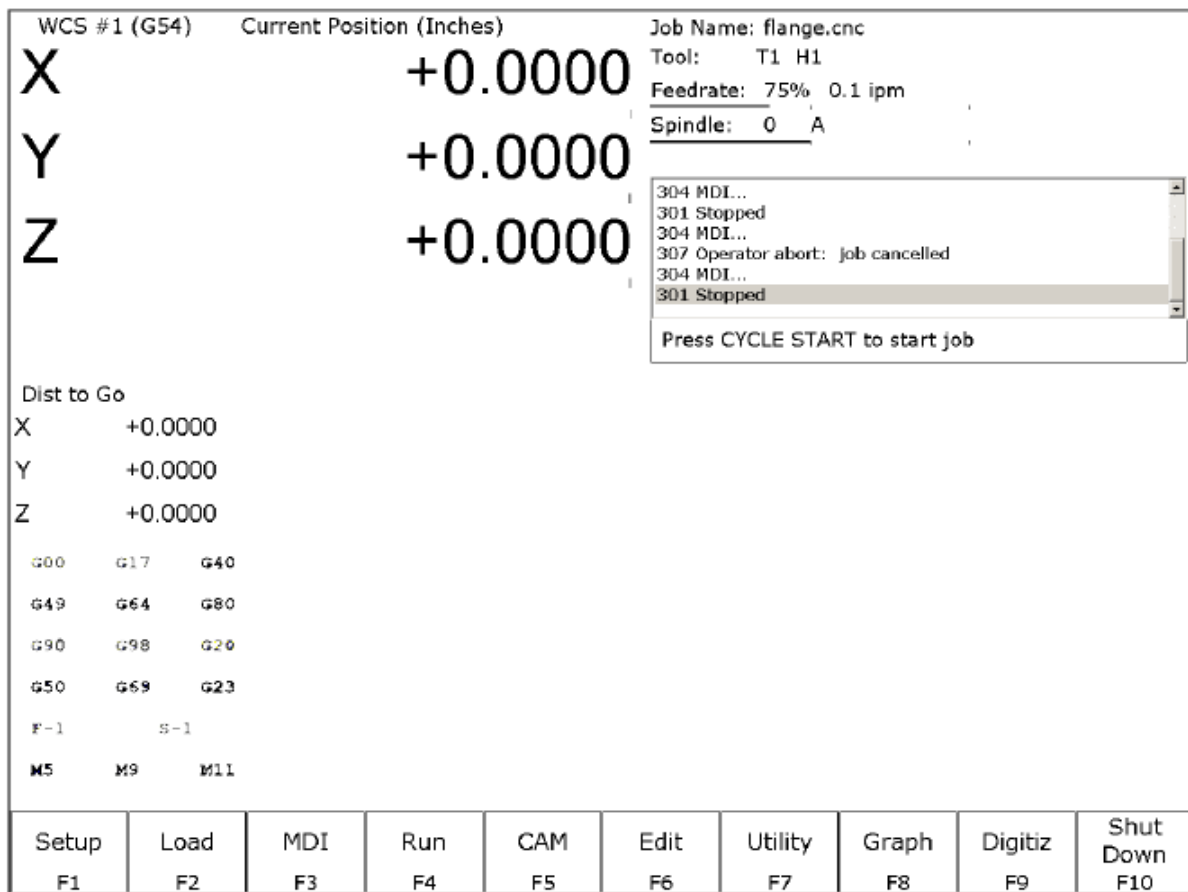
From the Utility → Logs → Errors (or Stats) screen, press **SHIFT+F2** to erase the log file. You will be presented with a confirmation dialog before the log file is deleted.

2.27.23 CTRL+ALT+X — Go to Shutdown Screen

From the main menu, pressing **CTRL+ALT+X** will take you to the CNC12 shutdown screen.

Chapter 3

CNC Software Main Screen



F1 - Setup: Used to set part zeroes, set or change tool offsets, and change the control configuration.

F2 - Load: Use this menu to load a job.

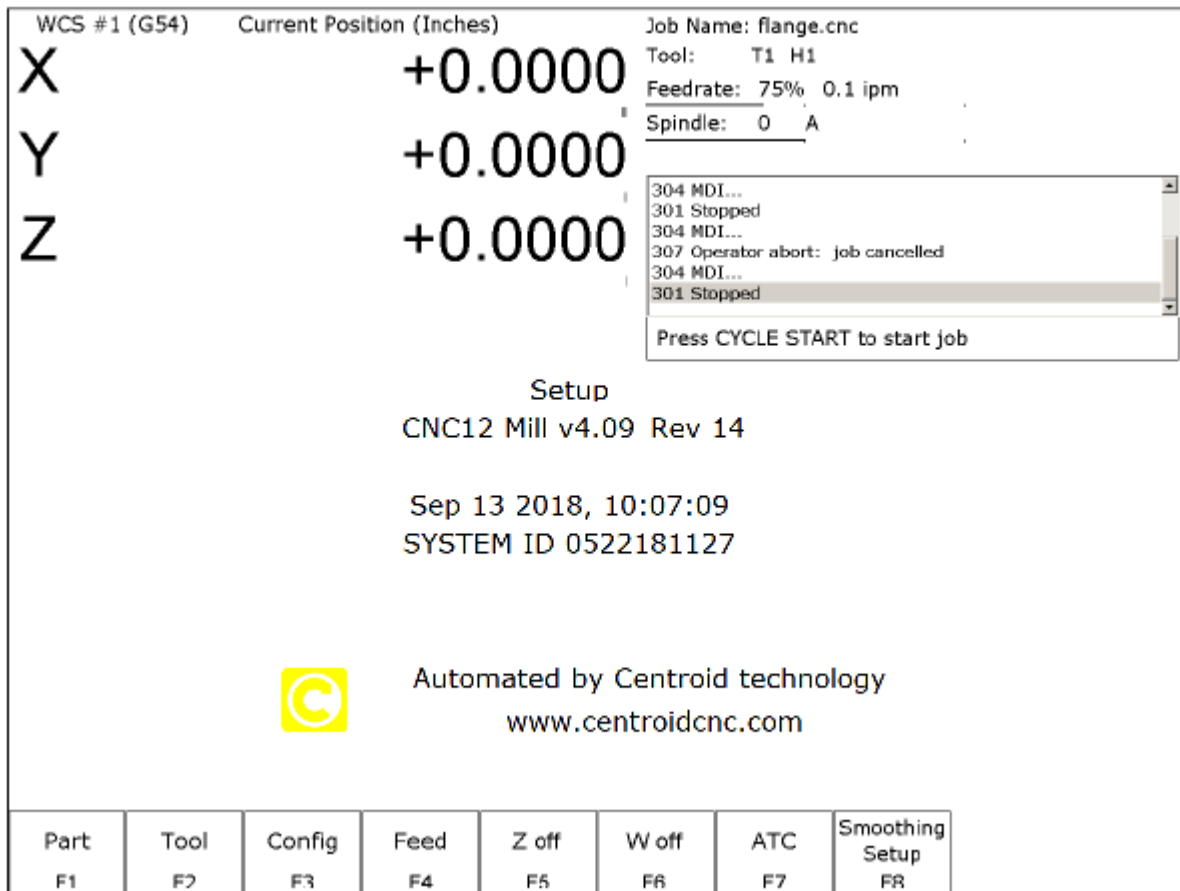
F3 - MDI: The MDI menu allows you to a single line command such as: G1 X2 Y3 F20

F4 - Run: Use the Run menu to search and run a job from a specific line, resume a job after it has been canceled or to change the way a job runs.

F5 - CAM: Use the CAM menu to program parts.

- F6 - Edit:** Brings up a G-code (text) editor that allows you to edit the currently loaded job.
- F7 - Utility:** View available software options, backup part and configuration files, create new directories, and import/export files to and from external locations.
- F8 - Graph:** Graphs the toolpath of the currently loaded part program.
- F9 - Digitize:** Displayed only if the Digitizing option has been purchased. Used to Digitize (reverse engineer) parts.
- F10 - Shut down:** Power off control. Shutting down your machine without using this menu may damage your control.

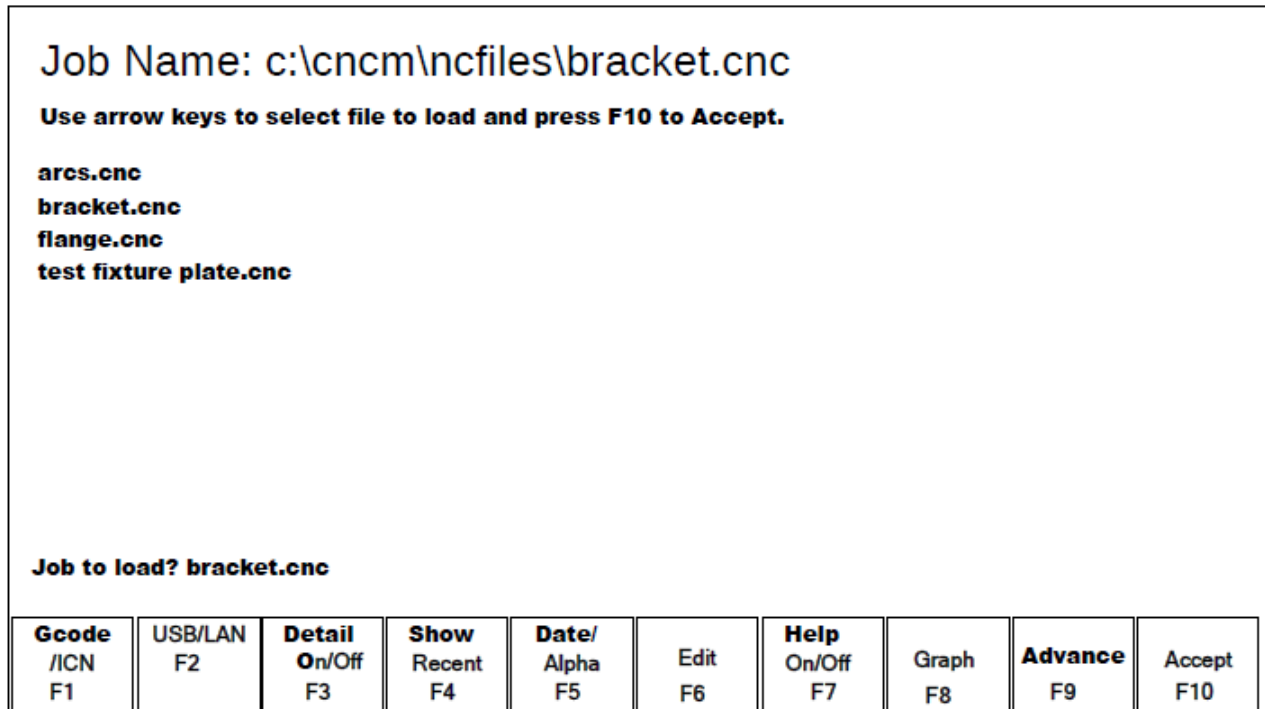
3.1 F1 - Setup Menu



- F1 - Part:** This key displays the Part Setup menus that are explained in Chapter 4.
- F2 - Tool:** This key displays the Tool Setup menus that are explained in Chapter 5.
- F3 - Config:** This key displays the Configuration menu that is explained in Chapter 14.
- F4 - Feed:** This key displays the Feed menu that is discussed in Chapter 6.
- F5 - 3rd Axis Toggle:** This key will only be displayed if machine [parameter 130](#) is set. See Chapter 14 for configuration options.
- F6 - 4th Axis Toggle:** This key will only be displayed if machine [parameter 131](#) is set. See Chapter 14 for configuration options.

- F7 - ATC:** This key will only be displayed if machine [parameter 6](#) is set to 1.0. It has the same effect as the F7 - ATC key in the Tool menus. It will prompt you for a tool number and then perform the actions required for an automatic tool change cycle.
- F8 - Smoothing Setup:** This gives you access to the Smoothing Setup Menu which provides a simplified way of choosing parameters for the Smoothing module. See Chapter 14 under “Smoothing Setup Menu”.

3.2 F2 - Load Job Menu



- F1 - G code/ICN:** Allows the user to change which types of files are displayed.
- F2 - USB/LAN:** Select a different drive from which to load files.
- F3 - Details:** Displays file details including: Programmer, Description and Date Modified.
- F4 - Show Recent:** Displays a list of the 15 most recently loaded jobs.
- F5 - Date/Alpha:** Toggles the current view of files to be sorted alphabetically or by date modified.
- F6 - Edit:** Opens selected file in editor.
- F7 - Help:** Displays on screen help for the load menu.
- F8 - Graph:** Backplots (graphs) the selected file.
- F9 - Advanced:** Displays a unified file and device browser similar to Windows Explorer. (If [Parameter 4](#) is set to 5, this is the default menu state).

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Current Directory: c:\cncm\ncfiles\*. *
Current Job: c:\cncm\ncfiles\test.cnc
[ c:\ ]
[ y:\ ]
[ z:\ ]
[ Recent Selections ]
[ . ]
[ Up ]
demo1.cnc
demo3.cnc

```

Go to: c:\

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Filter View F1 | Edit F2 | Details On/Off F3 | Date/ Alpha F4 | Refresh F5 | Rename F7 | Graph F8 | Accept F10 |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|

Other Keys:

Page Up - Move the cursor backward one page.

Page Down - Move the cursor forward one page.

End - Select the last file in the list.

Home - Select the first file in the list.

Arrow Keys - Navigate items.

***Note:** The path and/or file name may also be selected by typing the path or path and file name. A window will open automatically when you begin typing.

3.3 F3 - MDI

MDI mode allows you to directly enter M and **G-codes** one line at time. After entering the M and Gcodes you wish to run, press cycle start to have the controller execute the command. When, the command has finished executing the command, it will prompt you for another line. When you are, finished entering commands, press **ESC**.

Navigation through previous commands is possible by pressing the ↑ **UP ARROW** key and the ↓ **DOWN ARROW** key. Once selected, you may modify the command using the ← **LEFT** or → **RIGHT** arrow key.

Press the **ENTER** key or **Cycle Start** to execute.

Examples:

Block? G92X0Y0 ;Set the current XY position to 0,0

Block? M92 /Z ;Move the Z to the positive limit.

Block? M26 /Z ;Set the current Z position as Z home.

3.4 F4 - Run Menu

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| X Y Z | Current Position (Inches) | Job Name : bracket.cnc |
| | +4.0000 | Tool : T001 H001 |
| | +2.0000 | Feedrate : 100% |
| | - 0.5000 | Spindle : 0 M |
| | | Stopped Waiting for PLC operation Stopped Press CYCLE START to start job |
| Run | | |
| Single Block Mode: | Off | Run-Time Graphics: Off |
| Optional Stops: | Off | |
| Block Skips: | On | |
| Job Repeat: | Off | |
| Part Count: | | |
| Search F2 | Repeat On F3 | /Skips Off F4 |
| Block F5 | Stops F6 | Graph F8 |
| | | Rapid Off F9 |
| | | RTG On/Off F10 |

F2 - Search: You can resume a job by searching for the line, tool, or a block number.

F3 - Repeat: Toggles Job Repeat. Will repeat the current program when a job is finished.

F4 - Block Skips: Turns on and off block skips in part programs.

F5 - Single Block: Program runs in single block mode when turned on.

F6 - Stops: Turns on and off optional stops (M01) in part programs.

F8 - Graph: Graphs tool path of currently loaded program

F9 - Rapid: Turns on and off rapid override function

F10 - RTG: Turns on and off Run Time Graphics

***Note:** For more information on these options, please see Chapter 6.

3.5 F5 - CAM

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| X | Current Position (Inches) | +4.0000 | Job Name : bracket.cnc Tool : T001 H001 Feedrate : 100% Spindle : 0 M | | | | |
| Y | | +2.0000 | Stopped Waiting for PLC operation Press CYCLE START to start job | | | | |
| Z | | - 0.5000 | | | | | |
| CAM | | | | | | | |
| | ICN | - Intercon Mill | | | | | |
| | Engrave | - DXF Engraving | | | | | |
| | Milwrt | - Millwrite Engraving | | | | | |
| | Manual | - Operators Manual | | | | | |
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| ICN F1 | Engrave F2 | Milwrt F6 | Manual F4 | | | | |

Choose **F5-CAM** to program parts. The default part programming system is Intercon. Intercon is a conversational programming system that allows you to quickly and easily create a part program. Intercon features many easy to use canned cycles for most common machining operations such as: rectangular, circular and irregular pockets, pockets with islands, bolt hole circles, frames, thread milling operations and much more. When you are finished programming your part in Intercon, exit to return to the M-Series Control Main Screen and the posted Intercon program will be automatically loaded and ready to run. For more information on Intercon, see Chapter 10.

NOTE: The screen can be customized with additional F Keys.

F1 - ICN: Intercon conversational program system.

F2 - Engrave: DXF engrave option (optional item part of DXF Import) allows you to import an entire DXF drawing and engrave it onto a part.

F3 - Milwrite: Millwrite Engraving software (optional item) allows you to create engraving files to engrave letters, numbers, and symbols on your parts.

F4 - Manual: Allows you to access the operator manual on the control.

3.6 F6 - Edit

This key causes the control to load the current job into a text editor for viewing and/or editing.

When editing, care must be taken to save the file and to quit and exit the text editor before running the file (the current job). Modifying a file that is currently running as the current job is dangerous and will cause unexpected results. It is best practice to not edit any files while the machine is moving.



WARNING

Editing a file (modifying and saving) **while the machine is moving** can cause personal injury or machine damage.

Also, note that the C:\CNCM directory contains configuration files and binary data. DO NOT edit these files. Doing so can cause loss of data and serious malfunctions.



WARNING

Do not edit configuration data located in the C:\CNCM directory. Doing so can cause personal injury or machine damage.

3.7 F7 - Utility

From the utility menu you can view available software options, perform diagnostics, backup part and configuration files, create new directories and import or export files to and from external locations. **For further information please see Chapter 7.**

F2 - Restore Report: Update your control's configuration with a report.zip file.

F3 - Backup Files: Backup your CNC and ICN files.

F4 - Restore Files: Restore your CNC and ICN files.

F5 - File Ops: Use this menu to perform file and directory operations.

F6 - User Maint: Perform user maintenance.

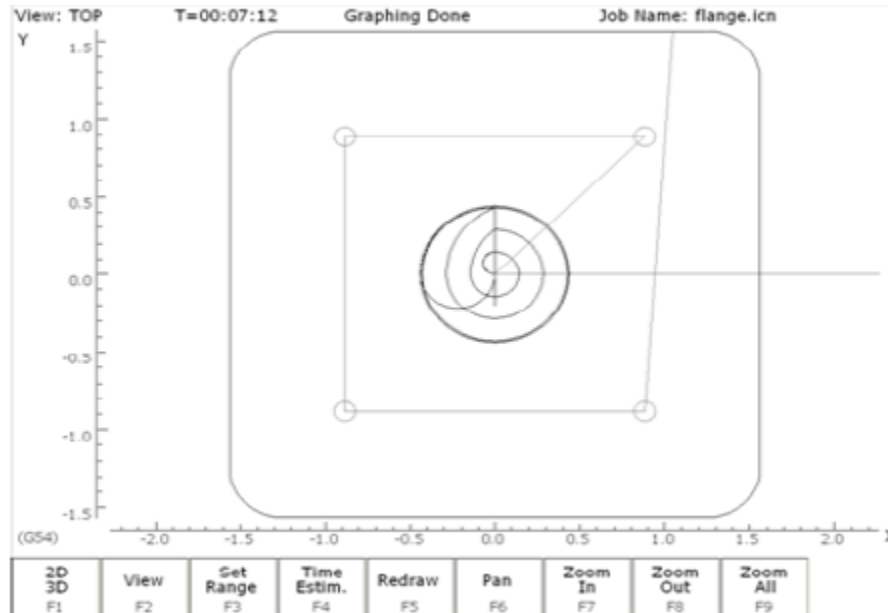
F7 - Create Report: Generates a backup of system configuration files called report.zip.

F8 - Options: Shows the software options that you have purchased or added to your control.

F9 - Logs Shows the messages and errors that have been logged by the control.

3.8 F8 - Graph

This function plots the tool path of the current program loaded. Canned drilling cycles are shown in gray. Rapid traverse movements are shown in red. Feedrate movements are shown in yellow and cutter compensated moves are in gray.



F1 - 2D/3D: Press this key to view your part isometrically (3D). An axis pointer indicates the current direction of the view. To return back to the tri-planar view, press F1 again.

F2 - View/Rotate: Press this key to change the planar view of your part. The view is indicated by TOP, RIGHT, or FRONT shown at the top of the screen. In 3D Mode, use this key in 3D mode to rotate your part, using the keyboard arrow keys to rotate any in direction.

F3 - Range: Press this key to set the range of line numbers or block numbers to graph.

F4 - Time: Press this key to estimate the time needed to create part. It takes into account accelerations and decelerations, but neglects tool change times.

F5 - Redraw: Press this key to redraw the part at any time.

F6 - Pan: Press this key to move the part around the screen. Once pressed, use the crosshairs to pick a location of the part that will redraw at the center of the pan. Once a section is selected, press F6 again to continue panning.

F7 - Zoom In: Press these keys to zoom into the part relative to the center of the screen.

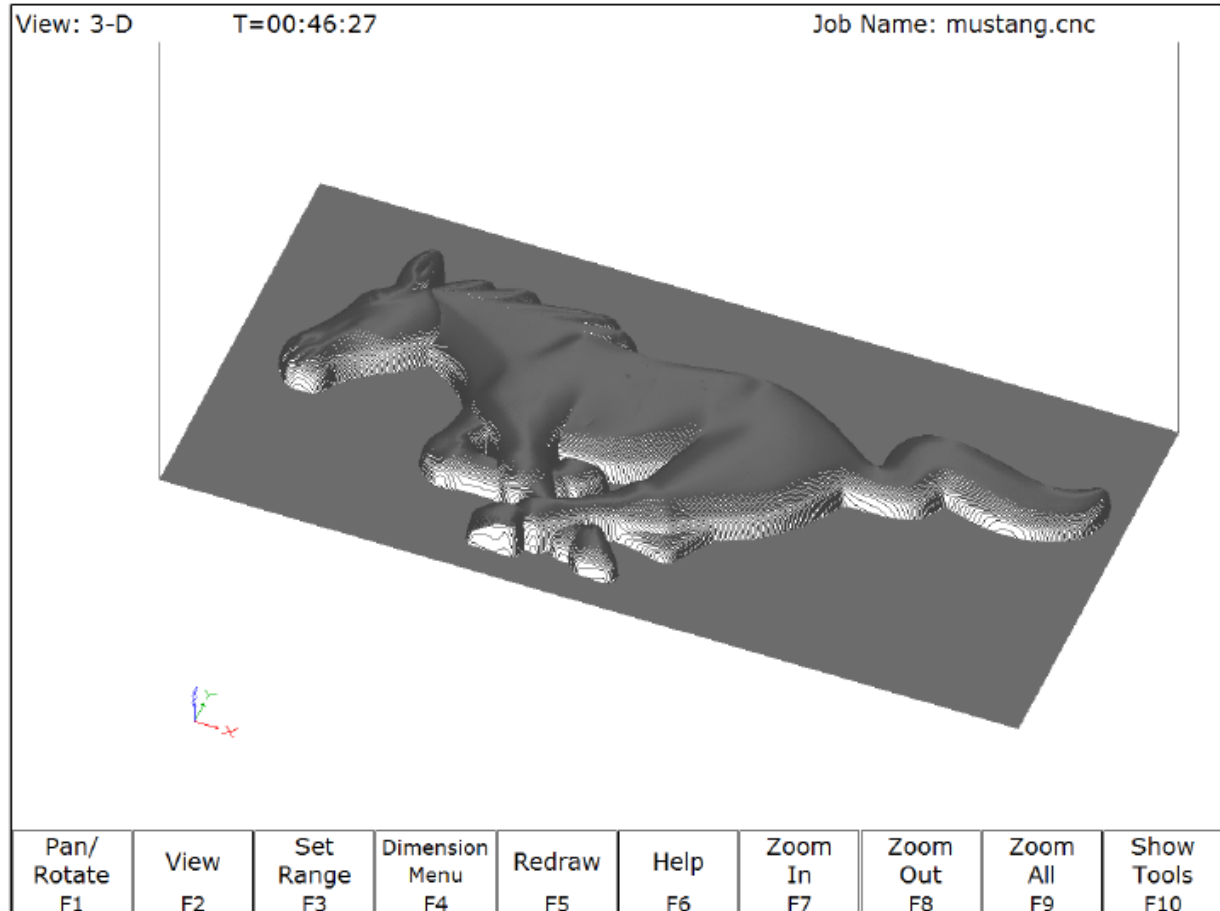
F8 - Zoom Out: Press these keys to zoom away from the part relative to the center of the screen.

F9 - Zoom All: Press this key to view the entire part fit inside the screen.

***Note:** Use the FEEDRATE OVERRIDE knob to control the speed of the graphing. To pause the tool path, turn the knob counter-clockwise until it stops. Turn the knob clockwise to resume drawing. On the offline demo software, the simulated FEEDRATE OVERRIDE knob is controlled by pressing either Ctrl + or Ctrl -.

Accelerated Graphics Backplot

Accelerated Graphics Backplot is a new tool path graphics display that takes advantage of the latest video graphics technology. This option is enabled by setting [Parameter 260](#) to 1 (See Chapter 14). Under Accelerated Graphics Backplot, the operation of the user interface is slightly different from the regular Graphing described above.



F1 - Pan/Rotate: Press this key to change the behavior of the keyboard arrow keys. Normally, they will pan (scroll) around the drawing, but after pressing this key the arrow keys will control rotation instead. When in rotation mode, an axis indicator is drawn to mark the center of rotation.

F2 - View: Press this key to change the planar view of your part. The view is indicated by TOP, RIGHT, or FRONT shown at the top of the screen.

F3 - Set Range: Press this key to select which lines of G-code to display. Only lines that fall within the range you specify will be drawn.

F4 - Dimension Menu: Press this key to access the following sub-menu of options:

F1 - Prev Line: Press this to walk forward to the next G-code line and graphically highlight it. If this G-code line contains movement, the Start and End points will be displayed at the bottom of the screen.

F2 - Next Line: Press this to walk backward to the previous G-code line and graphically highlight it. If this G-code line contains movement, the Start and End points will be displayed at the bottom of the screen.

F3 - Go To Line: Press this key to graphically highlight a particular G-code line whose line number

you specify. If this G-code line contains movement, the Start and End points will be displayed.

F4 - Measure: Use this feature to measure between any 2 selected points. To do this, use a mouse to move the pointer over the first point and then press **F4 - Measure** to anchor the first point. Then use the mouse to move the pointer to the second point. As you move the mouse towards the second point, you will notice an Offset and Measurement display changing dynamically as you move the mouse. Also you may notice some "snap to" effects as you move the pointer close to start and end points of entities that make up your program.

F5 - Redraw: Press this key to redraw the part slowly, which can be useful for visualizing the movements the machine will make. While the display is being redrawn, you can use the feedrate override knob to adjust the rate at which it is being drawn. If you don't have a feedrate override knob, the + and - keys can be used to adjust the rate. Pressing F5 again will cancel this mode.

F6 - Hide Rapids: Press this key to hide rapid movements. Press it again to show them.

F7 - Zoom In: Press these keys to zoom into the part relative to the center of the screen.

F8 - Zoom Out: Press these keys to zoom away from the part relative to the center of the screen.

F9 - Zoom All: Press this key to fit the entire part inside the screen.

F10 - Show Tools: Press this key to show the tools menu, which allows you to highlight movements of certain tools. Press this key again to hide the tools menu.

Spacebar - Measure: Press this key to take a measurement between two points. In a 2D view, this measurement will be a 2D measurement. In a 3D view, it will be a 3D measurement (and the measurement will only be valid if the crosshairs are snapped to a line of the tool path).

***Note:** If you have a mouse or touch screen attached to your device, you can use that to control the graphing window. Holding the left mouse button allows you to drag the part across the screen, while the right mouse button controls rotation of the part. Spinning the mouse wheel (or holding both left and right buttons) zooms in and out. Double clicking on a feedrate movement will center the camera on that movement (which is very useful) and also tells you the length of that movement. For touchscreen operation, use the F1 key to switch between Pan and Rotate modes.

3.9 F9 - Digitize

Use this to bring up the Digitize screen. This screen allows you to set up and run touch probe digitizing. See Chapter 8 for a detailed description of the digitizing operation.

3.10 F10 - Shutdown

Use to enter the Shutdown menu. This menu allows you to park the machine, power off the control, start a command window, or exit CNC software.

F1 - Park: Use this to park the machine at the end of the day for quicker machine homing at startup. Once F10- Park is selected, The CYCLE START key must be press to start machine movement. The park feature homes each axis, at the maximum rate, to 1/4 of a motor revolution from its home position.

F2 - Poweroff: Use this to properly shutdown the control. With most controls, this action turns off the control once the system has prepared itself to be shutdown. Just like a desktop computer, the control should be properly shutdown before turning off the power in order to reduce the risk of corrupting data on the hard drive.

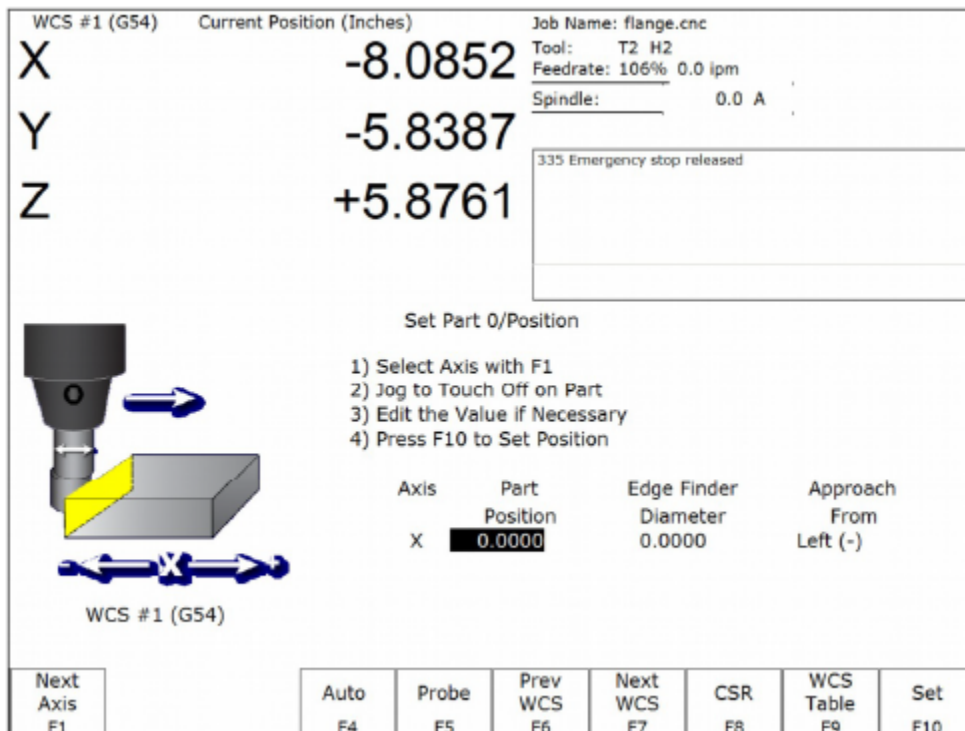
NOTE: This will only turn off the control. The machine itself will still need to be manually turned off.

F6 - System Prompt: This brings up the command line interface. Type the command exit to exit the command window.

F9 - Exit CNC11: Use this to exit the CNC control software.

Chapter 4

Part Setup (F1 from Setup)



The Part Setup menu is used to set the part position or the coordinate system origin for the part.

- F1 - Next Axis** Will toggle to the next axis. If changes were made to the current axis, but not yet accepted, they will be discarded.
- F2 - Auto** Uses probe to automatically measure and set part position. Make sure your probe height and diameter offsets are set for the tool number you assigned to the probe and that [parameter 12](#) is set to that tool number. See Chapter 9 for more details.
- F3 - Probe** Will open the probing operations menu. See Chapter 9 for details.
- F4 - Prev WCS** Will select the previous work coordinate. The position being set will only affect the currently selected work coordinate.
- F5 - Next WCS** will select the next work coordinate. The position being set will only affect the currently selected work coordinate.

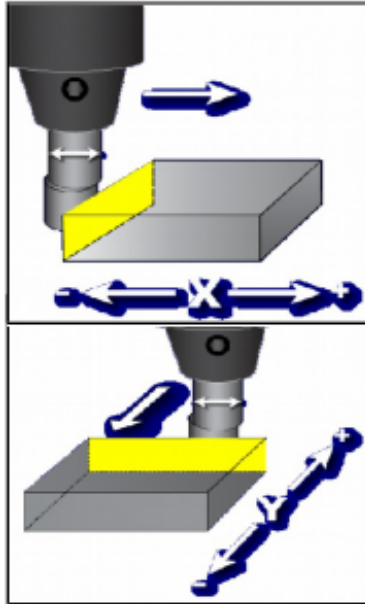
- F6 - CSR** Will open the CSR menu, which can be used to automatically detect coordinate system rotation. This function key appears only when the software option for Coordinate System Rotation is unlocked.
- F7 - WCS Table** Will open the Work Coordinate System (WCS) Configuration screen. See the Work Coordinate System Configuration section later in this chapter for a complete description.
- F8 - Set** Will accept the position for the current axis, correcting for edge finder diameter based on the approach direction if appropriate. It will not automatically advance to the next axis.

4.1 Operation Description

Setting the part position establishes a coordinate system with an origin at the part zero.

The **F1 - Next Axis** option selects the axis to be defined next. This field toggles between axis X, Y, Z, 4th, and 5th Axes. For each axis you will see a graphic description of the parameters to be entered, as well as the corresponding fields.

4.1.1 Setting up X or Y AXIS



Set Part Position

- 1) Select Axis with F1
- 2) Jog to Touch Off on Part
- 3) Edit the Value if Necessary
- 4) Press F10 to Set Position

| Axis | Part Position | Edge Finder Diameter | Approach From |
|------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| X | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Left(-) |

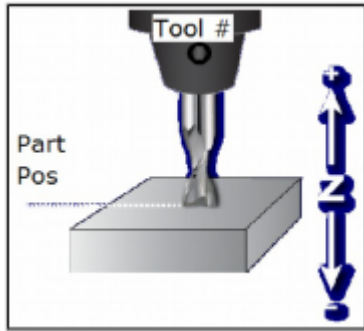
Part Position: enter the value of your part zero position or the offset.

Edge Finder Diameter: enter the diameter of the tool, or edge finder you are using to determine the part zero. The value entered is stored.

Approach From: Toggle the direction the edge finder or probe is approaching the part.

*Note - Use the arrow keys to toggle between Part Position, Edge Finder Diameter, and Approach From options.

4.1.2 Setting up the Z AXIS



Set Part Position

- 1) Select Axis with F1
- 2) Jog to Touch Off on Part
- 3) Edit the Value if Necessary
- 4) Press F10 to Set Position

| Axis | Part Position | Tool Number |
|------|---------------|-------------|
| Z | 0.0000 | 0 |

Part Position: enter the value of your part zero position or the offset.

Tool Number: enter the tool number from the Tool Library that corresponds to the tool being used. When the Tool Number field is set to a value other than zero, the controller uses the Height Offset for that tool from the Tool Library to calculate the actual position.

Example 1 (You are using the reference tool to find the Z-axis part zero):

Set Tool Number to 0: setting the Tool Number to zero tells the controller that you are using the reference tool.

Example 2 (You are using a tool other than the reference tool, and not a ball nose cutter):


Set Tool Number to a number tool that is assigned in the tool library (make sure its height offset is set).

Example 3 (You are using a ball nose cutter, other than the reference tool):

Set Part Position to the position of the surface plus the nose radius of the ball nose cutter, set Tool Number to the number this tool is assigned in the tool library.

The Tool and Offset libraries must be up to date before setting the Z-axis Part Zero.

4.1.3 Setting up the 4th or 5th AXIS***



Set Part 0/Position

- 1) Select Axis with F1
- 2) Jog to Touch Off on Part
- 3) Edit the Value if Necessary
- 4) Press F10 to Set Position

| Axis | Part Position | Standoff Distance | Approach From |
|------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| A | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0 |

Position: enter the value of your part zero position or the offset.

Standoff Distance: this field is a generic parameter. Its physical meaning will depend on the specific nature of your machine's fourth axis. It is the distance between the center of the tool and the point at which the tool is touching the part surface.

Approach From: enter the direction the edge finder is approaching the part from. Enter the correct direction given the nature of your 4th-Axis.

4.1.4 Using Multiple Work Coordinate Systems

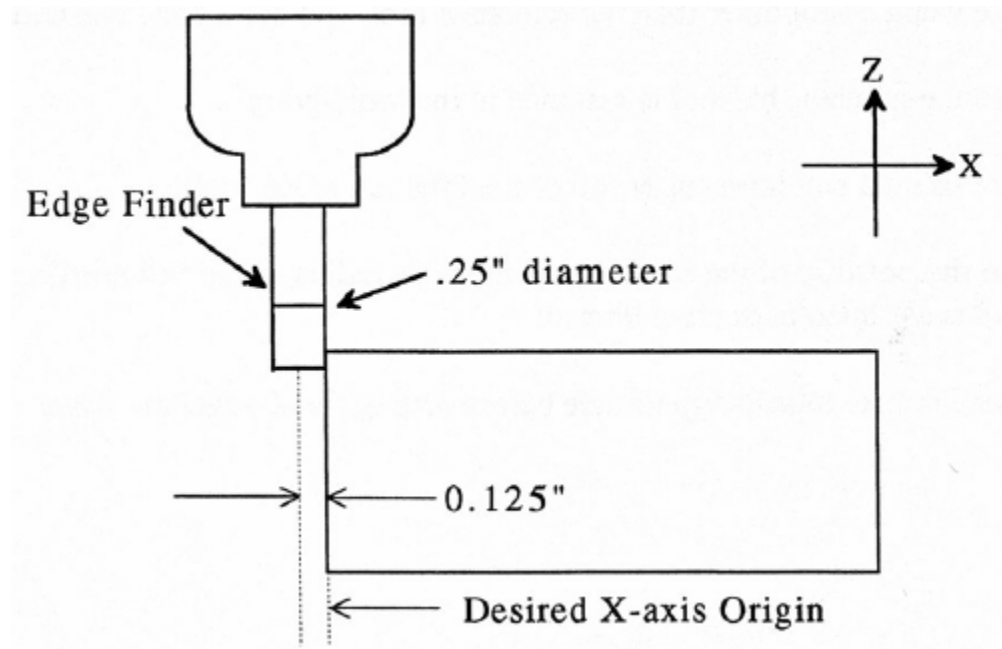
If you will be using multiple work coordinates, you must set the part position separately for each work coordinate. Follow the instructions above to set the position for each axis in the first coordinate system. Then move to the next fixture and press **F6 – Prev WCS** to select the previous work coordinate or **F7 – Next WCS** to select the next work coordinate. The currently selected coordinate system is displayed below the axis picture on the Part Setup screen. It is also displayed above the DRO at all times. For a description on setting up each work coordinate, see the Work Coordinate System Configuration section later in this chapter.

NOTICE

This procedure does NOT apply to tilt table setup.

4.2 Part Setup Examples

Example 1: Setting the X-axis Part Zero with no offset (See diagram below)



If you wanted the left edge of the part to be the origin for the X-axis:

1. Move the Edge Finder to the left edge of the part
2. Press **F1 – Next Axis** until the Axis label displays 'X'
3. Move the cursor to the Edge Finder Diameter field
4. Type .25 and press **ENTER**
5. Press **SPACE** until Left (-) is displayed
6. Press **F10 - Set** to accept the values

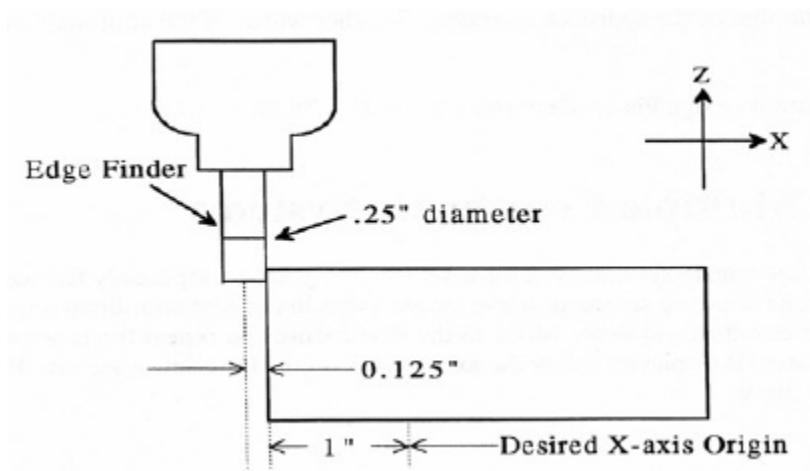
| Axis | Part Position | Edge Finder Diameter | Approach From |
|------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| X | 0 | 0.25 | Left (-) |

Since no offset is being applied, Position is zero. The Edge Finder is approaching the part from the -X direction and has a diameter of .25 inches. Once this data is entered and **F10 - Set** is pressed, the X-axis DRO display will read -0.125. This means the center of the Edge Finder is sitting to the left (minus) of the part by 0.125 inches (half of the Edge Finder Diameter).

This value is computed by: Position (Approach from) Edge Finder Diameter / 2.

Where (Approach from) is the sign of the approach direction. In other words, if the approach direction is minus, then the value is: Position - Edge Finder Diameter / 2 = 0.0 - .25 / 2 = -0.125

Example 2: X-Axis origin offset into part 1 inch.



If you wanted the origin offset 1 inch into the part:

1. Move the Edge Finder to the left edge of the part
2. Press **F1 - Next Axis** until the axis field displays 'X'
3. Move the cursor to the Part Position field
4. Type -1 and press **ENTER**
5. Type 0.25 and press **ENTER**
6. Press **SPACE** until Left (-) is displayed
7. Press **F10 - Set** to accept the value

| Axis | Part Position | Edge Finder Diameter | Approach From |
|------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| X | -1 | 0.25 | Left (-) |

The Position value is relative to the current position of the Edge Finder. Part position equals -1.0 since the Edge Finder is positioned 1 inch to the left (minus direction) of where you want the X-axis origin.

Another way to view the Part Position value is to assume the origin is already set at 1 inch into the part. In this case, the Edge Finder would have to move -1 inches from where the origin is to get to the left edge of the part.

The Edge Finder is approaching the part from the -X direction and has a diameter of .25 inches. Once this data is entered and **F10 - Set** is pressed, the X-axis DRO display will read -1.125. This means the center of the Edge Finder is sitting to the left (minus) of the origin by 1.125 inches. The X-axis origin is now 1 inch into the part.

This value is computed by: Position (Approach from) Edge Finder Diameter / 2.

Where (Approach from) is the sign of the approach direction. In other words, if the approach direction is minus, then the value is:

$$\text{Position} - \text{Edge Finder Diameter} / 2 = -1.0 - .25 / 2 = -1.125$$

4.3 Work Coordinate Systems (WCS) Configuration

Press **F9 – WCS Table** from the Part Setup screen to display the Work Coordinates System (**WCS**) menu. The Work Coordinate Systems screen provides access to reference return points, coordinate system origins, and work envelope. Make sure your Home position has been set properly. Otherwise, the positions of each coordinate system will not be in the appropriate position.

When you enter the Work Coordinate System Configuration screen, the **DRO** display will automatically switch over to machine coordinates as an aid to entering numbers. All the values on this screen are represented in machine coordinates.

F1 - Reference Return Points Press this key access the menu that sets the reference return points for the machine.

| Axis | Return #1 (G28) | Return #2 (G30) | Return #3 (G30 P3) | Return #4 (G30 P4) |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| X | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.2757 |
| Y | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | -11.0000 |
| Z | -0.5186 | -0.5186 | -0.5186 | -0.5186 |
| A | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 23.7998 |
| B | -60.8735 | -60.8735 | -60.8735 | -60.8735 |
| N | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| N | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| N | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |

The reference return points are used with the G28 and G30 codes (see Chapter 12). They are specified in machine coordinates. The Z coordinate of the first reference point is also used as a Z home position by the M2, M6, and M25 codes (see Chapter 13).

F2 - Origin Use this key to access the menu for specifying the locations (in machine coordinates) of the origins for all 18 work coordinate systems. Pressing **F1 – Next Table** will allow you to view the other **WCS** (6 per page). This menu is a convenience and is not an absolute necessity for setting work coordinate system origins nor the CSR angles.

| Axis | WCS #1 (G54) | WCS #2 (G55) | WCS #3 (G56) | WCS #4 (G57) | WCS #5 (G58) | WCS #6 (G59) |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| X | 0.00000 | 38.13724 | 4.39686 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| Y | 0.00000 | -16.33026 | -13.80487 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| Z | -10.00002 | -26.98955 | -21.76537 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| A | 0.00000 | 23.80869 | 23.80869 | 23.80869 | 23.80869 | 23.80869 |
| B | 0.00000 | -60.87353 | -60.87353 | -60.87353 | -60.87353 | -60.87353 |
| N | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| N | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| N | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| (optional) { CSR | -0.12340000° | 0.00000000° | 0.00000000° | 0.00000000° | 0.00000000° | 0.00000000° |
| TWCS | Yes | No | No | No | No | No |

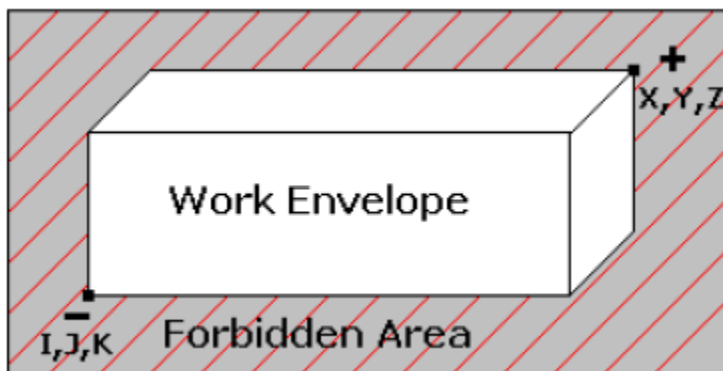
All coordinate systems are relative to Home position that is set during control power up. Note that while in this screen, the DRO shows the actual machine position relative to Home, not the location relative to the WCS origin.

If the software option Coordinate System Rotation is unlocked, the CSR angle for each of the coordinate systems can also be set. (This is an optional feature.)

For machines configured as an Articulated Head system with the TWCS feature enabled (set via Parameter 166), the TWCS=Yes/No differentiates which WCS's are transformed or not. See Transformed WCS later in this chapter.

Note: A WCS can be "locked out" from editing if you do not want it to be accidentally changed. See Parameter 45 for more information.

F3 - Work Envelope Use the **F3 – Work Envel** key to specify the '+' and '-' work envelope locations (in machine coordinates) used in conjunction with the G22 G code. The X, Y, Z and I, J, K parameters specified in the G22 G code are stored here, so subsequent G22 codes do not need to specify the limits unless they change.



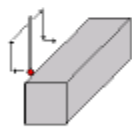
Note: The work envelope will only work in programmed moves. You will still be able to jog outside the work envelope.

4.4 Coordinate System Rotation (CSR)

Coordinate System Rotation saves you time when setting up your part. Rather than clamping your part and indicating the edge of the material to square it with the machine axes, you can use CSR to automatically rotate the coordinate system to the angle of the part or fixture that was probed. This allows you to compensate for different orientations.

Simply clamp your part, and then probe two points along either the X or Y-axis of the material using the

process described below.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| WCS #1 (G54) | | Current Position (Inches) | | Job Name: 2axtst05.cnc | | | | |
| X Y Z | +4.0018 | | Tool: T3 H--- | | | | | |
| | +0.0008 | | Feedrate: 100% | | | | | |
| | -1.6385 | | Spindle: 0 A | | | | | |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 304 MDI... 301 Stopped 304 MDI... 307 Operator abort: job cancelled 304 MDI... 301 Stopped </div> | | | | | | | | |
| Coordinate System Rotation | | | | | | | | |
|  | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select orientation with F1 2. Position probe at one end of vise jaw 3. Enter distance to other end of jaw 4. Enter Z clearance amount (incr. from start) 5. Select automatic or manual move to other end 6. Press CYCLE START to start | | | | | | |
| | | WCS #1 (G54) | | Distance: 1.0000 | | Clearance Amount: 0.5000 | | Movement Between Points: Auto |
| Orient F1 | Manual F2 | Zero Cur F3 | Zero All F4 | Probe F5 | Prev WCS F6 | Next WCS F7 | MDI F8 | WCS Table F9 |

- F1 - Orient** is used to select the orientation for the CSR measurement. There are four possible orientations, which are: from the front (pictured above), the back, and the left and right sides.
- F2 - Manual** is used to determine the CSR angle without probing. The user jogs an edge finder to two positions along one wall. These positions will be used for computing the CSR angle.
- F3 - Zero Cur** is used to set the CSR angle for the current WCS to zero.
- F4 - Zero All** is used to set all CSR angles to zero.
- F5 - Probe** Will open the probing operations menu. See Chapter 9 for details.
- F6 - Prev WCS** is used to cycle through the available WCS systems.
- F7 - Next WCS** is used to cycle through the available WCS systems.
- F8 - MDI** The MDI menu allows you to a single line command such as: G1 X2 Y3 F20
- F9 - WCS Table** is a shortcut to the Work Coordinate System Configuration Screen described above.

The instructions on how to perform a CSR measurement are numbered on the screen.

Distance: The distance the X-axis (in front or back orientation) or Y-axis (in right or left side orientation) will move to probe the second point. If the distance is negative, the axis will be moved in the negative direction.

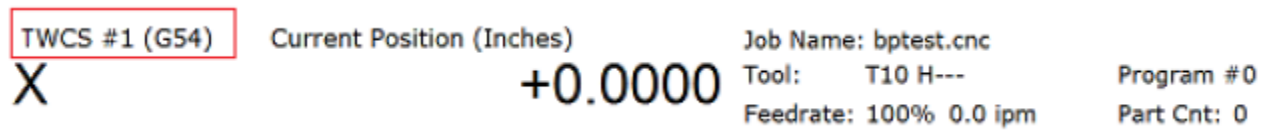
Clearance Amount: The distance the Z-axis will be moved upward when moving between the first probe point and the second probe point. The clearance move will only be made when using the “Auto” option of the Movement between Points.

Movement Between Points: can be toggled between Jog and Auto modes. In Auto mode, the clearing moves are made automatically as well as the move to the second point. In Jog mode, a prompt will be displayed in the center of the screen after the first point is probed.

4.5 Transformed WCS (TWCS=Yes)

This section only applies to Articulated Head machines with the TWCS feature enabled via [Parameter 166](#) (see Chapter 14 for more information on setting [Parameter 166](#)). On such a machine, when a WCS has a setting of TWCS=Yes, this is then called a transformed WCS (abbreviated as TWCS).

When a TWCS is selected, the DRO will show axis positions based on the TWCS's frame of reference. In other words, the shown positions are transformed based on the position of the B axis (5th axis). Furthermore, the WCS label will be shown as "TWCS" to indicate that the currently selected WCS is indeed transformed.



Also, when the Probing Cycles are run with a TWCS selected, the results shown will be based on the TWCS frame of reference.

Ordinary 3 axis moves types performed while running a CNC program with a TWCS selected will be automatically transformed. Such move types include:

- G0, G1, G2, G3
- Protected move probing functions M115, M116, M125, M126
- Canned Cycles G73, G74, G76, G81, G82, G83, G84, G85, G89
- M25
- Moves that involve CSR and Cutter Compensation

However, moves that will not be transformed are:

- Homing moves M91/M92
- Move to switch M105/M106
- Move axis by counts M128

Chapter 5

Tool Setup

(from Main Screen: **F1 Setup** → **F2 Tool**)

Tool Setup allows you to specify information about the tools you will be using. Press **F1 - Offset Library**, to edit the Height Offset and Diameter (H and D) values, or Press **F2 - Tool Library** to edit the tool descriptions., or Press **F3 - Tool Life** to edit the Tool Life Management settings.

5.1 Offset Library

(from Main Screen: **F1 Setup** → **F2 Tool** → **F1 Offset Lib**)

The Offset Library file contains the values for the Height Offset and Diameter Numbers. For example, if entry H01 has a value of -.25, a height offset of -.25 is applied when height offset 01 is referenced. If entry D01 shows a value of 1.5, the diameter offset 01 has a diameter of 1.5 associated with it.

WCS #1 (G54) Current Position (Inches) Job Name: flange.cnc
Tool: T1 H---
Feedrate: 100% Part Cnt: 10
Spindle: 0 M Part #: 0
Coolant

X +6.2140
Y +0.0000
Z +0.0000

Tool Geometry Offset Library

| Tool # | Ref Tool | Height Offset | Diameter |
|--------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| H001 | | -1.1234 | D001 0.1250 |
| H002 | | -1.3562 | D002 0.2500 |
| H003 | | 0.0000 | D003 0.5000 |
| H004 | | 0.1324 | D004 0.3750 |
| H005 | | -3.1749 | D005 0.6750 |
| H006 | | 0.0000 | D006 0.0000 |
| H007 | | 0.0000 | D007 0.0000 |
| H008 | | 0.0000 | D008 0.0000 |
| H009 | | 0.0000 | D009 0.0000 |
| H010 | | 0.0000 | D010 0.0000 |

Ref Pos
Z Ref: 0.0000

Z Ref F1 Manual Measure F2 Auto Measure F3 Batch F4 +.001 F5 -.001 F6 ATC F7 Save F10

Press **F1 - Z Ref** to set the Z reference height. Press **F2 - Manual** to manually measure tools. If you

purchased the Automatic Tool Measurement (TT1) option, press **F3 - Auto** to automatically measure tool lengths. Press **F5 - +.001** or **F6 - -.001** to adjust the selected offset. If you have an automatic tool changer installed, press **F7 - ATC** to change tools. Press **F10 - Save** to save changes and exit, or **ESC** to exit without saving changes. If you have both purchased the Automatic Tool Measurement (TT1) option and also have an automatic tool changer installed, then you can press **F4 - Auto** to perform batch tool measuring, by entering a list of multiple tool numbers.

You can inspect and change any of the 200 Height Offset (H) values, and any of the 200 Diameter (D) values. In most cases you will use the automatic tool length measurement features described below to set H values, and you will enter D values manually, based on the known or measured diameters of your tools. mNote that H01 and D01, H02 and D02, H03 and D03, etc. are displayed together on the same line for convenience only. The Height and Diameter Offset Numbers can be used independently; associations are made only in the Tool Library.

Height Offset

This is the distance the control adjusts Z-axis positions when tool length compensation (G43 or G44) is used with a particular H value. For example, if H001 is -1.0 and the job contains G43 H1, then the CNC software will shift all Z-axis positions down 1.0 to compensate for the shorter tool.

To edit the Height Offset entries move to the desired height offset number with the arrow keys, **Page Up**, **Page Down**, **HOME**, and **END**. You can choose to manually edit or automatically measure the value.

Height Offsets values are measured using the Z Reference position. The Z Reference position is the Z-axis position when the tip of the reference tool is touching the work surface. The reference tool should always be the longest tool.

The Height Offset value for end mills and drills is the difference between the Z-axis position when the tip of the tool is touching the work surface and the Z Reference position. The Height offset value for ball nose and bull nose cutters is the difference between the Z-axis position when the center of the tool is at the work surface and the Z reference position. Because it is not possible to position the tool in this way, you must instead move the tip of the tool to the work surface, and then manually edit the value to subtract the tool nose radius.

To manually edit a Height Offset value, simply type the desired value and press **ENTER**.

To manually measure Height Offset values, use the following procedure:

Establishing the Z reference position

Press **F1 - Z Ref** to select the Z Reference setting function.

Insert the longest tool into the tool holder (you can use the jog keys or the TOOL CHECK key to assist you).

Jog the tip of the tool down to the top of the work surface.

Press **F10 - Save** to save this Z Position as the Reference Position.

Measuring each tool height (Z position for tool minus Z position for Reference tool)

Insert the desired tool into the tool holder (Jog keys or the TOOL CHECK key can be used to assist you).

Jog the tip of the tool down to the top of the work surface.

If the tool is a drill or end mill, press **F2 - Manual Measure** to measure the height.

If the tool is a ball nose or bull nose cutter, press **F2 - Manual Measure** to measure the height, and then subtract the tool nose radius.

After a tool height is measured, the next Height Offset entry is automatically selected.

When the edit is complete, press **F10 - Save** to save the Offset Library and Exit.

Examples assuming Z Reference = -1.5:

If the tool position is -1.75, then the tool height = -0.25

If the tool position is -1.75 and nose radius is .25, then the tool height = -0.50

If the tool position is -2.25, then the tool height = -0.75

If the tool position is -2.75 and nose radius is .125, then the tool height = -1.375

Diameter

This field tells the control the distance to adjust when cutter diameter compensation (G41 or G42) is used with a particular D value. For example, if D001 is 0.5 and the job contains G41 D1, the CNC software will adjust all X-Y positions 0.25 (half the tool diameter) to the left of the programmed tool path.

To edit the Diameter entries move to the desired diameter offset number with the **Arrow Keys, Page Up, Page Down, HOME, and END**. You must manually edit the Diameter Offset value. Type the desired value and then press the **ENTER** key.

You can make small adjustments to Height Offsets and Diameters using **F5 - +.001** and **F6 - -.001**. Use the arrow keys to highlight the value to be adjusted. Press **F5 - +.001** to increase the offset value by 0.001” (or 0.02 mm in Metric mode). Press **F6 - -.001** to decrease the offset by the same amount. If the cut parts are undersized, use **F5 - +.001** to cut less material. If the cut parts are oversized, use **F6 - -.001** to cut more material.

5.1.1 Automatic Tool Measurement

Z-minus single-surface probing, using the TT-1 tool touch-off post, is available in the Tool Offset Library.

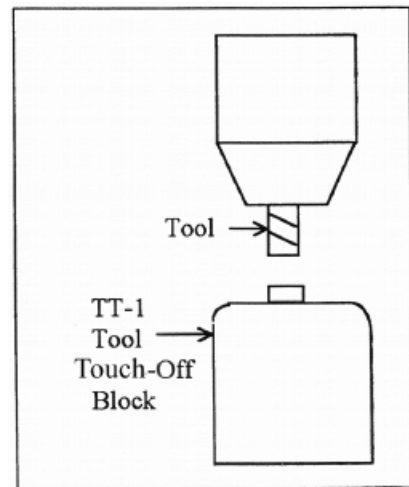
First Time Setup

Make sure the proper parameters are set as per Chapter 9 and Chapter 14 (see parameters 18, 244, 257, 281, 282, 283, 367), and the detector is plugged in and is at the correct location on the table! When first testing the TT-1, hold the TT-1 in hand and manually touch the unit to the tool to confirm correct electrical connection and parameter setup.



WARNING

Incorrect setup may cause damage to the machine, tool and/or cause injury to the operator.



Setting the Z Reference:

Using the longest tool for the job to be run or the designated reference tool, press **F1 - Z Ref**, then **F3** and then **CYCLE START**. The Z-axis will then move down until the tool touch-off is detected. The Z reference will be set at that position. [Parameter 3](#) bit 1 is used to set Z reference to Z home position. See the parameter section in Chapter 14 for more info.

Setting the Tool Height Offsets:

Pressing **F3 - Auto Measure** and then **CYCLE START** at the prompt will cause the Z-axis to move down until the tool touch-off is detected; the resulting tool length will be entered in the table (same as with **F2 - Manual**). The Z-axis then returns to its home position.

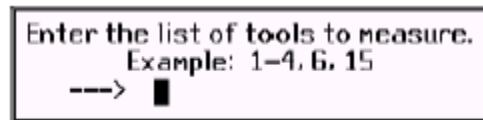
If **Parameter 17** has been set to the number of a valid return point (1 or 2), the **F3 - Auto Measure** option will move the X and Y axes to that return point before moving Z down. Return point 1 is the G28 position from the Work Coordinate System Configuration screen (see Chapter 4). Return point 2 is the G30 position on that screen. If **Parameter 17** is zero (0), the X and Y-axes will not move before Z moves down. In this case you must be careful to jog the machine directly over the detector before pressing **F3 - Auto Measure**.

See parameters 18, 244, 257, 281, 282, 283, 367 in Chapter 14 for full setup information.

***Note:** **SHIFT + F3** can be used to override any return point movement in cases where **parameter 17** is set to use it. This is helpful for measuring tools wherein the height measurement is not taken from the center point of the tool.

Batch Tool Height Offset Measurement Process:

If you have both purchased the Automatic Tool Measurement (TT1) option and also have an automatic tool changer installed, then you can press **F4 - Batch** to measure multiple tools in one process. After pressing **F4 - Batch**, you will be prompted with the following dialogue box:



After entering a list of tool numbers, you can press **CYCLE START** to perform the batch tool measurement process. This process is similar to the single tool height offset measurement (accessed via **F3 - Auto Measure**) but will do multiple tools in one shot.

5.1.2 Setting Up Tool Height Offsets

NOTICE Before manually jogging any probe to a position, make sure the machine Feedrate is turned down (less than 10 in/min) or damage to the probe may result!!!

Using a Probe as the Reference Tool

Before you set the Z Reference, make sure the probe Tool Number is entered into **Parameter 12** on the Machine Parameters screen. Make sure that **Parameter 17** on the Machine Parameters screen contains a 0. Follow these steps to probe Z Reference:

1. Load the probe into the machine.
2. Jog the probe over the desired reference surface and press **F1 - Z Ref**.
3. Press **F3** and then **CYCLE START**. The probe will find the Z Reference.

At this point, the Z Reference is now entered into the Offset Library and is the reference height for all other tools. Remove the probe and measure any other tool offsets manually as described earlier in this chapter.

Measuring Each Tool Offset Using a Fixed Detector

Before measuring any tool height, make sure you enter the probe or reference tool-measuring location. Do this by entering a reference point number (1 or 2) into [Parameter 17](#) and entering the detector position as the corresponding Reference Return Point on the WCS Configuration screen. Otherwise, the machine may traverse to a location that could damage the probe or reference tool. Also remember that if [Parameter 17](#) is zero (0), the X and Y-axes will not move before Z moves down. Also be sure that [parameter 44](#) is set correctly. This is the input number for the TT1. Now that a permanent location has been set, do the following:

1. Load reference tool (preferably the longest tool) and highlight its corresponding Height Offset Number using the up or down arrow keys.
2. Press **F1 - Z Ref**, then **F3 - Auto Measure** and then **CYCLE START** to set the Z reference using this tool. The X and Y-axes will traverse to the preset location, and then Z will move down until the tool is detected and the Z reference will be set.
3. Load the next tool.
4. Highlight the desired Height Offset Number on screen using the up or down arrow keys.
5. Press **F3 - Auto Measure** and then **CYCLE START**. The X and Y-axes will traverse to the preset location, and then Z will move down until the tool is detected. Once the detector is triggered, the tool offset will show on the screen. A negative offset means the tool is shorter than the reference tool.

Once all of the tool offsets have been measured, press **F10 - Save** to save them. Otherwise, press **ESC** to cancel any changes.

5.2 Tool Library

(from Main Screen: F1 Setup → F2 Tool → F1 Tool Lib)

| | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <p>WCS #1 (G54)</p> <p>X</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Z</p> | <p>Current Position (Inches)</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">+4.0000</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">+2.0000</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">- 0.5000</p> | <p>Job Name : bracket.cnc</p> <p>Tool : T001 H001</p> <p>Feedrate : 100%</p> <p>Spindle : 0 M</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Stopped</p> <p>Waiting for PLC operation</p> <p>Stopped</p> <p>Press CYCLE START to start job</p> </div> | | | | | |
| <p>Tool Library</p> | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Tool | Bin | Ht. | Dia. | Coolant | Spindle | Speed | Description |
| T001 | 000 | H001 | D0001 | FLOOD | CW | 500 | |
| T002 | 000 | H001 | D0001 | FLOOD | CW | 500 | |
| T003 | 000 | H001 | D0001 | FLOOD | CW | 500 | |
| T004 | 000 | H001 | D0001 | FLOOD | CW | 500 | |
| T005 | 000 | H001 | D0001 | FLOOD | CW | 500 | |
| T007 | 000 | H001 | D0001 | FLOOD | CW | 500 | |
| T008 | 000 | H001 | D0001 | FLOOD | CW | 500 | |
| T009 | 000 | H001 | D0001 | FLOOD | CW | 500 | |
| T010 | 000 | H001 | D0001 | FLOOD | CW | 500 | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Clear Bin F1</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Clear All F2</p> </div> </div> | | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Save F10</p> </div> | | | | | |

The definitions in the Tool Library associate tool (T) numbers with height offset (H) and diameter (D) numbers, the default coolant type, spindle direction, and spindle speed for the tool, and a text description of the tool. This information is used by the Intercon-programming package (described in Chapter 10) to provide defaults whenever a tool change is selected. For enhanced ATC features, the (T) numbers are also associated with bin numbers. See Chapter 14 for more information about enhanced ATC features ([parameter 160](#)).

***Note:** If enhanced ATC features are not on, the cursor cannot be moved into the bin column and the message “Bin fields are locked.” will appear where the tool in spindle display is located. In addition, the F1 - Clear Bin and F2 - Clear All keys only appear if enhanced ATC features are on.

You can inspect and change any of the 200 tool definitions. To edit a Tool Library definition move to the desired tool number with the arrow keys, Page Up, Page Down, HOME, and END. To change Height Offset numbers, Diameter numbers, default spindle speed values and the tool description, type a new value into the field and then press ENTER. To change the default spindle direction and coolant press SPACE to cycle through the possible values. When the changes are complete press F10 - Save to save the Tool Library and exit.

Bin

This field specifies which bin location, or ATC carousel position, that the tool is occupying. Valid values are -1 (shown as dashes “—”) through the maximum number of tools specified by machine [parameter 161](#). A value of 0 indicates that the tool is in the spindle. The F1 - F2 keys will work when the cursor is in the Bin column.

F1 - Clear Bin: Places dashes “—” into the bin field (same as entering -1).

F2 - Clear All: Places dashes into every bin field.

***Note:** For enhanced ATC applications, the bin numbers will be updated when tool changes are completed. For random, or arm type tool changers, tools in the spindle are placed into the bin where the next tool is picked up, and not necessarily from the bin which it was originally taken.

Height

This field specifies a default Height Offset (H) number to use with each tool. Possible values are 1 to 200. Intercon uses this information to provide a default H value at each tool change. The CNC software also uses this information to correct for the length of the tool that is used to establish the Z-axis position of the Part Setup (see Chapter 5).

Diameter

This field specifies a default Diameter (D) number to use with each tool. Possible values are 1 to 200. Intercon uses this information to provide a default D value at each tool change. To change the value type a new number and press ENTER.

Coolant

This field specifies a default coolant type to use with each tool. Possible values are FLOOD, MIST, or OFF. Intercon uses this information to automatically insert M7 or M8 after a tool change. To change the value, press SPACE until the desired value is shown.

Spindle

This field specifies a default spindle direction to use with each tool. Possible values are CW, CCW, or OFF. Intercon uses this information to automatically insert M3 or M4 after a tool change. To change the value, press SPACE until the desired value is shown.

Speed

This field specifies a default spindle speed to use with each tool. Possible values are 0 to 500000. Intercon uses this information to automatically insert an S code after a tool change. To change the value, type a new number and press ENTER.

Description

This field contains a text description of the tool. The description will appear in a prompt message on the screen when the CNC software reaches a tool change (M6).

F5 — Export Lib... The tool library can be exported in txt (space separated and aligned columns) or csv (comma separated columns) formats by pressing F5. Choose txt or csv to get the desired format.

5.3 Tool Life Management Menu

(from Main Screen: F1 Setup → F2 Tool → F1 Tool Life)

The Tool Life Management feature allows you to set up each tool's pre-determined life, and have its usage tracked and monitored for end-of-life condition. By default, Tool Life Management is turned off, but can be enabled for each tool individually.

WCS #1 (G54) Current Position (Inches) Job Name: tlife-icn-test.cnc
 X +1.0027 Tool: T21 H---
 Y -0.9998 Feedrate: 100% 0.0 ipm Part Cnt: 0
 Z +10.9994 Spindle: 0 A Part #1: 8

335 Emergency stop released

Press CYCLE START to start job

Tool Life Management

| Tool # | Type | Total Life | Used | Remaining | Units | Mode | Description |
|--------|-------|------------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|---------------|
| 1 | Drill | 2500 | 1234.0 | 1266.0 (51%) | Inches | Auto | 3/8" drill |
| 2 | Drill | 500 | 100.0 | 400.0 (80%) | Inches | Auto | 1/4" drill |
| 3 | Drill | 1500 | 0.0 | 1500.0 (100%) | Cycles | Auto | 1/8" drill |
| * 4 | EM | 2500 | 2500.0 | 0.0 (0%) | Inches | Auto | 3/8" end mill |
| 5 | EM | 500 | 78.0 | 422.0 (84%) | Inches | Auto | 1/4" end mill |
| 6 | EM | 1500 | 890.0 | 610.0 (41%) | Cycles | Auto | 1/2" end mill |
| 7 | Drill | Off | 0.0 | 0.0 (0%) | Inches | Manual | . |
| 8 | Drill | Off | 0.0 | 0.0 (0%) | Inches | Manual | . |
| 9 | Drill | Off | 0.0 | 0.0 (0%) | Inches | Manual | . |
| 10 | Drill | Off | 0.0 | 0.0 (0%) | Inches | Manual | . |
| 11 | Drill | Off | 0.0 | 0.0 (0%) | Inches | Manual | . |
| 12 | Drill | Off | 0.0 | 0.0 (0%) | Inches | Manual | . |

* Tool Life expired

Hide Unmanaged F1 Sort Recent F2 Sort Tool# F3 Sort Remaining F4 Save F10

F1 - Show/Hide Unmanaged: This key toggles between including and excluding those tools that are unmanaged by Tool Life Management. A tool is unmanaged if its Total Life field is set to value 0 (Off).

F2 - Sort Recent: This key sorts the list according to the tools whose Total Life and/or Used field were most recently modified by tool usage in a job run or by edits done in this menu.

F3 - Sort Tool # : This key sorts the list ordered by Tool Number.

F4 - Sort Remaining: This key sorts the list ordered by the Life Remaining.

F10 - Save: Saves changes.

A tool can be set up for automatic management by setting its Mode to Auto and setting its Total Life to a non-zero value. The following table shows the effects of monitored tool activity on tools that are set up for automatic management.

| Automatic Management: Mode = Auto and Total Life is more than 0 | | | |
|--|--------------|---|---|
| Type | Units | Tool Activity that is monitored | Effect on the "Used" field |
| Drill | Cycles | Downward Z plunge at feedrate at a unique XY location | "Used" field will be incremented by 1 cycle |
| Drill | Inch/mm | Downward Z plunge at feedrate at a unique XY location | Total downward Z distances minus the overlaps will be added to the "Used field" |
| EM (End Mill) | Cycles | Tool Change | "Used" field will be incremented by 1 cycle |
| EM (End Mill) | Inch/mm | Sidewats XY feedrate moves (non-rapid) | XY distance will be accumulated in the "Used" field |

Detailed description of each field is as follows:

Type

This is the type of tool – either Drill or EM (end mill). When the Mode field is set to Auto, this field determines the type of tool activity that will be automatically tracked and monitored for the purpose of accounting for consumed tool life. (See the Automatic Management table above.) Note that if the tool is a Bore or a Tap, you should select Drill.

Total Life

This field specifies the total amount of tool life. A value greater than 0 enables Tool Life management for the tool. A value of 0 (Off) excludes the tool from Tool Life management. Such a tool is called an "Unmanaged" tool. Unmanaged tools can be shown or hidden by pressing F1. The units of this field is specified in the Units field.

Used

This field is the amount of consumed tool life. When a new tool is first set up, you should initialize this field to 0 indicating zero usage. If the Mode field is set to Auto, this field will automatically be modified during a job run to reflect the accumulated tool usage. The units of this field is specified in the Units field.

Remaining (non-edit)

This is the display of the remaining amount of tool life.

Units

This specifies the units (either distance or Cycles) that will be used and displayed for the Total Life, Used, and Remaining fields. Distance is specified with mm or Inches (as set in the Control Configuration menu - see Chapter 14).

Mode

This specifies the update mode of the Used field – either Auto or Manual. If this field is set to Auto, then tool activity is monitored during a job run for tool usage which will be automatically accumulated in the updated Used field. (See the Automatic Management table above.) If this field is set to Manual, no such automatic updates will take place on the Used field. Rather, updates to the Used field will be dependent upon user variable modifications programmed in the G-code program being run. (See the section *Tool Life Management - Using G-Code User Variables* later in this chapter.)

Description

This field contains a text description of the tool. The description will appear in a prompt message on the screen when the CNC software reaches a tool change (M6) during a job run.

5.3.1 Effect on Job Run and Backplot

At Start of Job

Tool life expiration will be checked at the beginning of a job run. If any managed tools are expired at the beginning of a job, the following dialog will show up and you will have one of 3 choices to make:

Tool life expired:
T4, T20

F1 = Go to the Tool Life Management menu
F2 = Continue to run job F3 = Cancel job

When a job is first started, the CNC software will not yet know which tools are going to be used in the job until the job is successfully completed. Therefore, the tools listed here will be the list of all expired tools even if they are not going to be used in the job.

At Job Restart

Tool life expirations are also checked upon job restart (i.e. upon encountering M2 or M102). If any tool(s) expired during the previous job run (previous to the M2 or M102), then the dialog that is displayed is similar to that shown above except that the expired tools listed will only be the ones that were used in the job.

At End Of Job

When tool life expires during a job, such an event will not cancel the job. Instead, upon successful end of the job the following dialog will be displayed and you will have an opportunity to quickly get to the Tool Life Management menu:

Tool life expired during job:
T20

Go to the Tool Life Management menu?
F1 = Yes F2 = No

This end-of-job dialogue will show only the expired tools that were used in the job.

Using Backplot Graphics to Predict Tool Expirations

You can use Backplot Graphics as a way to predict ahead of time whether or not one or more tools will expire during a job. Simply press **F8 - Graph** at the Main Screen or in the Load menu. If the job being graphed will result in an expired tool if it was actually run, then the following message will show up:

Tool life will expire on this job:
T20

5.3.2 Using G-Code User Variables

If a tool's Mode field is set to Manual, there will be no updates to the Used field of the Tool Life data during a job run, unless the job's G-code is programmed to modify it.

The following is an example of how a G-code program would modify tool life data. Assuming tool T23's Mode is set to Manual, and its Units is set to Cycles, the following G-code will increment T23's Used Life field by 1 after completing the examplecycle.cnc.

```
M6 T23                                ;change tool to T23
M98 "examplecycle.cnc" L1             ;run the cycle 1 time
IF #4201 || #4202 THEN GOTO 100       ;skip to N100 if in backplot or search mode
IF #4120 < 1 || #4120 > 200 THEN GOTO 100 ;skip to N100 if T number is not valid
#[19000+[#4120-1]*5+2] = #[19000+[#4120-1]*5+2] + 1 ;increment current tool's Used Life by 1 cycle
N100                                   ;destination of goto's
```

See Chapter 11 for more information about the use of User or System Variables.

Chapter 6

Running a Job

To start the currently loaded job, go to the Main Screen and press the **CYCLE START** button on the jog panel. If your control is not equipped with a jog panel, press **ALT-S** on the keyboard.

6.1 Active Job Run Screen with G-code Display

If the Run-Time Graphics option is set to Off, the following screen is displayed while a job is running:

| | | | | | |
|---|----------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| WCS #2 (G55) | | Current Position (Inches) | | Job Name: V24-B2ND.cnc | |
| X | +0.0000 | Tool: | T11 H--- | Program # | 10000 |
| Y | +0.0000 | Feedrate: | 0.0 ipm | Part Cnt: | 0 |
| Z | +0.0000 | Spindle: | 643 A | Part # | : 0 |
| A | +0.00° | Time: | 0:00:07 | | |
| B | +0.00° | Processing... | | | |
| 18. ; --- Tool #11 --- | | | | | |
| 19. ;Tool Diameter = 4.0000 Spindle Speed = 640 | | | | | |
| 20. ;4" face mill | | | | | |
| 21. G49 H0 M25 | | | | | |
| 22. G0 X0.0 Y8.0 | | | | | |
| 23. N0004 T11 M6 | | | | | |
| 24. S640 M3 | | | | | |
| 25. G4 P1.00 ; pause for dwell | | | | | |
| 26. G43 D11 | | | | | |
| 27. ; --- Rapid --- | | | | | |
| 28. N0005 X-14.5 Y-8.0 Z3.0 H11 | | | | | |
| Feed -1% | Feed +1% | Repeat On | /Skips On | Feed Hold | Rapid Off |
| F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 | F7 | F9 |

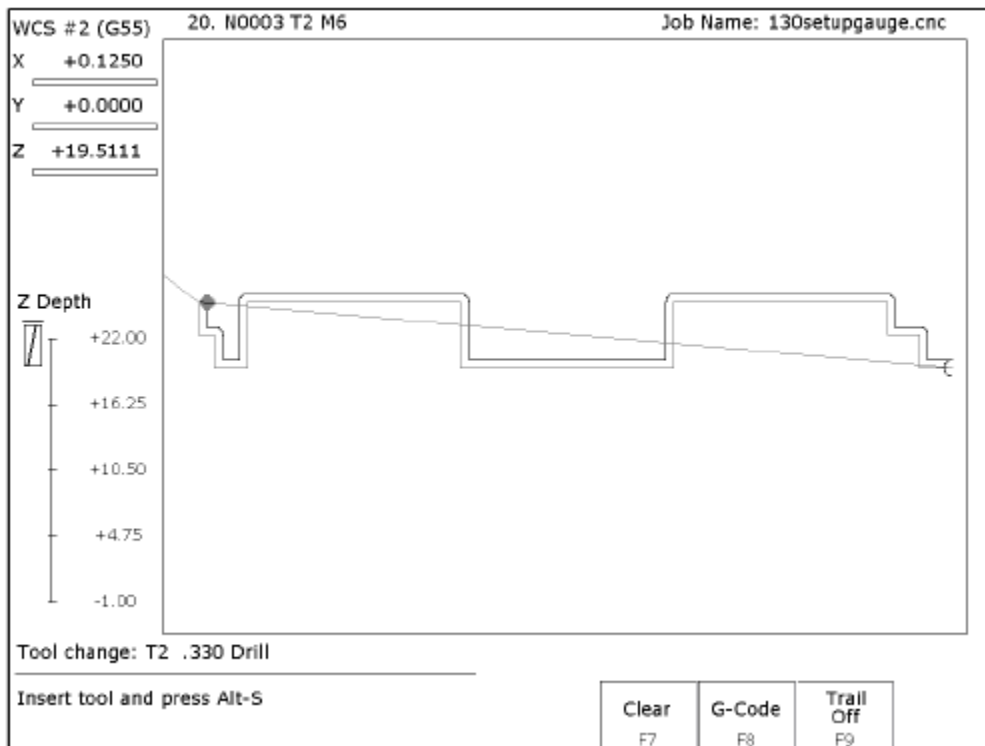
On this screen, the following F-keys are available:

- F1 -- Feed (-1%)** Decrease feedrate override by 1% . (Available only if keyboard jogging is active.)
- F2 -- Feed (+1%)** Increase feedrate override by 1% . (Available only if keyboard jogging is active.)
- F3 -- Repeat On/Off** Toggle the repeat feature for part counting. For more information, see F3 under the Run Menu section later in this chapter.
- F4 -- Skips On/Off** Enable/Disable block skips. For more information, see F4 under the Run Menu section later in this chapter.
- F5 -- Auto** This key will only appear in Single Block mode. When you press this key, it turns on Auto mode and disables Single Block mode. Once Auto mode is turned on, Single Block cannot be re-enabled unless you stop the job. For more information, see F5 under the Run Menu section later in this chapter.
- F6 -- Stops off** This key will only appear if Optional Stops is on. When you press this key, it turns off Optional Stops. Once Optional Stops is turned off, it cannot be re-enabled unless you stop the job. For more information, see F6 under the Run Menu section later in this chapter.
- F7 -- Feed Hold** Turn feed hold on/off. (Available only if keyboard jogging is active.)
- F8 -- Graph** Switch to run-time graphics screen. This key only appears if the job was started with the run-time graphics option turned on.
- F9 -- Rapid On/Off** Turn rapid override on/off.

For information on other keys that are available while a job is running, see Chapter 2.

6.2 Run-Time Graphics Screen

When a job is running with Run-Time Graphics set to On, the following screen is displayed:



The following keys are available while the job is running in Run Time Graphics.

- F7 -- Clear** Clears the trail up to the tool's current position in the program.
- F8 -- G-Code** Switch to the Job Run Screen with G-Code display.
- F9 -- Trail On/Off** Turn on/off the tool trail display.

6.3 Canceling a Job in Progress

There are three conventional ways to cancel a currently running job (CNC program). When a job is canceled using any of the following methods, the job's progress will be recorded. This allows the user to restart the job using the Resume Job option or the Search and Run option.

CYCLE CANCEL

Pressing this key while a job is running will cause the control to abort the job currently being run. The control will stop movement immediately, clear all M-functions, and return to the main screen. Hitting the escape key on the keyboard is equivalent to hitting **CYCLE CANCEL**.

TOOL CHECK

Pressing this key while a job is running will cause the control to stop the normal program movement. In addition, the Z-axis will be pulled to its home position and all Mfunctions will be cleared. The control will automatically go to the resume job screen.

EMERGENCY STOP (E-Stop)

Pressing the **EMERGENCY STOP** button, while a job is running, will cause the control to abort the job currently being run. The control will stop movement immediately, clear all M-functions, and return to the main screen. Also, the power to all axes will be released.

6.4 Resuming a Canceled Job

If a job is canceled using one of the methods described above, it can be resumed in one of three ways:

CYCLE START

Pressing the **CYCLE START** button will restart the job at the BEGINNING of the part program.

Note: Before performing a **F1-Resume Job** or **F2-Search** the tool may need to be positioned in X and Z for cycles that start down inside an ID or behind a shoulder.

F1 – Resume Job

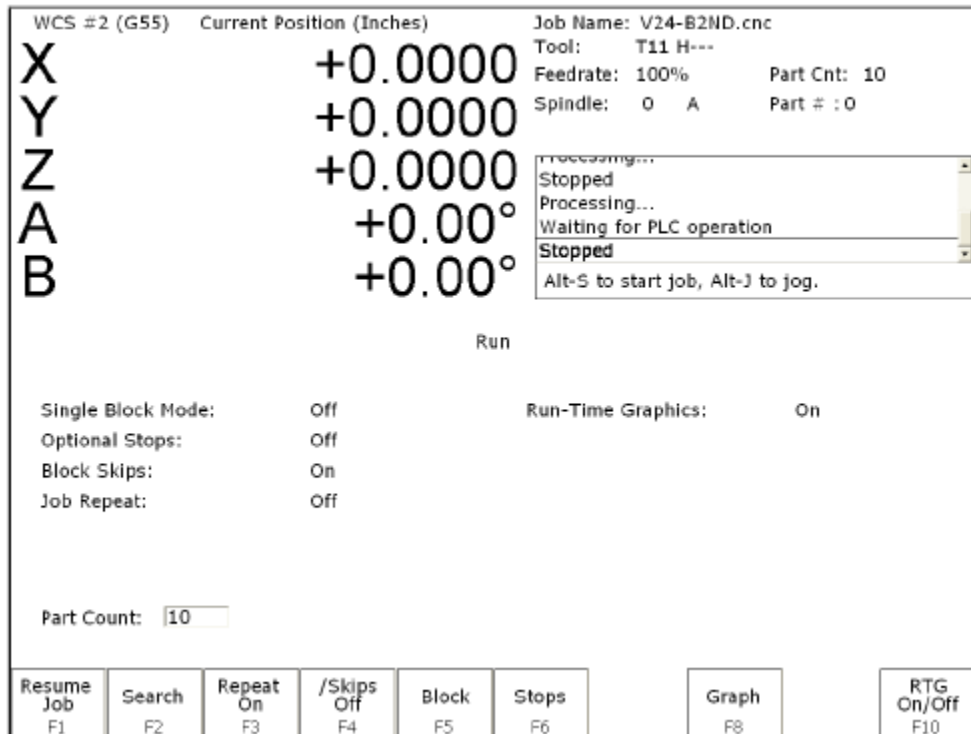
(Located in **F4-Run menu**) Restart the canceled job at or near the point of interruption. See the next section in this chapter entitled “Run menu” for more information.

F2 - Search

(Located in **F4-Run menu**) Restart at a specified point in the part program. See the next section in this chapter entitled “Run menu” for more information.

6.5 Run Menu

Press **F4 - Run** from the main screen to access the Run menu. From this menu, the operator can restart a canceled job or change the way the job will run.



F1 - Resume Job Access the resume job screen by pressing **F4 - Run** on the main screen to go to the run screen, and then pressing **F1 - Resume Job** in the run screen to go to the resume job screen. If the job was canceled by pressing **TOOL CHECK**, the control will go to the resume job screen automatically. From this screen, the user can modify tool offsets and the tool library, turn block mode on and off, turn optional stops on or off, graph the partially completed job, or start the partially completed job.

The resume job option is not always available. The following situations will cause the resume job option to be unavailable:

- Loading a new job.
- Running a job to completion.
- Parse errors in the job.
- Editing or reposting the job file.
- Loss of power while a job is running.

F2 - Search Invoking this option will bring you to the “Search and Run” menu. This menu will allow you to specify the program line, block number, or tool number at which execution of a program is to begin. Program lines are numbered from the top of the file down with the first line numbered 1. To enter a block number, place an “N” in front of the number. To enter a tool number, place a “T” in front of the number. Pressing **CYCLE START** from here would start the program at the point you specified.

An extra option unique to the “Search and Run” screen is the **F1 - Tool Change** “Do Last Tool Change” function. This key toggles the tool change option as shown on screen. A “YES” tells the control to perform a tool change so that the tool specified for the line or block has the tool indicated in the program. A “NO” uses the currently loaded tool, regardless of what tool is specified for the line or block being searched.

CNC12 will remember previous searches. They are accessible by pressing the **UP** and **DOWN** arrows in the Search text box.

NOTE: You cannot search into a subroutine.

F3 – Repeat On/Off This key toggles the repeat feature for part counting. When part counting is in effect and Repeat is on, the job will be automatically run again until the specified number of parts has been run. The On or Off label indicates the state to which the repeat feature will toggle to when pressed. It does not indicate the current state. The current state is indicated in the user window above.

The **Part Count:** prompt is used to set the Part count. Positive values set the part counter to count up and negative values configure the part count to count down. For example, if 10 is entered in the Part Count prompt, the Part Cnt in the [status window](#) changes to 10 and the Part # changes to 0 with an upward arrow indicator. When a job is run and then completes, the Part # will increment to 1. If repeat is on, the job will automatically start again and keep running until the Part # has reached the Part Cnt. If a -10 is entered in the Part Count prompt, the Part Cnt in the [status window](#) changes to 10 and the Part # changes to 10 with a downward arrow indicator. When a job is finished, the Part # will be decremented to 9. If repeat is on, the job will automatically start again and keep running until the Part # has reached 0.

F4 - Skips On/Off This function toggles the block skip feature. When block skipping is on, G-code lines that start with a forward slash character ‘/’ are skipped, i.e., they are not processed. Note that because of the way a job is processed (in a pre-processed buffered fashion) the effect of this key may be delayed if you press it while a job is running. The On or Off label indicates the state to which the /Skips feature will toggle to when pressed. It does not indicate the current state. The current state is indicated in the user window above.

F5 - Block Mode Turns single block mode on and off. This is similar to pressing **AUTO/BLOCK**. If Single Block mode is on, the CNC software will stop after each block in your part program and wait for you to press **CYCLE START**. Note that Auto mode is the default mode. If you use this key to turn on Single Block mode and then run a job, Auto mode will be re-instated when the job ends. The current state of this setting is indicated in the user window above.

F6 - Optional Stops Turns optional stops on and off. If optional stops are on, any M1 codes that appear in your program will cause a wait for **CYCLE START** (just like M0). If optional stops are off, M1 codes will be ignored. Note that the default mode for Optional Stops is off. If you use this key to turn on Single Block mode and then run a job, Optional Stops will be set to off when the job ends. The current state of this setting is indicated in the user window above.

F8 — Graph Graphs the part. For more information, see the *“F8 - Graph”* section in chapter 3. If this feature is invoked from the Run and Search screen or the Resume Job screen, then the graphics will show exactly where the searched line or block begins. Dotted lines indicate the portion of the part that is skipped. Solid lines indicate the portion of the part that will be machined.

F9 – Rapid On/Off This function key toggles Rapid Override. The On or Off label indicates the state to which the Rapid Override feature will toggle when pressed. In the Rapid Override On state, the speed of rapid moves (G0) can be adjusted by the Feedrate Override knob. In the Rapid Override Off state, the speed of rapid moves will be at full speed (max rate).

F10 – RTG On/Off This function key toggles the Run-Time Graphics option. If the option is turned on, Run-Time Graphics automatically starts when the **CYCLE START** button is pressed. This option must be turned on for Run-Time Graphics to be used. If the option is turned off, Run-Time Graphics cannot be started while a job is running.

[Machine Parameter 400](#) determines whether or not **CYCLE START** is enabled on the Run Menu. If parameter 400 is set to zero, then **CYCLE START** is disabled in the Run Menu. For any other value of parameter 400, **CYCLE START** is enabled. Note that this does not apply to the Resume and Search sub-menus, where **CYCLE START** is always enabled.

6.6 Power Feed

Press **F4 - Feed** from the Setup menu to access the Power Feed screen. This screen is used to command axis movement. All the operations available on the Power Feed screen may also be performed in MDI with

the appropriate M and G codes.

F1 - Absolute Power Feed Press **F1 - ABS** to move an axis to an absolute position, at a specified feedrate.

F2 - Incremental Power Feed Press **F2 - INC** to move an axis an incremental distance, at a specified

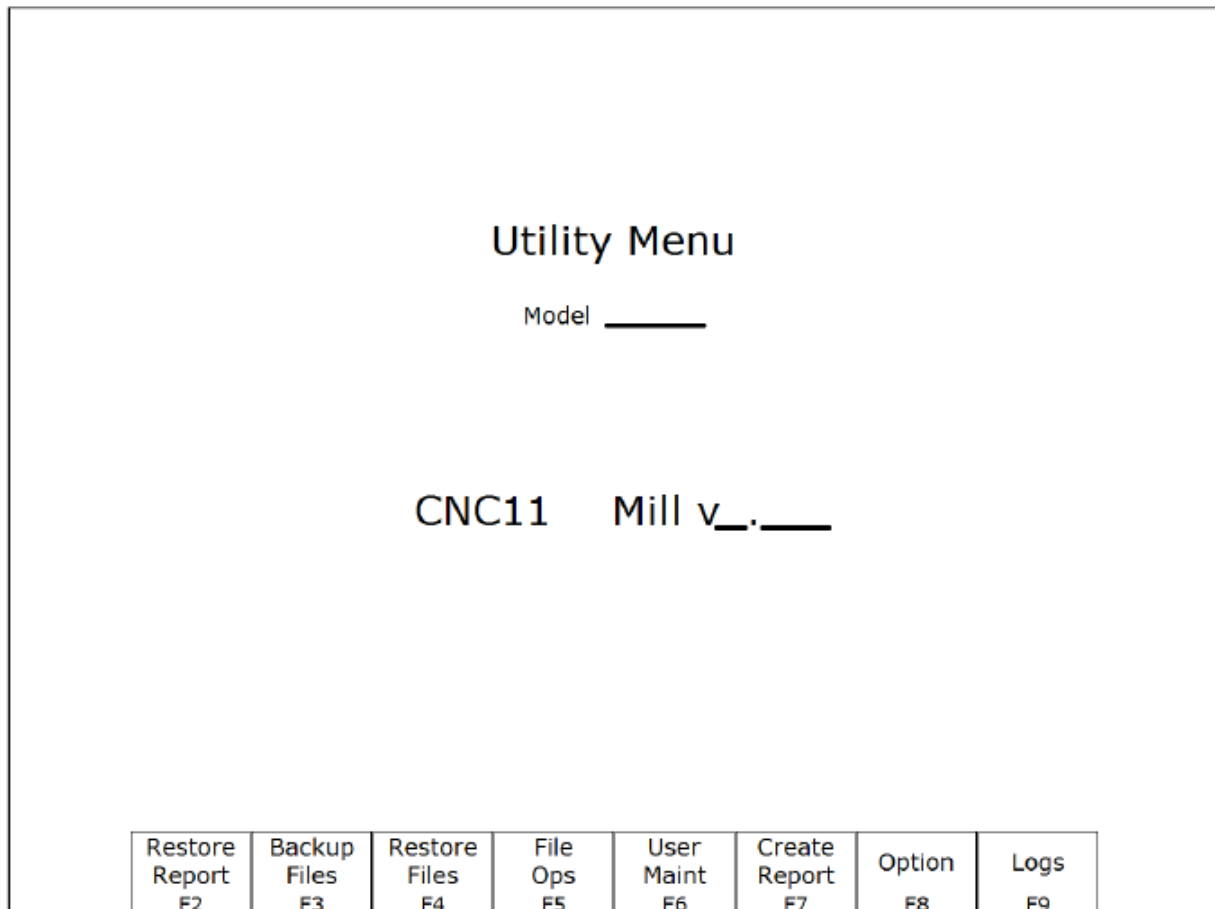
F3 - Free XY Press **F3 - Free** to release power to the X and Y motors, allowing you to use your machine manually for these two axes. feedrate.

F4 - Power XY Press **F4 - Power** to apply power to the X and Y motors, allowing you to use your machine with the jog panel for these two axes.

Chapter 7

The Utility Menu

To get to the Utility Menu, press **F7 - Utility** at the CNC software Main Screen. The model will vary depending on your M-Series Control model.

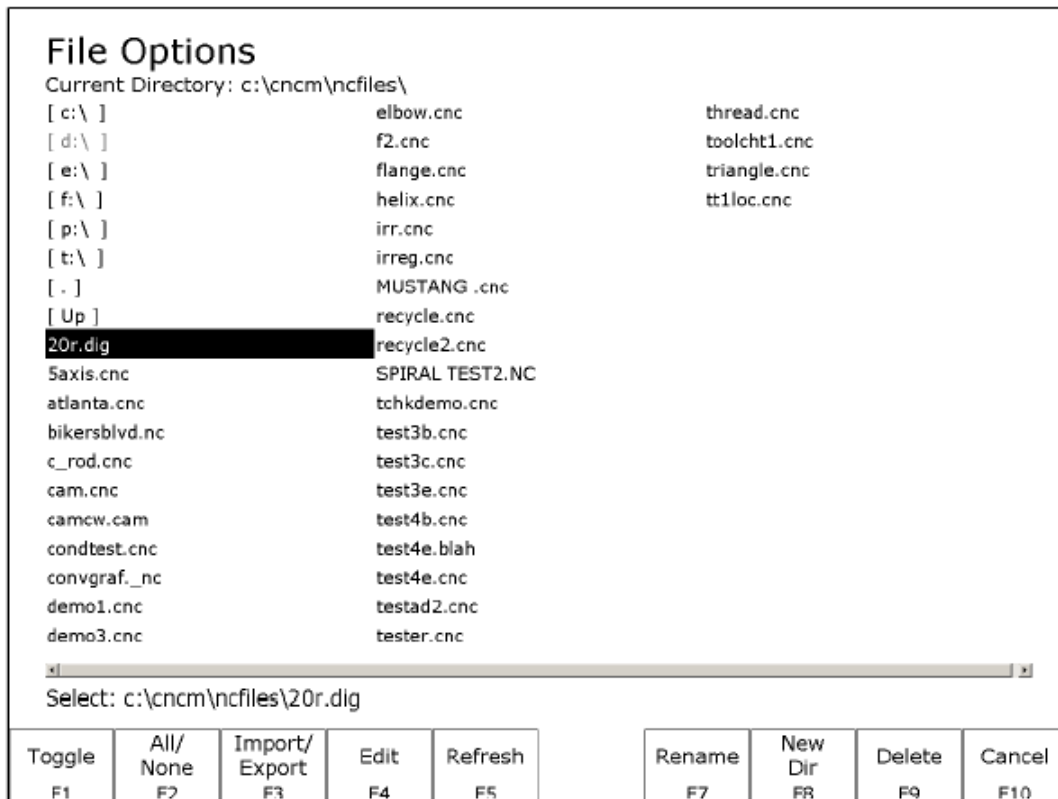


F2 - Restore Report This option is used primarily for restoring a system configuration from a previously saved *report.zip* file (See **F7 - Create Report**).

F3 - Backup Files This creates an archive file "cnc_backup.zip" containing CNC program files, Intercon part program files, MillWrite engraving files, and digitized output files from the following directories and their subdirectories: nfiles directory, c:\intercon, c:\mw, and any other directories mentioned in the pathm.ini configuration file.

F4 - Restore Files Use this option to restore the data previously backed up with **F3 - Backup Files**. (Note that this feature will not work with backups created by control software prior to version 3.04.)

F5 - File Ops Use this menu to perform file and directory operations such as: Importing and Exporting (copying) files to and from the control, rename or delete files, create or delete directories.



- F1 - Toggle** Press once to select or press again to unselect a single file.
- F2 - All/None** Press once to select all or press again to unselect all files.
- F3 - Import/Export** Import or Export selected files.
- F4 - Edit** Opens selected file in editor.
- F5 - Refresh** Refresh file list. Use after inserting a new USB storage device.
- F7 - Rename** Rename selected file or directory.
- F8 - New Dir** Create a new directory in the current folder.
- F9 - Delete** Deletes selected file or directory.
- Page Up** Move the cursor backward one page.
- Page Down** Move the cursor forward one page.
- End Select** The last file in the list.
- Home Select** The first file in the list.
- Arrow Keys** Move the cursor in the selected direction.

F6 - User Maint Use this menu to perform user maintenance such as checking an axis for excessive

drag or setting backlash.

F1 - Drag The Drag Factor utility is used to determine if an axis has an excessive amount of drag. To run a drag test, use the **F1** key to select the axis which you wish to test, position the axis at or near the home position and press **CYCLE START**. The axis will move back to the home switch then traverse the entire range of travel for the axis moving to the opposite limit and returning to home while moving the slow jog rate. If excessive friction (drag) is encountered an error message will be displayed. When the test completes, use **F8 - Graph** to display the results. The red horizontal lines indicate the bounds acceptable limits for the machine as it is currently configured.

F2 - Lash (Backlash Compensation) In order to insure an accurate measurement always set the backlash compensation in the control to zero before attempting to measure the physical lash in an axis.

F7 - Create Report Generates a backup of system configuration files called report.zip and copies it to the specified location. Your dealer may then use this file for servicing and troubleshooting purposes. To restore the configuration files from the report disk, press **F2 - Restore Report** from the Utility menu.

F8 - Options Shows the software options that you have purchased or added to your control. On this screen you can also enter unlock codes for software options that you have purchased. This page will also display the PLC programs, PIC type, and System ID #.

F9 - Logs Shows the messages and errors that have been logged by the control.

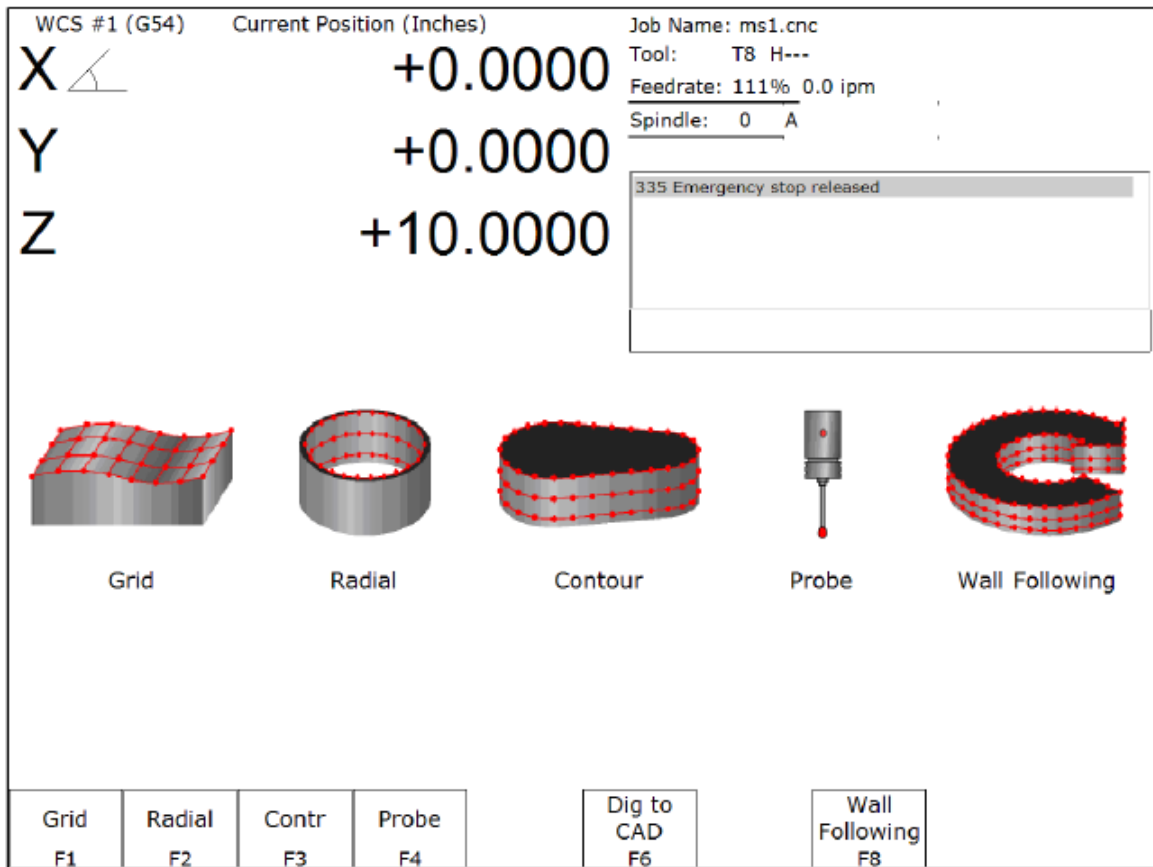
F1 - Errors Displays the error/message log. Use **Page Up**, **Page Down**, **Home**, and **End** to view and **ESC** to exit.

F2 - Stats Displays counts of errors logged. Use **Page Up**, **Page Down**, **Home**, and **End** to view and **ESC** to exit.

F3 - Export Exports the log to a destination of your choosing.

Chapter 8

Digitizing



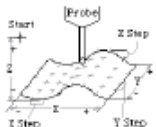
The Digitize feature of the CNC software can be used to digitize surfaces in a variety of scenarios. The digitizing process creates a file with M & G-codes that represent the digitized surface. If the digitizing probe tip is chosen to match the milling cutter size, the digitized file can be loaded and run to produce an exact copy of the digitized part.

F1 - Grid Digitize rectangular surface area.

F2 - Radial Digitize inside of a bore.

- F3 - Contour Digitize inside or outside contour. (Not available if [Parameter 155](#) is set to 2)
- F4 - Probe Select from the Probing Cycles (See Chapter 9 of this manual).
- F6 - Dig to CAD Export digitized files for use with a CAD/CAM system.
- F8 - Wall Following Digitize inside and/or outside contour .

8.1 Grid Digitize (F1 from Digitize Menu)

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| WCS #1 (G54) | Current Position (Inches) | Job Name: a.cnc | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| X | -0.2695 | Tool: T0 H1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y | +1.9986 | Feedrate: 19% 0.0 ipm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Z | +3.0000 | Spindle: 0 A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Grid Digitizing Stall detection disabled </div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| X Step Over: | 0.0100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y Patch Width: | 1.0000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y Step Over: | 0.0100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Z Step Up: | 0.1000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Axis to Move First: | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Save F10 </div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Grid Digitize Run Setup

To set up a digitizing run, edit the parameters shown and then press **CYCLE START**. The control will move through the area to be digitized in a rectangular pattern. At each X-Y point in the pattern, it will measure the Z height of the sample surface, and record the coordinates in the data file. Digitizing begins at the current tool position when the **CYCLE START** button is pressed. This position should be in one corner of the digitize area, at a Z position higher than any point on the surface.

Grid Digitize Parameters

Type: This sets the algorithm for digitizing: either regular Grid or Surface Following.

X Patch Length: The length of the area to be digitized, along the X-axis. A positive value will cause digitizing to proceed in the X+ direction from the starting point; a negative value will cause digitizing to proceed in the X- direction. If the value is 0, then digitizing will collect just one stripe along Y.

X Step Over: The distance to move between points on the X-axis. A smaller value should be used for a fine digitize along the X-axis. A larger value should be used for a rough digitize along the X-axis. This distance should be a positive incremental value.

Y Patch Width: The width of the area to be digitized, along the Y-axis. A positive value will cause digitizing to proceed in the Y+ direction from the starting point; a negative value will cause digitizing to proceed in the Y- direction. If the value is 0, then digitizing will collect just one stripe along X.

Y Step Over: The distance to move between points on the Y-axis. A smaller value should be used for a fine digitize along the Y-axis. A larger value should be used for a rough digitize along the Y-axis. This distance should be a positive incremental value.

Z Maximum Depth: The maximum distance the Z-axis moves below the starting height. If the probe does not contact the surface at the maximum depth, that data point will be recorded as being at the maximum depth, and digitizing will proceed with the next point.

Z Step Up: The distance the Z-axis moves up after making contact, before the control attempts to move X or Y. A small value should be used when digitizing parts with gentle slopes; a larger value should be used when digitizing parts with many steep walls.

Axis to Move First: The axis (either X or Y) which moves all the way across the digitize area with each pass.

Digitize File Name: The base name of the output file in which the digitize data is stored. An extension of .dig will automatically be appended to the name for replay as a CNC job.

Replay Feedrate: The feedrate to include with the G1 command on the first line of the data file. If the data file is run as a CNC program, this is the feedrate at which the machine will retrace the digitized surface.

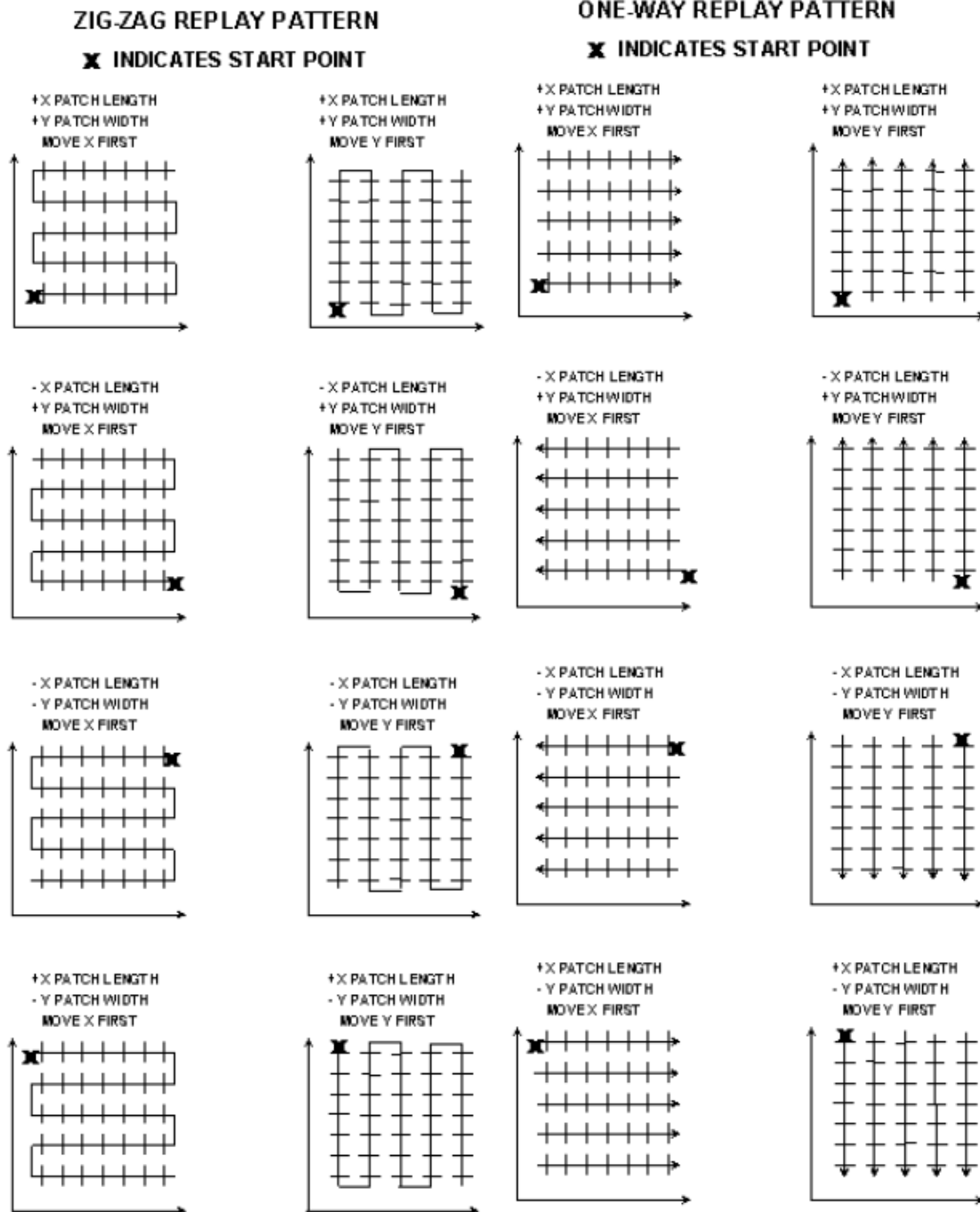
Multiple Patch: Indicates whether or not this digitizing is a continuation of an earlier digitizing. Choose NO if the current digitizing is the first or only digitize run for the part to be digitized. Choose YES if the current digitizing is not the first digitize run for the part. If Yes is selected, specify the name of a digitize file of a previous multiple patch.

Replay Pattern: Indicates the replay movement pattern. If ZIG ZAG is selected, the replay pattern will alternate between positive and negative directions on each successive pass. If ONE WAY is selected, the replay pattern will maintain a constant "one-way" direction throughout the playback.

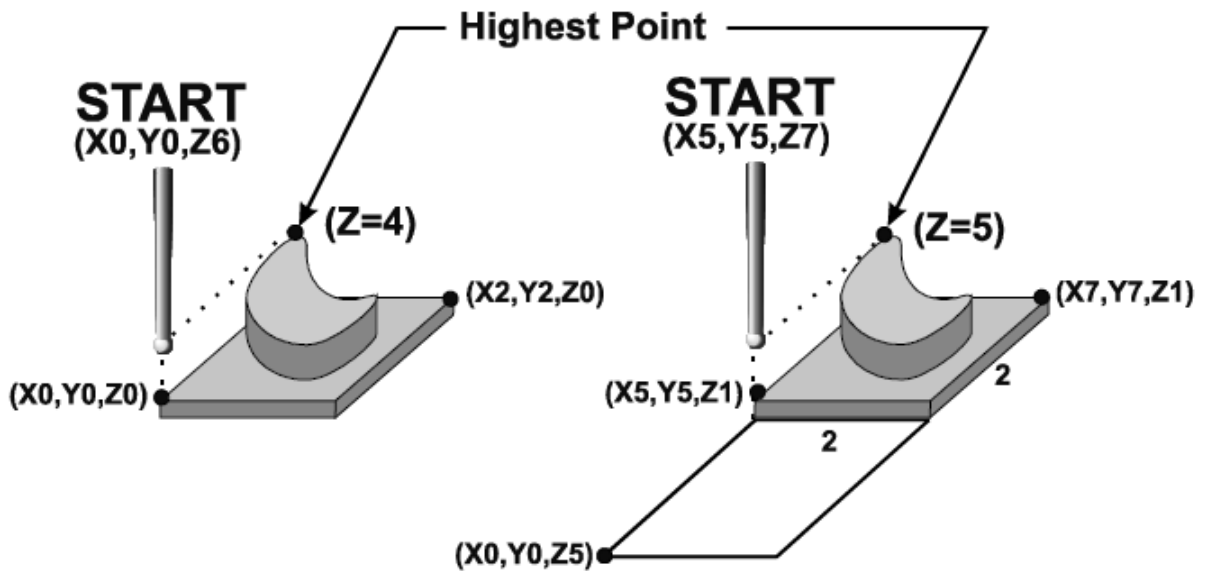
Probe Diameter: Indicates the probe tip diameter.

Grid Digitize Notes

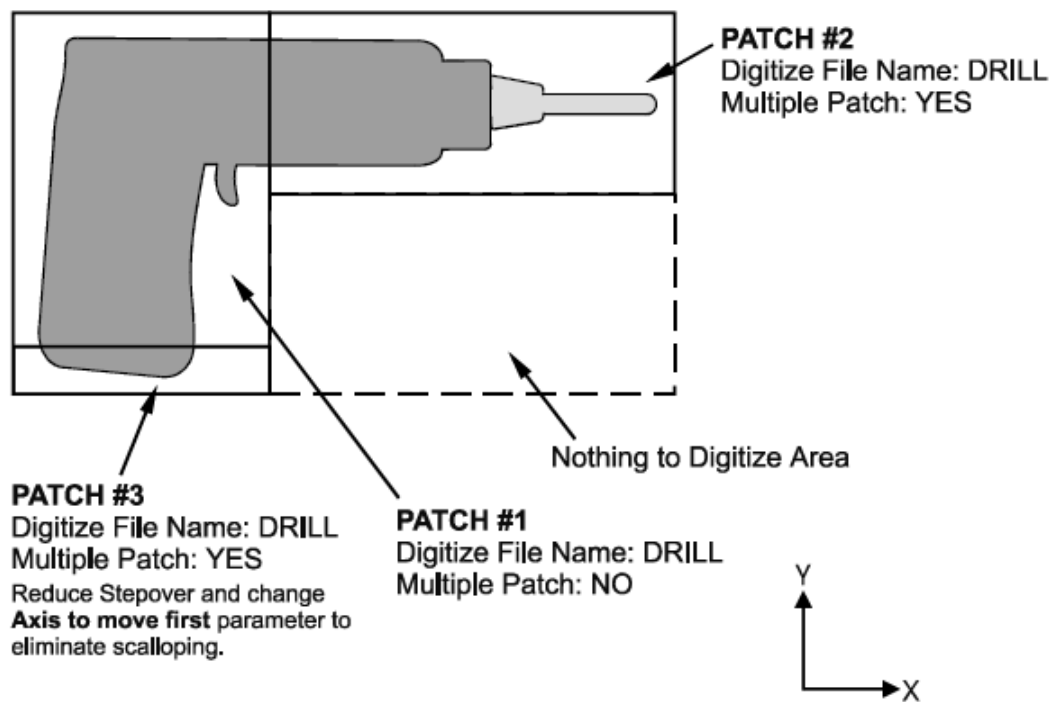
1. A guide to the possible grid digitizing paths is as follows:



2. A digitizing patch can be located anywhere in the coordinate system. The digitizing starting point is referenced from the part zero. For example, setting up digitizing, as shown in the figure on the right below, will record the first point at (X5, Y5, Z1) and the last point at (X7, Y7, Z1). If the digitizing replay starting point is desired to be at the part zero be sure to set the part zero equal to the digitizing start point, as shown in the figure on the left below. This orientation will record the first point at (X0, Y0, Z0) and the last point at (X2, Y2, Z1). For more information on part setup see Chapter 4.



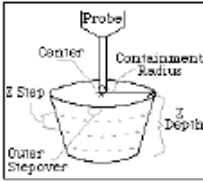
3. A good technique for calculating Z maximum depth is to touch off the lowest surface of the part to be digitized and set the part zero's Z value to Z0. Then jog the probe tip to a point higher than the highest surface of the part to be digitized. Note the displacement in the Z-axis. Again, set this Z height to Z0 and use the noted displacement for the Z maximum depth.
4. Multiple patches are useful in the following situations: completing a canceled digitize run, digitizing parts with large areas that contain nothing to be digitized (shown below), and patching vertical walls to eliminate scallops caused by the cutting tool.



The drill shown in the previous example is L-shaped. Therefore, it can be digitized faster and more efficiently using three rectangular patches than digitizing the complete area with a single patch.

Digitizing the entire part and then adding multiple small patches along the walls can avoid vertical wall scalloping. If a vertical wall extending along the X axis needs to be cleared of scallops, just add a small patch running the length of the wall. Set the "Axis to Move First" parameter to Y. This will clear the scallops.

8.2 Radial Digitize (F2 from Digitize Menu)

| | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| WCS #1 (G54) | | Current Position (Inches) | | Job Name: flange.cnc | |
| X Y Z | +6.2140 | | Tool: T1 H--- | | |
| | +0.0000 | | Feedrate: 100% | | |
| | +0.0000 | | Spindle: 0 M Coolant | | |
| Radial Digitizing | | | | | |
| 1) Jog Probe Tip to Starting Height 2) Jog Probe Tip to Center of Well 3) Edit Radial Digitize Parameters 4) Press CYCLE START to begin | | | Containment Radius: 1.0000 Z Patch Depth: 1.0000 Z Step: 0.0100 Outer Stepover: 0.0100 Replay Pattern: Zig Zag Replay Feedrate: 3.0000 Digitize File Name: Containment Angle: Full Multiple Patch: No Move Between Levels: Clearance Clearance Height: 0.0100 | | |
|  | | | Center X: Not Y: Set | | |
| Center F1 | | Partial F2 | | Save F10 | |

Setting up a Radial Digitize Run

To set up a digitize run, edit the parameters shown. Jog the probe tip to the starting height and to the center of the bore to be digitized. Then press **F1 - Center** to define the center position for digitizing. This center position will be used as the center of all radial digitizing runs until you leave the radial digitize menu or redefine the center. If you are using a full angle, you can now press **CYCLE START** to begin digitizing. If you have specified partial angle, press **F2 - Partial** to define the partial angle (see setting the partial angle section in this chapter). After defining the partial angle, pressing **CYCLE START** will start the digitize run.

WARNING: The probe must be able to retreat to the center from any position on the digitize surface. If the digitize surface contains features that do not allow for the probe to exit after entering, a probe crash may occur! See radial digitize note 2 later in this section.

Radial Digitize Parameters

Containment Radius: The maximum distance from the center position to look for a digitize data point. This parameter is used to contain the probe within a circle with this radius centered at the center position. If the probe does not contact the surface before reaching the maximum radius that data point will be recorded as being at the maximum radius, and digitizing will proceed with the next point.

Z Patch Depth: The depth of the patch to be digitized, along the Z-axis. A positive value will cause digitizing to proceed in the Z+ direction from the starting point; a negative value will cause digitizing to proceed in the Z direction.

Z Step: The distance to move between points on the Z-axis. A smaller value should be used for a fine digitize along the Z-axis. A larger value should be used for a rough digitize along the Z-axis. This distance should be a positive incremental value.

Outer Stepover: The distance to move between points on one contour. A smaller value should be used for a fine digitize along any one contour. A larger value should be used for a rough digitize along any one contour. This distance should be a positive incremental value.

Replay Pattern: Indicates the replay movement pattern. If Zigzag is selected, the replay pattern will alternate between positive and negative angle directions (CW and CCW) on each successive contour. If CW or CCW is selected, the replay pattern will maintain a constant angle direction throughout the playback.

Replay Feedrate: The feedrate to include with the G1 command on the first line of the data file. If the data file is run as a CNC program, this is the feedrate at which the machine will retrace the digitized surface.

Digitize File Name: The base name of the file in which the digitize data is stored. The file has an extension of *.dig* for CNC replay.

Containment Angle: Indicates whether or not the digitizing is to follow a full circle or a partial sector. Choose **Full** if 0 to 360 degrees is desired. Choose **Partial** if some other angles are needed. These partial angles can then be changed later (see setting the Partial Digitizing Sector Setup section that follows).

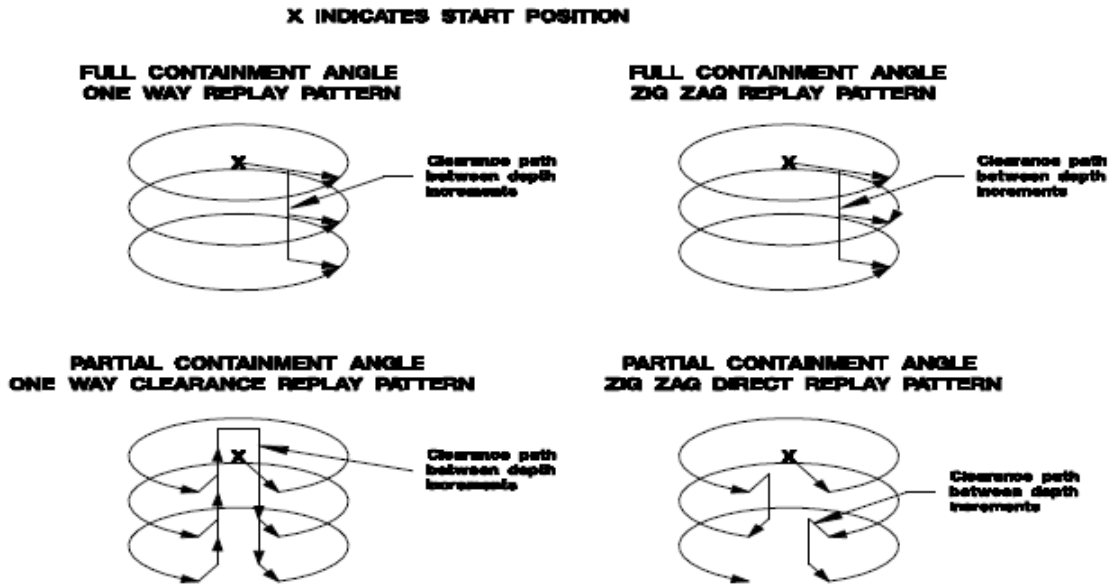
Multiple Patch: Indicates whether or not this digitizing is a continuation of an earlier digitizing. Choose **No** if the current digitizing is the first or only digitize run for the part to be digitized. Choose **Yes** if the current digitizing is not the first digitize run for the part. If **Yes** is selected, specify the name of a digitize file of a previous multiple patch.

Move Between Levels: This field is enabled only if **Partial** and **CCW** or **CW** option is selected. It indicates the move between Z levels on replay of a partial sector radial digitize file. This move may now be done in three different ways: **Clearance**, which goes to the clearance height as in previous versions, **Center**, which goes to the digitizing center and then to the Z level of the next pass, and **Direct**, which goes directly to the starting point of the next pass.

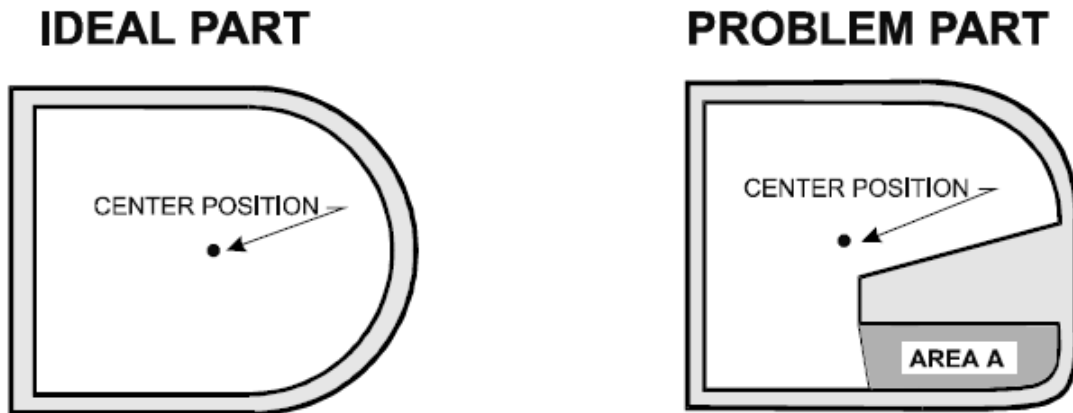
Clearance Height: This field is enabled only if **Partial**, **CCW** or **CW** replay pattern, and **Clearance Move** type option is selected. This distance indicates the clearance height needed to move the cutter from the end of one contour to the beginning of the next contour. This distance should be a positive value.

Radial Digitize Notes

1. A guide to possible radial digitizing paths is as follows:

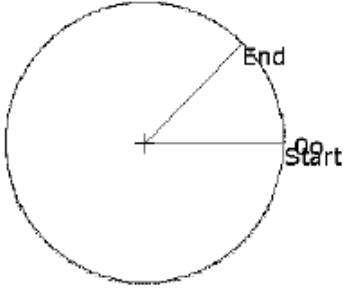


2. When radial digitizing, make sure the probe can fully retract to the center position without obstructions. Observe the two parts below. The cross section on the left has no obstructions that could keep the probe from full retraction to the center position. The cross section on the right does not allow the digitizing to retract to the center in **Area A**. This area will cause a probe crash; single patch digitizing of parts such as this should be avoided. Use 2 or more patches to digitize the part on the right (in this case, you could divide the part in half horizontally, and do each half separately).



Partial Digitizing Sector Setup

If you set the Radial Digitize Containment Angle to "Partial" then you must set up the Digitizing Setup by pressing **F2 - Partial** from the CNC software Radial Digitize Screen.

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|--|--|---------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| WCS #1 (G54) | | Current Position (Inches) | | Job Name: flange.cnc | |
| X Y Z | | +6.2140 | | Feedrate: 100% | |
| | | +0.0000 | | Spindle: 0 M | |
| | | +0.0000 | | Coolant | |
| | | | | Processing... | |
| | | | | Press ESC to cancel | |
| Partial Digitizing Sector | | | | | |
| 1) Edit the angle fields on the right, OR Jog to the start or end point of the sector, then use Start (F1) or End (F2) to set the start or end points. | | | | | |
| 2) Press F10 to Save changes or ESC to exit. | | | | | |
|  | | Start Angle: | | 0.00 | |
| | | End Angle: | | 45.00 | |
| Start F1 | | End F2 | | Save F10 | |


The partial sector can be setup one of two methods:

1. One method is by editing the start and end angles directly. The start angle is referenced from zero degrees and defines the beginning of the digitizing sector. The end angle is referenced from zero degrees and defines the end of the digitizing sector.
2. The second method involves jogging the probe tip and touching off the digitize surface. By moving the probe tip to positions on the digitizing surface, one can set the angles. To set the start angle, jog the probe tip to the position on the digitizing surface where the digitizing is to begin and press **F1 - Start** to define this as the start angle.

***Notice:** that the picture of the sector and the start angle's value change to reflect these settings. To define the end angle, follow the procedure above but press **F2 - End** instead to set the end angle.

Regardless of the method used to define the start and end angles, pressing **F10 - Save** saves the angles and exits back to the radial digitize menu. Pressing **ESC** will return to the radial digitize menu without making changes to the start and end angles.

8.3 Contour Digitize (F3 from Digitize Menu)

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|--|--|---|------------|-----------------|--------|----------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------------------|--|------------------|---------|-------------|---------|------------------|--------|-------------|--------|---------|--------|-------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| WCS #1 (G54) | Current Position (Inches) | Job Name: flange.cnc | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| X | +6.2140 | Tool: T1 H--- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y | +0.0000 | Feedrate: 100% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Z | +0.0000 | Spindle: 0 M | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Coolant | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 80px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Contour Digitizing</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Jog probe tip to center of part. 2) Press F1 to define center of part. 3) Jog probe to start pt. 4) Press CYCLE START to begin | <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Copy Type</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CAM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X Patch Length:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.0000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y Patch Width:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.0000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Axis Step</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.0100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Digitize File Name:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Replay Feedrate:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.0000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plunge Rate</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.0000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Z Surface Height</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.0000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Z Clearance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.1000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Z Depth</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.0100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Z Depth Increment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.0100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Probe Diameter:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.1250</td> </tr> </table> | Copy Type | CAM | X Patch Length: | 0.0000 | Y Patch Width: | 0.0000 | Axis Step | 0.0100 | Digitize File Name: | | Replay Feedrate: | 10.0000 | Plunge Rate | 10.0000 | Z Surface Height | 0.0000 | Z Clearance | 0.1000 | Z Depth | 0.0100 | Z Depth Increment | 0.0100 | Probe Diameter: | 0.1250 |
| Copy Type | CAM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| X Patch Length: | 0.0000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y Patch Width: | 0.0000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Axis Step | 0.0100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Digitize File Name: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Replay Feedrate: | 10.0000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plunge Rate | 10.0000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Z Surface Height | 0.0000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Z Clearance | 0.1000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Z Depth | 0.0100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Z Depth Increment | 0.0100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Probe Diameter: | 0.1250 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | <p>Center</p> <p>X: Not</p> <p>Y: Set</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Press SPACE to change | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Center F1</div> | | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Save F10</div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Contour Digitize Run Setup

To set up a digitizing run, jog the probe tip to the center of the part and hit **F1 - Center** to assign that as your center point.

Select CAM for a true CAM shape contour, or Wall for irregular shapes for wall following. Enter the rest of the parameters for the part and digitizing job as shown below.

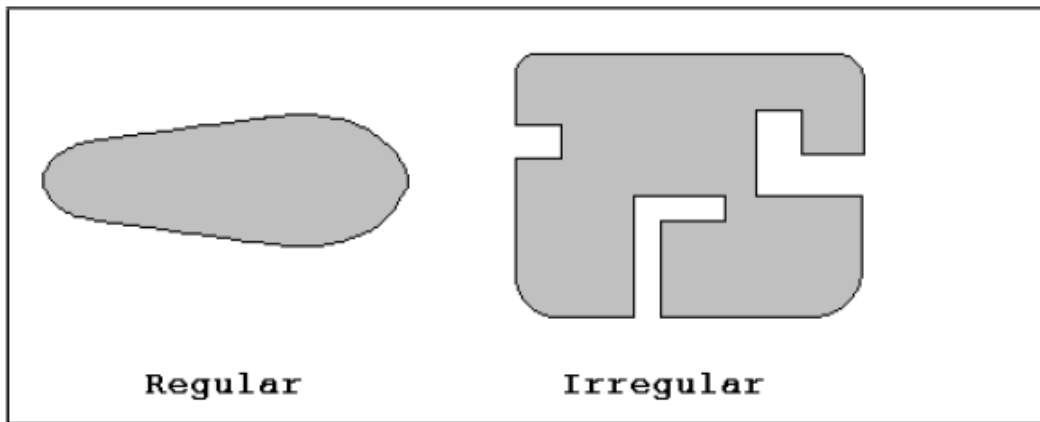
Jog the probe to a starting point and press **CYCLE START**. The control will move the probe toward the center line in the +/- X direction until it comes into contact with the part. At each point of contact, the X and Y coordinates will be recorded in the data file.

The probe will continue around the contour until it returns to the starting point to complete the cycle. Based on the starting point, and the first point of contact, the digitize software will determine if the contour is internal or external.

Important note: When probing an external contour, make sure the probe comes in contact with part on the first move. If it doesn't, the software will compensate to the outside of the part as if it were an internal contour causing your part to come out larger than you want it to be.

Contour Digitize Parameters

Copy Type: Toggle between CAM or Wall. Use CAM for regular shapes (no extreme direction changes) and use Wall following for contours with irregular shapes. See example below.



X Patch Length: The length of the contour to be digitized, along the X-axis.

Y Patch Width: The width of the contour to be digitized, along the Y-axis.

Axis Step Over: The distance to pull back away from the surface in the X and/or Y direction. A larger value should be used for a rough digitize along the Y-axis. This distance should be a positive incremental value.

Digitize File Name: The base name of the file in which the digitize data is stored. The file has an extension of .cam for CNC replay and is stored in the c:\cncm \ncfiles directory.

Replay Feedrate: The feedrate to include with the G1 command on the first line of the data file. If the data file is run as a CNC program, this is the feedrate at which the machine will retrace the digitized surface.

Plunge Rate: The feedrate the Z axis plunges between successive depth passes.

Z Surface Height: Surface height of material for reproduction of digitized parts.

Z Clearance: Clearance to rapid to above surface of part during replay.

Z Depth: Depth of the part as measured from the surface height.

Z Depth Increment: Depth of cut for each Z step of the part.

Probe Diameter: Diameter of probe tip used to digitize the part.

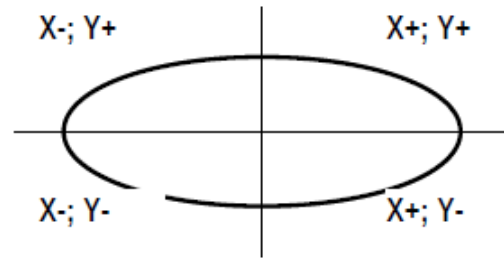
Contour Digitize Notes

Contour digitizing creates an M&G code file with a .cam extension. The structure of the .cam file starts with a header of comments indicating some of the parameters used when digitizing the contour. Next is the contour itself, which is outputted as a subprogram. The M& G-codes are preceded by an O9800 (start of subprogram) and followed by an M99 (end of subprogram). The end of the .cam file contains the initial positioning moves and a call to the contour subprogram (G65 P9800).

Probing direction: When starting the digitizing cycle, choose a starting point where the X travel will contact a point on the cam on the Y axis. The probe tip will move toward the center line in the X direction until it contacts the cam, then will move either clockwise or counterclockwise around the cam, depending on which quadrant you started the cycle (see Table 1 below).

Table 1 – Probe direction by starting quadrant

| X | Y | Probe travels |
|---|---|---------------|
| - | - | CW |
| - | + | CCW |
| + | + | CW |
| + | - | CCW |
| - | 0 | CW |
| + | 0 | CCW |




If the probe bypasses a contact point on the Y axis, it will continue moving in the X direction across the center line until it reaches the patch length limit and faults out.

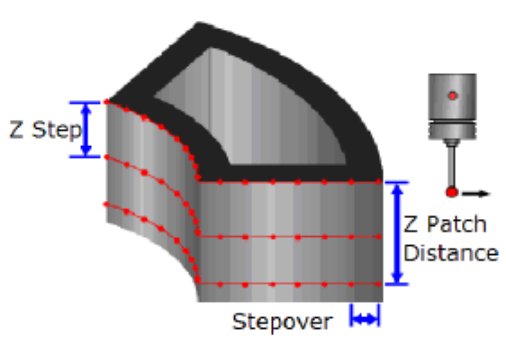
Canceling a job: Unlike grid or radial digitizing if you cancel a contour operation before it is completed you will not be able to restart the contour at the point of interruption to continue the cycle. You will need to start over.

Before running a job: Before running a job created by contour digitizing, you will need to add some information to the file to define any required tool change, cutter compensation and height offset commands.

1. Do a search in the G code for the phrase "Add Comp Here."
2. Refer to the descriptions of G40, G41 and G42 in Chapter 12.
3. Add the proper G code to the file after the "Add Comp Here" prompt.
4. Save the file, and run your job.

8.4 Wall Following Digitizing (F8 from Digitize Menu)

| | | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|
| WCS #1 (G54) | Current Position (Inches) | Job Name: ms1.cnc |
| X  | +0.0000 | Tool: T8 H--- |
| Y | +0.0000 | Feedrate: 111% 0.0 ipm |
| Z | +10.0000 | Spindle: 0 A |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------|------------|------------------|---------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------------------|---------------|----------|----|----------------|---------|--------------|---------|---------------|-------------------|
| Wall Following Digitizing | Stall detection disabled | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | <table><tr><td>Probe Tool Number</td><td>101</td></tr><tr><td>Z Patch Distance</td><td>-0.1000</td></tr><tr><td>Z Step</td><td>0.0500</td></tr><tr><td>Stepover</td><td>0.0600</td></tr><tr><td>Digitize File Name</td><td>wall_dig_file</td></tr><tr><td>Approach</td><td>X+</td></tr><tr><td>Inside/Outside</td><td>Outside</td></tr><tr><td>Cut Feedrate</td><td>20.0000</td></tr><tr><td>Cut Direction</td><td>Counter Clockwise</td></tr></table> | Probe Tool Number | 101 | Z Patch Distance | -0.1000 | Z Step | 0.0500 | Stepover | 0.0600 | Digitize File Name | wall_dig_file | Approach | X+ | Inside/Outside | Outside | Cut Feedrate | 20.0000 | Cut Direction | Counter Clockwise |
| Probe Tool Number | 101 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Z Patch Distance | -0.1000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Z Step | 0.0500 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stepover | 0.0600 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Digitize File Name | wall_dig_file | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Approach | X+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Inside/Outside | Outside | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cut Feedrate | 20.0000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cut Direction | Counter Clockwise | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Jog probe to start location2) Enter parameters3) Press Cycle Start to start probing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Setting up a Wall Following Digitizing Run

To set up a digitize run, edit the parameters shown. Jog the probe tip to the XY starting location (inside or outside of the part to be digitized), and then jog Z to the level of the first digitize pass. Press **CYCLE START** to start the digitize run.

Wall Following Digitizing Parameters

Probe Tool Number: The tool number of the probe.

Z Patch Distance: The total Z distance to digitize, incremental from the first pass. Entering a negative value will cause the routine to step down in the Z. Entering a positive value will cause the routine to step up in the Z.

Z Step: The Z amount to step down per pass.

Stepover: The distance between the digitized points.

Digitize File Name: The base name of the output file in which the digitize data is stored. An extension of .dig will automatically be appended to the name for replay as a CNC job.

Approach: The direction of the first digitizing move.

Inside/Outside: Starting location of the probe; inside the part or outside.

Cut Feedrate: The replay feedrate. This is the feedrate that will be output to the file specified by the

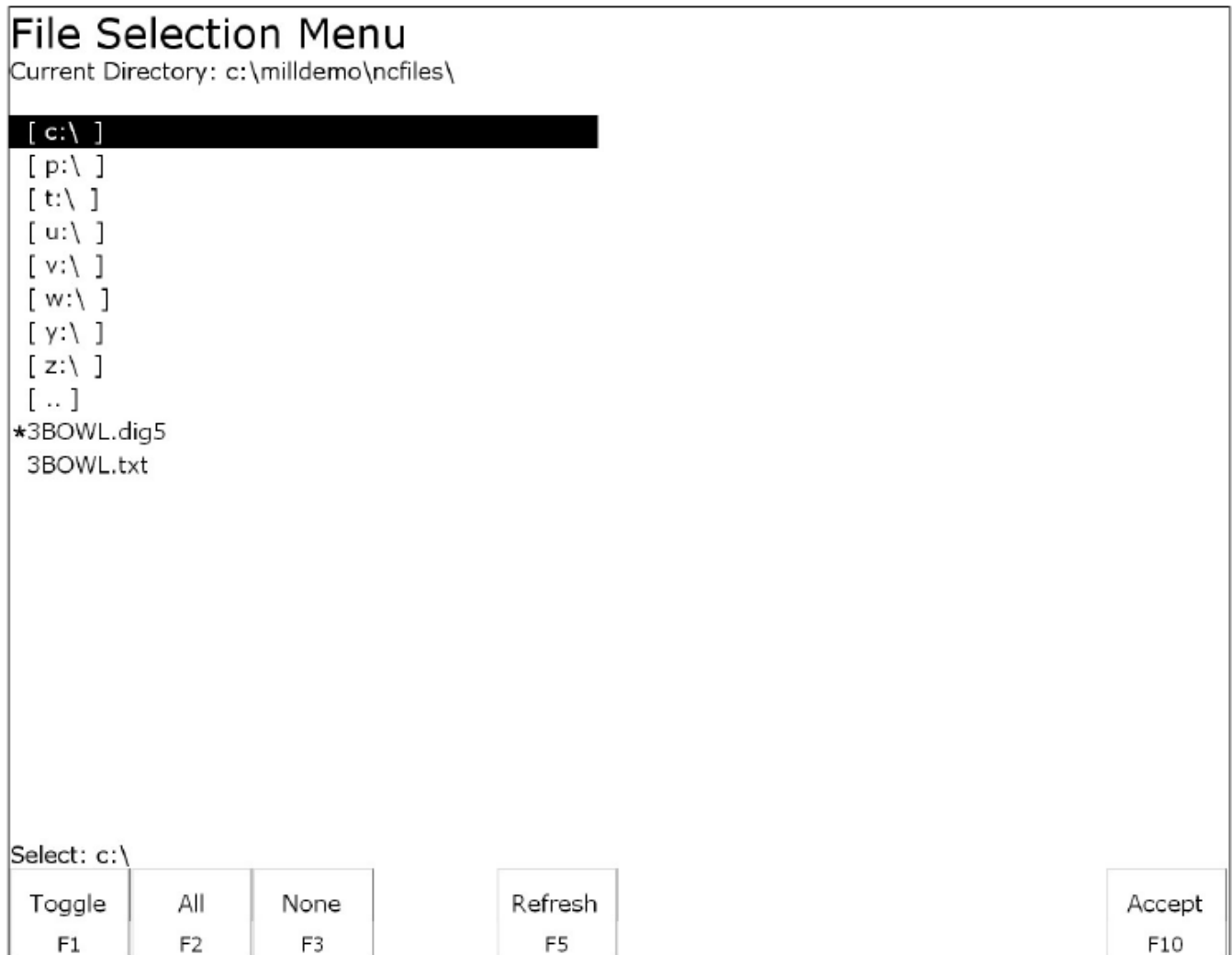
Digitize File Name above. This will cause the digitized data to be replayed at this specified feedrate when the output data is run manual as a CNC job.

Cut Direction: The Clockwise or Counter Clockwise direction of the output data. This also defines the direction of digitize.

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The output data is uncompensated. Therefore the resultant output data points will be offset by the probe tip's radius amount. If you want to run this data as a CNC job and actually do cutting, you must use a cutter that is the same shape and diameter as the probe tip. An alternative to this is to use a CAD/CAM software package to remove the probe tip offset and to apply the desired compensation.

8.5 Dig to CAD (F6 from Digitize Menu)

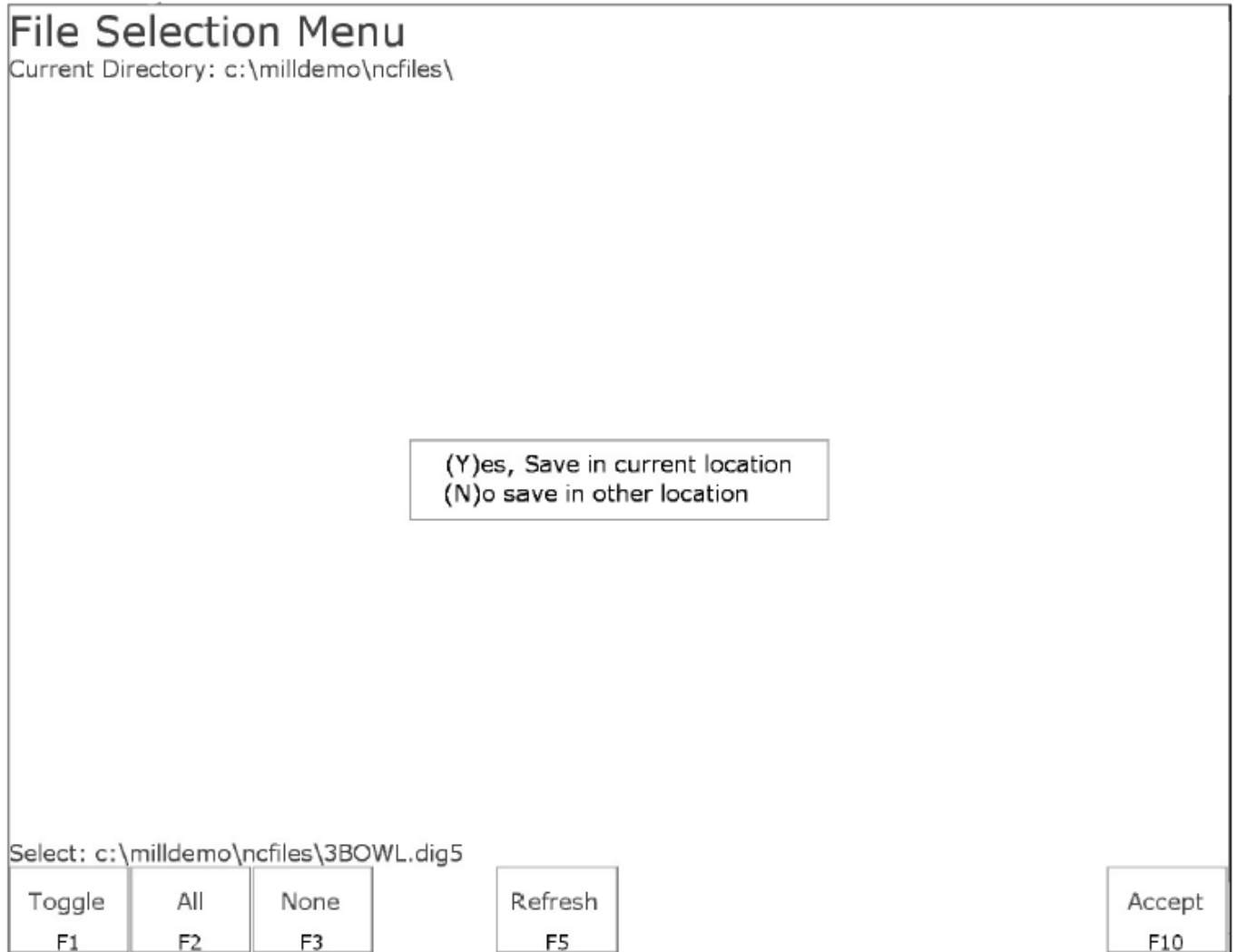


The Dig to CAD feature of the CNC software is used to export digitized files for use with CAD/CAM software. The digitized files are converted to point cloud data that is easily readable by most CAD/CAM systems. Digitized files have either a .DIG or .DIG5 extension. Files with the extension .DIG are created from the grid or wall following digitizing routines, while .DIG5 files are created from 5-axis digitizing toolpaths. The resulting point cloud data files will have the same file name as the .DIG and .DIG5 files they were created from, only they will have a .TXT extension. These files can then be imported into any CAD/CAM software or viewed with a simple text editor.

In the case of 5-axis CNC controls, where the 4th and 5th axes are rotary axes, parameters 116-119 are used in conjunction with Dig to CAD to properly position the collected data (see Chapter 14 for more information on these parameters).

Converting Digitized Data

To export digitized data, first select the files you wish to convert by highlighting the files with the arrow keys and using either **F1 - Toggle** or the **Space** bar to select the files. When a file has been selected an asterisk (*) will appear to the left of the file name. Once you have selected all the files you wish to convert press **F10 - Accept**.



To convert the files and save them in the same directory as the digitized files press **Y**. To save the files in a different location such as a floppy or USB drive press **N**, navigate to the desired directory using the file menu, and press **F10 - Accept** to convert and save the files in that location.

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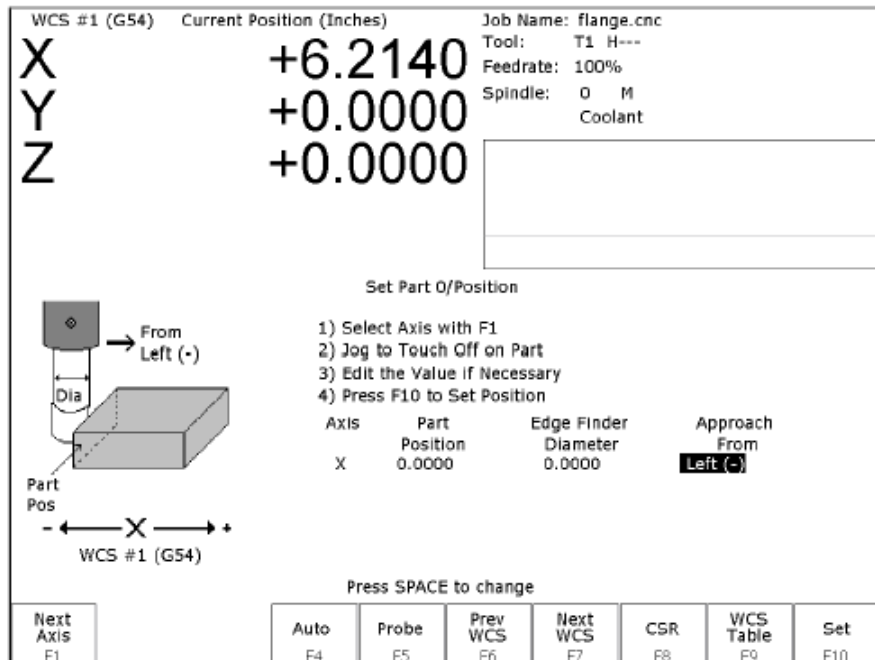
Probing

Attention!! Refer to the Probe Parameters sections at the end of this chapter before using any probe.

9.1 Part Setup with Probing

Single axis, single surface probing is available on the Set Part 0/Position screen using the **F4 - Auto** key. This allows you to probe various surfaces to define the part coordinate system. Multi-axis and multi-surface probing cycles are available on a separate screen, accessible from Set Part 0/Position with the **F5 - Probe** key or from **F4 - Probe** in the digitize screen. These allow you to locate the center points and corners of differently shaped parts.

Brushless motor note: If you experience excessive vibration on a brushless drive system, use [Parameter 10](#) to select smooth deceleration in probing moves. See Chapter 14 for more information.



WARNING: Before manually jogging any probe, make sure the machine Feedrate is slow (less than 10 in/min) or damage to the probe may result!

Automatically Setting Part 0

Part zero can be found using the probe. Make sure your probe height and diameter offsets are set for the tool number you assigned to the probe and that [parameter 12](#) is set to that tool number. The Edge Finder Diameter will be set automatically.

To set part 0 using the probe:

1. Select the current work coordinate system by pressing **F6 - Prev WCS** or **F7 - Next WCS**. Then select the axis you want to probe by pressing **F1 - Next Axis**.
2. Manually jog the probe about 1/2 inches away from the surface you wish to define. Make sure the approach direction to the part is set properly. Probe the selected axis by pressing **F4 - Auto**. When the surface is found, the control will assume this point to be the new axis 0.
3. If you want this probed surface to be something different than 0, enter the value by the using arrow keys to highlight Part Position, and then type in the value and press **F10 - Set**.

Repeat steps 1-3 to set the remaining axes using the probe. Any previously entered Edge Finder Diameter or Tool Number value will be discarded.

Finding Center/Corner Points

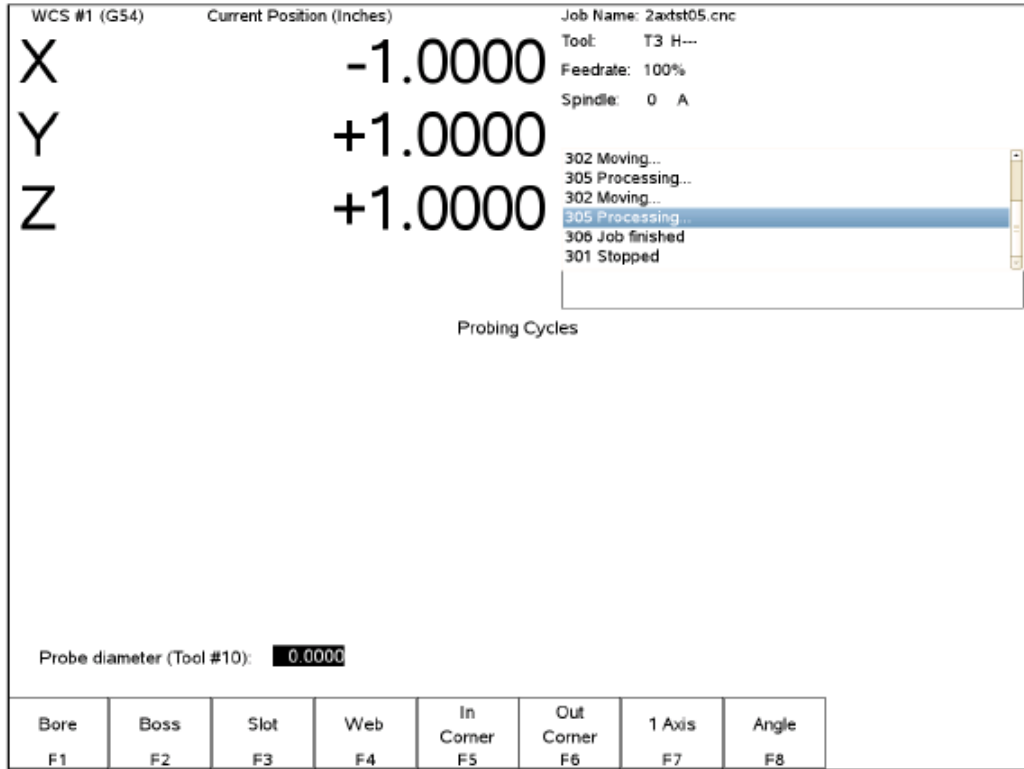
To enter the Probing Cycles screen, press **F5 - Probe** from the Set Part 0/Position screen. You can locate the center of a bore, boss, slot, or web. You can also find an inside corner, outside corner, or a single axis. The corner points don't even have to be right angles! The Edge Finder Diameter doesn't need to be entered since these cycles place the probe directly over the center or corner of the part.

9.2 Calibrating the Probe Tip Diameter

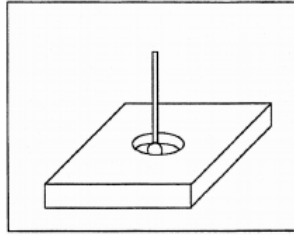
You can calibrate the probe tip diameter to compensate for pre-travel (the amount that the probe deflects before it actually trips). Simply enter a probe tip diameter of zero, probe out a precision bore with a known diameter, and enter the difference between the reported bore diameter and the found bore diameter as the actual probe tip diameter.

9.3 Probing Cycles

You can enter the Probing Cycles screen from either the Set Part 0/Position screen (**F5 - Probe**) or the Digitize menu (**F4 - Probe**). The Probing Cycles screen is shown below:



The probing cycles will report the location and dimensions, as applicable, of the probed feature in a floating dialog box. The dimensions are adjusted to compensate for the probe tip diameter, entered in the Offset Library (see [Parameter 12](#)). For your convenience, you can edit the probe diameter on this screen, as long as the Tool Number, as set in [Parameter 12](#), is not 0. During the probing cycles, the probe will move at speeds specified in Parameters 14 and 15. Refer to the Probe Parameters section later in this chapter for more information.

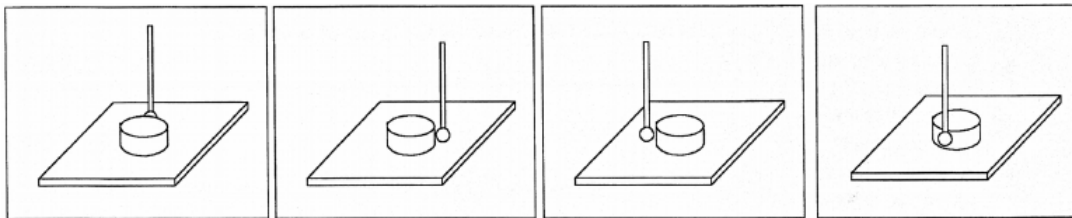


F1 – Bore Press to enter the Bore screen. A picture similar to the one shown at right will appear, with instructions. Follow these steps:

1. Make sure the probe is clear of any obstacles.
2. Manually jog the probe inside the hole. The probe tip should be just below the top edge of the surface.
3. Press **CYCLE START** to start the probing.

At the end of probing, the probe will be positioned at the center of the bore, and the X and Y positions will be shown on the screen.

Press **ESC** to return to the Set Part 0/Position screen or digitize screen.

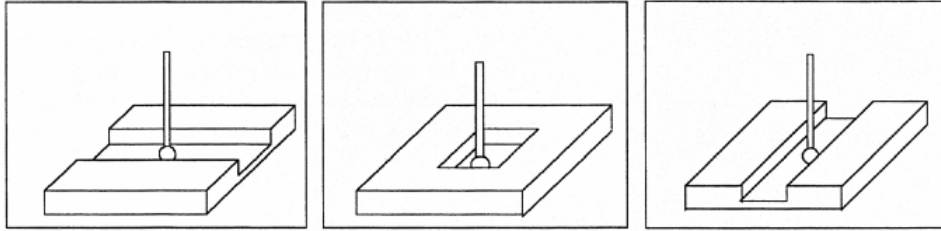


F2 - Boss Press to enter the Boss screen. A picture similar to the following will appear, with instructions and two input fields. Follow these steps:

1. Press **F1 - Orient** to select the orientation of the probe with respect to the Boss. You will see one of the screens shown below.
2. Slowly jog the probe to the approximate orientation as shown in the picture. Be sure to give enough space for the probe tip to clear any obstacles during the jog.
3. Enter the approximate Boss diameter.
4. Highlight the Z clearance amount by pressing the down arrow key. Enter approximate distance (in the Z direction) the probe must move to lift up over the Boss.
5. Press **CYCLE START** to start the probing cycle.

If the Z clearance you entered is too small, the probe will stop and show an error message. Correct the problem by repeating the previous steps. If the approximate diameter you entered is too small, the probe will bounce by 10 percent of its diameter across the top surface until it either finds the correct edge, the additional distance searched is equal to [Parameter 16](#), or a travel limit is reached.

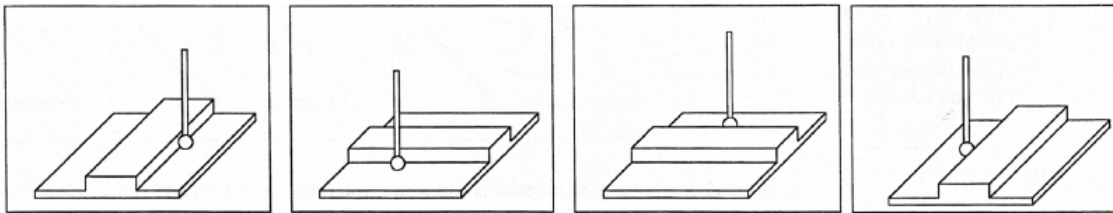
Once the probing cycle is complete, the probe will be positioned at the center of the boss at the Z clearance level entered. Press **ESC** to return to the Set Part 0/ Position screen or digitize screen.



F3 - Slot Press to enter the Slot screen. A picture similar to the ones shown will appear along with instructions:

1. Press **F1 - Orient** to select the orientation of the probe with respect to the slot.
2. Slowly jog the probe to the approximate position shown in the picture. During this jog, make sure you have enough space between the probe and the part.
3. Press **CYCLE START** to begin probing.

Once the cycle is finished, the probe will be located at the center of the slot. Press **ESC** to return to the Set Part 0 – Position Screen or digitize screen.

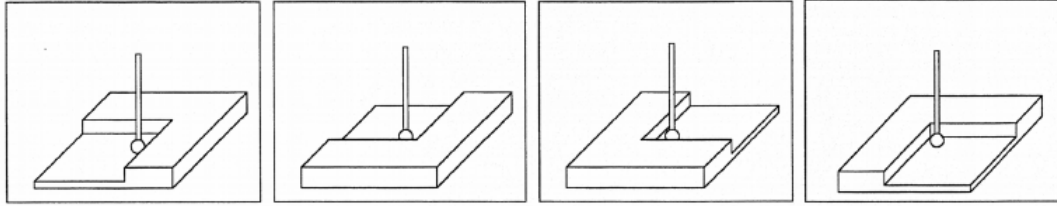


F4 - Web Press to enter the Web screen. A picture similar to the following will appear, with instructions and two input fields. Follow these steps:

1. Press **F1 - Orient** to select the orientation of the probe. You will see one of the screens shown below.
2. Slowly jog the probe to the approximate position shown in the picture. During this jog, be sure to give enough space between the probe and the part.
3. Enter the approximate Web width.
4. Highlight the Z clearance value using the up or down arrow key. Enter approximate distance the probe has to travel in order to lift up over the Web.
5. Press **CYCLE START** to start the probing cycle. Once the probe has completed its search, it will automatically position to the centerline of the web.

If the Z clearance you entered is too small, the probe will stop and show an error message. Correct the problem by repeating the previous steps. If the approximate width you entered is too small, the probe will bounce by 10 percent of its width across the top surface until it either finds the correct edge, the additional distance searched is equal to [Parameter 16](#), or a travel limit is reached.

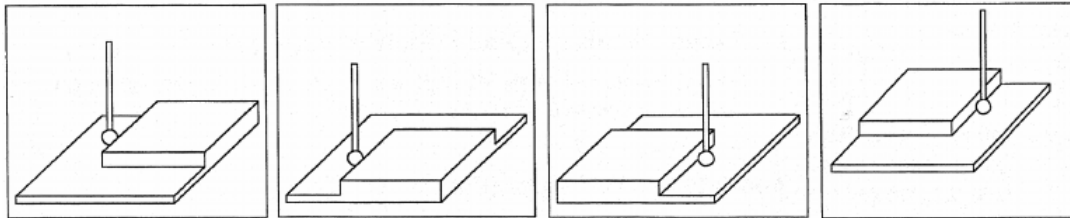
Once the probing cycle is complete, the probe will be positioned at the center of the web, at the Z clearance level entered. Press **ESC** to return to the Set Part 0/ Position screen or digitize screen.



F5 - In Corner (Inside Corner) Press to enter the Inside Corner screen. One of the pictures will appear with instructions. This cycle is similar to that of a slot cycle; The main difference is that you need to enter a clearance amount.

1. Press **F1 - Orient** and the screen will cycle through one of the probe orientations shown here.
2. Enter the clearance Amount. This is an approximate distance (in the Z direction) the probe must move to clear the corner
3. If the corner is rounded, jog the probe far enough away for it to miss the curved area during the probing cycle (at least twice the corner radius).
4. Press **CYCLE START** to start the probing cycle.

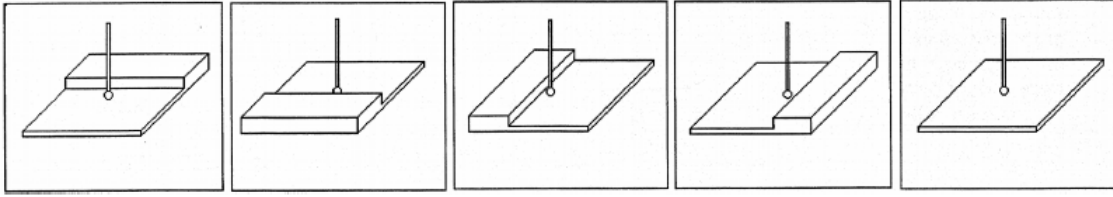
At the end of the probing cycle, the probe will be positioned above the corner at the Z clearance level entered. Press **ESC** to return to the Set Part 0/ Position screen or digitize screen.



F6 - Out Corner (Outside Corner) Press to enter the Outside Corner screen. A picture similar to the following will appear, with instructions and two input fields. Follow these steps:

1. Press **F1 - Orient** to select the orientation of the probe with respect to the Corner. You will see one of the pictures shown.
2. Press **F2 - Side** to select which side of the corner the probe will be positioned near. You will see the screen change.
3. Slowly jog the probe to the approximate position as shown in the picture. Be sure to give enough probe clearance.
4. Select the Z clearance field using the arrow keys. Enter the approximate distance the probe has to travel in order to lift up over the corner.
5. Select the Distance to Corner amount using the up or down arrow keys. Enter the approximate distance from the corner the probe is along the X or Y axis.
6. Press **CYCLE START** to start the probing cycle.

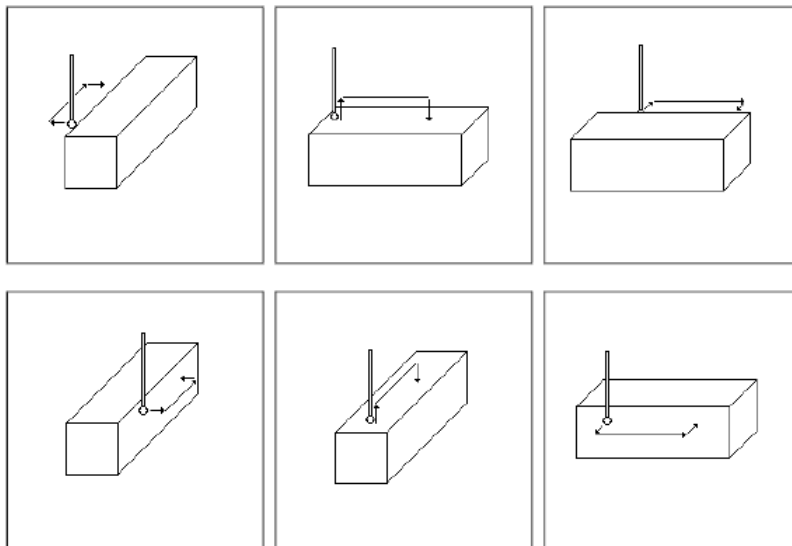
Once the probe has completed its search, it will be positioned above the corner at the Z clearance you specified. Press **ESC** to return to the Set Part 0/ Position screen or digitize screen.



F7 - 1 Axis (Single Axis) Press to enter the Single Axis screen. Follow these steps:

1. Press **F1 - Orient** to select the orientation of the probe. You will see one of the screens shown below.
2. Slowly jog the probe to the approximate position as shown in the picture. Be sure to give enough probe clearance.
3. Press **CYCLE START** to start the probing cycle.

Once the probing cycle is complete, the probe will move away from the surface by the amount in [Parameter 13](#). The probed position will be shown on screen. Press **ESC** to return to the Set Part 0/ Position screen or digitize screen.



F8 - Angle – Use this feature to measure an angle from based on 2 probed points. Follow these steps:

1. Press **F1 - Orient** to select how the angle is to be measured.
2. Slowly jog the probe to the first position as shown in the picture. Be sure to give enough probe clearance.
3. Select Auto or Jog between points.
4. Enter the distance to second point.
5. Enter a clearance amount away from the surface.
6. Press **CYCLE START** to start the probing cycle.

9.4 Probe / TT-1 Parameters

Various probing parameters can be set on the Machine Parameters screen (see Chapter 14). Make sure you enter these parameters before you begin using the probe and/or TT-1. If these parameters are not entered properly, damage to the probe or TT-1 may result.

Probe Type (Parameter 155): This specifies the probe type being used. This needs to be set to 0 if you are using a standard Mechanical probe.

Probe PLC Input Number and Contact State (Parameter 11): A single value, +/-1 through 240. A positive number indicates Closed on contact; a negative number indicates Open on contact.

TT1 PLC input number (Parameter 44): This parameter is the input number that the TT1 is wired into on the PLC. If a shared PLC input is used for both the TT1 and the probe, then the value can be left at zero or set to the same value as [parameter 11](#).

Probe Tool Number (Parameter 12): A single value, 0 through 200, used to look up the length offset and tip diameter of the probe in the Offset Library.

Recovery Distance* (Parameter 13): The additional distance the probe moves off of a surface after contact is broken, before attempting to traverse parallel to the surface.

Fast Probing Rate* (Parameter 14): Used for positioning moves and initial surface detection, this parameter is determined by machine response and permitted probe deflection as well as desired tolerance. The default setting is 25 inches/min.

Slow Probing Rate* (Parameter 15): Used for final measuring moves, this parameter is determined by a speed/accuracy tradeoff. The default setting is 3.5 inches/min.

Maximum Probing Distance (Parameter 16): The maximum distance that a probing cycle "searches" for a surface in a given direction if no travel limits have been entered. The default is 10 inches. A larger value should be entered for the hole and slot cycles if you are measuring very large features.

Detector Location Return Point (Parameter 17): A Zero (0) indicates that tool measurement will take place at the current position, a 1 or 2 indicates the number of the G30 reference point to use which specifies the X, Y location of the TT1 (WCS Configuration).

*Mechanical type probe only. Please see the DSP type probe section below for differences.

9.5 DSP Probe Parameters

When using a DSP type probe (such as DP-7), a few of the probing parameters have a slightly different behavior than described above. These differences are noted below:

Probe Type (Parameter 155): This specifies the probe type being used. This needs to be set to **1** for a **DP-4D** probe or set to **2** for a **DP-7** probe.

Repeatability tolerance for probing and radial digitizing (Parameter 151): used for DP-4 probes. Must be set to 0 for DSP probes.

Grid digitize prediction minimum Z pullback (Parameter 121): set to 0.035 for DSP use.

Recovery Distance (Parameter 13): Works as described above but additionally it used as the distance to retract for a retry after a failed window (does not apply to M115/116/125/126 moves) (Default for DSP is 0.05). Note: If probing small bores this parameter may need to be reduced accordingly.

Fast Probing Rate (Parameter 14): When using a DSP type probe, this is actually the rate at which the probe will move "in-between" actual probing moves. For instance, if you were probing a boss, this is the rate at which the probe will travel for the following moves:

1. When retracting from the surface after a point has been probed.
2. When retracting to the Z clearance position.
3. Rate at which it will traverse across the diameter of the boss at the Z clearance height.
4. Plunge rate to get to probing depth.

Note: When measuring a TOOL with the TT1, the behavior is identical to that listed above.

Slow Probing Rate (Parameter 15): Used only when measuring a TOOL with the TT-1.

9.6 Additional Probe Parameters for DP-7

For the DP-7 probe (parameter 155 = 2), the following additional parameters are utilized:

DP-7 Pullback Distance (Parameter 392): This sets the distance the probe moves off from the surface after a probing move.

DP-7 Pullback Feedrate (Parameter 393): This sets the feedrate for the pullback move.

DP-7 Measuring Feedrate (Parameter 394): This sets the feedrate for the slow measuring move.

9.7 Probe Protection

Parameter 153 specifies whether the *Probe Protection* feature is enabled. When probe protection is enabled, most G-code, jog panel, and mpg moves will be stopped when the probe makes an unexpected contact. Unexpected contact is defined to be any probe contact made while jogging, using the mpg, or doing a G-code move that is not a probing move (moves like M115 are probing moves and thus are excluded from this definition).

9.7.1 Jog Panel Probe Protection

With proper PLC support, the jog panel includes probe protection. When jogging with a probe in, motion will come to a stop if the probe is tripped. In this case, to clear the tripped probe, you may jog only in the opposite direction from which you were moving when you tripped the probe. For example, if you were jogging in the X+ direction when the probe tripped, you may only jog in the X- direction to clear the probe. **NOTE:** Proper PLC support is required for this feature to work!

9.7.2 Jog Parameters Menu for Probe Protection

In the jog parameters menu you may press F8 to go to the Probe Jog Parameters Menu. In this menu you may set the slow and fast jog speeds that the machine will travel in *when a probe is plugged in*. Note that for fast jog, you can set the minus and plus directional jog speeds independently (for example, if you want Z- to move especially slowly when a probe is plugged in). See the picture below for a still image from the probe jog menu.

The screenshot displays the CNC control interface with the following information:

- WCS #1 (G54) Current Position (Inches):**
 - X: -0.1972
 - Y: -2.9293
 - Z: -1.0000
 - A: -1.409°
 - B: +0.000°
- Job Name:** pistolgrip2.cnc
- Tool:** T---H1
- Feedrate:** 100% 0.0 ipm
- Spindle:** 0 A
- Log Window:**
 - 302 Moving...
 - 916 Unexpected probe contact
 - 453 Jogging while probe detected
 - 302 Moving...
 - 916 Unexpected probe contact
 - 453 Jogging while probe detected
- Press CYCLE START to start job**
- Jog Parameters Table:**

| Axis | Probe Slow Jog (in/min) | Probe Fast Jog (-) (in/min) | Probe Fast Jog (+) (in/min) |
|------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 25 | 425 | 425 |
| 2 | 25 | 425 | 425 |
| 3 | 25 | 425 | 425 |
| 4 | 250 | 3350 | 3350 |
| 5 | 250 | 1250 | 1250 |
| 6 | 25 | 200 | 200 |
| 7 | 25 | 100 | 100 |
| 8 | 25 | 100 | 100 |
- Machine Jog F8** and **Save F10** buttons are visible at the bottom right.

9.7.3 MPG Probe Protection

When probe protection is enabled, tripping the probe will cause MPG motion to stop for MPG with increment multiplier set to 10x or 100x. To clear the probe you must set the increment multiplier to 1x and then you can move the MPG in any direction on any axis.

9.7.4 Probe Protection While a Job is Running

If probe protection is enabled and the probe trips unexpectedly while a job is running, motion will stop and you may use the jog panel to clear the probe trip. These moves will also be stopped if the trip happens during an MDI move.

Chapter 10

Intercon Software

10.1 Introduction

Intercon (Interactive Conversational) software allows you to quickly create a part program right at the control without having to be a G-code expert. Intercon will prompt you to enter values from your print that describes the geometry of the part. Intercon will display graphics of the part as you are creating it, helping you quickly proceed through part programming. Intercon can then generate a G-code program from the geometric information you have entered.

You can purchase an offline version of the Intercon software for use on your desktop PC. You will need to purchase a hardware key, which will allow the offline version to run. Simply plug the key into the computer, install the required drivers, and run it.

10.2 Intercon Main Screen

When you access Intercon through the **F5 - CAM** option in the CNC software Main screen, the part program will be displayed if the current job loaded in CNC software had an associated Intercon program. If the job file in the CNC software did not have an associated Intercon program, the **F1 - File** menu will be displayed to load or create a file.

| Intercon Mill | | | | | Current Part: Flange.icn | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | | | | | |
| 0001 | :Motor Flange | | | | | | | | |
| 0002 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | | | | | |
| 0003 | Circ Poc | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1000 | | | | | |
| 0004 | Drill BHC | 1.0607 | 1.6070 | 0.1000 | | | | | |
| 0005 | Frame | 3.2500 | 4.1250 | 0.1000 | | | | | |
| 0006 | End Prog | 3.2500 | 4.1250 | Home | | | | | |
| | | | | | Status _____ | | | | |
| File F1 | Modify F2 | Insert F3 | Cut F4 | Paste F5 | Copy F6 | Copy Menus.. | Graph F8 | Setup F9 | Post F10 |

When the part program is displayed, different operations can be navigated and highlighted for additional actions by using the arrow keys, and the **HOME**, **END**, **PAGE UP** and **PAGE DOWN** keys.

10.3 File Menu (Intercon Main Screen → F1 -- File)

F1 – File: Choosing **F1 - File** will display the screen below. Intercon stores part programs with an extension of .icn. For example, if you choose to name your new part program flange, Intercon will save the program as flange.icn. ICN files are only readable by Intercon.

| Intercon Mill | | Intercon File Menu | | Current Part: Flange.icn | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Directory: c:\intercon | | | | | |
| File | Programmer | Description | Date Modified | | |
| [a:\] | | Drive | | | |
| [c:\] | | Drive | | | |
| [d:\] | | Drive | | | |
| [j:\] | Sandisk | Drive | | | |
| [.] | | Parent directory | | | |
| flange | John Q. Public | Demo Flange Part | 06-Oct-2006 | | |
| helix | John Q. Public | Demo Helix Part | 06-Oct-2006 | | |
| irreg | John Q. Public | Demo Pocket Cleanout | 06-Oct-2006 | | |
| lineclr | - | - | 19-Nov-2006 | | |
| thread | John Q. Public | Demo Thread | 06-Oct-2006 | | |
| __oscp__ | One Shot Circ Pocket | * DO NOT MODIFY * | 06-Oct-2006 | | |
| __osda__ | One Shot Drill Array | * DO NOT MODIFY * | 06-Oct-2006 | | |
| __osdb__ | One Shot Drill BHC | * DO NOT MODIFY * | 06-Oct-2006 | | |
| __osdr__ | One Shot Drill Cycle | * DO NOT MODIFY * | 06-Oct-2006 | | |
| __osfa__ | One Shot Face | * DO NOT MODIFY * | 06-Oct-2006 | | |
| __osfr__ | One Shot Frame | * DO NOT MODIFY * | 06-Oct-2006 | | |
| __osrp__ | One Shot Rect Pocket | * DO NOT MODIFY * | 06-Oct-2006 | | |
| New F1 | Load F2 | Save F3 | Save As F4 | Delete F5 | Details On/Off |

F1 – File → F1 – New: To program a new part, choose **F1 – New**. A prompt will be displayed where the

name of the new program can be typed, followed by the **F10 - Accept** or **ENTER** key to accept the new name can be entered. You can enter who the programmer is, a program description, the units of measure and the date.

10.4 Load Menu (Intercon Main Screen → F1 -- File → F2 -- Load)

F1 – File → F2 – Load: When you press **F2 - Load**, the screen below is displayed. (Shown with details “ON”)

Load from CNC hard drive C:\intercon
Use arrow keys to select the file to load and press F10 to Accept.

| File | Programmer | Description | | Date Modified |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| [.] | -- | -- | | |
| [Up] | -- | -- | | |
| __oscp__.icn | One Shot Circ Pocket | * DO NOT MODIFY * | | 31-May-2018 06:34 |
| __osda__.icn | One Shot Drill Array | * DO NOT MODIFY * | | 31-May-2018 06:34 |
| __osdb__.icn | One Shot Drill BHC | * DO NOT MODIFY * | | 31-May-2018 06:34 |
| __osdr__.icn | One Shot Drill Cycle | * DO NOT MODIFY * | | 31-May-2018 06:34 |
| __osfa__.icn | One Shot Face | * DO NOT MODIFY * | | 31-May-2018 06:34 |
| __osfr__.icn | One Shot Frame | * DO NOT MODIFY * | | 31-May-2018 06:34 |
| __osrp__.icn | One Shot Rect Pocket | * DO NOT MODIFY * | | 31-May-2018 06:34 |
| flange.icn | -- | -- | | 31-May-2018 06:34 |

Go to: C:\intercon\.

| G code /ICN | USB/LAN | Details On/Off | Show Recent | Date/Alpha | Edit | Help On/Off | Graph | Advanced | Accept |
|-------------|---------|----------------|-------------|------------|------|-------------|-------|----------|--------|
| F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 | F5 | F6 | F7 | F8 | F9 | F10 |

To navigate the files in the load menu, use the arrow keys to move the cursor around and highlight the file to be loaded. The **HOME**, **END**, **PAGE UP** and **PAGE DOWN** keys can be used to navigate the list of files. Names that are bracketed, for example [..], are the names of directories in the current directory, which is displayed at the top of the screen.

It is also possible to start typing the name of the program to be loaded. When typing has started, the characters appear in the “File to load:” prompt above the function keys. Different drives and directories can be accessed by typing in the path at the “File to load:” prompt, or by pressing **F10** or **ENTER** on a bracketed directory name. When loading a new file, a prompt will be displayed asking whether to save the existing file if there was one.

Additional Load Menu options are detailed below:

F1 — G code/ICN Allows user to toggle the view between the Intercon files present in either c:\intercon or c:\cncm\ncfiles.

F2 -- USB/LAN Provides options for loading Intercon files from USB devices, and LAN drives.

F3 -- Details On/Off The **F3-Details** On/Off option changes the format of the display such that each file or directory is on a separate line and there are columns displayed for Programmer, Description, and Date Modified, i.e., the information that is contained in the program header operation.

F4 -- Show recent Use the **F4—Show** Recent option to show the 15 most recently loaded Intercon and g-code files. It is important to remember that even though g-code files are displayed on this screen, **ONLY**

Intercon files should be loaded from this screen. WARNING!!! Attempting to load a g-code file from the “Show Recent” screen will cause an error which will discard the current Intercon program. All unsaved changes will be lost. If you should accidentally load a g-code file, press escape to return to the main Intercon menu.

F5 -- Date/Alpha Use **F5-Date/Alpha** to view files either alphabetically or by date modified. By default, programs are listed in ascending alphabetical order.

F6 -- Edit Opens the selected file in Intercon for editing.

F7 -- Help On/Off Displays on screen help for the load menus.

F8 -- Graph Graphs the selected file.

F9 -- Advanced Displays file menu in a comprehensive “all in one” format similar to Windows Explorer

10.5 File Menu Continued

F1 -- File → **F3 -- Save**: Press **F3 – Save** to save the current part program. The current program will be saved under the specified name.

F1 -- File → **F4 – Save As** Press **F4 -- Save As** to save the current program with a different name. Type the new name into the “**Save part as:**” prompt that appears above the function keys. If the new name already exists, a prompt will be displayed as a warning and will give the option to overwrite the existing file or return to enter a different name.

F1 -- File → **F5 — Delete**: Press **F5 – Delete** to delete a file. After **F5 – Delete** is pressed, the screen will appear as in the **F2 – Load** option where you can be to navigate the files. A yes/no prompt will appear after accepting a file for deletion for final confirmation.

F1 -- File → **F9 – Details on/off** The **F9 - Details On/Off** changes the format of the display such that each file or directory is on a separate line and there are columns displayed for Programmer, Description, and Date Modified, i.e., the information that is contained in the program header operation.

10.6 Intercon Main Screen Continued

F2 -- Modify: Choosing **F2 - Modify** (or press the **ENTER** key) from the Intercon main menu will allow the currently highlighted operation to be modified. When an operation is modified, the fields for that operation are displayed on the right hand side. When modifying an operation, the PAGE UP and PAGE DOWN keys can be used to move up and down through the Intercon operations listed on the left hand side of the screen. See the “Insert Operation” section later in this chapter for a description of each operation type.

F3 -- Insert Choosing **F3 – Insert** will insert a new operation before the operation that is currently highlighted, unless the highlighted operation is the first operation in which case the inserted operation will be inserted as the second operation. For more information on the operations see Insert Operations later in this chapter.

F4 -- Cut Choosing **F4 – Cut** will cut (remove) the highlighted operation from the program. The operation that is cut is placed onto the clipboard stack.

F5 -- Paste Choosing **F5 – Paste** will paste the last operation that was cut or copied into the clipboard stack into the current program line that is before the highlighted operation. The number of operations that are currently in the clipboard stack are indicated by the number in the Paste key. As long as you stay in Intercon, the clipboard stack will remain intact. You may cut and copy operations from one program and paste them into a different program.

F6 -- Copy Choosing **F6 – Copy** will copy the highlighted operation into the clipboard stack and advance the cursor to the next operation.

F7 -- Copy Menus... Choosing **F7 – Copy Menus...** will display these additional options:

F1 – Copy Menu Allows a range of operations to be copied. Specify the Start Block, End Block, and Destination in the prompts that appear in the Copy Menu. The range of operations is copied into a location that precedes the destination block.

F2 – Move Menu Allows a range of operations to be moved. Specify the Start Block, End Block, and Destination in the prompts that appear in the Move Menu. The range of operations is moved into a location that precedes the destination block.

F9 – Clear Clipbrd Removes all operations in the clipboard stack.

F8 -- Graph Choosing **F8 – Graph** will graph the current program. The graph is the same as what would be produced if the current program were translated into G-codes and graphed from the CNC software. Canned drilling cycles are shown in gray. Rapid traverse movements are shown in red. Feedrate movements are shown in yellow and cutter compensated moves are in gray.

F9 -- Setup Choosing **F9 – Setup** will display the Setup menu where certain options can be set. The Setup menu appears as below.

| Intercon Setup | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Comment Generation | : Enabled |
| Clearance Amount | : 0.1000 |
| Spindle/Coolant Delay | : 0.20 |
| Corner Feedrate Override | : 50.00% |
| Modal Linear | : No |
| Modal Arc | : No |
| Modal Drill/Bore/Tap | : No |
| Rotary 4th Axis | : No |
| DRO Units | : Inches |
| Machine Units | : Inches |
| Help Icons always on | : No |
| Cutter Comp Look-ahead | : 3 |

Use the up and down arrow keys to move. Clearance Amount, Spindle/Coolant Delay, and Corner Feedrate Override require a value to be typed in. The other fields have fixed values that may be toggled by using the **F1 - Toggle** key.

Comment Generation: When this field is set to Enabled, Intercon will put a comment describing the operation type before each block. Disabling Comment Generation will make the CNC files generated by Intercon smaller.

Clearance Amount: This is the distance that Intercon raises the Z-axis above the programmed surface height in pockets, facing and frame mills when traveling across the work piece.

Spindle/Coolant Delay: Set this delay to the time in seconds you want Intercon to wait for the spindle to get up to speed and the coolant to begin flowing.

Corner Feedrate Override: This is the percent feedrate that will be used in the corners of rectangular pockets and inside frame mills. The default value is 50%.

Modal Operations: These options specify whether to automatically insert the same operation after the first has been accepted. Once modal insert mode has begun, press ESC to insert a different operation.

Rotary 4th Axis: This option specifies whether or not 4th axis movement fields appear in Linear and Rapid moves and whether or not the Intercon program will post 4th axis movement. This option affects the value in the 4th axis configuration only (parameter 94). Note that although Intercon is restricted to working with 1 rotary axis at a time, it can be directed to utilize the 5th axis as its rotary axis instead of the 4th. To make Intercon to utilize the 5th axis as its rotary axis instead of the 4th axis, the 4th axis configuration (parameter 94) must have its rotary property turned off (bit 0 = 0) and the 5th axis configuration ([parameter 166](#)) must have its rotary property turned on (bit 0 = 1). See chapter 14 for details about parameters 94 and [166](#).

DRO Units: Specifies the Units used for the DRO. It affects the corresponding field in the Control Configuration.

Machine Units: Specifies the Units used for machining. It affects the corresponding field in the Control Configuration of the CNC software. The posted G-code will contain a G20 for Inches mode and a G21 for Metric mode.

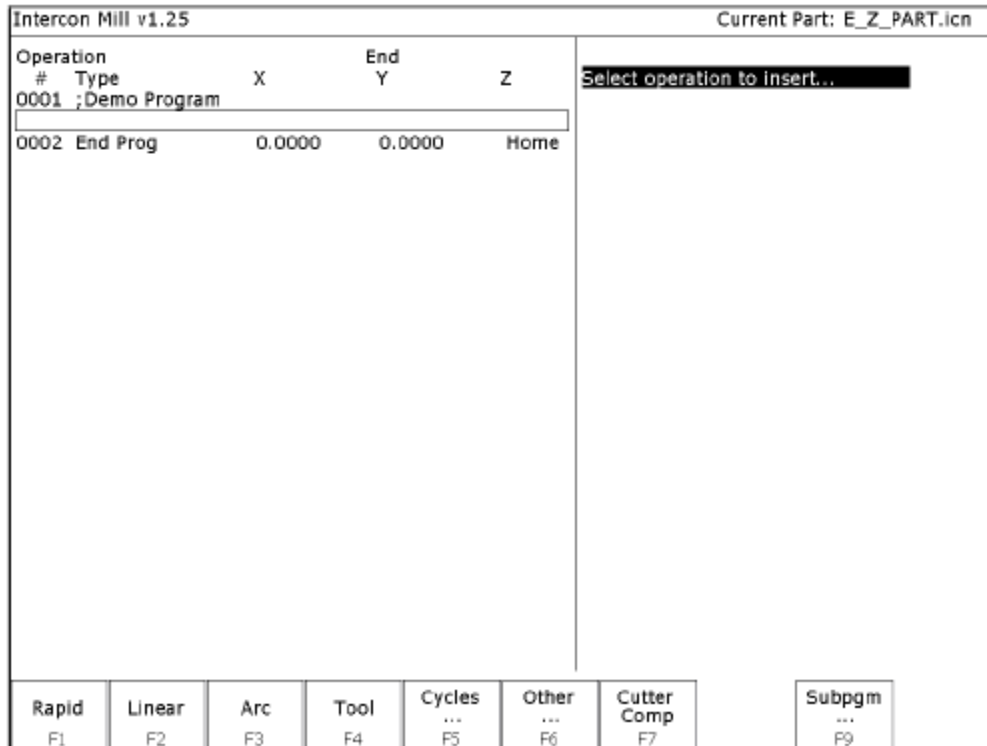
Help Icons always on: Toggle between yes or no. Selecting “yes” means that help information will always be displayed when editing operations. “No” means that you will have to press a key to get help. Whether set to “yes” or “no”, the help screens can always be toggled on or off by pressing the **F5 - Help** key when editing an operation.

Cutter Comp Look-ahead: This sets the number of segments that can be parsed ahead when Cutter Comp is turned on.

F10 -- Post: Choosing **F10 – Post** will post the current program. Posting is the process of converting the operations into G-codes. When the posting process is completed, Intercon is exited. The Intercon program is also saved as part of the posting.

10.7 Insert Operation (Intercon Main Screen → **F3 – Insert**)

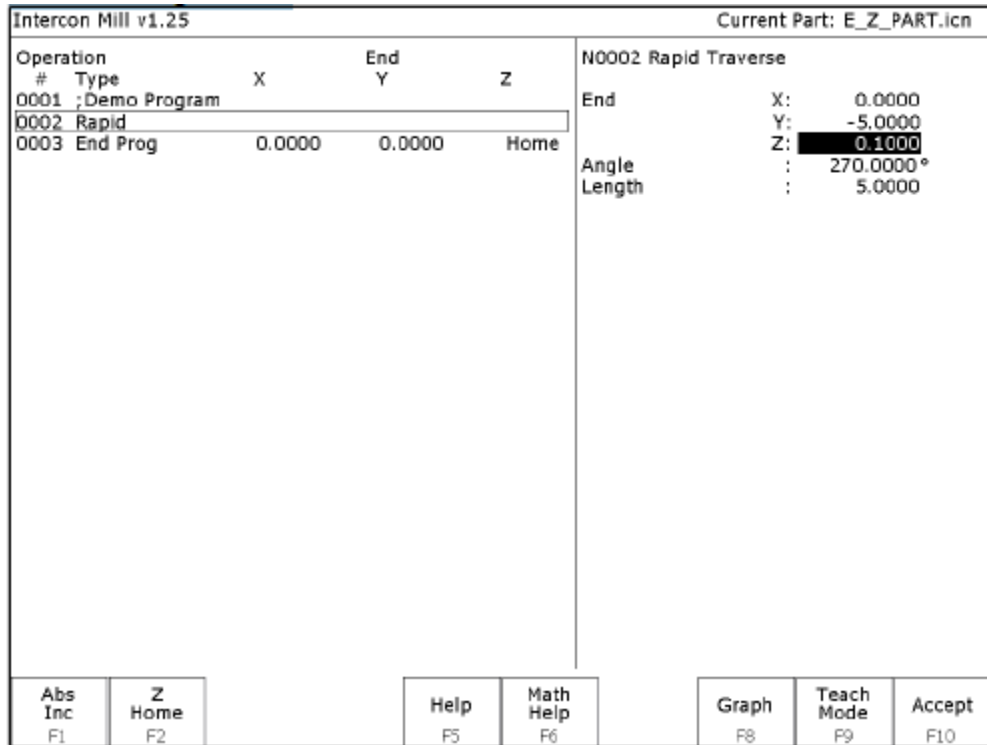
When you press **F3 – Insert**, or when you choose New Part from the Main Screen, you will see the Insert screen:



The new operation will be inserted right before the currently highlighted one. The operation types that you can insert are listed across the bottom of the screen.

10.7.1 F1 – Rapid Traverse

Press **F1 – Rapid** from the Insert Operation screen to insert a Rapid Traverse. You may see the following screen:



End: When you first access the rapid traverse screen, the cursor will be highlighting the first field, End X. This is the X coordinate of where the cutter will be after the rapid traverse has been completed. Similarly, Y and Z represent the coordinates of the cutter after the rapid traverse is completed. The angle and length fields will be computed if you choose to enter the end point of the move.

Angle: The destination may also be specified in terms of a counterclockwise angle from the three o'clock position. When combined with a length for the current move, the corresponding X and Y coordinates for the destination will be calculated and placed in the correct fields. The Z destination will remain unchanged, however.

Length: The length of the rapid traversal. When combined with the angle of the current move, the corresponding X and Y coordinates for the destination will be calculated and placed in the correct fields. The Z destination will remain unchanged, however.

The **F1** — **Abs/Inc** key toggles between incremental and absolute positioning modes in any of the fields where a positional dimension is needed. For example: X, Y, or Z-axis dimensions can all be in incremental or absolute coordinates, or a mixture of both. The length and angle fields cannot be incremental. These fields are absolute values.

The **F2** — **Z Home** key may be used on the Z destination field to tie the ending Z coordinate to the Z home position. This means that no matter what you're Z home value is at the time that you run your program, the final Z position will be the Z home position.

When you are finished entering all of the dimensions for the rapid move, press **F10** — **Accept** to accept the operation and return to the Insert Operation screen.

NOTE: When making rapid moves, if a Z destination higher than the current cutter position is specified, the cutter will first be raised to the destination Z position, and then move linearly in X and Y to arrive at the destination. If a Z destination lower than the current cutter position is specified, the cutter will move linearly in X and Y first and then plunge Z to the destination Z position.

NOTE: The Rapid traverse operation can have rotary fields, if you have a rotary fourth axis.

The rotary field descriptions are the same as that of the Linear Mill operation.

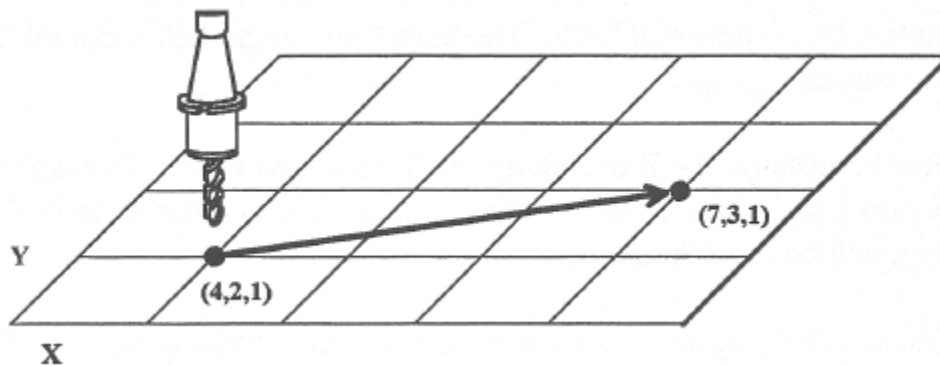
10.7.2 Linear Mill

If you press F2 - Linear from the Insert Operation screen, the following screen appears:

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.icn | |
|---------------------|---------------|--------|---------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | N0006 Linear |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | End |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | X: 7.0000 |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Y: 3.0000 |
| 0004 | Line | 4.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.0000 | Z: 1.0000 |
| 0005 | Line | 4.0000 | 2.0000 | 1.0000 | Angle : 18.4349° |
| 0006 | Line | | | | Length : 3.1623 |
| 0007 | End Prog | 4.0000 | 2.0000 | Home | Connect Radius : 0.0000 |
| | | | | | Feedrate : 12.0000 |

| | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| Toggle F3 | Help F5 | Math Help F6 | Graph F8 | Teach Mode F9 | Accept F10 |
|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|

The numbers in the different fields on the screen correspond to the following Linear Mill example shown here graphically:



End: When you first access the linear mill screen, the cursor will be highlighting the first field, End X. This is the X coordinate of where the cutter will be after the linear move has been completed. Similarly, Y and Z represent the coordinates of the cutter after the linear move is completed. The angle and length fields will be computed if you choose to enter the end point of the move.

Angle: The destination may also be specified in terms of a counterclockwise angle from the three o'clock position. When combined with a length for the current move, the corresponding X and Y coordinates

for the destination will be calculated and placed in the correct fields. The Z destination will remain unchanged, however.

Length: The length of the linear mill. When combined with the angle of the current move, the corresponding X and Y coordinates for the destination will be calculated and placed in the correct fields. The Z destination will remain unchanged, however.

Connect Radius: If you are performing two linear mill operations and you wish to have a rounded 'corner' between them instead of a sharp peak, you may enter the radius of the 'corner' and Intercon will insert an arc between the linear mill operations. This connect radius also works for blending a line into an arc operation.

Feedrate: Speed at which the cutter moves. The feedrate can be toggled to modal, fixed, or slave. This is indicated by the symbol beside the feedrate field. If the feedrate is modal then it will have the "M" symbol or if it is fixed it will have the "F" symbol shown below. The slave feedrate has no symbol and is set to the last modal feedrate set in the program, when the modal feedrate changes all the following slave feedrates change until the next modal feedrate is encountered.



If you have a fourth axis installed and it is rotary, additional fields are shown for Linear Mill operations after the feedrate field.

Degrees: The number of degrees you want to move the rotary axis. This value can be positive or negative and the movement of the rotary axis will depend on the orientation of the axis.

Minutes: The number of minutes you want to move the rotary axis. Values for this field are between 0 and 59.

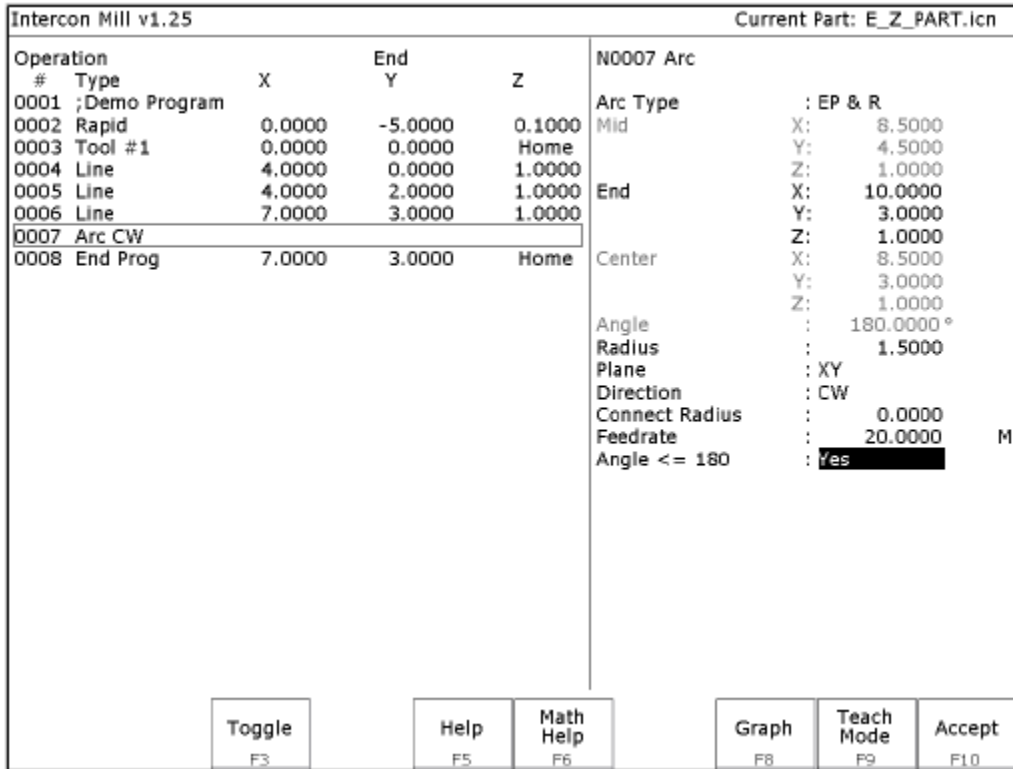
Seconds: The number of seconds you want to move the rotary axis. Values for this field are between 0 and 59.

Decimal degrees: This is another method of entering the number of degrees. If you choose to enter the movement of the rotary axis with the fields listed above, the value of this field will be calculated automatically. If you choose to enter the number of degrees with this field or make changes to it, then the degrees, minutes and seconds will be calculated or changed automatically. Values for this field can be positive or negative.

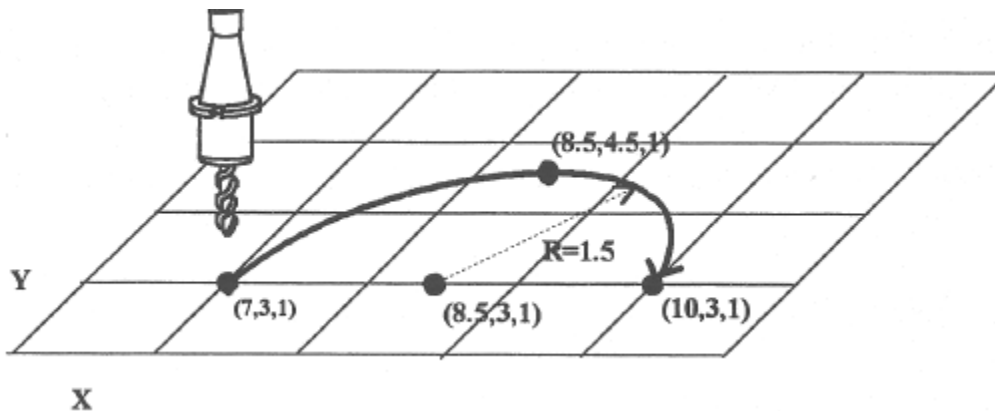
Rotary movement defaults to zero degrees, incremental. To enter an absolute (rather than incremental) rotary position, you must press **F1 – Abs/Inc** to toggle to absolute.

10.7.3 Arc Mill

If you press **F3 – Arc** for Arc Mill from the Insert Operation screen, the following screen appears:



The numbers in the different fields on the screen correspond to the following Arc Mill example shown here graphically:



Operation Type: There are four ways to specify your ARC: using an endpoint and a radius (EP&R), using a center point and an angle (CP&A), using a center point and an end point (CP&EP), or using a mid-point and an end point (3- Point). The Three Point arc is designed to be used in conjunction with Teach Mode. When specifying a particular kind of arc, you will not be able to modify certain fields. For example, if you are specifying an endpoint and a radius, you will not be able to modify the mid point, center point and angle fields. This is because Intercon calculates the correct values for these fields.

Mid: The X, Y, and Z coordinates of a point on the arc path somewhere between the start point and end point of the arc. You will be able to modify this field only when specifying a Three Point arc. Also, the coordinate that does not lie in the plane of the arc cannot be edited; it is automatically calculated.

End: The X, Y and Z coordinates of where the cutter will be once the arc move is complete. You will not be able to edit this field if you are specifying a center point and angle (CP&A) arc.

Center: This is the X, Y and Z position of the center of the arc. You will not be able to edit this field if you are specifying an end point and radius (EP&R) arc or a Three Point arc. Also, the coordinate that does not lie in the plane of the arc cannot be edited; it is automatically carried forward from the last operation.

Angle: Number of degrees through which the cutter will travel. This value must lie between 0 and 360 degrees. You will be able to edit this field only if you are specifying a center point and angle (CP&A) arc.

Radius: Distance from the center of the arc to its edge. This value must be greater than 0. You will only be able to edit this value if you are specifying an end point and radius (EP&R) arc.

Plane: This determines whether the arc is to be milled in the XY-, ZX- or YZ-plane. If any of the Z coordinate values are tied to the Z home position, only XY-plane arcs may be selected.

Direction: Determines whether the arc moves clockwise (CW) or counterclockwise (CCW). Note that the direction of XZ arcs is judged looking Y+ (i.e. from the front of the machine). This is natural, but it is opposite of the way arcs are specified in G codes. Intercon automatically makes this translation when it generates CNC codes.

Connect Radius: This field works like the Linear Mill connect radius. It allows for the blending of an arc into the next line or arc operation.

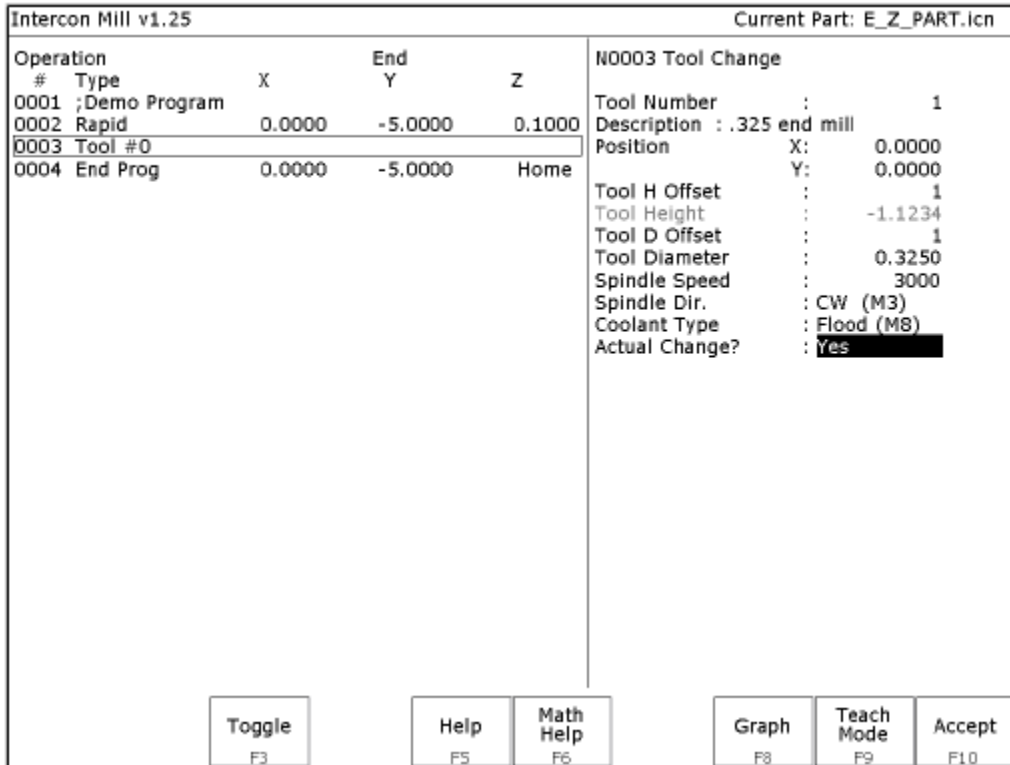
Feedrate: Speed at which the cutter moves. The feedrate can be toggled to modal, fixed or slave, this is indicated by the symbol beside the feedrate field. If the feedrate is modal then it will have the “M” symbol or if it is fixed it will have the “F” symbol shown below. The slave feedrate has no symbol and is set to the last modal feedrate set in the program, when the modal feedrate changes all the following slave feedrates change until the next modal feedrate is encountered.



Angle $\leq 180^\circ$: For end point and radius (EP& R) arcs, this field determines whether the arc is to be less than (YES) or greater than (NO) 180 degrees.

10.7.4 F4 – Tool Functions

When you select the tool functions by pressing F4 - Tool the following screen appears:



The following parameters for this tool change are as follows:

Tool Number: Number of the tool (between 1 and 200) to use. Entering this value pulls the current settings for this tool from the CNC software tool library. You may then edit the length offset, diameter offset and diameter values if you wish to redefine your tool. The length value is not editable.

Description: Description of the tool selected above, from the tool library.

Position: X and Y coordinates for the place at which the tool change will occur. This should be a place at which the current tool can be removed from the quill and the new tool can be inserted.

Tool H Offset: Index in the offset library (between 0 and 200) of the actual tool height offset.

Tool Height: Tool height associated with the H offset selected above. This field is not editable.

Tool D Offset: Index in the offset library (between 0 and 200) of the actual tool diameter.

Tool Diameter: Tool diameter associated with the D offset selected above.

Spindle Speed: Speed at which the spindle will rotate when the spindle is started after the tool change.

Spindle Direction: Direction in which the spindle will turn after the tool change. If this is set to CW or CCW, the spindle will be started automatically after the tool change. **Press F3 - Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between CW, CCW, and Off.

Coolant Type: Type of coolant to activate after the tool change. If this is set to Flood or Mist, the selected coolant system will be started automatically after the tool change. **Press F3 – Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between Flood, Mist, and Off.

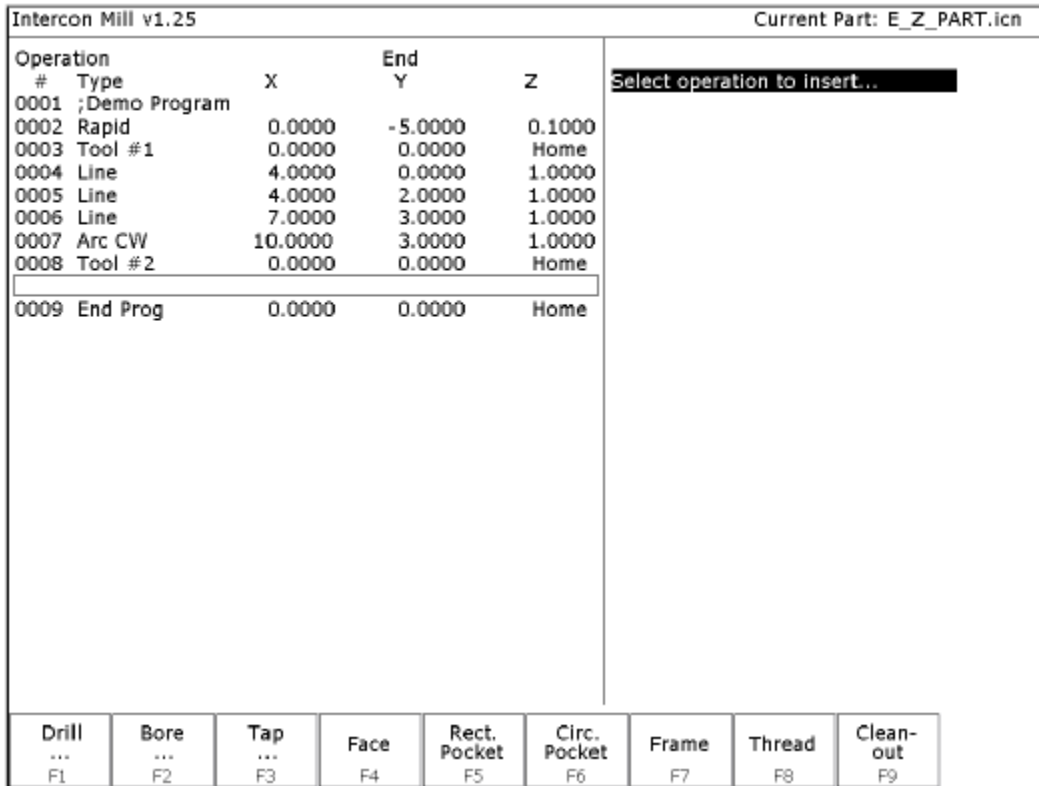
Actual Tool Change: Determines whether an M6 code is generated (answer Yes) during the tool change. If you do not want to remove the current tool, but instead want to alter its diameter or length offsets (e.g. for doing a finish pass while using cutter compensation, you may want to use a diameter offset which is slightly larger than the actual tool for the first passes, then use the actual tool diameter for

the finish pass), answer No to this question. Spindle and coolant will not be automatically turned off if you answer No here.

Press **F10 - Accept**, **Page Up**, or **Page Down** when you are finished to accept these values and make changes to the tool library. If you have changed any field other than the Tool Number of the Actual Tool Change field or position, you will make changes to the CNC software Tool Library. At the end of the program, Intercon always turns off the spindle and coolant and returns the Z-axis to the home position. These codes do not need to be entered at the end of your program.

10.7.5 F5 – Canned Cycles

When you choose the Canned Cycle operation by pressing F5 - Cycles, the following screen appears:



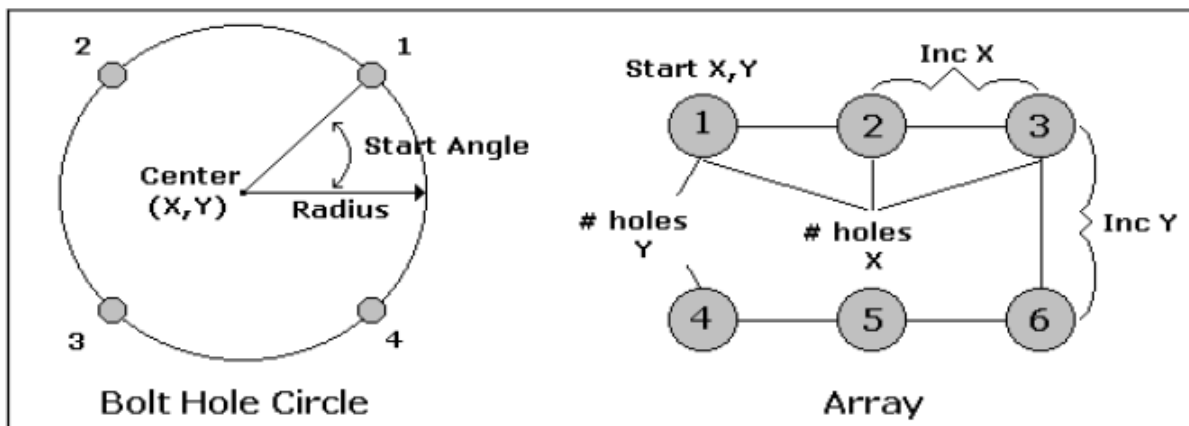
Canned Cycle Introduction #1: Using Pattern and Repeat (Drilling, Boring, Tapping)

Selecting **F1 – Drill** will give you four choices; **F1 -- Drill**, **F2 -- Drill BHC**, **F3 -- Drill Array**, or **F4 -- Drill Repeat**. **F2 – Bore** and **F3 – Tap** will have the same menu selections as drill except they will display Bore or Tap cycles

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.icn |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | Select operation to insert... |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | |
| 0004 | Line | 4.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.0000 | |
| 0005 | Line | 4.0000 | 2.0000 | 1.0000 | |
| 0006 | Line | 7.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | |
| 0007 | Arc CW | 10.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | |
| 0008 | Tool #2 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | |
| | | | | | |
| 0009 | End Prog | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | |

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Drill F1 | Drill BHC F2 | Drill Array F3 | Drill Repeat F4 |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|

All canned cycle operations using the Drill BHC (Bolt Hole Circle) or Drill Array are identical to their equivalent using the **F1 – Drill** single hole selection. The use of the Drill BHC or Drill Array, however, offers the option to drill more than one hole in a pattern dictated by the new fields in the menu. **F4 – Drill Repeat** allows the user to repeat a set of holes with a different type drilling, boring or tapping operation without re-entering the X, Y coordinates. The Bolt Hole Circle and array patterns are explained graphically in the following figure:

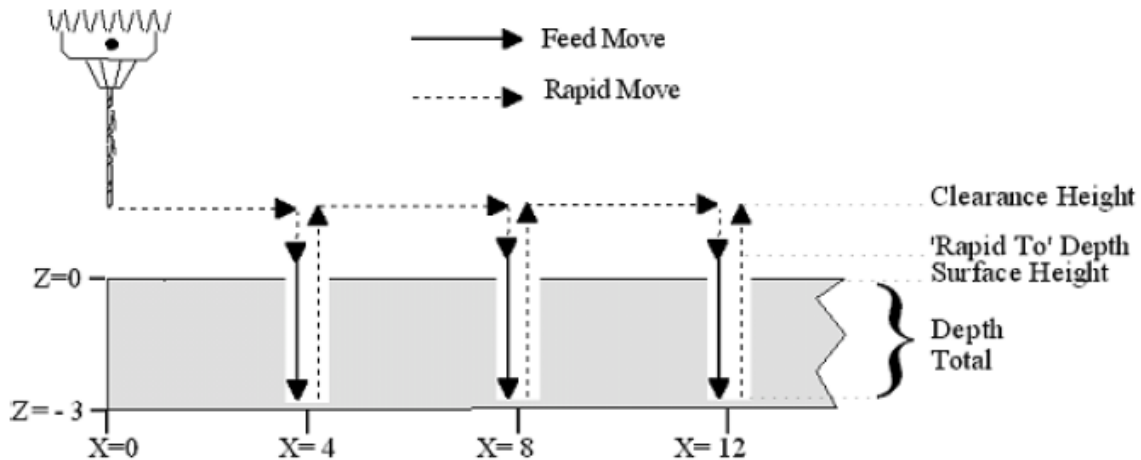


Canned Cycle Introduction #2: Linear Repetition of Operations (Drilling, Boring, Tapping)

If you want to perform one operation several times in a linear pattern, simply define Position X, Y or both as incremental values. To do this, use the F1 – Abs/Inc Key. This key will toggle the Position value mode between incremental and absolute. If you define X and/or Y as incremental values, a new field will appear asking for the number of holes:

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.icn | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | N0009 Drill | |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | Cycle Type | : Drilling |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | Position X: | 4.0000 INC |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Position Y: | -8.0000 INC |
| 0004 | Line | 4.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.0000 | Surface Height | : 0.1000 |
| 0005 | Line | 4.0000 | 2.0000 | 1.0000 | Clearance Height | : 0.1000 INC |
| 0006 | Line | 7.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | "Rapid to" Depth | : 0.1000 INC |
| 0007 | Arc CW | 10.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | Depth: Total: | 0.5000 INC |
| 0008 | Tool #2 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Plunge Rate | : 20.0000 M |
| 0009 | Drill | | | | Dwell Time | : 1.00 |
| 0010 | End Prog | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Number of Holes | : 5 |

The numbers in the fields on the screen correspond to the following example, shown here graphically:

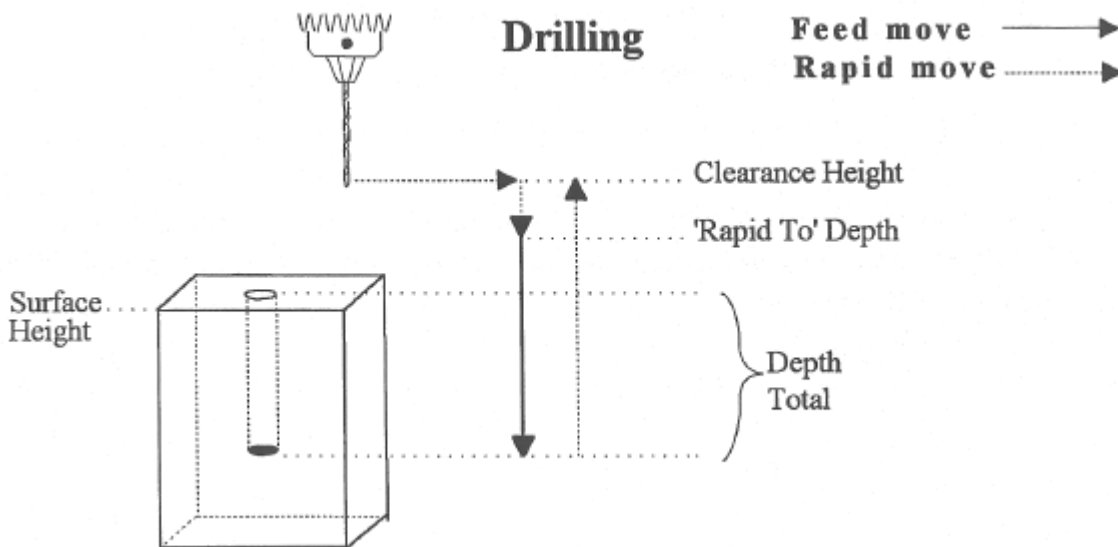


Drilling (F1 in the Canned Cycle Menu: Option #1)

If you press **F1 – Drill** from the Canned Cycle Menu, you will gain access to three types of drilling operations: Drilling, Chip Breaking, and Deep Hole drilling. The current drilling operation in use is reflected in the field “Cycle Type” and pressing **F3 – Toggle** or **SPACE** toggles between all three. In this section we will examine the first option: Drilling.

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.icn | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | N0009 Drill | |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | Cycle Type | : Drilling |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | Position X: | 20.0000 |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Position Y: | -40.0000 |
| 0004 | Line | 4.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.0000 | Surface Height | : 0.1000 |
| 0005 | Line | 4.0000 | 2.0000 | 1.0000 | Clearance Height | : 0.1000 INC |
| 0006 | Line | 7.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | "Rapid to" Depth | : 0.1000 INC |
| 0007 | Arc CW | 10.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | Depth: Total: | 0.5000 INC |
| 0008 | Tool #2 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Plunge Rate | : 20.0000 M |
| 0009 | Drill | | | | Dwell Time | : 1.00 |
| 0010 | End Prog | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | | |

The numbers in the fields on the screen correspond to the following example, shown here graphically:



Where:

Cycle Type: Selects one of three drilling operations: Drilling, Chip Breaking, or Deep Hole drilling. Press **F3 – Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between the three choices.

Position: Specifies the X and Y coordinates where the drilling will take place. If either the X or Y coordinate is an incremental value, you will have the option to drill multiple holes in a linear pattern (See Canned Cycle Introduction #2).

Surface Height: Absolute Z-axis position from where each incremental depth is measured.

Clearance Height: This parameter specifies the Z-axis height used when performing rapid moves to the position of each hole being drilled.

'Rapid To' Depth: The depth to which the cutter rapid moves before beginning to drill the hole at the specified Plunge Rate. This is below the Clearance Height but above the Surface Height.

Depth: Total: Depth of hole (incremental) as measured from Surface Height.

Plunge Rate: Z-axis speed of descent during drilling. The plunge rate can be toggled to modal, fixed or slave, this is indicated by the symbol beside the plunge rate field. If the plunge rate is modal then it will have the "M" symbol or if it is fixed it will have the "F" symbol. The slave plunge rate has no symbol and is set to the last modal plunge rate set in the program, when the modal plunge rate changes all the following slave plunge rates change until the next modal plunge rate is encountered.

Dwell Time: Delay at bottom of hole before starting ascent.

Drilling provides a rapid to the hole position at the Clearance Height, followed by a rapid Z down to the 'Rapid To' Depth. Next is a feedrate down to the specified depth. If a Spot facing cycle is desired, enter a value in the dwell time field and the cutter will wait the desired amount of time before performing a rapid move up to the Clearance Height.

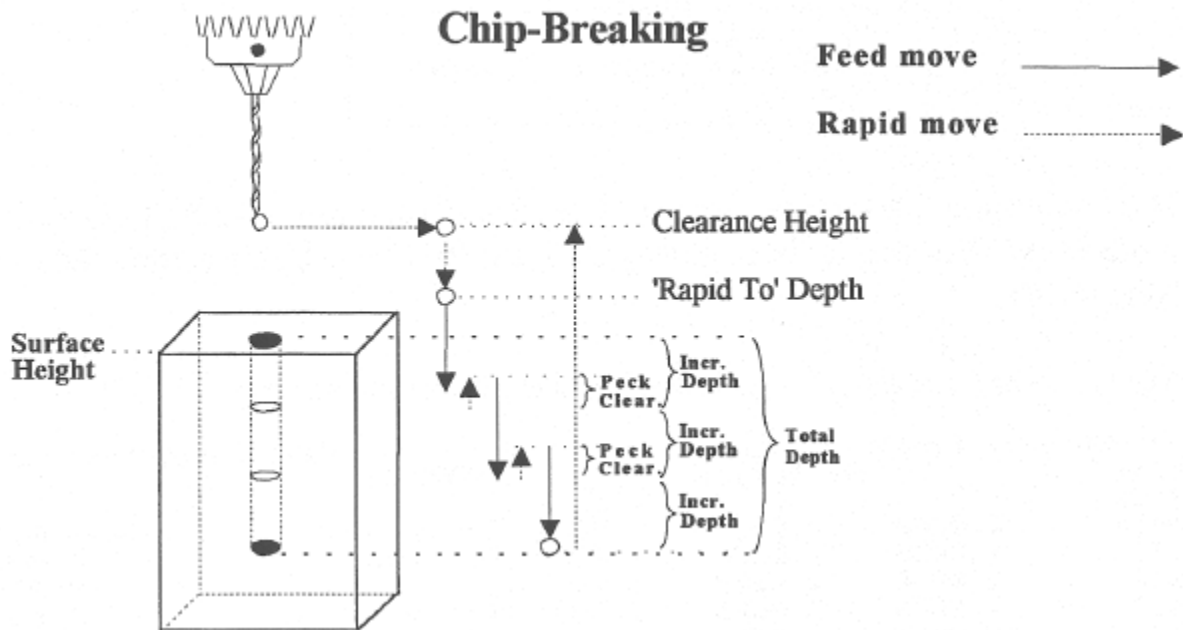
Chip Breaking (F1 in the Canned Cycle Menu: Option #2)

If you press **F1 – Drill** from the Canned Cycle Menu you will gain access to three types of drilling operations: Drilling, Chip Breaking, and Deep Hole drilling. The current drilling operation in use is reflected in the field Cycle Type, and pressing **F3 – Toggle** or **SPACE** toggles between all three. In this section we will examine the second option: Chip Breaking.

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.icn | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | N0009 Drill | |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | Cycle Type | : Chip Breaking |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | Position X: | 20.0000 |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Y: | -40.0000 |
| 0004 | Line | 4.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.0000 | Surface Height | : 0.1000 |
| 0005 | Line | 4.0000 | 2.0000 | 1.0000 | Clearance Height | : 0.1000 INC |
| 0006 | Line | 7.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | "Rapid to" Depth | : 0.1000 INC |
| 0007 | Arc CW | 10.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | Depth: Total: | 0.5000 INC |
| 0008 | Tool #2 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Increment | : 0.0000 |
| 0009 | Drill | | | | Peck Clearance | : 0.0500 |
| 0010 | End Prog | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Plunge Rate | : 20.0000 M |

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|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| Toggle F3 | Help F5 | Math Help F6 | Graph F8 | Teach Mode F9 | Accept F10 |
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The numbers in the fields on the screen correspond to the following example, shown here graphically:



Where:

Cycle Type: Selects one of three drilling operations: Drilling, Chip Breaking, or Deep Hole drilling. Press **F3 – Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between the three choices.

Position: Specifies the X and Y coordinates where the drilling will take place. If either the X or Y coordinate is an incremental value, you will have the option to drill multiple holes in a linear pattern (See Canned Cycle Introduction #2).

Surface Height: Absolute Z-axis position from where each incremental depth is measured.

Clearance Height: This parameter specifies the Z-axis height used when performing rapid moves to the position of each hole being drilled.

'Rapid To' Depth: The depth to which the cutter rapid moves before beginning to drill the hole at the specified Plunge Rate. This is below the Clearance Height but above the Surface Height.

Depth: Total: Depth of hole (incremental) as measured from Surface Height.

Depth: Increment: Depth of each individual peck.

Peck Clearance: Distance the tool retracts before drilling the next peck.

Plunge Rate: Z-axis speed of descent during drilling. The plunge rate can be toggled to modal, fixed or slave, this is indicated by the symbol beside the plunge rate field. If the plunge rate is modal then it will have the “M” symbol or if it is fixed it will have the “F” symbol. The slave plunge rate has no symbol and is set to the last modal plunge rate set in the program, when the modal plunge rate changes all the following slave plunge rates change until the next modal plunge rate is encountered.

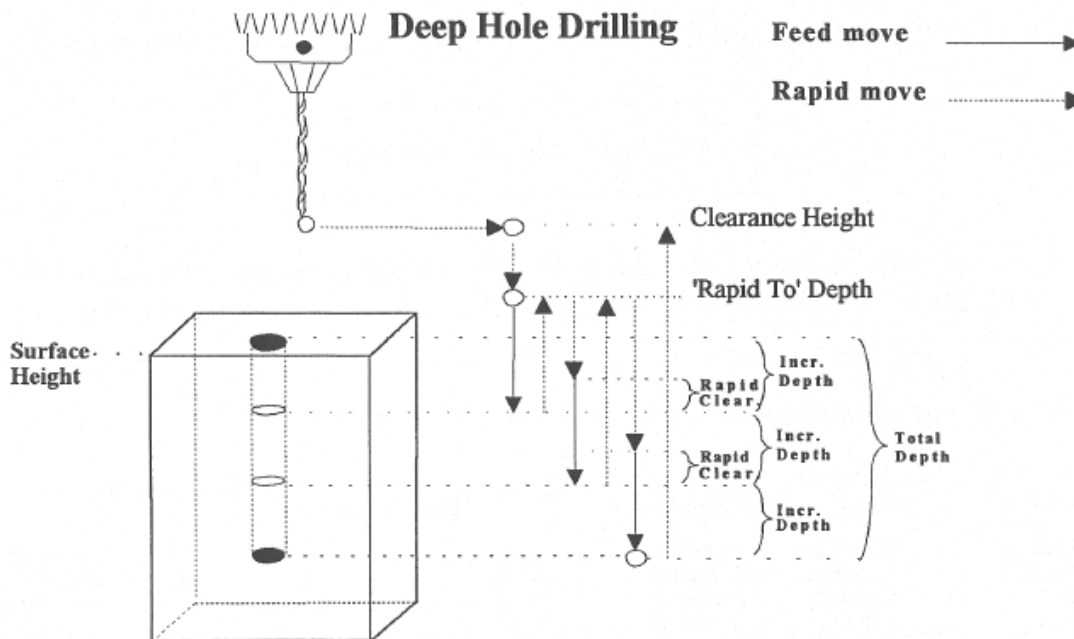
Deep Hole Drilling (F1 in the Canned Cycle Menu: Option #3)

If you press **F1 – Drill** from the Canned Cycle Menu you will gain access to three types of drilling operations: Drilling, Chip Breaking, and Deep Hole drilling. The current drilling operation in use is reflected in the field Cycle Type, and pressing **F3 – Toggle** or **SPACE** toggles between all three. In this section we will examine the third option: Deep Hole drilling.

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.icn | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | N0009 Drill | |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | Cycle Type | : Deep Hole |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | Position X: | 20.0000 |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Position Y: | -40.0000 |
| 0004 | Line | 4.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.0000 | Surface Height | : 0.1000 |
| 0005 | Line | 4.0000 | 2.0000 | 1.0000 | Clearance Height | : 0.1000 INC |
| 0006 | Line | 7.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | "Rapid to" Depth | : 0.1000 INC |
| 0007 | Arc CW | 10.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | Depth: Total: | 0.5000 INC |
| 0008 | Tool #2 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Increment | : 0.1000 |
| 0009 | Drill | | | | Rapid Clearance | : 0.0500 |
| 0010 | End Prog | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Plunge Rate | : 20.0000 M |

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|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| Toggle F3 | Help F5 | Math Help F6 | Graph F8 | Teach Mode F9 | Accept F10 |
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The numbers in the fields on the screen correspond to the following example, shown here graphically:



Where:

Cycle Type: Selects one of three drilling operations: Drilling, Chip Breaking, or Deep Hole drilling. Press **F3-Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between the three choices.

Position: Specifies the X and Y coordinates where the drilling will take place. If either the X or Y coordinate is an incremental value, you will have the option to drill multiple holes in a linear pattern

(See Canned Cycle Introduction #2).

Surface Height: Absolute Z-axis position from where each incremental depth is measured.

Clearance Height: This parameter specifies the Z-axis height used when performing rapid moves to the position of each hole being drilled.

'Rapid To' Depth: The depth to which the cutter rapid moves before beginning to drill the hole at the specified Plunge Rate. This is below the Clearance Height but above the Surface Height.

Depth: Total: Depth of hole (incremental) as measured from Surface Height.

Depth: Increment: Depth of each individual step of the drilling.

Rapid Clearance: Distance from the last incremental depth drilled that the tool rapid moves before starting the next plunge.

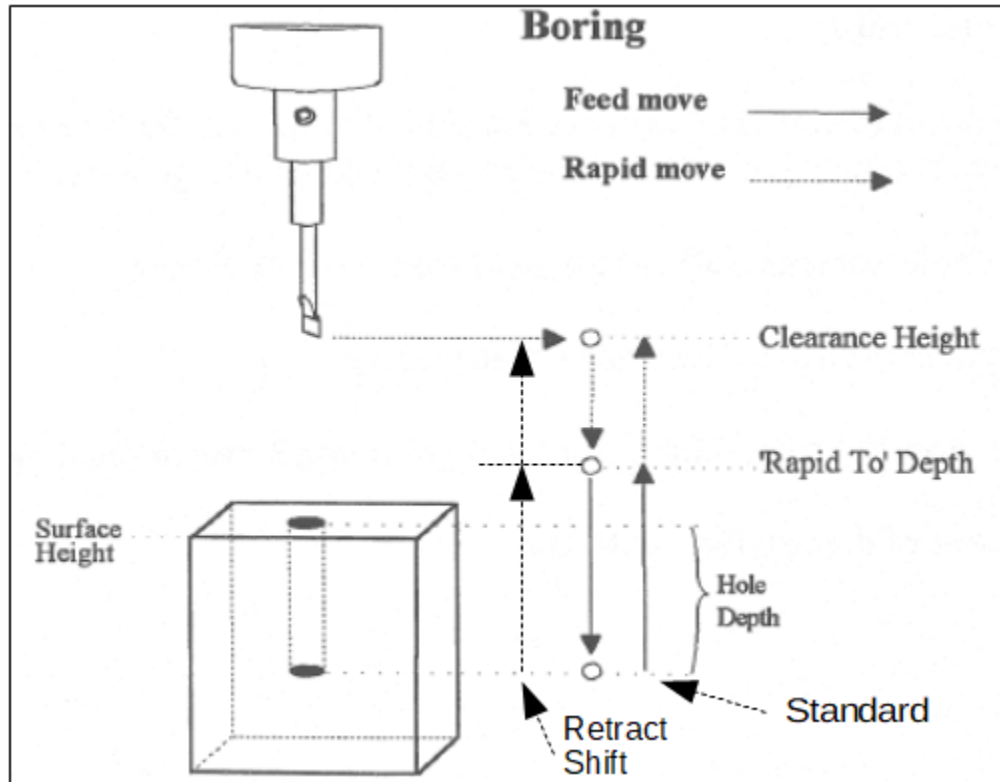
Plunge Rate: Z-axis speed of descent during drilling. The plunge rate can be toggled to modal, fixed or slave, this is indicated by the symbol beside the plunge rate field. If the plunge rate is modal then it will have the "M" symbol or if it is fixed it will have the "F" symbol. The slave plunge rate has no symbol and is set to the last modal plunge rate set in the program, when the modal plunge rate changes all the following slave plunge rates change until the next modal plunge rate is encountered.

Boring (F2 in the Canned Cycle Menu)

If you press **F2 – Bore** from the Canned Cycle Menu you will gain access to the boring operation:

| Intercon Mill v4.09 Dev Test, Rev 13 | | | | | Current Part: Demo Part.icn | | |
|---|--------------------|--------|--------|------|--|----|----------------|
| Operation | | | End | | N0003 Bore | | |
| # | Type | X | Y | Z | Position | X: | 4.0000 |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program Bore | | | | | Y: | -8.0000 |
| 0002 | Tool #2 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Surface Height | : | 0.0000 |
| 0003 | Bore | | | | Clearance Height | : | 0.1000 INC |
| 0004 | End Prog | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | "Rapid to" Depth | : | 0.1000 INC |
| | | | | | Hole Depth | : | 1.0000 INC |
| | | | | | Plunge Rate | : | 20.0000 M |
| | | | | | Dwell Time | : | 0.00 |
| | | | | | Bore Tool Type | : | Single Point * |
| | | | | | Retract Shift | : | 0.0100 INC |
| | | | | | * Note: Single Point bore tool feature uses G76 which needs M19 to orient the spindle before retract. The retract angle is specified by machine parameter 136. | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">X Esc</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Help F5</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Math Help F6</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Graph F8</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Teach Mode F9</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Accept F10</div> </div> | | | | | | | |
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The numbers in the fields on the screen correspond to the following example, shown here graphically:



Where:

Position: Specifies the X and Y coordinates where the boring will take place. If either the X or Y coordinate is an incremental value, you will have the option to bore multiple holes in a linear pattern. (See Canned Cycle Introduction #2)

Surface Height: Absolute Z-axis position from where each incremental depth is measured.

Clearance Height: This parameter specifies the Z-axis height used when performing rapid moves to the position of each hole being drilled.

'Rapid To' Depth: The depth to which the cutter rapid moves before beginning to drill the hole at the specified Plunge Rate. This is below the Clearance Height but above the Surface Height.

Hole Depth: Depth of hole (incremental) as measured from Surface Height.

Plunge Rate: Z-axis speed of descent during drilling. The plunge rate can be toggled to modal, fixed or slave, this is indicated by the symbol beside the plunge rate field. If the plunge rate is modal then it will have the "M" symbol or if it is fixed it will have the "F" symbol. The slave plunge rate has no symbol and is set to the last modal plunge rate set in the program, when the modal plunge rate changes all the following slave plunge rates change until the next modal plunge rate is encountered.

Dwell Time: Delay at bottom of hole before starting ascent.

Bore Tool Type: Standard - The tool will bore down at a feed rate and feed backup at a feed rate.

Single Point - The tool will feed down at specified feedrate, Spindle will orient to the M19 position and stop. The tool will retract in the X or Y direction by the angle specified by machine [parameter 136](#) and then retract at a Rapid feedrate. The spindle will turn back on when it reaches the Rapid to Depth height. Note: Single Point bore tool feature uses G76 which needs M19 to orient the spindle before retract

Retract Shift: Only displayed with Single Point Bore Tool Type. This is the amount to shift away in the X or Y direction from the surface before retracting.

Tapping (F3 in the Canned Cycles Menu)

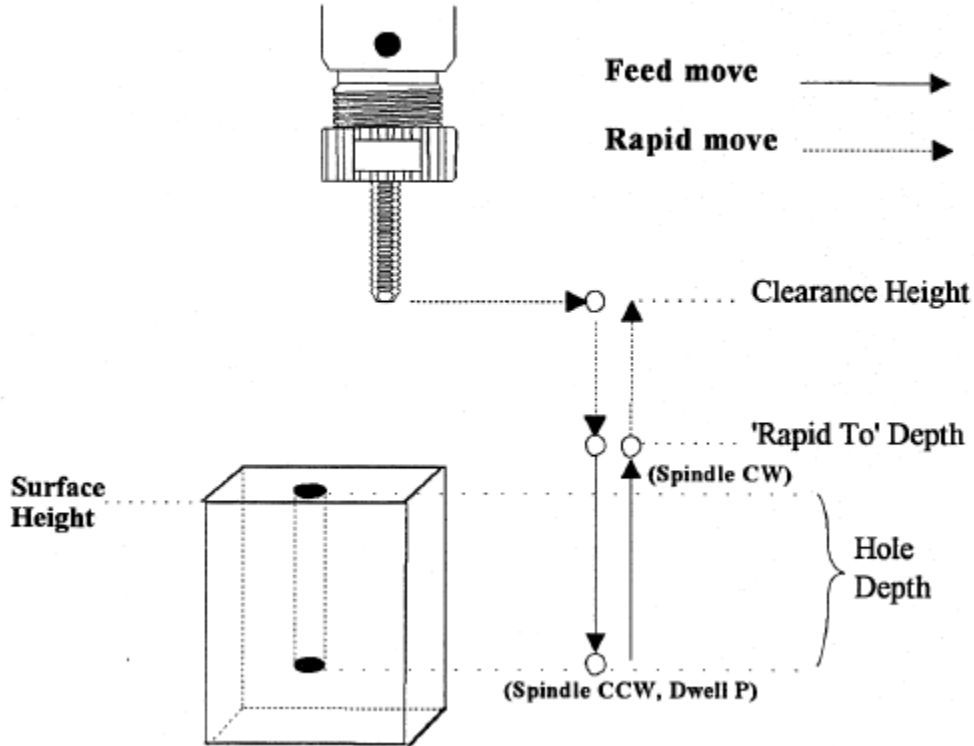
If you press **F2 – Tap** from the Canned Cycle Menu you will gain access to the tapping operations:

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.icn | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | N0009 Tap | |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | Tap Head Type | : Rigid |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | Position X: | 0.0000 |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Y: | 0.0000 |
| 0004 | Line | 4.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.0000 | Surface Height | : 0.0000 |
| 0005 | Line | 4.0000 | 2.0000 | 1.0000 | Clearance Height | : 0.1000 INC |
| 0006 | Line | 7.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | "Rapid to" Depth | : 0.1000 INC |
| 0007 | Arc CW | 10.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | Depth: Total: | 0.5000 INC |
| 0008 | Tool #2 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Increment | : 0.0000 |
| 0009 | Tap | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1000 | Threads / Inch | : 12.0000 |
| 0010 | End Prog | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Thread Pitch | : 0.0833 |
| | | | | | Dwell Time | : 0.10 |
| | | | | | (Spindle Dir. | : CW (M3)) |
| | | | | | (Spindle Speed | : 350) |

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| Help F5 | Math Help F6 | Graph F8 | Teach Mode F9 | Accept F10 |
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The numbers in the fields on the screen correspond to the following example, shown here graphically: Where:

Tapping



Where:

Tap Head Type: Without rigid tapping, this selects either Floating tap head or Reversing tap head (where the special tapping head reverses for you). If rigid tapping is enabled (requires a spindle encoder), you can select either rigid or reversing.

Spindle Direction: Shows the current spindle direction. The spindle direction should be CW for right-hand tapping, and CCW for left-hand tapping. The spindle speed and direction appropriate for the tapping tool should be set in the tool change in which the tapping tool was loaded. This field will be hidden if a reversing tap head is used.

WARNING: The tap must be rotating in the correct direction before performing this operation.

Position: Specifies the X and Y coordinates where the tapping will take place. If either the X or Y coordinate is an incremental value, you will have the option to tap multiple holes in a linear pattern. (See Canned Cycle Introduction #2)

Surface Height: Absolute Z-axis position from where each incremental depth is measured.

Clearance Height: This parameter specifies the Z-axis height used when performing rapid moves to the position of each hole being drilled.

'Rapid To' Depth: The depth to which the cutter rapid moves before beginning to drill the hole at the specified Plunge Rate. This is below the Clearance Height but above the Surface Height.

Depth Total: Depth of hole (incremental) as measured from Surface Height.

Depth Increment: (available only on rigid tapping.) This sets the length of each progressive "peck" down the hole.

Threads / Unit: Number of threads on each inch/mm of the tap. Used in conjunction with the Spindle Speed to calculate the appropriate plunge rate (Plunge Rate = Spindle Speed / Threads per Unit).

Spindle Speed: Rate at which the spindle rotates. Used in conjunction with the Threads / Unit to calculate the plunge

WARNING: The spindle speed must be set before performing this operation. rate.

Dwell Time: Delay at bottom of hole before starting ascent. This is used for a floating tap to allow the spindle time to reverse direction at the bottom of the hole. A default value of 0.1 seconds is suggested. This field will be hidden if a reversing tap head is used; the tap head will reverse direction when the quill begins ascending.

NOTE: When using low gear for tapping, the spindle may turn opposite the direction specified. The operator is responsible for setting the correct spindle speed and direction.

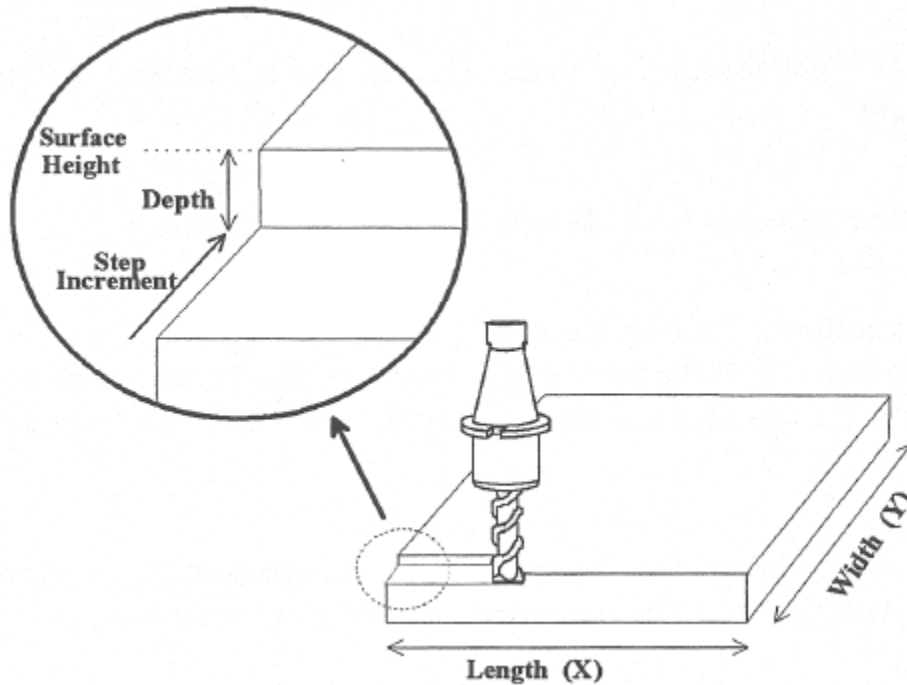
Facing (F4 in the Canned Cycles Menu)

If you press **F4 – Face** at the Canned Cycle Selection Menu, the following screen is displayed:

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.icn | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | N0010 Face | |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | Start | X: 3.0000 |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | | Y: 3.0000 |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Surface Height | : 0.0000 |
| 0004 | Line | 4.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.0000 | Length | X: 3.0000 INC |
| 0005 | Line | 4.0000 | 2.0000 | 1.0000 | Width | Y: 3.0000 INC |
| 0006 | Line | 7.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | Depth | : 0.5000 INC |
| 0007 | Arc CW | 10.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | Step Increment | : 0.1000 |
| 0008 | Tool #2 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Feedrate | : 30.0000 M |
| 0009 | Tap | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1000 | Plunge Rate | : 10.0000 M |
| 0010 | Face | | | | | |
| 0011 | End Prog | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | | |

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| Toggle F3 | Help F5 | Math Help F6 | Graph F8 | Teach Mode F9 | Accept F10 |
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The parameters in the previous screen correspond to the following dimensions:



Start: X and Y coordinates of the starting corner of the area to be faced.

Surface Height: Z coordinate of the top of the area to be faced.

Length: X-axis dimension of the area to be faced. If a negative value is entered for the length, the facing will occur in the negative X-axis direction from the X-axis start position; otherwise, facing will occur in the positive X-axis direction from the X-axis start position.

Width: Y-axis dimension of the area to be faced. If a negative value is entered for the width, the facing will occur in the negative Y-axis direction from the Y-axis start position; otherwise, facing will occur in the positive Y-axis direction from the Y-axis start position.

Depth: Incremental amount of material to be removed from Surface Height.

Step Increment: Distance that the cutter will step over in the Y direction for each pass.

Plunge Rate: Z-axis speed of descent during facing. The plunge rate can be toggled to modal, fixed or slave, this is indicated by the symbol beside the plunge rate field. If the plunge rate is modal then it will have the “M” symbol or if it is fixed it will have the “F” symbol. The slave plunge rate has no symbol and is set to the last modal plunge rate set in the program, when the modal plunge rate changes all the following slave plunge rates change until the next modal plunge rate is encountered.

Feedrate: Speed of the cutter during facing. The feedrate can be toggled to modal, fixed or slave, this is indicated by the symbol beside the feedrate field. If the feedrate is modal then it will have the “M” symbol or if it is fixed it will have the “F” symbol shown below. The slave feedrate has no symbol and is set to the last modal feedrate set in the program, when the modal feedrate changes all the following slave feedrates change until the next modal feedrate is encountered.



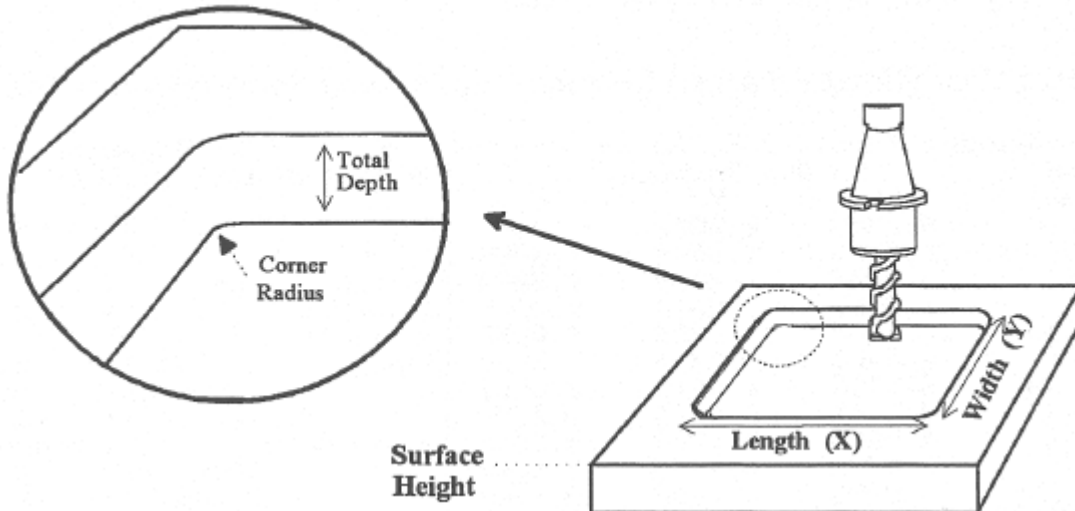
Rectangular Pocket (F5 in the Canned Cycles Menu)

Pressing F5 - Rect. Pocket from the Canned Cycle Selection Menu displays the following screen:

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.icn | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | N0011 Rectangular Pocket | |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | Center X: | 4.0000 |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | Center Y: | -8.0000 |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Surface Height : | 0.0000 |
| 0004 | Line | 4.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.0000 | Length X: | 5.0000 INC |
| 0005 | Line | 4.0000 | 2.0000 | 1.0000 | Width Y: | 3.0000 INC |
| 0006 | Line | 7.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | Corner Radius : | 0.2500 |
| 0007 | Arc CW | 10.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | Depth: Total: | 0.5000 INC |
| 0008 | Tool #2 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | per Pass : | 0.1000 |
| 0009 | Tap | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1000 | Plunge Rate : | 10.0000 |
| 0010 | Face | 3.0000 | 6.0000 | 0.1000 | Plunge Type : | Ramped |
| 0011 | Rect Poc | | | | Plunge Angle : | 0.0000° |
| 0012 | End Prog | 3.0000 | 6.0000 | Home | Rough Cuts : | Conventional |
| | | | | | Stepover : | 0.1950 |
| | | | | | Feedrate : | 30.0000 M |
| | | | | | Finish Pass : | Climb |
| | | | | | Amount : | 0.0200 |
| | | | | | Feedrate : | 30.0000 |

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| Toggle F3 | Help F5 | Math Help F6 | Graph F8 | Teach Mode F9 | Accept F10 |
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The parameters on the screen correspond to the following dimensions:



Where:

Center or Corner: Center - X and Y coordinates of the center of the Rectangular Pocket. Corner - X and Y coordinates of the corner of the rectangular pocket. A positive or negative value in the length and width fields will determine the location of the rectangular pocket from the corner position.

Surface Height: Z-axis position from which each incremental depth is measured.

Length: X-axis dimension of the rectangular pocket.

Width: Y-axis dimension of the rectangular pocket.

Corner Radius: Radius of curvature of the corners. It cannot be smaller than the current cutter radius.

Depth: Total: Total depth of the rectangular pocket.

Depth: Per Pass: Depth of each individual pass.

Depth: Plunge Rate: Z-axis speed of descent.

Depth: Plunge Type: Straight or Ramped. Straight plunge does a vertical Z plunge with no X, Y movement. Ramped plunge does a zigzag plunge limited by the Plunge Angle entered below.

Depth: Plunge Angle: The maximum limit angle allowed for a ramped plunge. A special value of 0 means that there is no limit angle. Note: This field means nothing if the Plunge Type is Straight.

Rough Cuts: Selects type of rough cut: conventional or climb. Use **F3** — **Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between them.

Rough Cuts: Stepmover: Amount of material removed by cutter during each pass around the pocket.

Rough Cuts: Feedrate: Speed at which cutter performs rough cuts.

Finish Pass: Selects type of finish pass: climb, conventional or none at all. Use **F3** – **Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between them.

Finish Pass: Amount: Amount of material to be removed on the finish pass.

Finish Pass: Feedrate: Speed at which cutter performs finish pass. The feedrate can be toggled to modal, fixed or slave, this is indicated by the symbol beside the feedrate field. If the feedrate is modal then it will have the “M” symbol or if it is fixed it will have the “F” symbol shown below. The slave feedrate has no symbol and is set to the last modal feedrate set in the program, when the modal feedrate changes all the following slave feedrates change until the next modal feedrate is encountered.



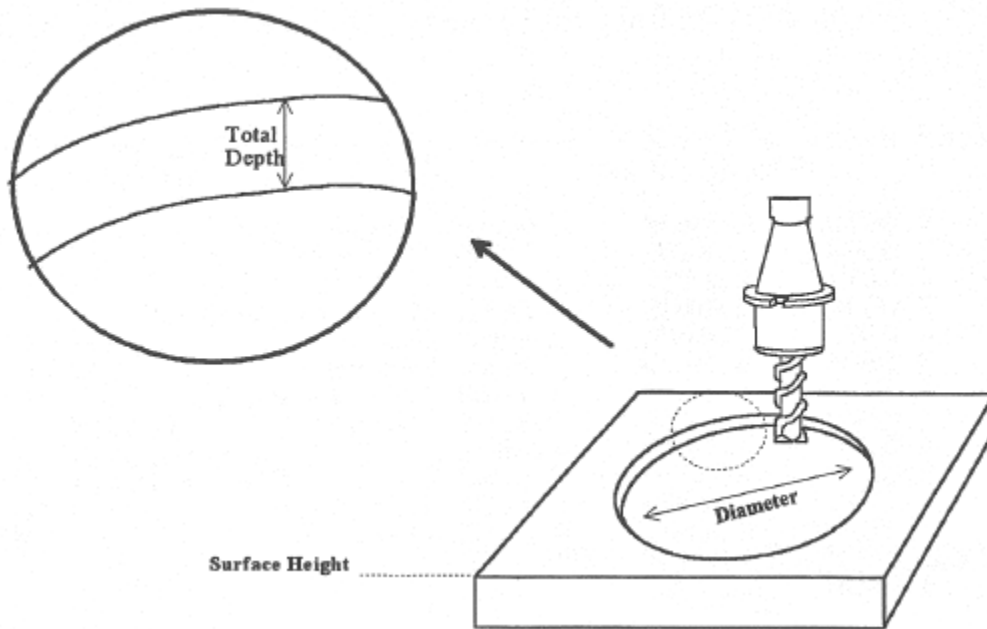
Circular Pocket (F6 in the Canned Cycles Menu)

When you press F6 - Circ. Pocket from the Canned Cycle Selection Menu, this screen is displayed:

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.icn | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Operation | | | | | N0012 Circular Pocket | |
| # | Type | X | End Y | Z | Center | X: 4.0000 |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | | Y: -8.0000 |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | Surface Height | : 0.0000 |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Diameter | : 2.0000 |
| 0004 | Line | 4.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.0000 | Cleanout | : Yes |
| 0005 | Line | 4.0000 | 2.0000 | 1.0000 | Depth: Total: | 0.5000 INC |
| 0006 | Line | 7.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | per Pass | : 0.1000 |
| 0007 | Arc CW | 10.0000 | 3.0000 | 1.0000 | Plunge Rate | : 10.0000 |
| 0008 | Tool #2 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Plunge Type | : Ramped |
| 0009 | Tap | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1000 | Plunge Angle | : 0.0000° |
| 0010 | Face | 3.0000 | 6.0000 | 0.1000 | Rough Cuts | : Conventional |
| 0011 | Rect Poc | 4.0000 | -8.0000 | 0.1000 | Stepover | : 0.1950 |
| 0012 | Circ Poc | | | | Feedrate | : 30.0000 |
| 0013 | End Prog | 4.0000 | -8.0000 | Home | Finish Pass | : Climb |
| | | | | | Amount | : 0.0200 |
| | | | | | Feedrate | : 30.0000 |

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| Abs Inc F1 | Help F5 | Math Help F6 | Graph F8 | Teach Mode F9 | Accept F10 |
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The parameters on the screen correspond to the following dimensions:



Where:

Center: X and Y coordinates of the center of the circular Pocket.

Surface Height: Z-axis position from which each incremental depth is measured.

Diameter: Diameter of circular pocket.

Cleanout: If cleanout is Yes, then all the material in the pocket will be removed. If cleanout is No, then all the material will not be removed. The cutter starts in the center of the pocket and arcing its way out and then going around the frame.

Depth: Total: Total depth of the circular pocket.

Depth: Per Pass: Depth of each individual pass.

Depth: Plunge Rate: Z-axis speed of descent.

Depth: Plunge Type: Straight or Ramped. Straight plunge does a vertical Z plunge with no X, Y movement. Ramped plunge does a zigzag plunge limited by the Plunge Angle entered below.

Depth: Plunge Angle: The maximum limit angle allowed for a ramped plunge. A special value of 0 means that there is no limit angle. Note: This field means nothing if the Plunge Type is Straight.

Rough Cuts: Selects type of rough cut: conventional or climb. Use **F3 – Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between them.

Rough Cuts: Stepover: Amount of material removed by cutter during each pass around the pocket.

Rough Cuts: Feedrate: Speed at which cutter performs rough cuts.

Finish Pass: Selects type of finish pass: climb, conventional or none at all. Use **F3 – Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle.

Finish Pass: Amount: Amount of material to be removed on the finish pass.

Finish Pass: Feedrate: Speed at which cutter performs finish pass.

Rectangular or Circular Frame Milling (F7 in the Canned Cycle Menu)

When you press F7 - Frame from the Canned Cycle Selection Menu, the following screen is displayed:

Intercon Mill v1.25 Current Part: E_Z_PART.ich

| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | |
|-------------|---------------|--------|---------|--------|---------------------------------|
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | N0004 Frame |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | Frame Type : Inside Rect |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Center X: 0.0000 |
| 0004 | Frame | | | | Center Y: 0.0000 |
| 0005 | End Prog | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Surface Height : -1.0000 |
| | | | | | Length X: 6.0000 INC |
| | | | | | Width Y: 3.0000 INC |
| | | | | | Corner Radius : 0.0000 |
| | | | | | Depth: Total: 1.0000 INC |
| | | | | | per Pass : 0.1000 |
| | | | | | Plunge Rate : 1.0000 M |
| | | | | | Plunge Type : Ramped |
| | | | | | Plunge Angle : 0.0000° |
| | | | | | Cut Type : Conventional |
| | | | | | Feedrate : 1.0000 M |

Toggle
F3

Help
F5

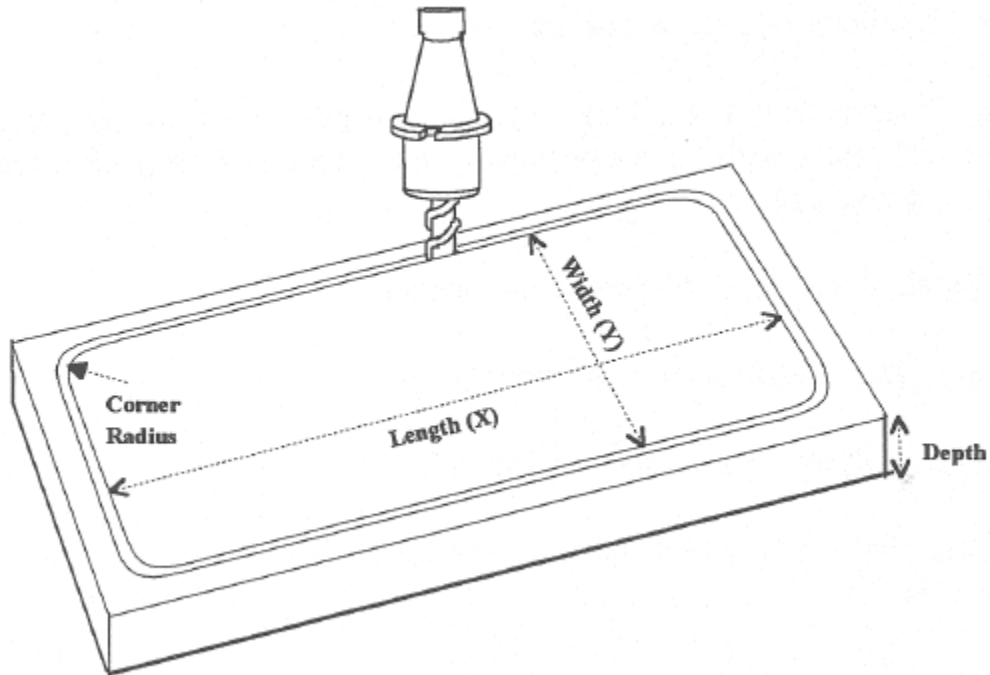
Math Help
F6

Graph
F8

Teach Mode
F9

Accept
F10

The parameters on the screen correspond to the following dimensions (rectangular frame):



Where:

Frame Type: Selects Inside Rectangle, Outside Rectangle, Inside Circle, and Outside Circle. Press **F3** – **Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between them.

Center: X and Y coordinates of the center of the frame mill.

Surface Height: Z-axis position from where each incremental depth is measured. M-Series Operator's Manual 9/14/2016 29

Length: X-axis dimension of the frame mill. (Rectangular frame only.)

Width: Y-axis dimension of the frame mill. (Rectangular frame only.)

Corner Radius: Radius of curvature of the corners. On an Inside frame, corner radius must be greater than the current cutter radius. (Rectangular frame only.)

Diameter: Diameter of the frame mill. (Circular frame only)

Depth: Total: Total depth of the frame mill.

Depth: Per Pass: Depth of each individual pass.

Plunge Rate: Z-axis speed of descent.

Plunge Type: Straight or Ramped. Straight plunge does a vertical Z plunge with no X, Y movement. Ramped plunge does a zigzag plunge limited by the Plunge Angle entered below.

Plunge Angle: The maximum limit angle allowed for a ramped plunge. A special value of 0 means that there is no limit angle. Note: This field means nothing if the Plunge Type is Straight. Entrance Type: Selects type of entrance: Arc On or Arc Off, use **F3 - Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between them. (Circular frame only)

Cut type: Selects type of cut: conventional or climb, use **F3 – Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between them.

Feedrate: Speed at which the cutter performs frame mill.

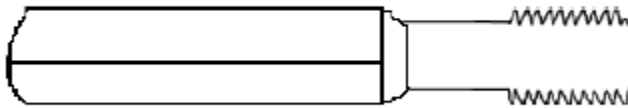
NOTE: To make a circular frame mill of radius R, specify R as the Corner Radius and set the Length and Width parameters equal to 2 x R.

Thread Milling (F8 in the Canned Cycles Menu)

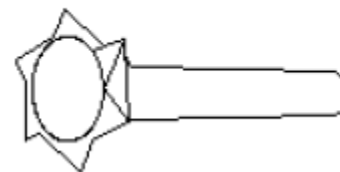
When you press **F8 - Thread** from the canned cycle menu, the following screen is displayed:

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.Icn | |
|---------------------|---------------|--------|---------|--------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | N0004 Thread Mill | |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | Center X: | 4.0000 |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | Center Y: | -8.0000 |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Diameter : | 2.0000 |
| 0004 | Thread | | | | Threads / Inch : | 20.0000 |
| 0005 | End Prog | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Thread Pitch : | 0.0500 |
| | | | | | Thread Type : | Right-hand |
| | | | | | Thread Direction : | Top-to-Bottom |
| | | | | | Tool Type : | Single Point |
| | | | | | Thread Approach : | Internal |
| | | | | | Feedrate : | 30.0000 M |
| | | | | | Surface Height : | 0.0000 |
| | | | | | Clearance Height : | 0.1000 INC |
| | | | | | "Rapid to" Depth : | 0.1000 INC |
| | | | | | Depth: Total: | 0.5000 INC |
| | | | | | Plunge Rate : | 10.0000 M |
| | | | | | Number of Passes : | 1 |

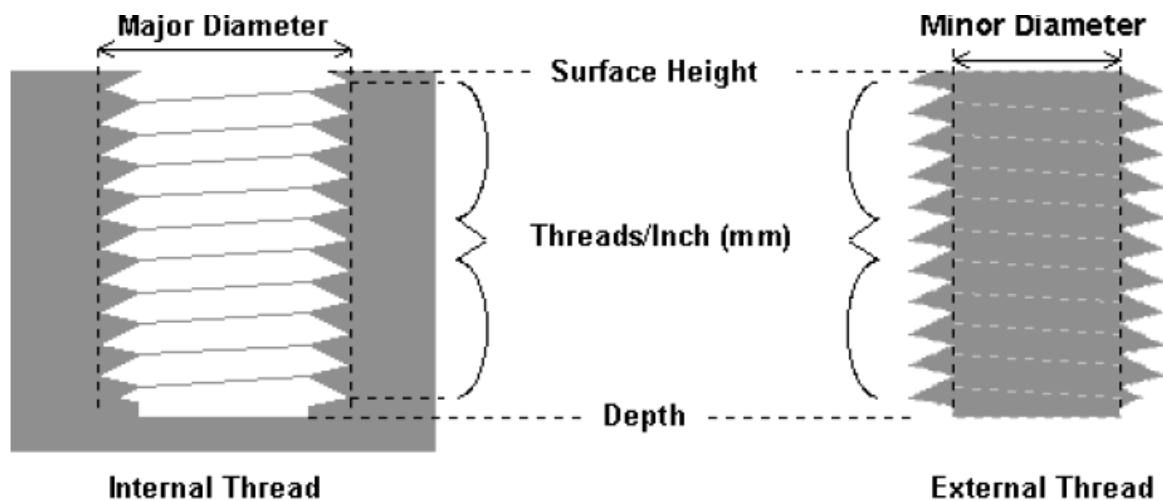
Multiple Thread Mill



Single Thread Mill



The parameters on the screen correspond to the following:



Where:

Center: X and Y coordinates of the center of the thread mill operation.

Diameter: Major diameter of thread for internal thread milling and minor diameter for external thread milling.

Thread / Unit: Number of threads per inch or mm. Used to calculate thread pitch.

Thread Pitch: Thread pitch calculated from threads/unit field. This field cannot be modified.

Thread Type: Specifies right or left hand threads.

Thread Direction: Specifies whether to start at the bottom of the hole and work up or start at the top of the hole and work down.

Tool Type: Single point or full form threading tool.

Thread Approach: Internal or external thread.

Clearance Amount: Used for external thread milling only. Specifies the diameter of the lead-in arc. Minimum clearance is 0.050 inches.

Clearance Angle: Used for external thread milling only. Specifies the angle from which the lead in arc will start.

Feedrate: Cutting feed rate.

Surface Height: Absolute Z-axis position from position from where the incremental depth is measured.

Clearance Height: This parameter specifies the Z axis height used when performing rapid moves to the position of each hole being thread.

'Rapid to' Depth: The depth to which the cutter rapid moves before beginning to thread mill at the specified Plunge Rate. This is below the Clearance Height but above the Surface Height.

Depth: The total depth of the thread.

Number of Passes: Number of times the thread mill is to be done on the same hole.

Cleanout (F9 in the Canned Cycles Menu)

The cleanout cycle performs a horizontal zigzag pocket cleanout of a profile composed of lines and arcs. When you press **F9 - Cleanout** from the canned cycle menu, the following screen is displayed:

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: E_Z_PART.icn | |
|---------------------|---------------|--------|---------|--------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | N0004 Pocket Cleanout | |
| 0001 | ;Demo Program | | | | Rough Cuts | : Conventional |
| 0002 | Rapid | 0.0000 | -5.0000 | 0.1000 | Type | : Collapse |
| 0003 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Stepover | : 0.1250 |
| 0004 | Cleanout | | | | Feedrate | : 50.0000 M |
| 0005 | End Cleanout | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Finish Pass | : Climb |
| 0006 | End Prog | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Amount | : 0.0300 |
| | | | | | Feedrate | : 20.0000 M |
| | | | | | Tool Number | : 1 |
| | | | | | Surface Height | : 0.0000 |
| | | | | | Clearance Height | : 0.1000 INC |
| | | | | | "Rapid to" Depth | : 0.1000 INC |
| | | | | | Depth: Total: | : 1.0000 INC |
| | | | | | per Pass | : 0.2500 |
| | | | | | Plunge Rate | : 20.0000 M |

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| Toggle F3 | Help F5 | Math Help F6 | Graph F8 | Teach Mode F9 | Accept F10 |
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Where:

Rough Cuts: Selects type of rough cut. Use **F3-Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between Conventional and Climb.

Type: Selects type of cleanout to use. The choices are Collapse, which cleans out the pocket from the outside in, or Expand, which cleans out the pocket from the inside out. You can switch between the two by using the **F3-Toggle** or **SPACE** keys

Stepover: The distance between each step in the pocket cleanout. This value cannot be greater than 50% of the tool diameter.

Feedrate: Speed at which cutter performs rough cuts.

Finish Pass: Selects type of finish pass. Use **F3-Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between Conventional, Climb, or None.

Amount: Amount of material to be removed on the finish pass.

Feedrate: Speed at which cutter performs finish pass.

Tool Number: Tool number to be used for the finish pass.

Surface Height: The Z-axis position from where the incremental depth is measured.

Clearance Height: This parameter specifies the Z-axis height to which the tool is retracted before moving to different segments during a pocket cleanout.

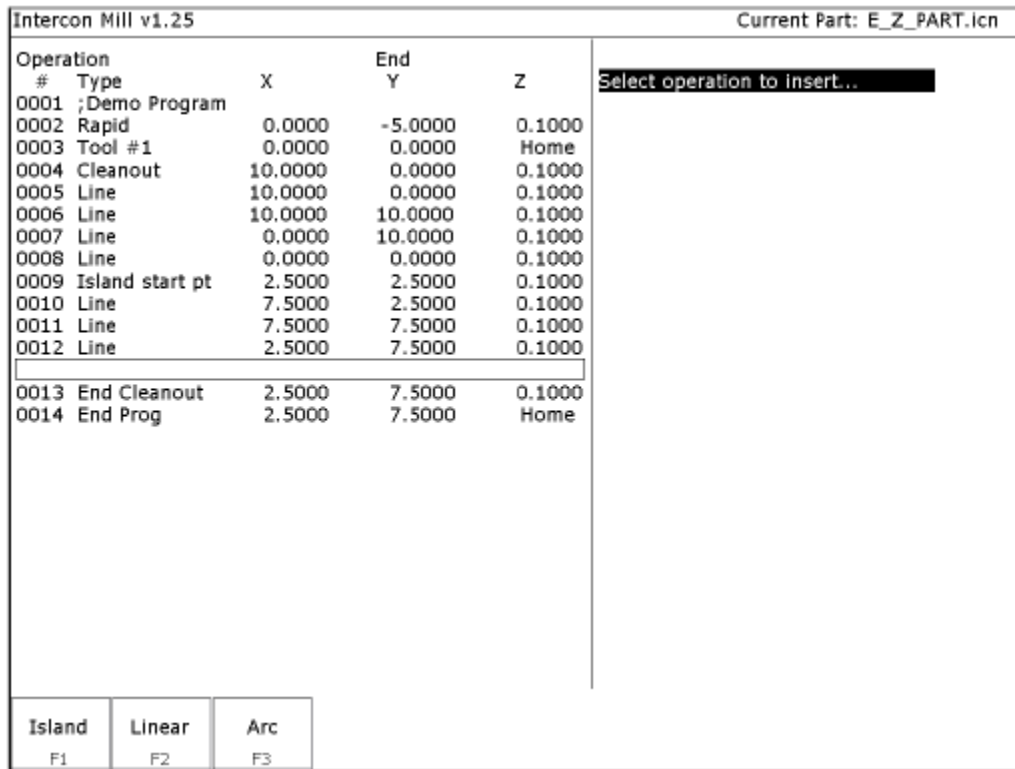
'Rapid To' Depth: The depth to which rapid positioning moves will be made to when moving the Z axis downward.

Depth: Total: The total depth of the pocket measured as an incremental depth from the surface height.

per Pass: The depth amount of cut to be taken to reach the total depth. This value must be greater than 0.0 and cannot exceed the total depth.

Plunge Rate: The feedrate at which the Z axis is moved when plunging to a lower depth.

After the cleanout parameters are accepted, a screen similar to the following appears:

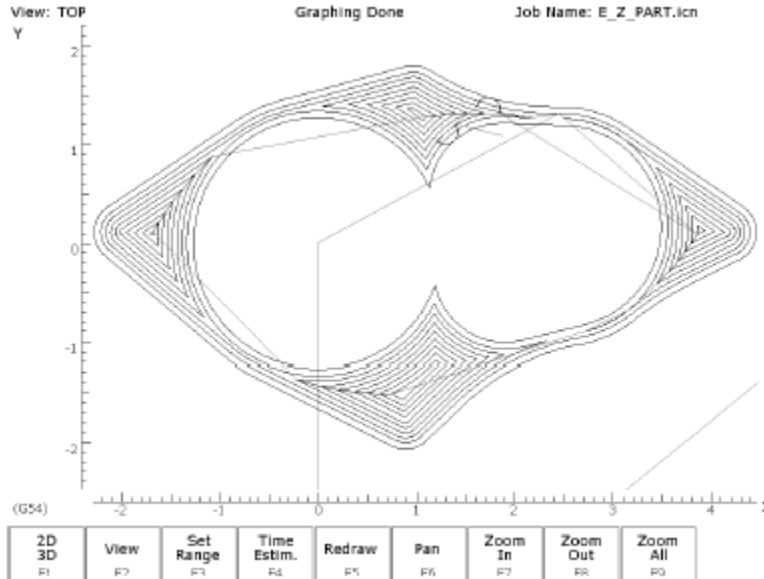


Key points about the Cleanout cycle:

- When creating a pocket the first move in your cleanout cycle must be a linear move.
- If the profile contour does not end at the start point, a linear segment will automatically be inserted to close the pocket.
- The last line of the contour will not include a connecting radius to the starting point.

Once you have defined the specifics of your cleanout cycle, the shape of your pocket will be defined through a series of lines and arcs by choosing the **F2-Linear** and **F3-Arc** options in the cleanout cycle.

F1-Island (Island Avoidance) Once you have defined a pocket in the cleanout cycle. There may be areas or islands that you don't want cleaned out. To create an island press F1-Island, enter the starting point of the island and then use **F2-Linear** and **F3-Arc** to create the island. See an example of a completed cleanout backplot below.



10.7.6 F6 - Other

Choosing F6 - Other will display the following operations that may be inserted.

F1 - Comment - Enter a comment, up to 35 characters long, which will be displayed in the generated CNC program.

F2 - Spindle - Change the actual state of the spindle. Press **F3 - Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between CW, CCW, and OFF.

F3 - Coolant - Change the actual state of the coolant. Press **F3 - Toggle** or **SPACE** to toggle between FLOOD, MIST, and OFF.

F4 - Clamp - Turn the Clamp ON and OFF. Press **F3 - Toggle** or **SPACE** to change the clamp state.

F5 - Z Home - Send the Z-axis to its home position.

F6 - M & G Code - Enter M & G codes into your Intercon part program. Great care must be taken when using this function, as you could cause unpredictable results in the controller if you accidentally changed positioning modes in your program, or perhaps turning the spindle off during a cut.

F7 - Rotary - Insert a rapid rotary move. This operation requires a rotary fourth axis. The fields are identical to the fields in the Linear Mill operation as shown below, but the resulting move is a G0 (Rapid) moving only the rotary axis.

N0140 Move Rotary Axis

Rotary Axis B

| | | |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Degrees | : | 25°INC |
| Minutes | : | 10 INC |
| Seconds | : | 10 INC |
| Decimal Degrees | : | 25.1694 °INC |

F8 - Import DXF - Insert Intercon operations created from objects in DXF files. For more information, refer to the “Importing DXF files” section later in this chapter.

10.7.7 F7 – Cutter Compensation

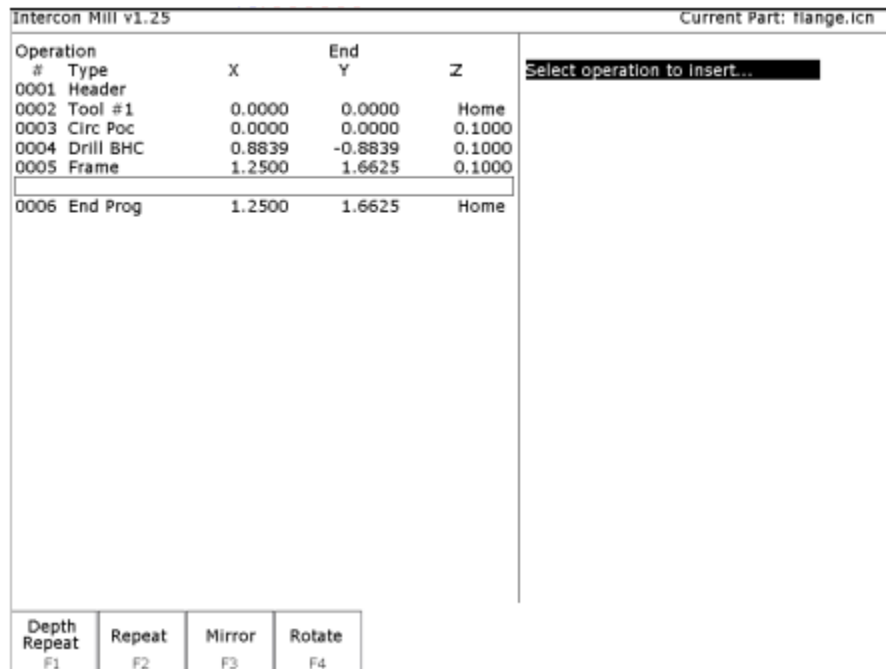
Pressing **F7 – Cutter Comp** from the Insert Operation screen, will insert a cutter compensation command. Press **F3 – Toggle** or **SPACE** to select cutter compensation Left, Right, or Off. Cutter compensation may be used with Linear Mill, Frame Mill, and Rapid Traverse operations. For details on using cutter compensation, see the section “G40, G41, G42 -Cutter Compensation” in Chapter 12.

The Rectangular Pocket, Circular Pocket, Frame Mill and Cleanout canned cycles perform cutter compensation automatically. If compensation left or right was selected before the canned cycle, it will be turned off.

10.7.8 F9 – Subprograms

Intercon subprograms allow you to make additional copies of a programmed contour. The copies may be repeated in the x/y axes, depth repeat, rotated, or even a mirror image of the original. To create a subprogram, first define the operations that will compose the contour. Any type of program operation (rapid, linear mill, arc mill, canned cycle, subprogram, etc.) may be included in the contour. These operations must be programmed at the Z depth at which the first pass will occur. When you are finished doing this, return to the Program Edit Menu. Move to the place in the program where you want to repeat these operations and press the **F3 - Insert key**. The operations will be performed once before the repeat operation occurs; therefore the operations to compose the contour should be defined at the place in the program where they should occur first.

When you press F9 - Subpgm from the Insert Operation screen you will see the Insert Subprogram screen:



You may now select the type of subprogram desired.

A typical subprogram screen appears as follows:

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | | Current Part: flange.icn | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | N0006 Repeat | | | | | |
| 0001 | Header | | | | Start Block | : N0003 | | | | |
| 0002 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | End Block | : N0005 | | | | |
| 0003 | Circ Poc | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1000 | Increment (X) | : 4.0000 | | | | |
| 0004 | Drill BHC | 0.8839 | -0.8839 | 0.1000 | Increment (Y) | : 0.0000 | | | | |
| 0005 | Frame | 1.2500 | 1.6625 | 0.1000 | Clearance Height | : 0.1000 | | | | |
| 0006 | Repeat | | | | Plunge Rate | : 10.0000 | | | | |
| 0007 | End Prog | 1.2500 | 1.6625 | Home | Number of Copies | : <input type="text" value="3"/> | | | | |
| | | | | | Skip list: | | | | | |
| | | | | | 002 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | | | | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | | | | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | | | | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

Help
F5

Math Help
F6

Graph
F8

Teach Mode
F9

Accept
F10

All subprogram operations contain the following fields:

Start Block: Selects the first operation in the block of operations to repeat. This operation must lie before the place in your program where you are trying to repeat operations.

End Block: Selects the last operation in the block of operations to repeat. Again, this operation must lie prior to place in your program where you are trying to repeat operations, but not precede the start block.

Clearance Height: This field determines the Z height at which the tool is moved over the work piece before being repositioned at the start of the contour. This value must meet or exceed the maximum Z height of all operations contained within the contour. If any operation places the tool at the Z home position, then you **must** tie this value to the home position (**F2 - Z Home**).

Plunge Rate: This is the speed at which the tool is repositioned on the Z-axis when moving to the **beginning** of the first move of the contour. This has no effect on a plunge that you have programmed into the contour; however, this has the effect of providing a vertical plunge for you in the event that you do not program your own plunge into the contour.

Other fields specific to the various subprogram operations are described in the next few pages.

Repeat to Depth (F1 in the Insert Subprogram Menu)

| Intercon Mill v1.25 | | | | Current Part: flange.icn | |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|---------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Operation # | Type | X | End Y | Z | |
| 0001 | Header | | | | N0006 Repeat to Depth |
| 0002 | Tool #1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | Home | Start Block : N0003 |
| 0003 | Circ Poc | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1000 | End Block : N0005 |
| 0004 | Drill BHC | 0.8839 | -0.8839 | 0.1000 | Total Depth : 0.5000 INC |
| 0005 | Frame | 1.2500 | 1.6625 | 0.1000 | Depth Increment : 0.1000 INC |
| 0006 | Depth Rpt | | | | Clearance Height : 0.1000 |
| 0007 | End Prog | 1.2500 | 1.6625 | Home | Plunge Rate : 10.0000 |

| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Warning! Operator must program first pass at depth increment. Plunge must be programmed into this pass. | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|

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| Toggle F3 | Help F5 | Math Help F6 | Graph F8 | Teach Mode F9 | Accept F10 |
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The Repeat to Depth feature is useful for repeating a part contour when the material being machined is too thick to cut in just one pass. The contour formed by these operations may either be a closed contour or an open one. If a non-vertical plunge to the start of the contour is desired, it must be programmed into the contour (a vertical plunge between passes will be provided if one is not programmed).

Total Depth: Indicates how deep the final depth pass is to be. This is a positive value. Note that because the contour has been programmed at a depth of one depth increment below the work piece surface, the final depth assumes that one depth pass has already been performed, and, thus, subtracts one depth increment from the total depth.

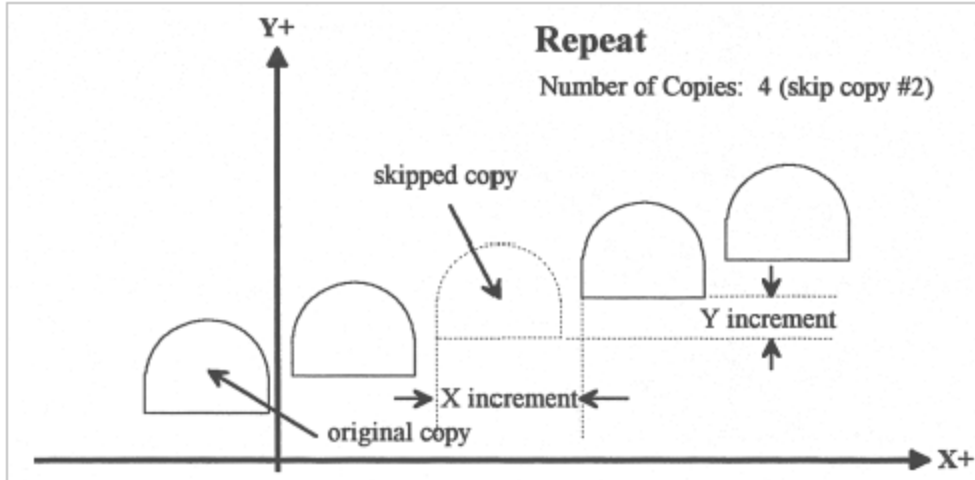
Depth Increment: Specifies the distance to drop each time the contour is repeated. This is a positive value that may not exceed the total depth of the operation.

When you have finished entering the required parameters, press **F10 - Accept** to accept them. An operation labeled “Depth Rpt” will be inserted into your program in front of the highlighted operation. You may now edit this operation just as you would edit any other operation (use the cursor keys to highlight the “Depth Rpt” operation, and then press **ENTER**).

* NOTE: If you wish to change the amount of the depth increment per pass after the contour has been programmed, you must also change the Z depth of all the operations inside the contour to correspond to the new increment.

Repeat (F2 in the Insert Subprogram Menu)

The Repeat feature is useful for repeating a part contour one or more times along a straight line in the XY plane. The contour formed by these operations may either be closed or open. If a rotary axis is enabled, this operation can also be used for repeating such a contour one or more times over a specified rotary increment.

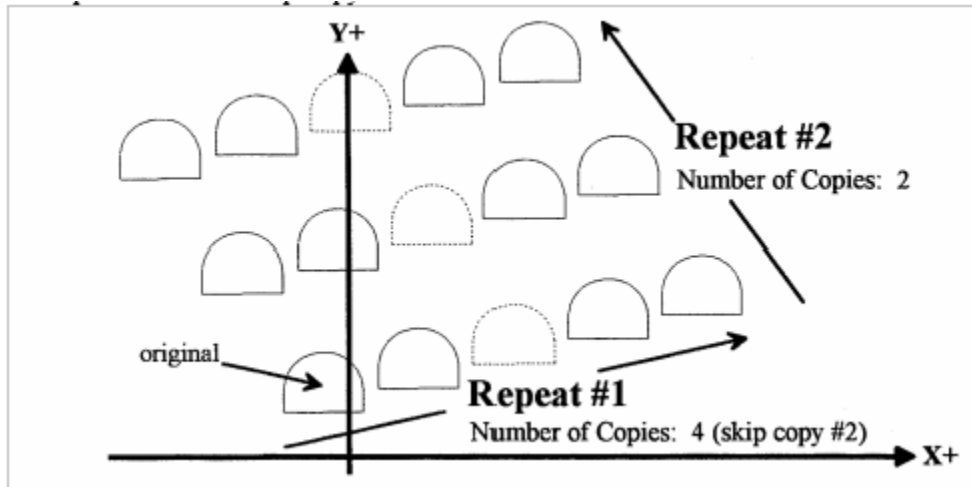


Increment: Specifies the X and Y distances between the start points of each copy of the contour.

Rotary Increment: Specifies the rotary incremental amount to move between each copy of the contour. Note: This field will appear only if a rotary axis is enabled.

Number of Copies: The number of times to repeat the contour.

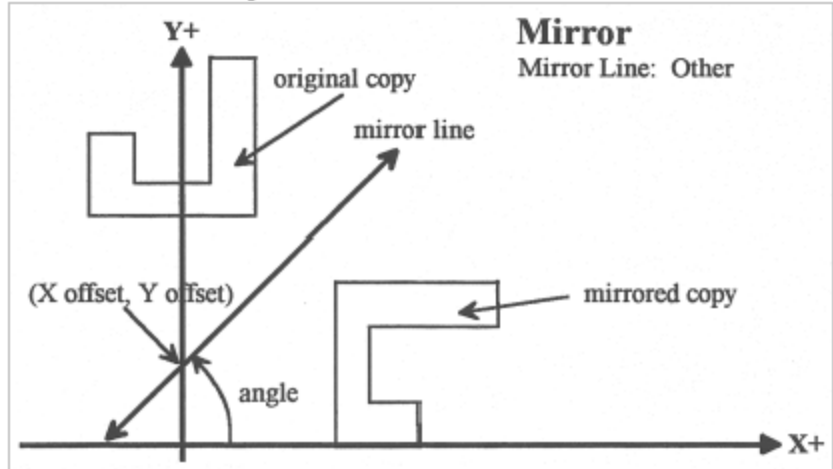
Skip List: List of copies that are skipped. Enter the number or numbers of the copies that you wish to skip. In the example below will skip copy # 2.



* NOTE: An array of repeats may be accomplished by doing a repeat of a repeat.

Mirror (F3 in the Insert Subprogram Menu)

The Mirror feature is useful for reflecting a part contour over a line. The contour formed by these operations may either be closed or open.



Mirror Line: Specifies the type of mirror line to use. Choices are Horizontal, Vertical and Other (user-defined).

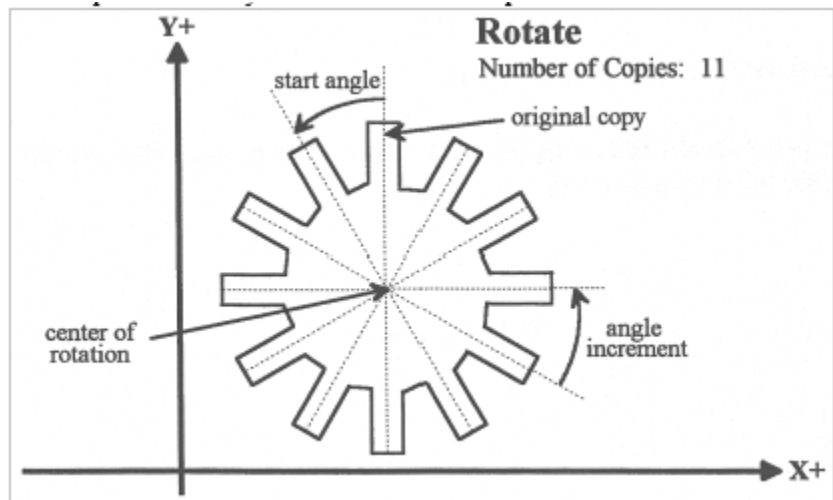
X Offset: Specifies the X coordinate on the Mirror Line. This field will not be visible for a horizontal mirror line.

Y Offset: Specifies the Y coordinate on the Mirror Line. This field will not be visible for a vertical mirror line.

Angle: Specifies the angle (from the three o'clock position) of the Mirror Line. This field will only be visible for a user-defined mirror line and is used in conjunction with the X Offset and Y Offset fields to define the mirror line.

Rotate (F4 in the Insert Subprogram Menu)

The Rotate feature is useful for rotating a part contour multiple times around a given point. The contour formed by these operations may either be closed or open.



Center: The XY location of the center of rotation.

Start Angle: The angle from the original copy at which the first copy will be placed. A positive angle indicates a counterclockwise rotation, while a negative angle indicates a clockwise rotation.

Angle Increment: The angle at which each copy after the first will be placed from the first copy. A positive angle indicates a counterclockwise, while a negative angle indicates a clockwise rotation. Must have a value

larger than 1 in the number of copies.

Number of Copies: The number of times to rotate the contour.

End Angle: The angle at which the final rotated copy will start, **not the angle at which it will end**. A positive angle indicates a counterclockwise rotation, while a negative angle indicates a clockwise rotation.

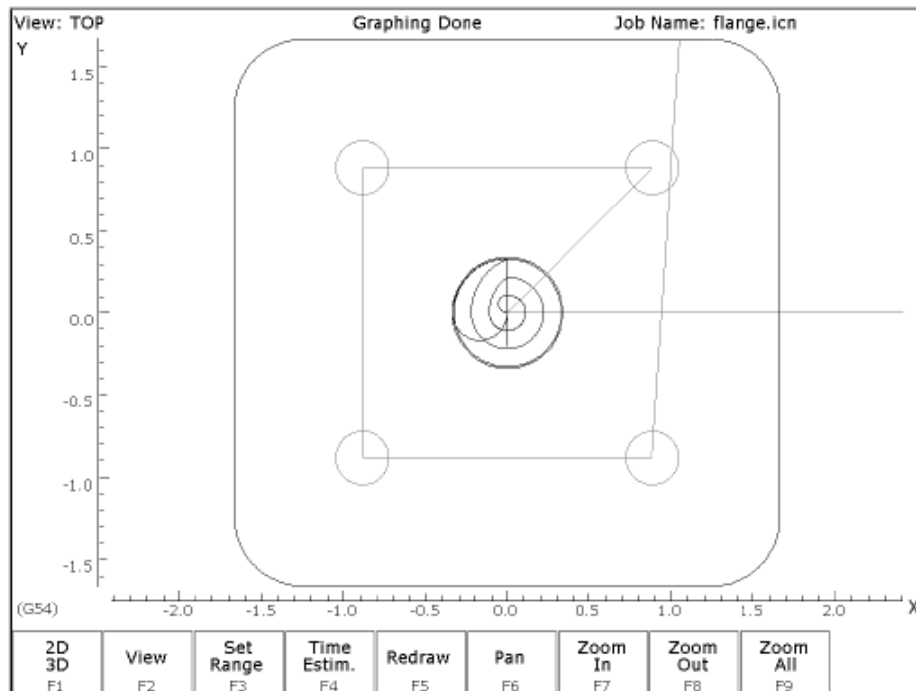
Skip List: List of copies that are skipped. Enter the number or numbers of the copies that you wish to skip.

NOTE: The user may enter the Start Angle, the Number of Copies, and either the Angle Increment or the End Angle value, and Intercon will compute the rest.

10.8 Graphics

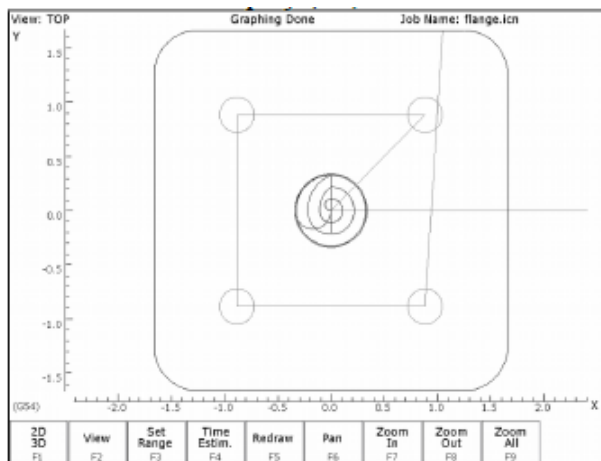
Intercon features three-dimensional previews of the tool path to be followed when milling the part. You may choose to display your project in one of two formats: a three-plane display, where the project is shown in each of the XY-, ZX-, and YZ-planes; or an isometric display, which depicts the project three-dimensionally from an observer's point of view. To view the graphics, press **F8 - Graph** from the Main Menu or from any Operation Edit screen.

The format of the display will be similar to the following:

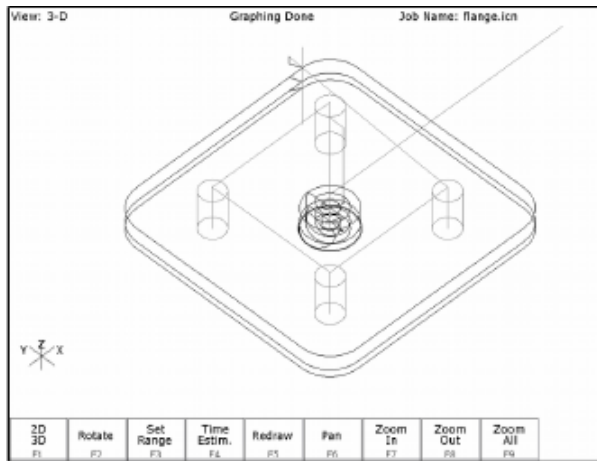


The display will consist of arcs and/or lines that make up the tool path followed. Rapid (G0) moves will appear in Red, linear (G1) and arc (G2, G3) moves will be Yellow, and compensated pass will appear in gray. Canned cycle operations (except the facing cycle) will also display a gray.

F1 — 2D/3D: Selects the format of the project display. This may take the form of the three-plane display (2D) or the isometric display (3D).



Three-Plane (2D)



Isometric (3D)

F2 — View/Rotate: In three-plane (2D) view, F2 - View switches the point of view to a different plane. In isometric, (3D) view, F2 - Rotate enables the arrow keys to rotate the figure. The arrow keys actually rotate a larger version of the YZX axes figure that shows the orientation in which the part will be redrawn. Press F2 - Rotate to redraw without leaving rotation mode. If you press Enter or F5 - Redraw after rotating the axes, the display of the axes will disappear. To rotate to a different angle you will have to press F2 - Rotate again. Press Esc to cancel rotation.

F3 — Set Range: Specify the range of operations to draw. You will be prompted for a start block and an end block.

F4 — Time Estimate: Press F4 - Time Estim. to hide or display the time estimate in the upper left-hand portion of the screen.

F5 — Redraw: Pressing the F5 - Redraw key will cause the simulation to start again from the first operation (Redraw).

F6 — Pan: When using the pan feature, the project can be centered to the crosshairs in the display windows of the three-plane display, or rotated around the center of the isometric display screen. To enter pan mode, simply press the F6 - Pan key or press one of the Arrow keys. A set of crosshairs will appear. Adjust the center of the crosshairs to the new desired center. Press Enter, F5 - Redraw, F6 - Pan to redraw the part with the new screen center point.

F7, F8 & F9 — Zoom In, Zoom Out & Zoom All: The project can also be viewed in an enlarged or reduced state by pressing the F7 - Zoom In or F8 - Zoom Out keys to activate Zoom In and Zoom Out respectively. Pressing F9 - Zoom All redraws the project at its original size. Use the arrow keys to select the new screen center before zooming in or out.

Number keys and Space bar — Feed Rate Override & Hold: If no jog panel is attached (or "Keyboard" has been selected as the jog panel type) the number keys 1 - 9 and 0 choose feed rate overrides 10% - 90% and 100%, respectively. 1 is 10%, 9 is 90%, and 0 is 100%. If there is a jog panel attached you can use the feedrate knob to adjust the speed as well. The space bar toggles feed hold on and off.

10.8.1 Accelerated Graphics Backplot

Accelerated Graphics Backplot is a new tool path graphics display that takes advantage of the latest video graphics technology. This option is enabled by setting [Parameter 260](#) to 1 (See Chapter 14 Configuration). Under Accelerated Graphics Backplot, the operation of the user interface is slightly different from the regular Graphing described above.

- F1 - Pan/Rotate** Press this key to change the behavior of the keyboard arrow keys. Normally, they will pan (scroll) around the drawing, but after pressing this key the arrow keys will control rotation instead. When in rotation mode, an axis indicator is drawn to mark the center of rotation.
- F2 - View** Press this key to change the planar view of your part. The view is indicated by TOP, RIGHT, or FRONT shown at the top of the screen.
- F3 - Set Range** Press this key to select which blocks of G-code to display. Only blocks that fall within the range you specify will be drawn.
- F4 — Dimension Menu** Press this key to access a sub-menu of options:
- F1 — Prev Line:** Press this to walk forward to the next G-code line and graphically highlight it. If this G-code line contains movement, the Start and End points will be displayed at the bottom of the screen.
 - F2 — Next Line:** Press this to walk backward to the previous G-code line and graphically highlight it. If this G-code line contains movement, the Start and End points will be displayed at the bottom of the screen.
 - F3 — Go To Line:** Press this key to graphically highlight a particular G-code line whose line number you specify. If this G-code line contains movement, the Start and End points will be displayed.
 - F4 — Measure:** Use this feature to measure between any 2 selected points. To do this, use a mouse to move the pointer over the first point and then press F4 – Measure to anchor the first point. Then use the mouse to move the pointer to the second point. As you move the mouse towards the second point, you will notice an Offset and Measurement display changing dynamically as you move the mouse. Also you may notice some "snap to" effects as you move the pointer close to start and end points of entities that make up your program.
- F5 — Redraw** Press this key to redraw the part slowly, which can be useful for visualizing the movements the machine will make. While the display is being redrawn, you can use the feedrate override knob to adjust the rate at which it is being drawn. If you don't have a feedrate override knob, the + and - keys can be used to adjust the rate. Pressing F5 again will cancel this mode.
- F6 — Hide** Rapids Press this key to hide rapid movements. Press it again to show them.
- F7 — Zoom In** Press these keys to zoom into the part relative to the center of the screen.
- F8 — Zoom Out** Press these keys to zoom away from the part relative to the center of the screen.
- F9 — Zoom All** Press this key to fit the entire part inside the screen.

F10 — Show Tools

Press this key to show the tools menu, which allows you to highlight movements of certain tools. Press this key again to hide the tools menu.

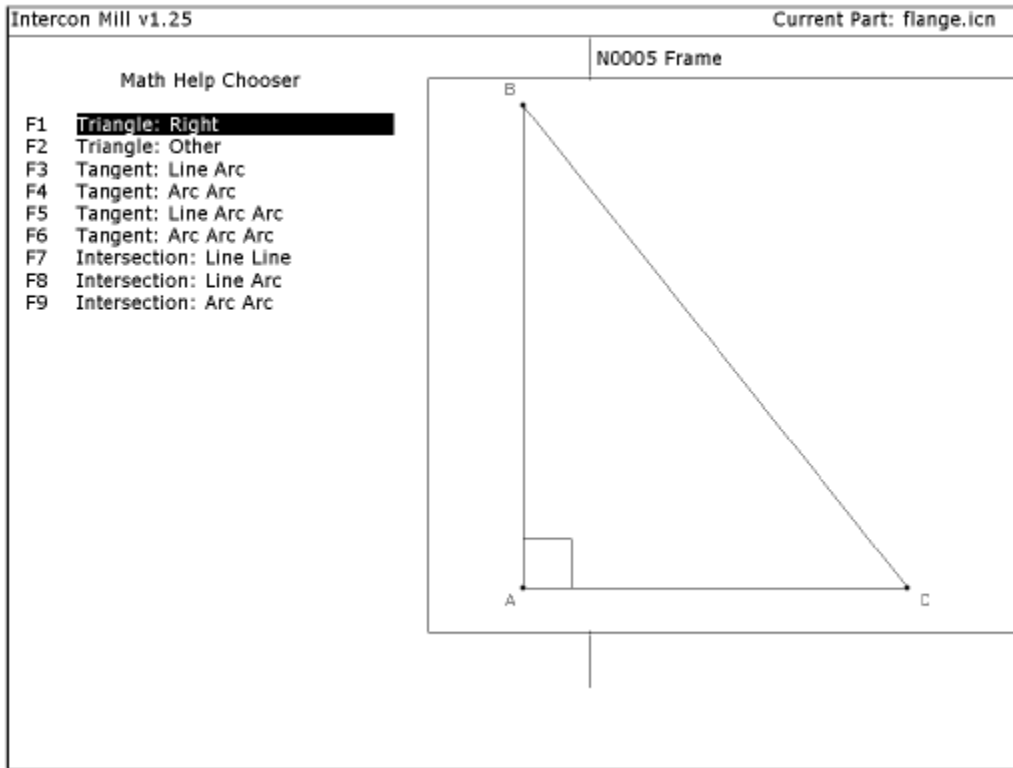
Spacebar — Measure

Press this key to take a measurement between two points. In a 2D view, this measurement will be a 2D measurement. In a 3D view, it will be a 3D measurement (and the measurement will only be valid if the crosshairs are snapped to a line of the tool path).

NOTE: If you have a mouse or touch screen attached to your device, you can use that to control the graphing window. Holding the left mouse button allows you to drag the part across the screen, while the right mouse button controls rotation of the part. Spinning the mouse wheel (or holding both left and right buttons) zooms in and out. Double clicking on a feedrate movement will center the camera on that movement (which is very useful) and also tells you the length of that movement. For touchscreen operation, use the F1 key to switch between Pan and Rotate modes.

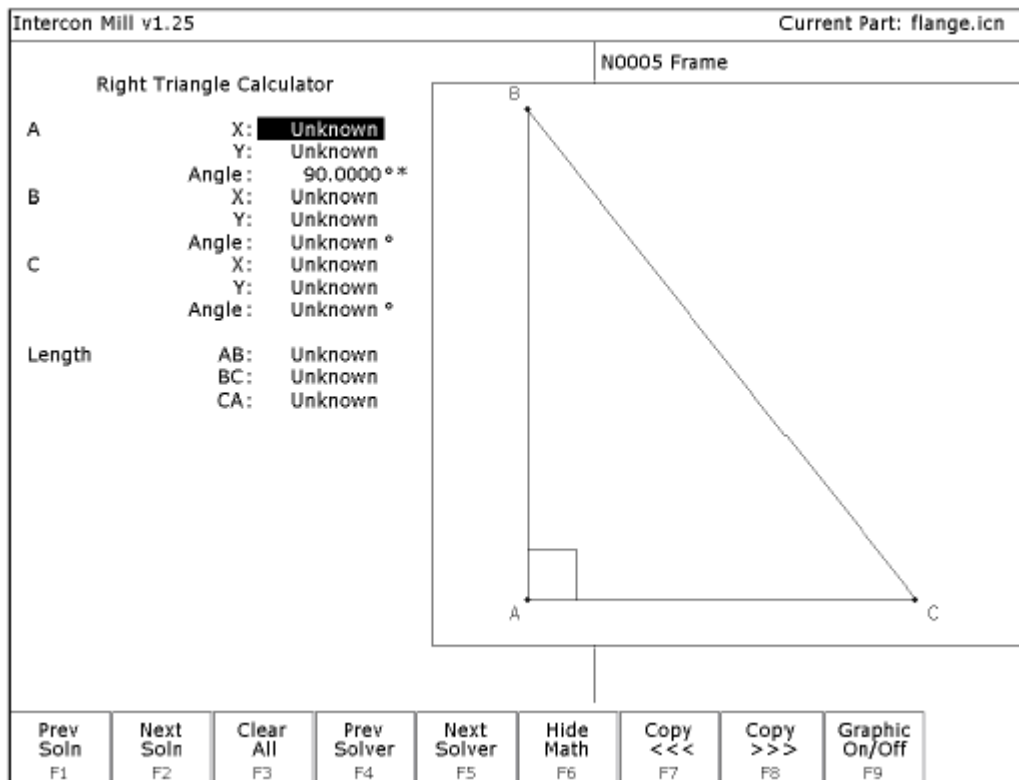
10.9 Math Help

Intercon provides a math assistance function to solve the trigonometric problems common in part drawings. To enter Math Help, press **F6 — Math Help** from any Edit Operation screen. The first time that you invoke Math Help, the following screen appears which shows all available *solvers*:



The figures on the right are a graphical representation of the highlighted solver on the left. Pressing **ENTER** key will display another menu that has various fields particular to the type of problem that is being solved. The graphic below displays the Right Triangle Calculator menu. The options that are available on the function keys are the same for every type of math help solver and perform the following operations:

10.9.1 F1 — Triangle: Right



F1 — Prev Soln (Previous Solution)

F2 — Next Soln (Next Solution)

The **Prev Soln** and **Next Soln** options will cycle backward and forward, respectively, through the available solution sets for math solvers that may have multiple solutions. A status line near the bottom left of the screen appears once a valid solution has been found. The solution status line indicates the total number of solutions and the solution number that is currently represented by the graphic display on the right. For example, in an Arc Tangent Arcs math help, the display solution status may be "Solution 1 of 8 -". In this case, the **Prev Soln** and **Next Soln** can be used to cycle through all eight of the solutions.

F3 — Clear All

The Clear All option removes all solutions. It sets all fields for a particular solver to UNKNOWN.

F4 — Prev Solver

F5 — Next Solver

The Prev Solver and Next Solver options cycle backward and forward, respectively, through the various math help solvers. These options are shortcuts which have the same effect as pressing **ESC** to reach the main math help menu, navigating to the previous or next math help option, and then pressing **ENTER**.

F6 — Hide Math

The **F6 - Hide Math** option exits math help mode and returns to the operation edit menu. Pressing **F6 - Math Help** to invoke Math Help again will restore Math Help exactly as you left it. After copying values from Math Help, you can press **F6 - Hide Math** to hide Math Help, and then hit **F10 - Accept** to accept the values entered.

F7 — Copy <<<

F8 — Copy >>>

The **F8 — Copy <<<** option will move the value from the selected edit operation field into the selected math help menu field and the **F7 — Copy >>>** operation will move the value from the selected math help menu field into the selected edit operation field. For both options, the selected fields in the math help menu and the operation edit menu are advanced. Only when the graphics display is off will the Copy operations actually copy values and advance field selections.

The currently selected fields have either a box drawn around them or are highlighted depending upon which menu is active. The active menu, which is either the math operation menu on the left hand side or the operation edit menu on the right hand side, depicts the selected field by highlighting the entire field. The non-active menu displays the active field with a box drawn around it. Use the arrow keys to select fields as described below.

F9 — Graphic On/Off

Toggle the graphical representation of the math help menu on the display.

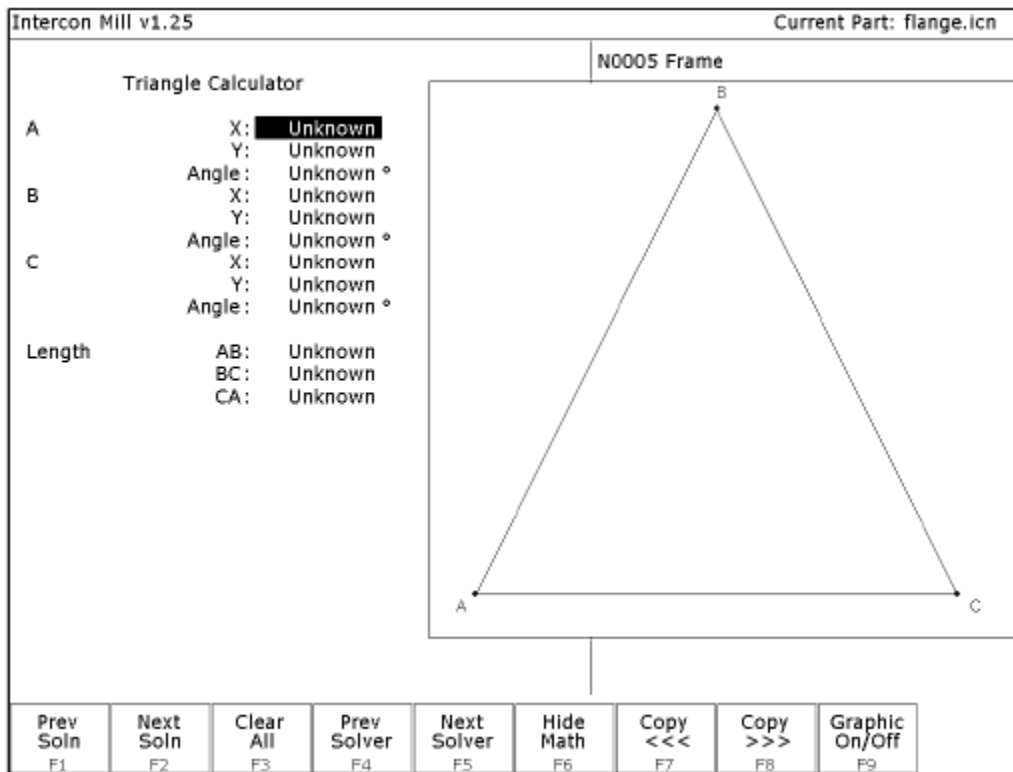
↑↓←→ (Arrow Keys) — Select Fields

The **LEFT** and **RIGHT** arrow keys are used to navigate between the math menu and the edit menu. The **UP** and **DOWN** arrow keys are used to navigate within a menu. To choose fields for the "Copy" option, above, use the UP and DOWN arrow keys to highlight the desired field in the menu and use the **LEFT** or **RIGHT** arrow keys to switch menus.

Other Features Common To All Math Help Operations

In some math help operations, there will be an asterisk '*' character that appears immediately to the right of a field. This character marks the field as a "given" field, which means that the value of this field will be held constant in the process of solving the math equations.

10.9.2 F2 — Triangle:Other



See button explanations above in the **F1 — Triangle: Right** section.

The screen will show UNKNOWN if the value of each parameter is not known. Math Help waits for known values to be entered, where:

Point a, b, or c is the coordinate value for each corner of the triangle.

Angle A, B, or C is the angle at each point of the triangle.

Length of values are the distances between the points indicated.

Continue adding all the known parameters. Select parameters using the arrow soft keys. When Math Help solves the remaining unknown values, the screen will display them.

10.9.3 F3 — Tangent: Line Arc

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Line Tangent Arc N0005 Frame

| | | |
|---------|---------|---------|
| Circle | X: | 0.0000 |
| | Y: | 0.0000 |
| | Radius: | 1.0000 |
| Line | X: | 4.0000 |
| | Y: | 0.0000 |
| Tangent | X: | 0.2500 |
| | Y: | -0.9682 |

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The diagram illustrates the geometry for the 'Line Tangent Arc' problem. It shows a circle with center $C1$ and radius r . A line is defined by point LP . A tangent line is shown touching the circle at point $T1$.

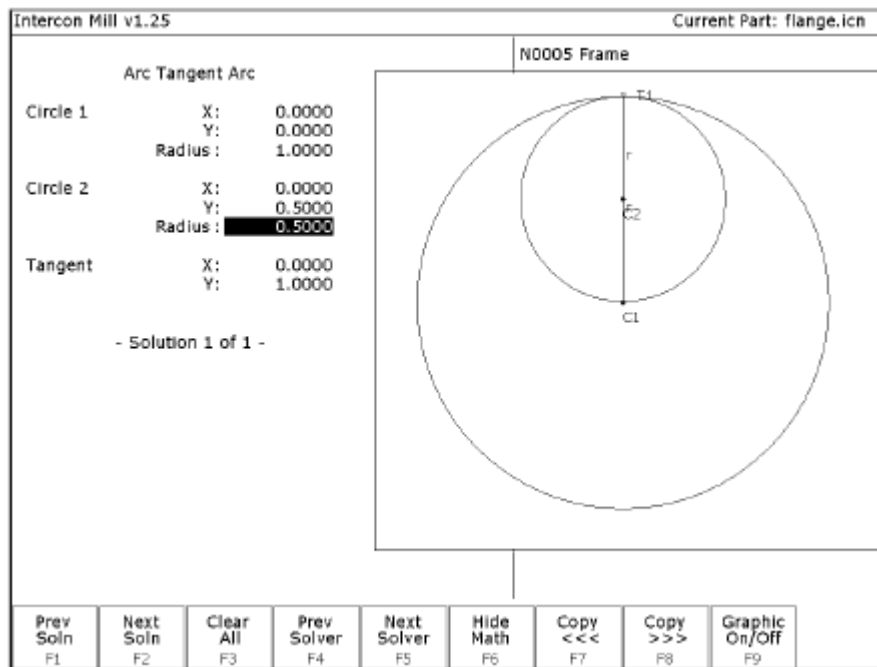
| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Prev Soln F1 | Next Soln F2 | Clear All F3 | Prev Solver F4 | Next Solver F5 | Hide Math F6 | Copy <<< F7 | Copy >>> F8 | Graphic On/Off F9 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|

See button explanations above in the **F1 — Triangle: Right** section.

Given the center ($C1$) the radius of an arc, and 1 point (LP) on a line, find the lines tangent to the arc (defined by the tangent point ($T1$)).

You must enter the X and Y coordinates for the circle's center point, the circle's radius, and the X and Y coordinates for a point on the line.

10.9.4 F4 — Tangent: Arc Arc



See button explanations above in the **F1 — Triangle: Right** section.

Given the center points (C1 and C2) and radii (R1 and R2) of two arcs, find the point (T) at which they are tangent.

You must enter the X and Y coordinates for the first circle's center point, the radius of the first circle, the X and Y coordinates for the second circle's center point, and the second circle's radius.

10.9.5 F5 — Tangent: Line Arc Arc

Intercon Mill v1.25 Current Part: flange.icn

N0005 Frame

| Line Tangent Arcs | | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Circle 1 | X: | 0.0000 |
| | Y: | 0.0000 |
| | Radius: | 1.0000 |
| Circle 2 | X: | 4.0000 |
| | Y: | 0.0000 |
| | Radius: | 1.5000 |
| Tangent 1 | X: | -0.1250 |
| | Y: | 0.9922 |
| Tangent 2 | X: | 3.8125 |
| | Y: | 1.4882 |

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Prev Soln Next Soln Clear All Prev Solver Next Solver Hide Math Copy <<< Copy >>> Graphic On/Off
F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7 F8 F9

See button explanations above in the **F1 — Triangle: Right** section.

Given the center points (C1 and C2) and radii (R1 and R2) of two arcs, find the lines (defined by T1 - T2) tangent to both arcs.

You must enter the X and Y coordinates for the first circle's center point, the radius of the first circle, the X and Y coordinates for the second circle's center point, and the second circle's radius.

10.9.6 F6 — Tangent: Arc Arc Arc

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N0005 Frame

| Arc Tangent Arcs | | |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Circle 1 | X: | -2.0000 |
| | Y: | 0.0000 |
| | Radius: | 1.0000 |
| Circle 2 | X: | 4.0000 |
| | Y: | 0.0000 |
| | Radius: | 2.0000 |
| Circle 3 | X: | 0.2500 |
| | Y: | -3.3072 |
| | Radius: | 3.0000 |
| Tangent 1 | X: | -1.4375 |
| | Y: | -0.8268 |
| Tangent 2 | X: | 2.5000 |
| | Y: | -1.3229 |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Prev Soln F1 | Next Soln F2 | Clear All F3 | Prev Solver F4 | Next Solver F5 | Hide Math F6 | Copy <<< F7 | Copy >>> F8 | Graphic On/Off F9 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|

See button explanations above in the **F1 — Triangle: Right** section.

Given the center points (C1 and C2) and radii (R1 and R2) of two arcs and the radius of a third arc, find the center point of the third arc and the tangency points (T1 and T2).

You must enter the radius of the tangent arc, the X and Y coordinates for the first circle's center point, the radius of the first circle, the X and Y coordinates for the second circle's center point, and the second circle's radius.

10.9.7 F7 — Intersection: Line Line

The screenshot displays the 'Intercon Mill v1.25' software interface. The title bar shows 'Current Part: flange.icn' and 'N0005 Frame'. The main window is divided into a data panel on the left and a graphical area on the right.

Line Intersection Line

| Line | X1 | Y1 | X2 | Y2 | Angle |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Line 1 | 0.0000 * | 0.0000 * | 5.0000 * | 5.0000 * | 45.0000 |
| Line 2 | 0.0000 * | 5.0000 * | 8.0000 * | -1.0000 * | 323.1301 |

Intersection

| | |
|----|--------|
| X: | 2.8571 |
| Y: | 2.8571 |

* Given (Space to Toggle)
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The graphical area shows two intersecting lines. Line 1 is defined by points L1P1 (0, 0) and L2P1 (5, 5). Line 2 is defined by points L1P2 (0, 5) and L2P2 (8, -1). The intersection point is labeled 'I1' at coordinates (2.8571, 2.8571).

At the bottom, there is a control bar with the following buttons:

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Prev Soln F1 | Next Soln F2 | Clear All F3 | Prev Solver F4 | Next Solver F5 | Hide Math F6 | Copy <<< F7 | Copy >>> F8 | Graphic On/Off F9 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|

See button explanations above in the **F1 — Triangle: Right** section.

You must enter the X and Y coordinates for 1 point on each line, and also one of the following:

- The X and Y coordinates for a second point.
- The X coordinate for a second point and the angle from horizontal.
- The Y coordinate for a second point and the angle from horizontal.
- The angle from horizontal only.

10.9.8 F8 — Intersection: Line Arc

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N0005 Frame

Line Intersection Arc

Circle X: 0.0000
 Y: 0.0000
 Radius: 1.0000

Line X1: -2.0000 *
 Y1: -2.0000 *
 X2: 2.0000 *
 Y2: 0.3094
 Angle: **30.0000** *

Int. 1 X1: 0.9560
 Y1: -0.2933

Int. 2 X2: -0.2240
 Y2: -0.9746

* Given (Space to Toggle)

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| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Prev Soln F1 | Next Soln F2 | Clear All F3 | Prev Solver F4 | Next Solver F5 | Hide Math F6 | Copy <<< F7 | Copy >>> F8 | Graphic On/Off F9 |
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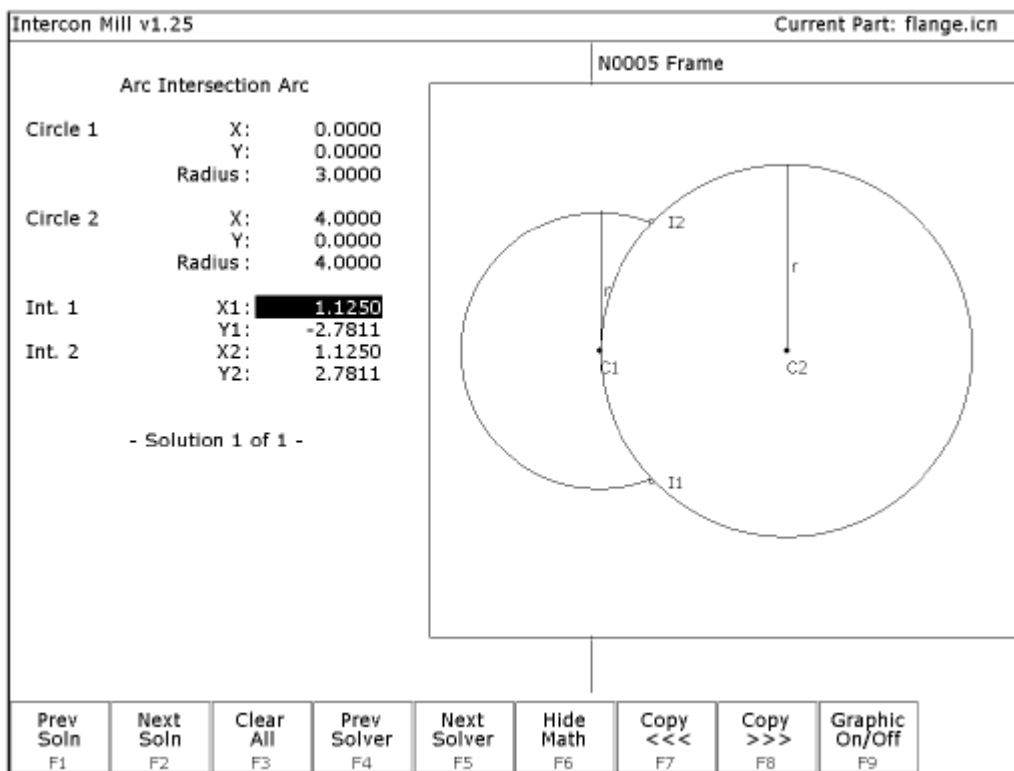
See button explanations above in the **F1 — Triangle: Right** section.

Given the center (C1) and radius (R) of an arc, 1 point (P1) and either a second point (P2) or one coordinate (P2 X or Y) and the angle from horizontal, find the intersection point(s) (I1 and I2).

You must enter the X and Y coordinates for the circle's center point, the circle's radius, the X and Y coordinates for one point on the line, and one of the following:

- The X and Y coordinates of a second point on the line.
- The X coordinate of a second point and the angle from horizontal.
- The Y coordinate of a second point and the angle from horizontal.

10.9.9 F9 — Intersection: Arc Arc



See button explanations above in the **F1 — Triangle: Right** section.

Given the center points (C1 and C2) and the radii (R1 and R2) of two arcs, find the intersection point(s) (I1 and I2) of the arcs.

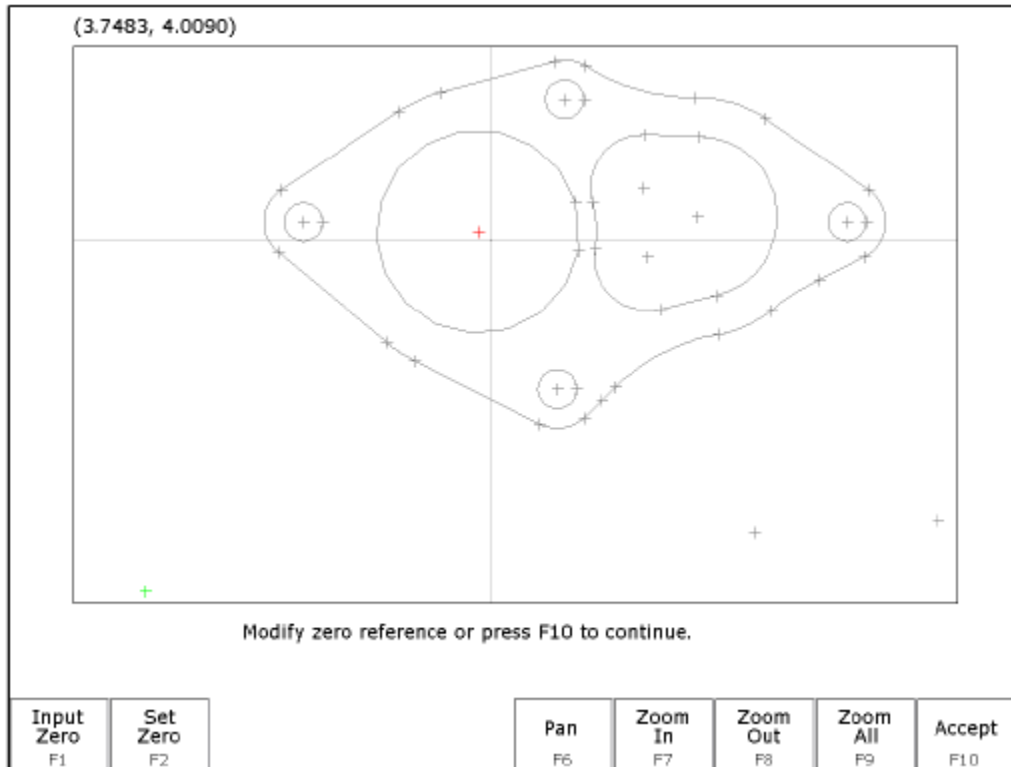
You must enter the X and Y coordinates for the first circle's center point, the radius of the first circle, the X and Y coordinates for the second circle's center point, and the second circle's radius.

10.10 Importing DXF files (Optional)

Intercon allows you to convert geometry in DXF files to Intercon operations. To insert operations from a DXF file press **F6 — Other** then **F8 — Import DXF**. If no DXF files have been loaded yet, the Intercon load file menu will appear. From here you may select the DXF file you wish to load. By default, Intercon expects DXF files to reside in the `c:\cncm\ncfiles` directory. To change the default directory used by the Intercon load menu when loading DXF files, see the "User Specified Paths" section of Chapter 14.

Intercon reads DXF files up to and including version R14. *At this time, only **point**, **line**, **arc**, **circle**, **polyline** and **lwpolyline** entities can be used to create Intercon operations.* All other entities such as *text* must be converted to lines and arcs for them to appear in the Intercon Import DXF menu.

After a DXF file has been loaded, the Set zero reference menu appears.

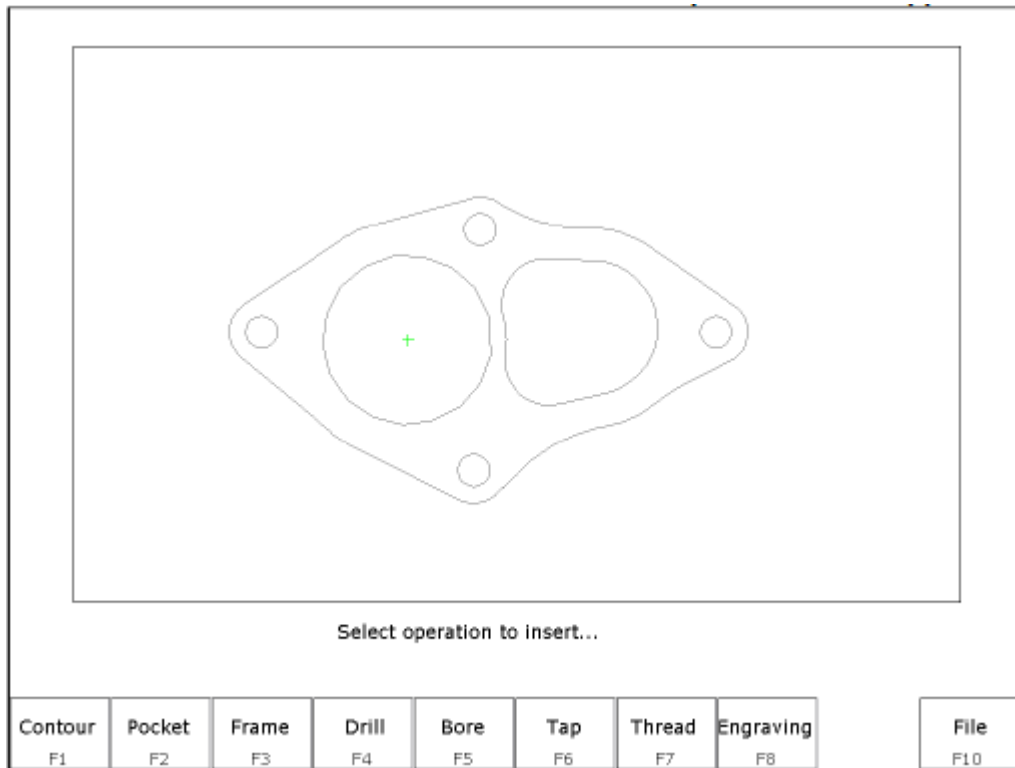


This menu allows you to change the absolute zero reference of the DXF file. The current zero reference appears as a green cross. All other points appear as gray crosses. A new zero reference may be defined by a combination the following methods:

- Press **F1** — **Input Zero** to enter the coordinates of the new zero reference.
- Move the crosshairs with the arrow keys to highlight a point (represented by a gray cross) and when the crosshairs are close to a gray cross it will change red. Press **F2** — **Set Zero** to set the zero reference to the position of that point.

When satisfied with the current location of the zero reference, press **F10** — **Accept**. The zero reference may be changed multiple times before pressing **F10** — **Accept**.

After the zero reference is set the Select Intercon operation menu appears:



This menu allows you to select the type of Intercon operation you wish to create using geometry from the DXF file.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| F1 — Contour Convert | one or more connected lines and/or arcs to linear and arc operations. |
| F2 — Pocket Convert | a chain of lines and/or arcs to one of the Intercon pocket operations. The type of pocket depends on the geometry of the selected chain. A chain of arcs will be converted to a circular pocket if all arcs have the same center point and radius. A chain of four lines forming a rectangle will be converted to a rectangular pocket. All other chains will be converted into a cleanout operation. |
| F3 — Frame Create | a frame operation that surrounds a chain of lines and/or arcs. The height, width and center of the chain are used to define the frame. |
| F4 — Drill Convert | one or more points to a drilling operation. |
| F5 — Bore Convert | one or more points to a boring operation. |
| F6 — Tap Convert | one or more points to a tapping operation. |
| F7 — Thread Convert | one or more points to a threading operation. |
| F8 — Engrave (Optional) | Converts the entire file to engraving operations. Choosing this option displays the engraving menu. Set the options as desired for the engraving. Surface Height is the height of the surface to be engraved. Clearance Height is the height that the engraving tool will move up to clear the surface. Depth is the depth of the engraving. Set the Plunge Rate and Feedrate appropriately for the tool and material. |

F10 — File

Pressing F10 — File displays the following options:

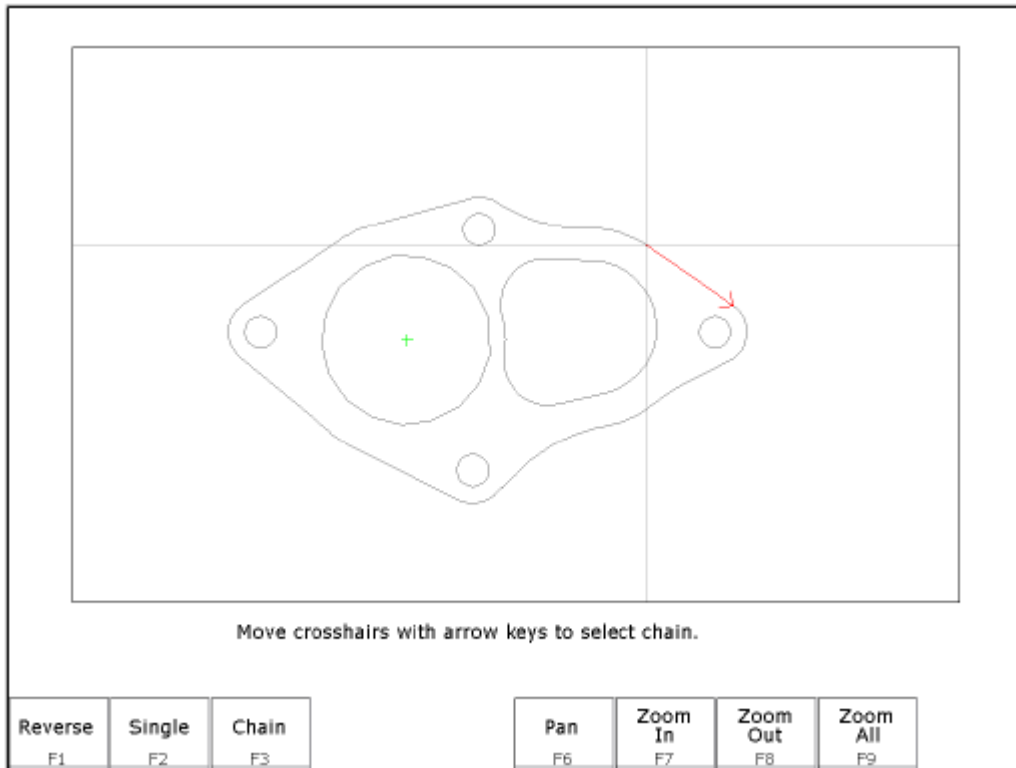
- F1 — Load** Load a new DXF file.
- F2 — Zero** Change the current zero reference.
- F3 — Gap** Modify the current gap tolerance. Two lines or arcs are connected if the distance between their end points is less than the gap tolerance.

Selecting DXF geometry

After selecting an operation to from the Select Intercon operation menu, one of two menus appears. Contour, pocket and frame operations display the Select Chain menu and Drill, Bore, Tap and Thread operations display the Select Point menu. These menus allow you to select the geometry you wish to use to create the specified Intercon operation(s).

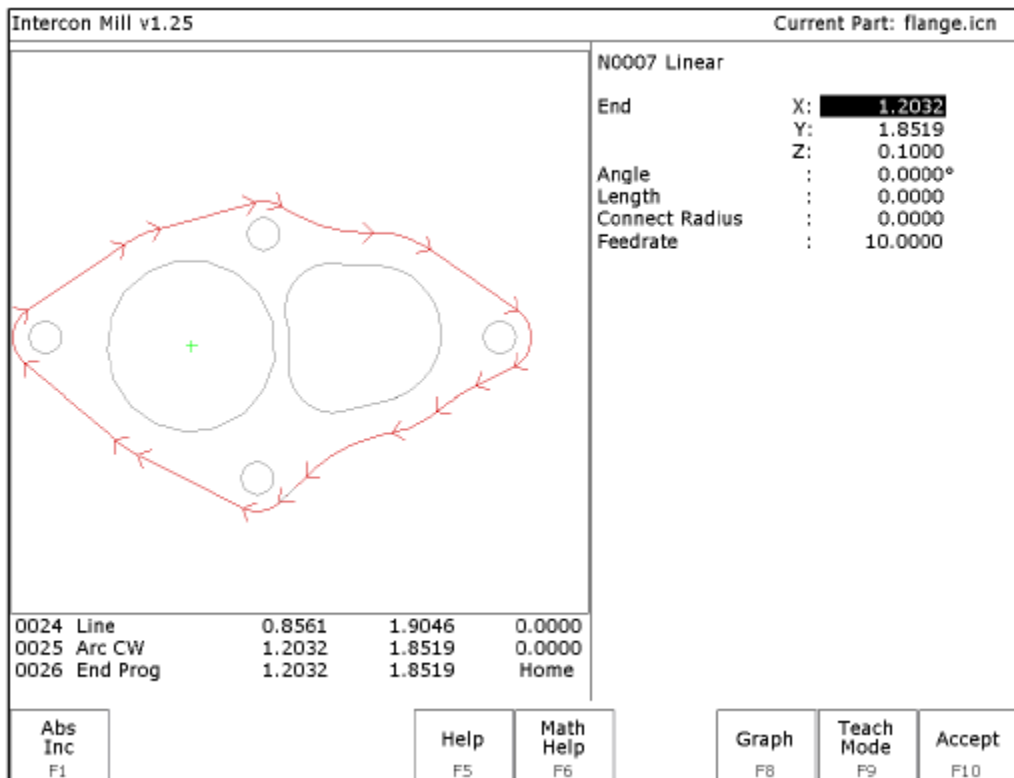
Select Chain Menu

This menu allows you to select a chain of one or more lines and/or arcs. To select a chain, highlight the first line or arc with the crosshairs. Press either **F2 — Single** to accept only that object or press **F3 — Chain** to accept that object and create a chain of lines and arcs connected to that entity. When satisfied with the selected chain, press **F10 — Done** to edit the values for the chosen Intercon operation.



↑↓←→ (Arrow Keys) — Move crosshairs **Use the arrow keys to move the crosshairs.**

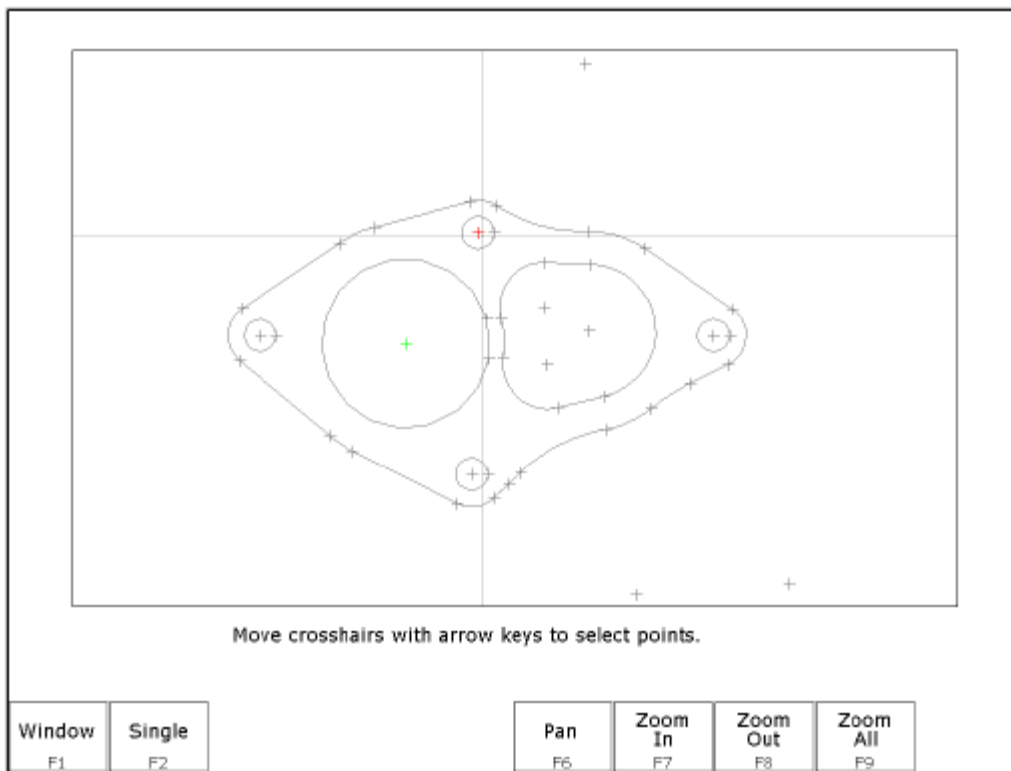
- F1 — Reverse** When a line or arc is highlighted, an arrow appears indicating the direction of the object. Contour operations use this direction when cutting lines and arcs. To reverse the direction of the highlighted line or arc, press **F1 — Reverse**.
- F2 — Single** Select the currently highlighted line or arc.
- F3 — Chain** Select the currently highlighted line or arc and create a chain of connected lines or arcs in the direction of this selected object. Chaining will stop if there are no more connected, unselected lines or arcs, or the chain connects to the first object in the chain, or a branch point occurs. A branch point occurs when the last object in the chain is connected to more than one unselected lines or arcs. When this situation occurs, highlight the desired unselected line or arc that connects to the last object in the chain and press **F3 — Chain** to continue chaining.
- F5 — Undo** Unselect the last line or arc in the chain.
- F6 — Pan** Set the plot center to the center of the crosshairs.
- F7, F8 & F9 — Zoom In, Zoom Out & Zoom All** **F7 — Zoom In** and **F8 — Zoom Out**, set the center of the plot to the center of the crosshairs and Zoom In and Zoom Out respectively. **F9 — Zoom All** redraws the part with its original scale.
- F10 — Done** Accepts the selected chain and proceeds to the Intercon operation edit menu. The operation edit menu allows you to enter values for fields such as feedrate and plunge rate. These values are copied to the rest of the lines and arcs in the chain where applicable.



The keys **F1 — Reverse**, **F2 — Single** and **F3 — Chain** only appear when a line or arc is highlighted. The keys **F5 — Undo** and **F10 — Done** only appear when one or more objects has been selected with **F2 — Single** or **F3 — Chain**.

Select Point Menu

This menu allows you to select one or more points to be converted into Intercon Drilling Threading operations. In this menu, all selectable points are displayed as gray crosses. Selectable points include point entities, line/arc endpoints and arc/circle center points. To select a point, position the crosshairs over the desired point until the cross turns red and press **F2 — Single** to accept the point. More points can be selected by highlighting them with the crosshairs and pressing **F2 — Single**. **F1 — Window** can be used to select all points within a specified window. When satisfied with the selected point(s), press **F10 — Done** to edit the Intercon operation parameters.

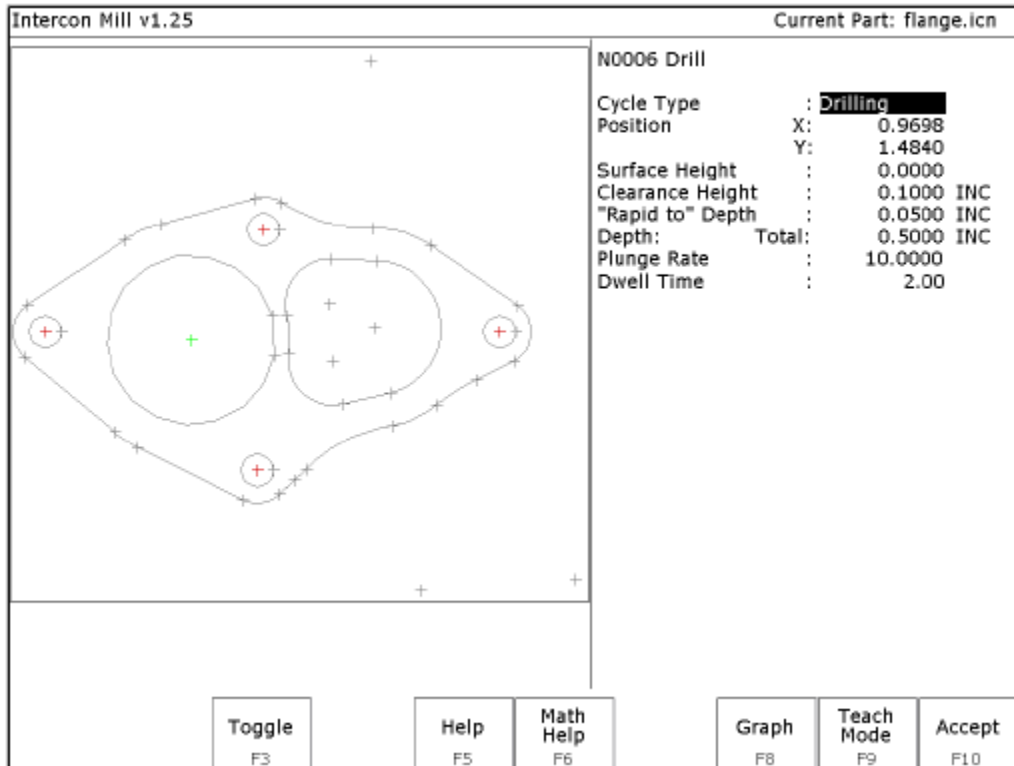


↑↓←→ (Arrow Keys) — Move crosshairs **Use the arrow keys to move the crosshairs.**

- F1 — Window** This key allows you to select all points within a specified box. Press F1 - Window once to set the first corner of the box. Move the crosshairs to the desired location for the opposite corner of the box and press F1 — Window. All points within the box are selected.
- F2 — Single** Accept the currently highlighted point.
- F5 — Undo** Unselect the last selected point.

F6, F7, F8 & F9 — Pan, Zoom In, Zoom Out & Zoom All These keys perform the same operations they do in the Select Chain menu.

F10 – Done Accepts the selected points and proceeds to the Intercon operation edit menu. The operation edit menu allows you to enter values for fields such as plunge rate and depth. These values are copied to the rest of the selected operations where applicable.



The key **F2 — Single** only appears when a point is highlighted. The keys **F5 — Undo** and **F10 — Done** only appear when one or more points have been selected with **F1 - Window** or **F2 — Single**.

Using a mouse

In addition to the arrow keys, a mouse may be used to position the crosshairs in the DXF selection menus. Simply move the mouse pointer to the desired crosshair location and click the left mouse button. This action will move the crosshairs to the location of the mouse click and highlight the closest object.

10.11 Intercon Tutorial #1

This is a step-by-step instructional example of going from blueprint to part with Intercon. The tool path to be created is for the part shown in Figure 1. For instructional purposes, this part will be programmed to cut into stock held in 3 fixtures, 6 inches apart along the X-axis.

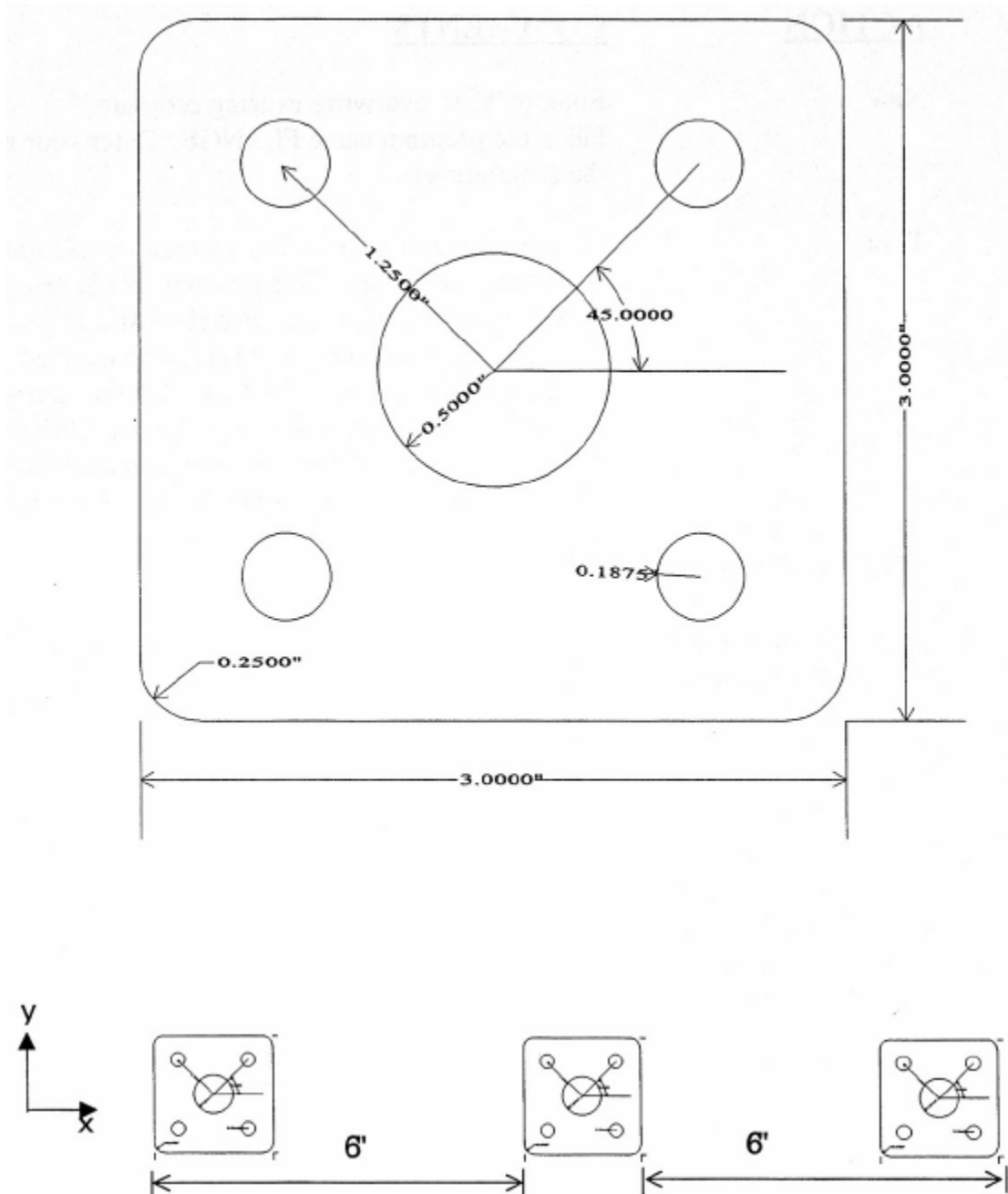


FIG. 1 Blueprint of flange part and the 3 fixtures.

10.11.1 Part Creation

Each feature of the part will become an operation in your program. Before beginning, decide where you want the **X0** and **Y0** reference. For this particular part, the center of the bolt hole pattern was selected. Now start the Intercon program (from the **CNC software main screen**, press **F5 — CAM**). Beginning from the Intercon File Menu (press **F1 — File** if the file menu is not shown) the following series of keystrokes will describe the step-by-step process of designing the part shown in Figure 1.

| PRESS | COMMENTS |
|------------------|--|
| F1 — New | Fill in the program name flange. Enter your name in as the programmer. Enter the description as "Intercon Tutorial #1". |
| F4 — Tool | Describe the tool below. The position values specify where to do the tool change. This position should be a point outside of the workpiece so that the last tool can be removed from the chuck and the new tool can be inserted. The Yes in the 'Actual Tool Change' field turns off the spindle and coolant upon reaching this spot. Use a 0.3750-inch diameter cutter. The length and diameter are updated based on the offsets. (The longest tool should have a 0.0000 length). |

N0020 Tool change

| | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------|
| Tool Number | : | 1 |
| Description | : | 3/8" end mill |
| Position: | X | -2.0000 |
| | Y | -2.0000 |
| Tool H Offset | : | 1 |
| Tool Height | : | 0.0000 |
| Tool D Offset | : | 1 |
| Tool Diameter | : | 0.3750 |
| Spindle Speed | : | 1000 |
| Spindle Direction | : | CW (M3) |
| Coolant Type | : | Flood (M8) |
| Actual Tool Change | : | Yes |

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| F10 — Accept | Keep selected values. |
| F5 — Cycles | Access the list of available Canned Cycles. |

F6 — Circ. Pocket Start with the 1.0000-inch diameter circular pocket. Enter the following values:

N0030 Circular pocket

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------|---|--------------|-----|
| Center: | X | : | 0.0000 | |
| | Y | : | 0.0000 | |
| Surface Height | | : | 0.0000 | |
| Diameter | | : | 1.0000 | |
| Cleanout | | : | Yes | |
| Depth: | Total | : | 0.5000 | INC |
| Per Pass | | : | 0.2500 | |
| Plunge Rate | | : | 2.0000 | [M] |
| Plunge Type | | : | Ramped | |
| Plunge Angle | | : | 0.00° | |
| Rough Cuts | | : | Conventional | |
| Stepover | | : | 0.2250 | |
| Feedrate | | : | 20.0000 | [M] |
| Finish Pass | | : | Climb | |
| Amount | | : | 0.0020 | |
| Feedrate | | : | 10.0000 | [M] |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F5 — Cycles Access the list of available Canned Cycles.

F1 — Drill Select drilling cycles

F2 — Drill BHC Select the bolt hole circle type of drilling cycles:

N0040 Drill bolt holes

| | | | | |
|------------------|-------|---|----------|-----|
| Cycle Type | | : | Drilling | |
| Center: | X | : | 0.0000 | |
| | Y | : | 0.0000 | |
| Surface Height | | : | 0.0000 | |
| Clearance Height | | : | 0.2500 | INC |
| 'Rapid To' Depth | | : | 0.1000 | INC |
| Depth: | Total | : | 0.5000 | INC |
| Plunge Rate | | : | 2.0000 | |
| Dwell Time | | : | 0.0000 | |
| Number of holes | | : | 4 | |
| Radius | | : | 1.2500 | |
| Start angle | | : | 45.00° | |

F8 — Graph

Display a preview of the part up to this point. This preview can be used to detect problems that may occur if the part was cut now.

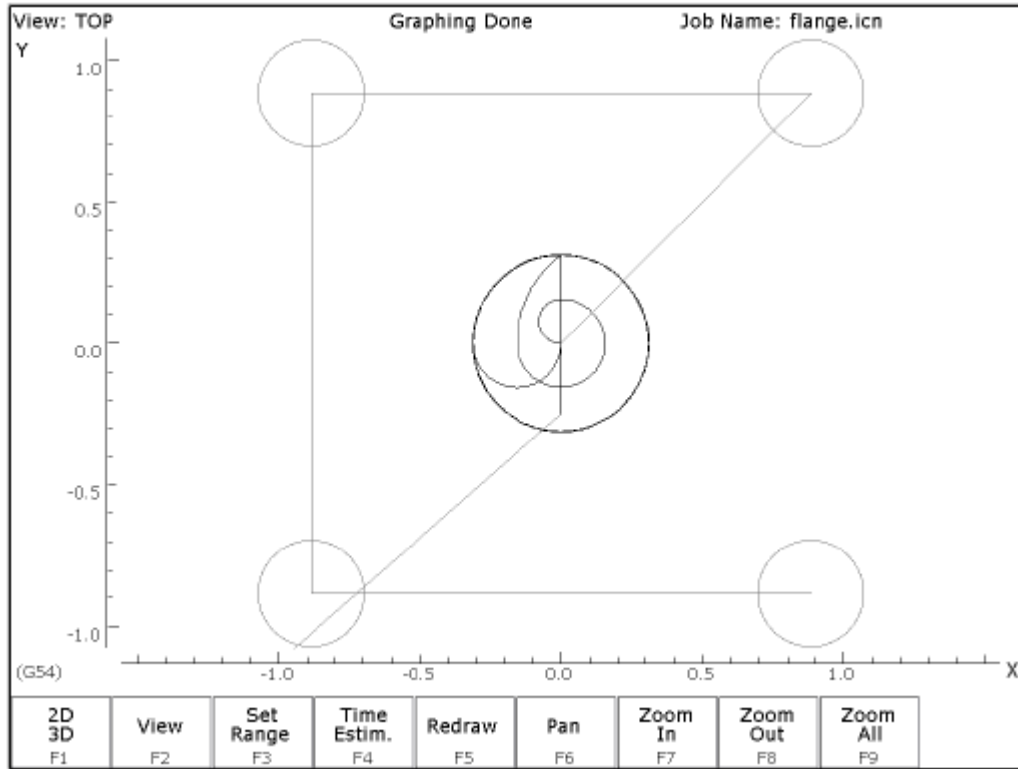


FIG. 2 - Graphics screen showing bolt holes and circular pocket

ESC/CANCEL

Return to the editing screen.

F10 — Accept

Keep selected values.

F5 — Cycles

Access the list of available Canned Cycles.

F7 — Frame

Now add an outside frame to cut the flange out of the material. The flange is 3.0000 inches long by 3.0000 inches wide, and has rounded corners with 0.2500-inch radii.

N0050 Frame mill

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------|---|--------------|-----|
| Frame | | : | Outside Rect | |
| Center: | X | : | 0.0000 | |
| | Y | : | 0.0000 | |
| Surface Height | | : | 0.0000 | |
| Length | X | : | 3.0000 | INC |
| Width | Y | : | 3.0000 | INC |
| Corner Radius | | : | 0.2500 | |
| Depth: | Total | : | 0.5000 | INC |
| per Pass | | : | 0.2500 | |
| Plunge Rate | | : | 2.0000 | |
| Plunge Type | | : | Ramped | |
| Plunge Angle | | : | 0.00° | |
| Cut Type | | : | Conventional | |
| Feedrate | | : | 10.0000 | |

F8 — Graph

Display a preview of the part up to this point. This preview can be used to detect problems that may occur if the part was cut now.

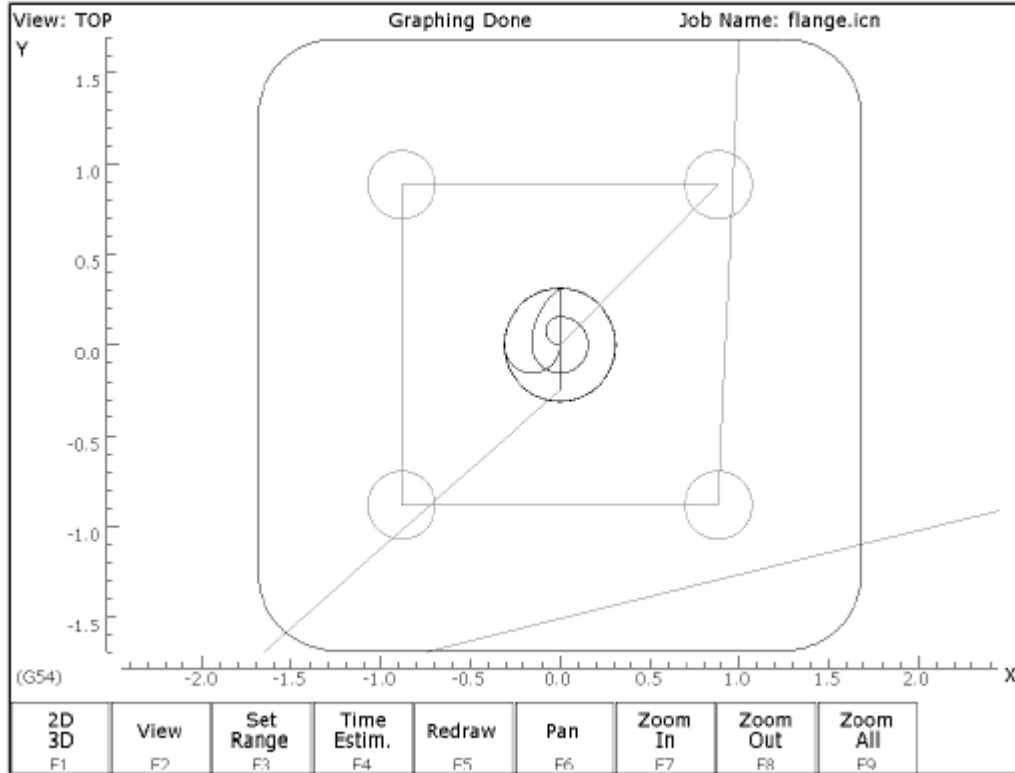


FIG. 3 - Graphics screen showing part with bolt holes and outer frame

ESC/CANCEL Return to the editing screen.

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F9 — Subpgrm Access the Insert Subprogram screen.

F2 — Repeat We programmed the part to cut one copy only. We now want to repeat the part 2 more times at an incremental distance of 6 inches along the X-axis. The part can now be cut into the stock mounted into the two other fixtures. The part begins with the circular pocket in operation #0003 and ends with the linear mill in operation #0005. Press **F2 — Z Home** to enter "Home" for "Clearance Height".

N0060 Repeat

| | | |
|------------------|-----|--------|
| Start Block | : | N0003 |
| End Block | : | N0005 |
| Increment | X : | 6.0000 |
| | Y : | 0.0000 |
| Clearance Height | : | Home |
| Plunge Rate | : | 2.0000 |
| Number of copies | : | 2 |

F8 — Graph Display a preview of the parts. This preview can be used to detect problems that may occur if the part was cut now.

- ESC/CANCEL** Return to Repeat Subprogram.
- F10 — Accept** Keep selected values if you wish to cut these two extra parts. If you do not wish to do this, press **ESC/CANCEL**.
- ESC/CANCEL** Creation of the part is complete. Intercon programs automatically turn the spindle and coolant off at the end.
- F1 — File** Press **F3 — Save** to save the part under its current name. Press **F4 — Save As** to save it under a new name.
- F10 — Post** The CNC file needed to run this part on your mill will be generated at this time. The Intercon program displays the operation number of the part it is processing as it works through each operation in memory:

Generating CNC Program
Block 0050

As it processes each operation, it checks for values that, if used, will cause incorrect code to be produced. If such a value is found, a message will appear on the screen alerting you of the problem. For example, a problem with a Frame Mill may produce this message:

Message
Corner radius too small for Cutter...hit a key.

Changes to the part would then be required to allow proper code generation to proceed. If no problems are encountered during code generation, the following message appears:

Message
CNC code generation successful

- Program Finished!** You are now finished designing your part. In order to run your part, you now need to return to the CNC software.

10.11.2 Milling The Part

Now that the part has been programmed, it is time to mill it. Take your material and clamp it to the table. Remember that the clamps must be positioned such that they do not interfere with the tool as it cuts. You may choose either to place the clamps around the edges of the material for the entire process and let the part drop through upon completion, or you may wish to pause after milling the circular pockets and place clamps through the holes to prevent the part from moving. The second option decreases the chance of the part being marred because it moved during milling. Now you need to set your XYZ reference points. Insert your longest tool in the quill and follow the procedure listed below:

| <u>PRESS</u> | <u>COMMENTS</u> |
|-------------------------|--|
| JOG KEYS | Jog the table so that your tool rests on the stock at the location that will represent X0 and Y0. |
| F1 — Setup | Enter the CNC software Setup screen. We are going to establish the part XYZ zero at the current tool location. |
| F1 — Part | Access the Part Setup options. |
| F10 — Set | Set your X zero position at current tool location. |
| F1 — Next | Axis Select the Y-axis next. |
| F10 — Set | Set your Y zero position at current tool location. |
| F1 — Next | Axis Select the Z-axis next. |
| F10 — Set | Set your Z zero position at current tool location. |
| TOOL CHECK | Moves the quill to the Z home position if the home position has been set. Moves tool to Z+ limit switch and sets home position if not. |
| ESC/CANCEL | Leave Part Setup screen. |
| F2 - Tool | Access Tool Library Editor. This is the place where we want to measure the actual heights of our tools (since we could not set the actual values in Intercon). |
| F1 — Offset Lib. | <p>You need to make sure that the tool diameter and height offset values are the correct ones for the tools you are going to be using. Inspect the values for D001 and H001. D001 should be 0.375, H1 should be 0.0000 (the two inch tool). If either of these values are incorrect, use the arrow keys to select the incorrect values. Enter the new values in their places and press ENTER to accept them.</p> <p>NOTE: The tool heights used above are merely example heights. In order to accurately measure the heights of your tools, see the description of measuring tool heights in Chapter 5.</p> |
| F10 — Save | Keep the updated tool offset library values. |
| F2 — Tool Lib. | Now you need to make sure that each tool uses the correct diameter and height offset values. Inspect the values for T001. T1 should use H001 and D001. If any of these values are incorrect, use the arrow keys to select the incorrect values. Enter the new values in their places and press ENTER to accept them. You may also select spindle and coolant settings for your tools here, or enter a short description of the tool. |
| F10 — Save | Keep the updated Tool Library values. |
| ESC/CANCEL | Leave Tool Setup. Return to the CNC software Setup Screen. |
| ESC/CANCEL | Leave CNC software Setup. Return to the CNC software Main Screen. |

CYCLE START

The **CYCLE START** button is located on your jog panel. This key will cause the mill to begin cutting your part.

Tutorial Complete!

10.12 Intercon Tutorial #2

This demonstration will show you how to create a tool path for a part from a blueprint using the Math Help function of Intercon. The tool path to be created is for the part shown in Figure 1 below:

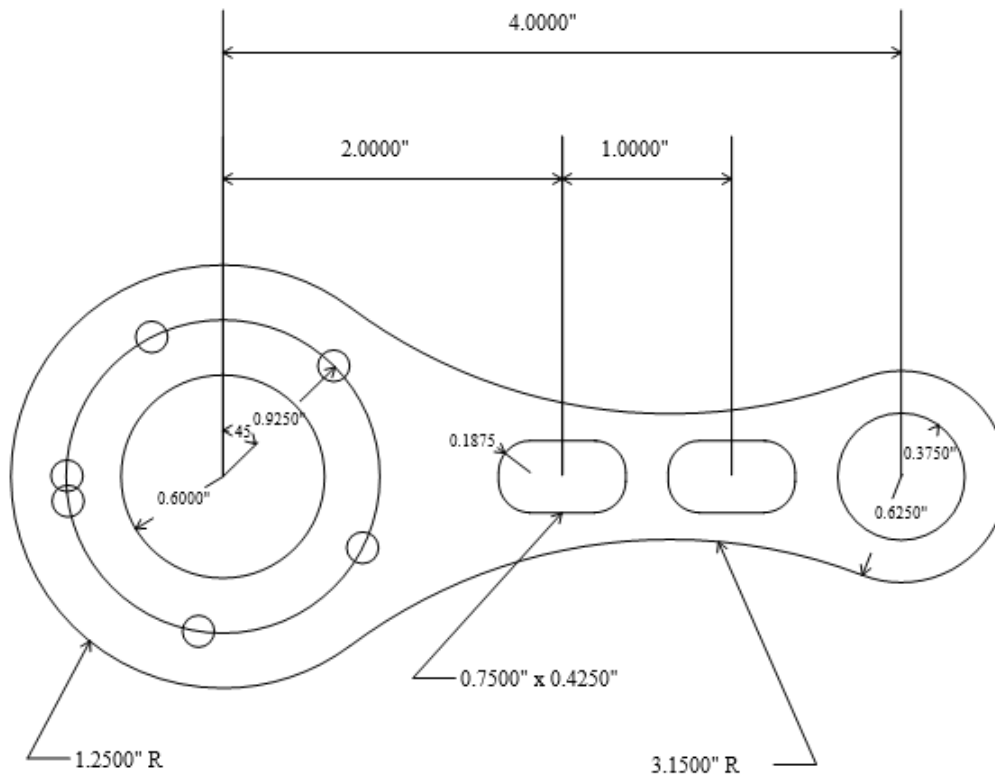


Figure 1 — Part to be machined.

10.12.1 Part Creation

The process of creating a part is called part programming. Each feature of the part will become an operation in your program. Before beginning, decide where you want the **X0** and **Y0** reference. For this particular demo, the center of the Bolt Hole pattern was selected for convenience). Beginning from the Intercon File Menu (press **F1** — **File** if the file menu is not shown) the following series of keystrokes will describe the step-by-step process of designing the part shown in Figure 1.

PRESS

COMMENTS

F1 — New

Create a new program by filling in the appropriate program name (we recommend *c_rod*) and your name. Press Enter or **F10 — Accept** to accept the new name. Enter "Intercon Tutorial #2" for the description. Press **F10 — Accept** to accept.

F4 — Tool

Describe the tool below. The position values specify where to do the tool change. The Yes in the 'Actual Tool Change' field turns off the spindle and coolant upon reaching this spot. Use a 0.1875 inch drill. The height and diameter are updated based on the offsets. (The longest tool should have a 0.0000 height offset). If this tool does not have the desired spindle (CW) and coolant (Flood) settings, you should also select these values to match your particular machine setup.

N0002 Tool Change

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------|
| Tool Number | : | 1 |
| Description | : | 0.187" Drill |
| Position: | X : | 0.0000 |
| | Y : | 0.0000 |
| Tool H Offset | : | 1 |
| (Tool Height | : | 0.0000) |
| Tool D Offset | : | 1 |
| Tool Diameter | : | 0.1875 |
| Spindle Speed | : | 1000 |
| Spindle Direction | : | CW (M3) |
| Coolant Type | : | Flood (M8) |
| Actual Tool Change | : | Yes |

Notice for this particular screen, the Tool height shows '0.0000', since it has the same tool height as the Reference tool. However, your screen may differ since Intercon cannot change the Reference tool height in the Tool Library. This will change when you run this program. Refer to the Measuring Tool Heights in Chapter 5 for more details.

F10 — Accept

Keep selected values.

F5 — Cycles

Access the list of available Canned Cycles.

F1 — Drill

Select drilling cycles

F2 — Drill BHC

Select a bolt hole circle operation.

The clearance height is the Z height from which the downward rapid traverse begins before each hole. It is also the Z height to which the tool returns upon completion of drilling the hole.

The 'Rapid To' depth is the Z height to which the tool rapid traverses before drilling a hole.

BOLT HOLE CIRCLE

Number of holes: 5

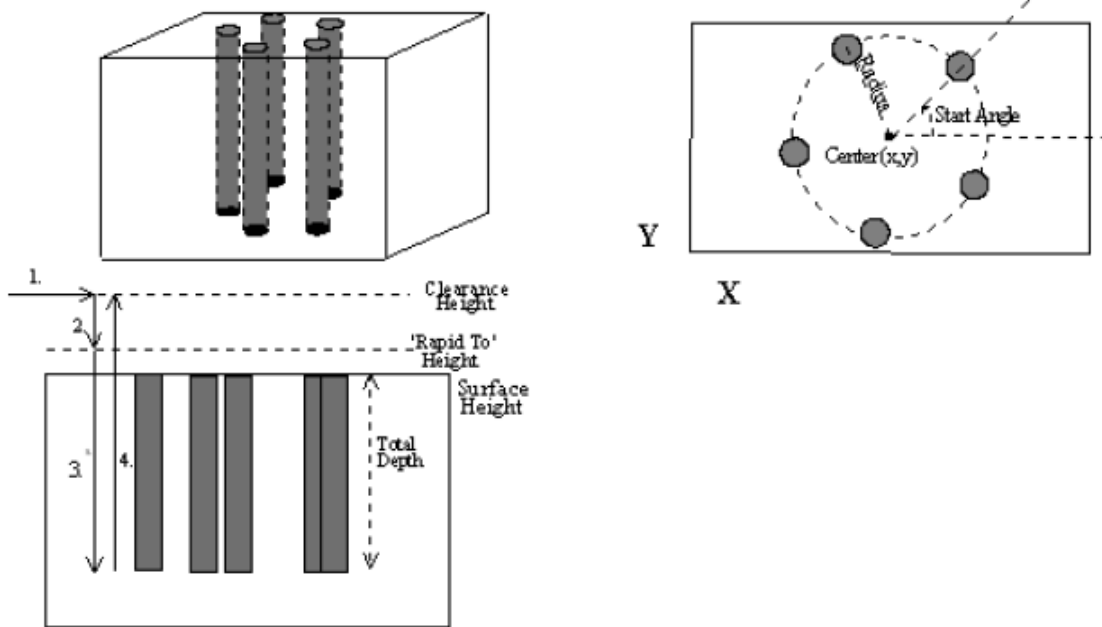


Figure 2 — Bolt Hole Circle

N0003 Drill Bolt Holes

| | | | |
|------------------|-------|-----------|-----|
| Cycle Type | : | Drilling | |
| Center: | X | : 0.0000 | |
| | Y | : 0.0000 | |
| Surface Height | : | 0.0000 | |
| Clearance Height | : | 0.5000 | INC |
| 'Rapid To' Depth | : | 0.1000 | INC |
| Depth: | Total | : 0.5100 | INC |
| Plunge Rate | : | 2.0000[M] | |
| Dwell Time | : | 0.0000 | |
| Number of holes | : | 5 | |
| Radius | : | 0.9250 | |
| Start angle | : | 45.00° | |

F10 — Accept

Keep selected values.

F4 — Tool

Use a 0.2500 diameter end mill now. Notice that the tool height shown below is a negative value. This value represents the difference in height between this tool and the longest tool being used. The longest tool used (in this case, operation N0020 above) has a height of 0.0000. Again, do not be alarmed if the Tool Height is not -1 for operation N0040. If this tool does not have the desired spindle (CW) and coolant (Flood) settings, you should also enter values specific to your machine setup.

N0004 Tool Change

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Tool Number | : | 2 |
| Description | : | 0.250 Dia End Mill |
| Position: | X : | 0.0000 |
| | Y : | 0.0000 |
| Tool H Offset | : | 2 |
| (Tool Height) | : | (Your tool) |
| Tool D Offset | : | 2 |
| Tool Diameter | : | 0.2500 |
| Spindle Speed | : | 1000 |
| Spindle Direction | : | CW (M3) |
| Coolant Type | : | Flood (M8) |
| Actual Tool | : | Yes |
| Change | | |

F10 — Accept

Keep selected values.

F5 — Cycles

Access the list of available canned cycles.

F6 — Circ. Pocket

Start with 1.2000 inch diameter Pocket.

N0005 Circular Pocket

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| Center: | X | : | 0.0000 |
| | Y | : | 0.0000 |
| Surface Height | | : | 0.0000 |
| Diameter | | : | 1.2000 |
| Cleanout | | : | Yes |
| Depth: | Total | : | 0.5100 INC |
| | Per Pass | : | 0.2500 |
| | Plunge Rate | : | 2.0000 [M] |
| | Plunge Type | : | Ramped |
| | Plunge Angle | : | 0.00 ° |
| Rough Cuts | | : | Conventional |
| | Stepover | : | 0.2000 |
| | Feedrate | : | 2.0000 [M] |
| Finish Pass | | : | Climb |
| | Amount | : | 0.1000 |
| | Feedrate | : | 2.0000 [M] |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F5 — Cycles Access the list of available canned cycles.

F6 — Circ. Pocket Repeat above pocket cycle. The center X value 4.0000 and the diameter is 0.7500 inches.

N0006 Circular Pocket

| | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---|--------------|-----|
| Center: | X | : | 4.0000 | |
| | Y | : | 0.0000 | |
| Surface Height | | : | 0.0000 | |
| Diameter | | : | 0.7500 | |
| Cleanout | | : | Yes | |
| Depth: | Total | : | 0.5100 | INC |
| | Per Pass | : | 0.2500 | |
| | Plunge Rate | : | 2.0000 | |
| | Plunge Type | : | Ramped | |
| | Plunge Angle | : | 0.00 | ° |
| Rough Cuts | | : | Conventional | |
| | Stepover | : | 0.2000 | |
| | Feedrate | : | 2.0000 | |
| Finish Pass | | : | Climb | |
| | Amount | : | 0.1000 | |
| | Feedrate | : | 2.0000 | |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F5 — Cycles Access the list of available Canned Cycles.

F5—Rect. Pocket Cut the first rectangular pocket.

N0007 Rectangular Pocket

| | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---|--------------|-----|
| Center: | X | : | 2.0000 | |
| | Y | : | 0.0000 | |
| Surface Height | | : | 0.0000 | |
| Length | (X) | : | 0.7500 | INC |
| Width | (Y) | : | 0.4250 | INC |
| Corner Radius | | : | 0.1875 | |
| Depth: | Total | : | 0.2500 | INC |
| | Per Pass | : | 0.2500 | |
| | Plunge Rate | : | 2.0000 | |
| | Plunge Type | : | Ramped | |
| | Plunge Angle | : | 0.00 | ° |
| Rough Cuts | | : | Conventional | |
| | Stepover | : | 0.1000 | |
| | Feedrate | : | 2.0000 | |
| Finish Pass | | : | None | |
| | Amount | : | 0.0000 | |
| | Feedrate | : | 2.0000 | |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F5 — Cycles Access the list of available Canned Cycles.

F5—Rect. Pocket Repeat above Pocket cycle. The center X value lies at 3.0000.

N0008 Rectangular Pocket

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Center: | X : | 3.0000 | |
| | Y : | 0.0000 | |
| Surface Height | : | 0.0000 | |
| Length | (X) : | 0.7500 | INC |
| Width | (Y) : | 0.4250 | INC |
| Corner Radius | : | 0.1875 | |
| Depth: | Total : | 0.2500 | INC |
| | Per Pass | : | 0.2500 |
| | Plunge Rate | : | 2.0000 |
| | Plunge Type | : | Ramped |
| | Plunge Angle | : | 0.00 ° |
| | Rough Cuts | : | Conventional |
| | Stepover | : | 0.1000 |
| | Feedrate | : | 2.0000 |
| | Finish Pass | : | None |
| | Amount | : | 0.0000 |
| | Feedrate | : | 2.0000 |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F1 — Rapid Move to a location outside the part. The purpose of this move is to prepare to use cutter compensation on the tool.

N0009 Rapid Traverse

| | | |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| End: | X : | 5.0000 |
| | Y : | 0.5000 |
| | Z : | 0.1000 |
| Angle | : | 14.0365° |
| Length | : | 2.0615 |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F2 — Linear Need to do a zero length move to move the cutter down to zdepth before starting the lead in move to the part. Not including the zero length move to z-depth would confuse cutter comp. and cause the program to do weird things.

N0010 Linear Move

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------------|
| End | X | : | 5.0000 |
| | Y | : | 0.5000 |
| | Z | : | -0.0500 |
| Angle | | : | 0.0000 |
| Length | | : | 0.0000 |
| Connect Radius | | : | 0.0000 |
| Feedrate | | : | 10.0000 |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F7—Cutter Comp Hit **Space** until Left cutter compensation is selected. The tool must move outside of the part outline at a distance at least equal to its radius so the part outline is the correct size.

N0011 Comp Left

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F3 — Arc Mill up to the edge of the part to cut the first arc. This is called a lead-in move. The cutter compensation selected above needs a lead-in move in order to position the cutter before milling the actual part.

N0012 Arc

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Arc Type: | | : | EP&R |
| Mid | X | : | |
| | Y | : | |
| | Z | : | |
| End | X | : | 4.625 |
| | Y | : | 0.0000 |
| | Z | : | -0.0500 |
| Center: | X | : | |
| | Y | : | |
| | Z | : | |
| Angle | | : | |
| Radius | | : | .5 |
| Plane | | : | XY |
| Direction | | : | CCW |
| Connect Radius | | : | 0.0000 |
| Feedrate | | : | 10.0000 |
| Angle <= 180 | | : | Yes |

You will see that after you enter in these values, the other points and arcs will be entered in automatically.

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F3 — Arc The first arc to be cut is labeled as ARC 1 in Figure 3 below. The start point, labeled P1, is the end point of the previous move. The end point of the arc will be generated with Math Help. We will be using end point and radius (EP&R) arcs.

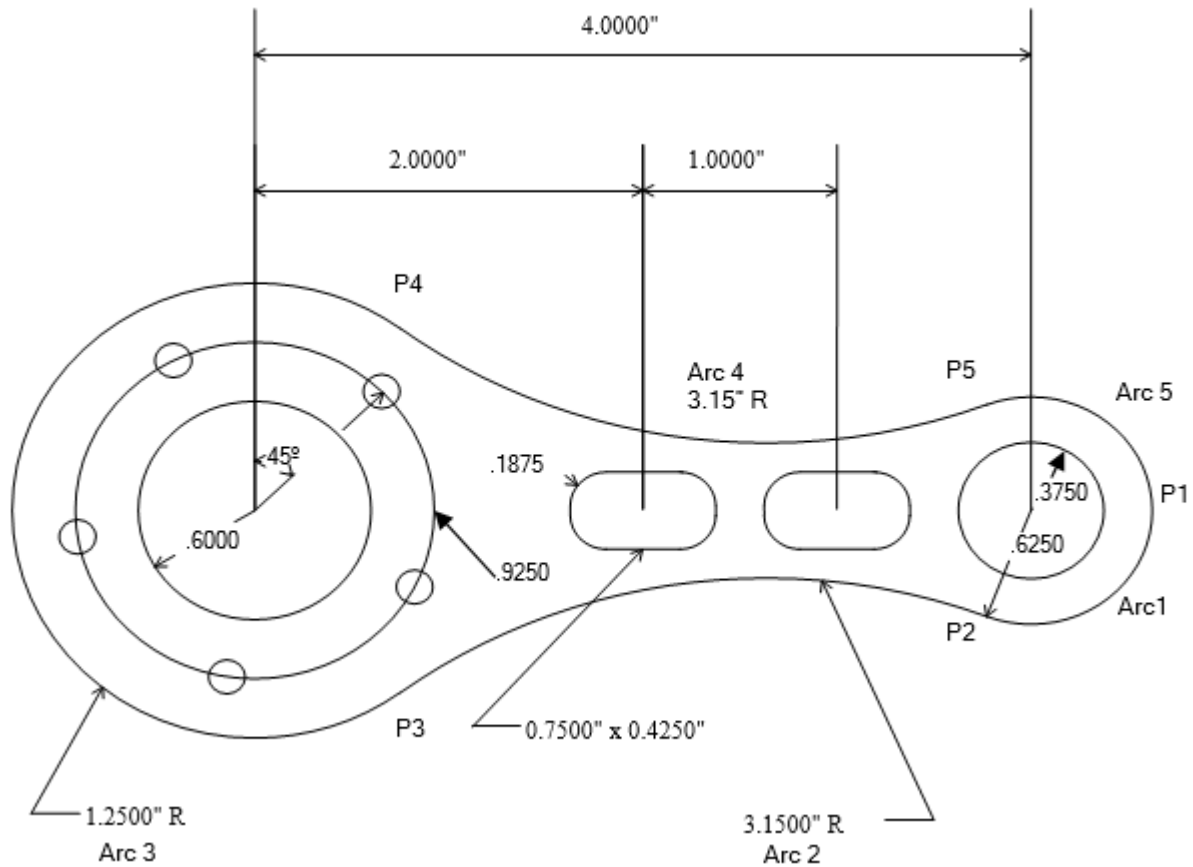


Figure 3 — Tangent point and arc reference.

N0013 Arc

| | | |
|----------------|-----|---------|
| Arc type | : | EP&R |
| Mid | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| End: | X : | 4.6250 |
| | Y : | 0.0000 |
| | Z : | -0.0500 |
| Center: | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| Angle | : | |
| Radius | : | .625 |
| Plane | : | XY |
| Direction | : | CW |
| Connect Radius | : | 0.0000 |
| Feedrate | : | 10.0000 |
| Angle <= 180° | : | Yes |

F6 — Math Help We are trying to find end points for the arcs that make up the outside edge of the part. Note: the main Math Help menu will list all available Math Help solvers.

F6 — Tangent Arc Arc Arc This scenario will generate tangent points P2 - P5 of Figure 3. Enter the values as shown below:

Arc Tangent Arcs:

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Circle 1: | |
| X : | 4.0000 |
| Y : | 0.0000 |
| Radius : | 0.6250 |
| Circle 2: | |
| X : | 0.0000 |
| Y : | 0.0000 |
| Radius : | 1.2500 |
| Radius : | 3.1500 |

Intercon will calculate the missing values for this scenario.

F2 — Next Soln Find scenario that corresponds to the actual arcs being milled. Observe Figure 4. Point T1 is the one needed.

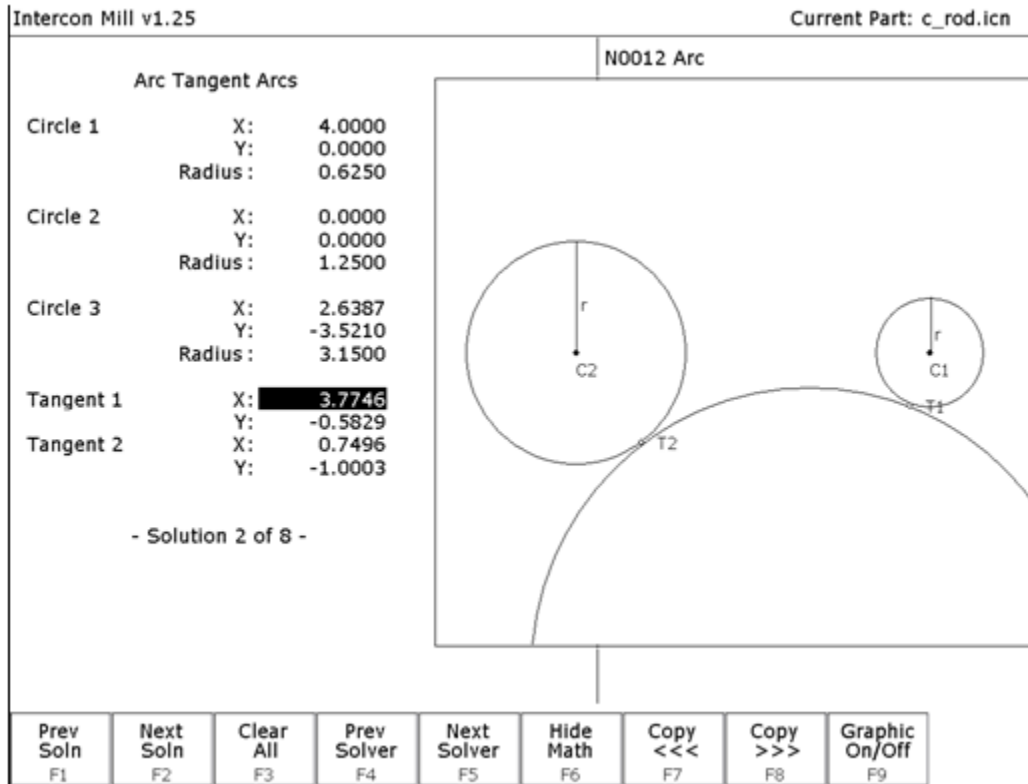


FIG. 4 - Screen showing Math Help Arc Tangent Arc solutions

ARROWS If necessary, move the block cursor to the Tangent 1 X field as shown above. Note: Use only \uparrow and \downarrow . If you press the right arrow, press the left arrow to get back to the Math Help fields.

F9 — Graphic on/off Press to hide the graphical display and reveal the arc operation behind it.

→ (ARROW) Move the cursor to the arc operation. The solid block cursor on the left side of the screen will be replaced by an outlined rectangle and the solid block will appear in the arc operation on the right.

ARROWS Move the block cursor to the End X field of the arc operation. As before, use only \uparrow and \downarrow .

F8 — Copy >>> Transfer the tangent point T1 value for X into the end point X coordinate. The active fields on both sides of the screen advance automatically.

F8 — Copy >>> Transfer the tangent point T1 value for Y into the end point Y coordinate.

ARROWS

Move down to the radius field and enter the radius of the arc labeled as ARC 1 in Figure 3. (This radius is 0.6250 in.).

| | | |
|---------------|-----|---------|
| Arc type | : | EP&R |
| Mid | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| End | X : | 3.7746 |
| | Y : | -0.5829 |
| | Z : | -0.0500 |
| Center: | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| Angle | : | |
| Radius | : | 0.6250 |
| Plane | : | XY |
| Direction | : | CW |
| Feedrate | : | 10.0000 |
| Angle <= 180° | : | Yes |

F6 — Hide Math Hide Math Help temporarily. (We will return later to pick up the other tangent points.)

F8 — Graph Observe Figure 5. The graphics show a preview of the part up to this point. This preview can be used to detect problems that may occur if the part was cut now.

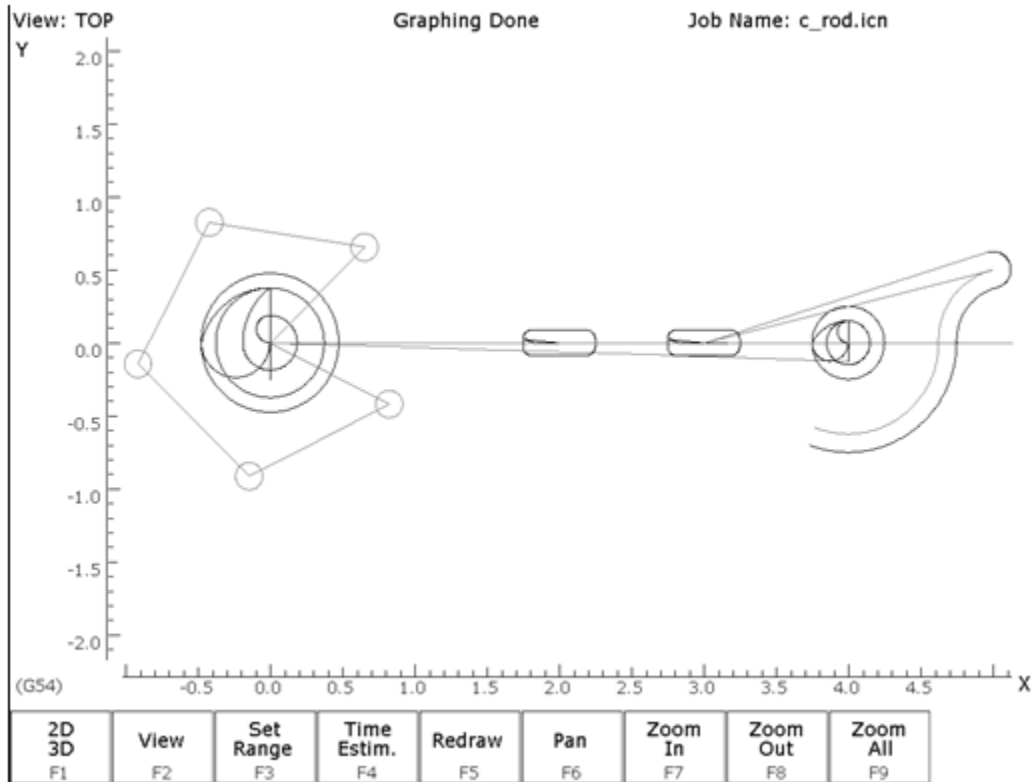


FIG. 5 - Draw screen showing Bolt Holes, Pockets and first arc of part

ESC/CANCEL Return to the editing screen.

F10 — Accept Keep selected values. The other arc values were calculated for you.

F3 — Arc The next arc to be cut is labeled as ARC 2 in Figure 3. The start point is labeled P2, the end point of the last arc.

N0014 Arc

↑↓ (UP/DOWN) Move down to the End X field. This selects End X as the destination of the Math Help solution.

F6 — Math Help Re-display the Math Help values calculated for the last arc. The screen will look like figure 6, below.

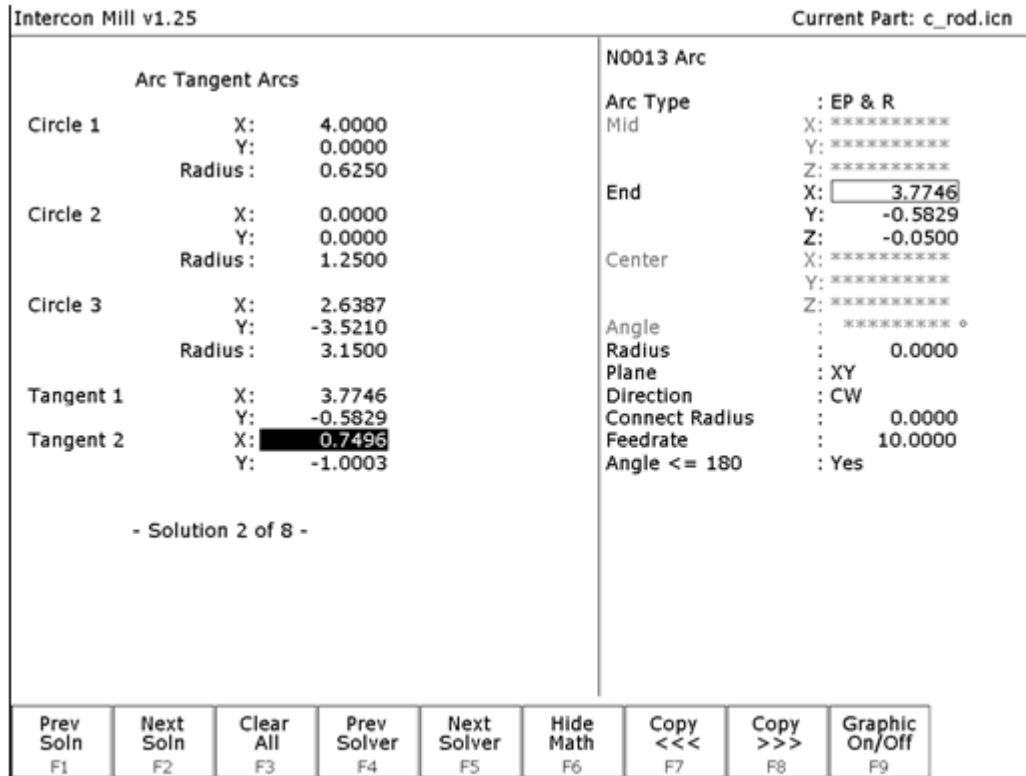


FIG. 6 – New arc 2 entry screen shown with solution for arcs 1 and 2 of Figure 3.

- ↑↓ (UP/DOWN) If necessary, move the block cursor to the Tangent 2 X field as shown above. The rectangle at End X shows that it will be the destination of the copy.

- F8 — Copy >>>** Transfer the tangent point T2 value for X into the end point X coordinate. The active fields on both sides of the screen advance automatically.

- F8 — Copy >>>** Transfer the tangent point T2 value for Y into the end point Y coordinate.

- F6 — Hide Math** Hide Math Help temporarily.

↑↓ (UP/DOWN)

Move down to the radius field and enter the radius of the arc labeled ARC 2 in Figure 3 (this radius is 3.1500 inches). Set the direction to "CCW".

| | | |
|---------------|-----|---------|
| Arc type | : | EP&R |
| Mid | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| End: | X : | 0.7496 |
| | Y : | -1.0003 |
| | Z : | -0.0500 |
| Center: | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| Angle | : | |
| Radius | : | 3.1500 |
| Plane | : | XY |
| Direction | : | CCW |
| Feedrate | : | 10.0000 |
| Angle <= 180° | : | Yes |

F10 — Accept

Keep selected values.

F3 — Arc

The third arc to be cut is labeled as ARC 3 in Figure 3. The start point is labeled P2, the end point of the previous arc. The end point of the arc will be generated with Math Help.

N0015 Arc

↑↓ (UP/DOWN)

Move down to the End X field. This selects End X as the destination of the Math Help solution.

F6 — Math Help

Re-display the Math Help values calculated for the last arcs.

F9 — Graphic on/off

Re-display the diagram of the scenario selected to calculate arcs 1 and 2 on Figure 3.

F1 — Prev Soln

Continue pressing F1 until you arrive at the scenario showing arcs 3 and 4 in Figure 3 (in this case, solution #1 is the appropriate one)

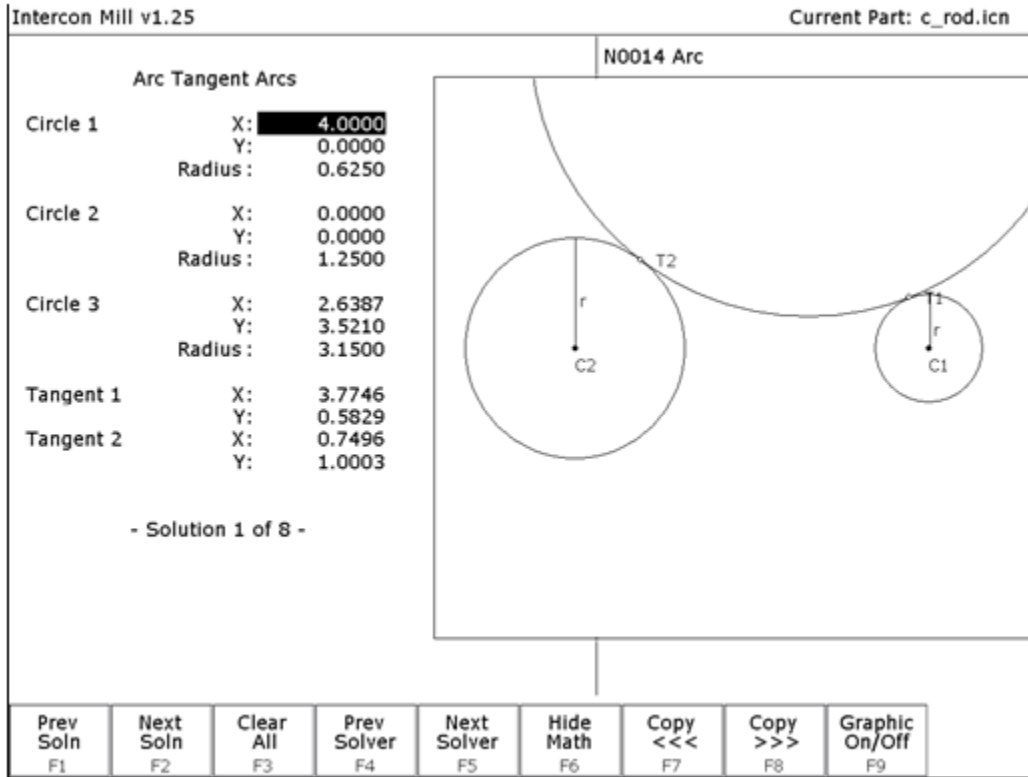


FIG. 7 - Math Help solution for arcs 3 and 4.

- ↑↓ (ARROWS) Press to highlight the needed tangent point X coordinate in Math Help. Tangent point T2 is the one you want this time.

- ← (ARROW) Press to remove the graphic display and move the cursor to the arc operation. (This shortcut saves you from pressing **F9** — **Graphic on/off** to hide the graphics each time.) The solid block cursor on the left side of the screen will be replaced by an outlined rectangle and the solid block will appear in the arc operation on the right.

- ↑↓ (ARROWS) Move the block cursor to the End X field of the arc operation.

- F8** — **Copy >>>** Transfer the tangent point T2 value for X into the end point X coordinate. The active fields on both sides of the screen advance automatically.

- F8** — **Copy >>>** Transfer the tangent point T2 value for Y into the end point Y coordinate.

↑↓ (ARROWS)

Move down to the radius field and enter the radius of the arc labeled ARC 3 in Figure 3. (This radius is 1.2500 inches). Also, enter in No for the angle of this arc, since it is greater than 180°.

| | | |
|---------------|-----|---------|
| Arc type | : | EP&R |
| Mid: | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| End: | X : | 0.7496 |
| | Y : | 1.0003 |
| | Z : | -0.0500 |
| Center: | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| Angle | : | |
| Radius | : | 1.2500 |
| Plane | : | XY |
| Direction | : | CW |
| Feedrate | : | 10.0000 |
| Angle <= 180° | : | No |

F10 — Accept

Keep selected values.

F3 — Arc

The fourth arc to be cut is labeled as ARC 4 in Figure 3. The start point, labeled P3, is the end point of the previous arc. The end point of the arc will be generated with Math Help.

N0016 Arc Mill

↑↓ (ARROWS)

Move down to the End X field. This selects End X as the destination of the Math Help solution.

F6 — Math Help

Re-display the Math Help values calculated for the last arc.

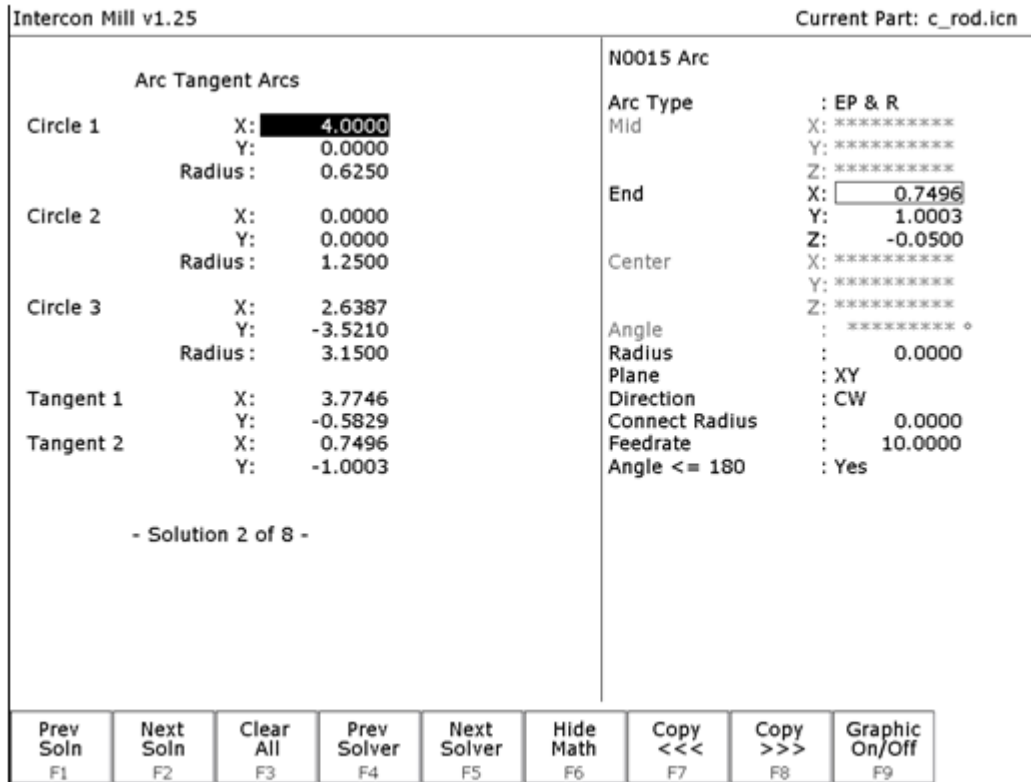


FIG. 8 - New arc 4 entry screen shown with solution for arcs 3 and 4 of Figure 3.

- ↑↓ (UP/DOWN) Highlight the needed tangent point X. Tangent point T1 is the one you want this time.

- ARROWS** If necessary, move the cursor to the arc operation and select the End X field.

- F8 — Copy >>>** Transfer the tangent point T1 value for X into the end point X coordinate. The active fields on both sides of the screen advance automatically.

- F8 — Copy >>>** Transfer the tangent point T1 value for Y into the end point Y coordinate.

- F6 — Hide Math** Hide Math Help.

ARROWS

Move down to the radius field and enter the radius of the arc labeled ARC 4 in Figure 3. (This radius is 3.1500 inches). Be sure to set the direction to CCW.

| | | |
|---------------|-----|---------|
| Arc type | : | EP&R |
| Mid: | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| End: | X : | 3.7746 |
| | Y : | 0.5829 |
| | Z : | -0.0500 |
| Center: | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| Angle | : | |
| Radius | : | 3.1500 |
| Plane | : | XY |
| Direction | : | CCW |
| Feedrate | : | 10.0000 |
| Angle <= 180° | : | Yes |

F10 — Accept

Keep selected values.

F3 — Arc

Mill the arc labeled as ARC 5 in Figure 3 back to point P1.

N0017 Arc Mill

| | | |
|----------------|-----|---------|
| Operation type | : | EP&R |
| Mid: | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| End: | X : | 4.6250 |
| | Y : | 0.0000 |
| | Z : | -0.0500 |
| Center: | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| Angle | : | |
| Radius | : | 0.6250 |
| Plane | : | XY |
| Direction | : | CW |
| Feedrate | : | 10.0000 |
| Angle <= 180° | : | Yes |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F3 — Arc Move tool away from the edge of the part after the last arc.

N0018 Arc Mill

| | | |
|--------------|-----|---------|
| Arc type | : | EP&R |
| Mid: | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| End: | X : | 5.0000 |
| | Y : | -0.5000 |
| | Z : | -0.0500 |
| Center: | X : | |
| | Y : | |
| | Z : | |
| Angle | : | |
| Radius | : | 0.5000 |
| Plane | : | XY |
| Direction | : | CCW |
| Feedrate | : | 10.0000 |
| Angle <=180° | : | Yes |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F7 — Cutter Comp Hit the **SPACE** bar until cutter compensation is turned "Off". It is no longer needed.

N0019 Comp Off

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F1 — Rapid Move the tool away from the part. This is called a lead-out move. When cutter compensation is turned off, the compensation is removed during the next move. This must be done to allow the CNC software to correct its position.

N0020 Rapid Traverse

| | | |
|--------|-----|---------|
| End: | X : | 5.0000 |
| | Y : | -0.5000 |
| | Z : | 0.1000 |
| Angle | : | 0.0000° |
| Length | : | 0.0000 |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F9 — Subpgm Access the **Subprogram** screen.

F1 — Depth Repeat We programmed the outer contour of the part so that our tool would only penetrate a small portion of the material per pass. We now want to repeat the outer contour operations until the tool has cut the entire way through the material (the assumed material thickness is 0.5 inches). The outer contour begins with the Plunge in operation N0011 and ends with the Linear Mill in operation N0017.

N0021 Repeat To Depth

| | | | |
|------------------|---|--------|-----|
| Start Block | : | 0011 | |
| End Block | : | 0020 | |
| Total Depth | : | 0.5100 | INC |
| Depth Increment | : | 0.0500 | INC |
| Clearance Height | : | 0.2500 | |
| Plunge Rate | : | 5.0000 | |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

F1 — Rapid Move the tool away from the part. This is called a lead-out move. When cutter compensation is turned off, the compensation is removed during the next move. This must be done to allow the CNC software to correct its position.

N0022 Rapid Traverse

| | | |
|--------|-----|-----------|
| End: | X : | 0.0000 |
| | Y : | 0.0000 |
| | Z : | 3.0000 |
| Angle | : | 174.2894° |
| Length | : | 5.0249 |

F10 — Accept Keep selected values.

ESC/CANCEL Creation of the part is complete. Intercon programs automatically turn the spindle and coolant off at the end.

F8 — Graph Display a preview of the finished part. Just make sure that the finished part is going to look the way you want it to. The display shown in Figure 7 has rulers placed around the various view windows that are scaled to the same size as the part displayed to allow visual inspection of the part. Remember, this preview shows where the center of the current tool will move (cutter compensation is not represented except in pocket and frame displays).

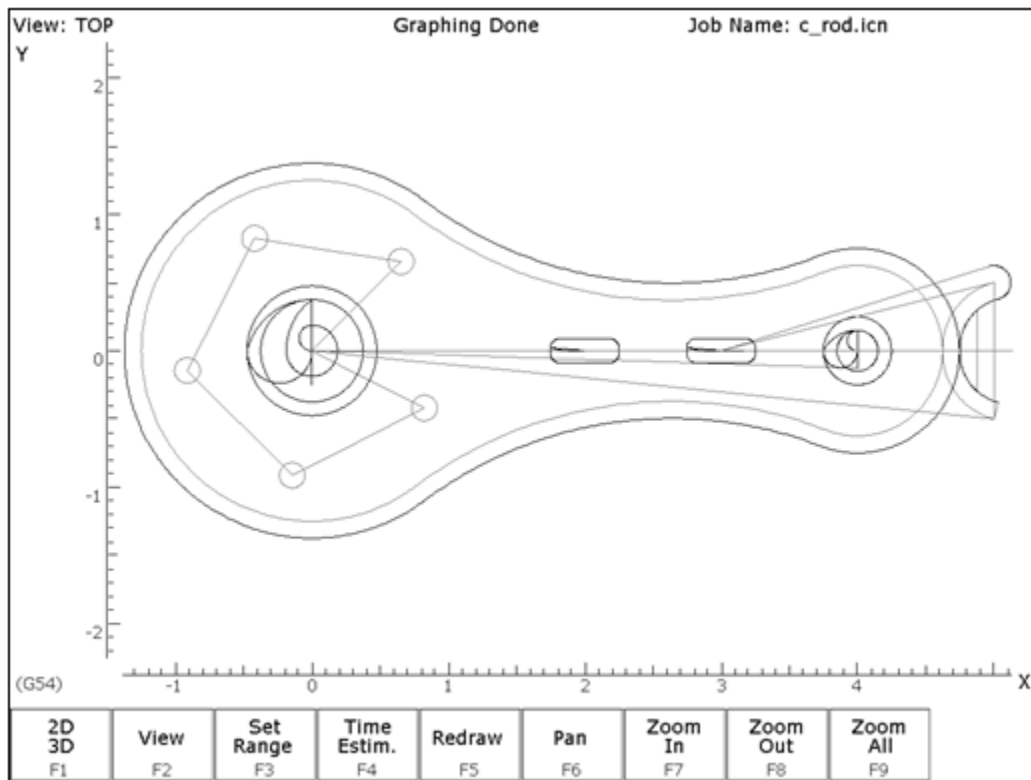


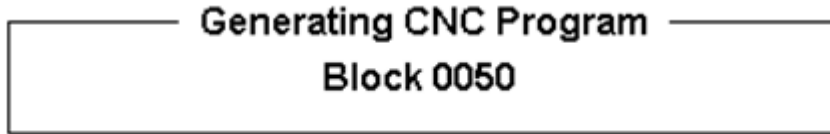
FIG. 9 - Draw screen showing complete part

ESC/CANCEL Return to Main screen.

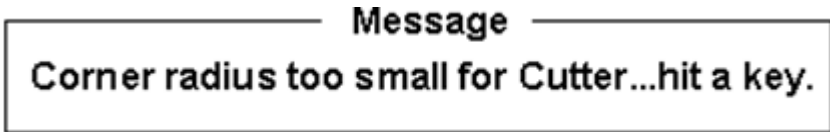
F1 — File Go to the File Menu. Press **F3 — Save** to save under the current file name or press **F4 — Save As** to save the program under a different name.

F10 — Post

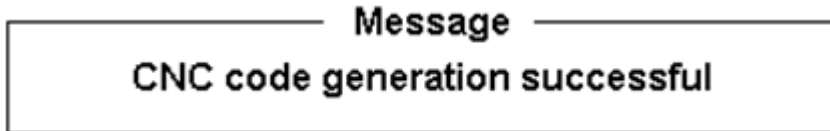
The CNC file needed to run this part on your mill will be generated at this time. The Intercon program displays the operation number of the part it is processing as it works through each operation in memory:



As it processes each operation, it checks for values that, if used, will cause incorrect code to be produced. If such a value is found, a message will appear on the screen alerting you of the problem. For example, a problem with a rectangular pocket may produce this message:



Changes to the part would then be required to allow proper code generation to proceed. If no problems are encountered during code generation, the following message appears:



You are now at the main menu again.

Program Finished! You are now finished designing your part. In order to run your part, you now need to return to the CNC software.

10.12.2 Milling The Part

Now that the part has been programmed, it is time to mill it. Take your material and clamp it to the table. Remember that the clamps must be positioned such that they do not interfere with the tool as it cuts. You may choose to place the clamps around the edges of the material for the entire process and let the part drop through upon completion, or you may wish to pause after milling the circular pockets and place clamps through the holes to prevent the part from moving. The second option decreases the chance of the part being marred because it moved during milling.

Now you need to set your XYZ reference points. Insert your longest tool in the quill and follow the procedure listed below:

PRESS

COMMENTS

JOG KEYS

Jog the table so that your tool rests on the stock at the location that will represent X0 and Y0.

F1 — Setup

Enter the CNC software Setup screen. We are going to establish the part XYZ zero at the current tool location.

F1 — Part

Access the Part Setup options.

| | |
|--|--|
| F10 — Set | Set your X zero position at current tool location. |
| F1 — Next Axis | Select the Y-axis next. |
| F10 — Set | Set your Y zero position at current tool location. |
| F1 — Next Axis | Select the Z-axis next. |
| F10 — Set | Set your Z zero position at current tool location. |
| TOOL CHECK | Moves the quill to the Z home position if the home position has been set. Moves tool to Z+ limit switch and sets home position if not. |
| ESC/CANCEL | Leave Part Setup screen. |
| F2 — Tool | Access Tool Library Editor. This is the place where we want to measure the actual heights of our tools (since we could not set the actual values in Intercon). |
| F1 — Offset Lib. | <p>You need to make sure that the tool diameter and height offset values are the correct ones for the tools you are going to be using. Inspect the values for D001, H001, D002 and H002. D001 should be 0.1875, H1 should be 0.0000 (the two inch tool).</p> <p>D002 should be 0.2500 and H002 should be -1.0000 (the one inch tool). If any of these values are incorrect, use the arrow keys to select the incorrect values. Enter the new values in their places and press ENTER to accept them.</p> |
| NOTE: The tool heights used above are merely example heights. In order to accurately measure the heights of your tools, see the description of measuring tool heights in Chapter 5. | |
| F10 — Save | Keep the updated tool offset library values. |
| F2 — Tools | Now you need to make sure that each tool uses the correct diameter and height offset values. Inspect the values for T001 and T002. T1 should use H001 and D001, while T002 should use H002 and D002. If any of these values are incorrect, use the arrow keys to select the incorrect values. Enter the new values in their places and press ENTER to accept them. You may also select spindle and coolant settings for your tools here, or enter a short description of the tool. |
| F10 — Save | Keep the updated Tool Library values. |
| ESC/CANCEL | Leave Tool Setup . Return to the CNC software Setup Screen. |
| ESC/CANCEL | Leave CNC software Setup . Return to the CNC software Main Screen . |
| CYCLE START | The CYCLE START/START button is located on your jog panel. This key will cause the mill to begin cutting your part. |

Tutorial Complete!

10.13 Measuring Tool Heights

The following is a brief description of the method used to measure tool height values (offsets). You will need to insert a reference tool into the quill before beginning. For more information also see chapter 5.

| <u>PRESS</u> | <u>COMMENTS</u> |
|-------------------------|--|
| F1 — Setup | From the main screen enter the Setup. |
| F2 — Tool | Enter tool screen. |
| F1 — Offset Lib. | Enter the tool offsets screen. |
| JOG ARROWS | You need to jog your reference tool down so it touches the top of some surface. |
| F1 — Z Ref | Set your Z reference position. This is the value that appears on the DRO when the reference tool touches the top of the surface. |
| TOOL CHECK | Move the quill up to the Z home position. Insert the first tool to measure. |
| ARROWS | Select height offset which holds the height of the first tool. |
| JOG ARROWS | Jog the tool down until it touches the same surface as did the reference tool. |
| F2 — Manual | Record the height of the first tool. Now repeat the last four steps above (from TOOL CHECK to F2 — Manual) for each additional tool to measure. |
| F10 — Save | Store modifications to offset library of your tools. |

Chapter 11

CNC Program Codes

11.1 General

The next three chapters contain a description of the CNC program codes and parameters supported by the M-Series Control. The M-Series Control has some [G-codes](#) and parameters that are modal, and some that are "one shots." The [G-codes](#) and parameters that are modal will stay in effect until a new [G-code](#) or parameter is issued. One shots are effective for the current line only.

For example, a movement command of G1, which is modal, will remain in effect until a different movement command is issued, such as G0, G2, G3, etc.

11.2 Miscellaneous CNC Program Symbols

11.2.1 D — Tool Diameter Offset Number

D is used to select the Tool Diameter Offset from the offset library. The D code values are stored in the Offset Library. Tool Diameter Offsets can be specified anytime before Cutter Comp is turned on (G41 or G42). Once specified, the offset amount is stored and will only be changed when another D code is entered therefore, D is modal. The Tool Diameter Offset (D) can be placed on a line by itself or on a line with other [G-codes](#).

Example:

```
XOYOF10      ;
G41 D2       ; Enables cutter comp left with diameter D2.
G1X0Y0       ;
X1Y1.25      ; Cutter compensated moves
X2Y1.4       ;
G40          ; Cutter compensation off
G42         ; Enables cutter comp. right (still using D2)
```

11.2.2 E — Select Work Coordinate System

E1 through E18 select among the 18 work coordinate systems. For more information on work coordinate systems see [Work Coordinate Systems](#).

11.2.3 F — Feedrate

The F command is used to set the cutting feedrate. The feedrate is expressed in units/minute. The programmed feedrate may be modified by the feedrate override knob (2 - 200% for DC systems and 2 - 100% for AC systems). The default feedrate is 3.0 units/minute. Units may be inches or millimeters.

Example:

```
G90 G1 X1.0 F50 ; linear mill to X1 at 50 units/minute
```

11.2.4 H — Tool Length Offset Number

H is used to select the Tool Length Offset Number. The H code offset amounts are stored in the file Offset Library. Tool Length Offsets can be specified anytime before a G43 or G44 is issued. Once specified the offset amount is stored and will only be changed when another H code is entered therefore, H is modal. The Tool Length Offset (H) can be placed on a line by itself or on a line with other [G-codes](#). H00 is always a 0.0 length offset.

Example:

```
H1 ; Selects offset corresponding to H1.
G43 Z3 ; Moves to Z3 using H1 offset.
G1X0Y1 ;
H3 ; Selects offset corresponding to H3.
X1Y1.25 ;
G0H5 ; Selects offset corresponding to H5.
```

11.2.5 N — Block Number

Block numbers are used to identify CNC program lines. Block numbers are optional, but can be used as the destinations of GOTO statements (see [Advanced Macro Statements](#)) and targets of the Search Function (See Main Screen Search option in Chapter 3). Block numbers also can make reading the NC files easier.

Example:

```
N1 G90 G17 M25
N2 G0 X0 Y0 Z0
```

11.2.6 O — Program Number

The O program number allows you to identify your program with a certain number. However, if the specified program number is 9100-9999, the [G-codes](#) from the O number through the next M99 will be extracted (but not executed) and placed in a separate subprogram/macro file named Oxxxx.cnc, where xxxx is the specified program number. This separate file can later be called with M98 or G65.

Example:

```
01521
N1 G90 G17 M25
N2 G0 X0 Y0 Z0
```

11.2.7 P — Parameter

P can correspond to Dwell Time, subprogram number, or a general parameter in canned cycles. This is used as a variable for any of those values in the NC file.

Example:

```
G4 P1.32          ; Pause execution for 1.32 seconds
G10 P73 R.1       ; Set parameter #73 (G73 retract) to .1 inches
```

11.2.8 Q — Parameter

Q is used as a depth parameter in canned drilling cycles.

Example:

```
G73 X1.5 Y2.0 Z-.75 R.25 Q.25 F5      ; Q Sets the depth cut at .25
```

11.2.9 R — Radius, Return Point, Parameter

R can represent the radius, a return point, or a general parameter. This is used as a variable for any of those values in the NC file. R is similar to the P parameter.

Example:

```
G10 D5 R.5          ; sets tool diameter #5 to 0.5" in the offset library
G81 X0 Y0 Z-.5 R.1 F15 ; drill to Z-.5 with return height of .1
```

11.2.10 S — Spindle Speed Setting

Specifying a spindle speed causes the automatic spindle speed setting to be immediately updated. Setting the spindle speed does not cause the spindle to start. The maximum spindle speed is used to compute the output value to the spindle speed control circuit.

Example:

```
S1400 M3           ; Starts the spindle CW at 1400 RPM
```

NOTE: The Spindle Speed is used in conjunction with the maximum spindle speed to determine the actual spindle speed output to the PLC. Also, this only works when a VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) spindle drive is connected.

11.2.11 T — Select Tool

Prompts the operator to insert the proper tool or change tools, when M6 is encountered.

Example:

```
T1 M6      ; Prompt operator to load tool number 1
T2         ; no action
G0X0Y0     ; move to X0 Y0
M6         ; prompt operator to load tool number 2
```

11.2.12 : — Visible Comment Identifier

The colon (:) is used to indicate the start of a comment line within a CNC program. The colon must be the first character on the line.

Example:

```
: select absolute positioning
G90
: XY plane
G17
:Visible comments will be displayed on screen with the G-codes.
```

11.2.13 ; — Internal Comment Identifier

The semicolon (;) is used to indicate the start of an internal comment within a CNC program line. All characters after the semicolon are ignored when the program is run. Internal comments are used to document NC programs or temporarily omit the remainder of a line.

Example:

```
G90      ; select absolute positioning
G17     ; XY plane
G1 X1 Y1 F10
G0      ; X0 Y0      ; G0  selected with no movement
```

11.2.14 [] — Numerical Expression

The left bracket '[' and right bracket ']' are used to delimit a numerical expression. Numerical expressions can contain floating-point numbers or user and system variables in combination with mathematical operators and functions. The left parenthesis '(' or bracket '[' and right parenthesis ')' or bracket ']' can be used between the first left bracket and last right bracket to force operator precedence or associatively. A bracketed numerical expression can be used anywhere a number would be used. Comparison operators ('eq', 'ne', etc.) have built in rounding specified by [parameter 144](#). Without this rounding, 'eq' would usually return "false" when comparing two numbers calculated in different ways. Comparison operators and logical operators ('!', '&&', '||') return 1.0 for "true" and 0.0 for "false".

The mathematical operators and functions are:

| | |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| + | Addition (or unary positive) |
| - | Subtraction (or unary negative) |
| * | Multiplication |
| / | Division |
| ^ | Exponentiation |
| Mod or % | Modulo (remainder of a division) |
| abs | Absolute value |
| sin | Sine (degrees) |
| cos | Cosine (degrees) |
| tan | Tangent (degrees) |
| sqrt | Square root |
| asin | Arc Sine (degrees) |
| acos | Arc Cosine (degrees) |
| atan | Arc Tangent (degrees) |
| fix | Floor (round down to nearest integer) |
| fup | Ceiling (round up to nearest integer) |
| # | Variable access |
| eq or == | Equals |
| ne or != | Not equals |
| ge or >= | Greater than or equals |
| gt or > | Greater than |
| le or <= | Less than or equals |
| lt or < | Less than |
| not or ! | Logical NOT |
| && | Logical AND |
| | Logical OR |
| and | Bit-wise AND |
| xor | Bit-wise exclusive OR |
| or | Bit-wise OR |
| ~ | Bit-wise complement |

Example:

```
G91 X[13/64] Z[1+3/8] ; move the X axis 13/64 (0.2031) units
                        ; and the Z axis 1 3/8 (1.375) units incrementally
X[SQRT[ABS[SIN[#101]-COS[#102]]]] ; Move X as a function of #101 and #102
```

11.2.15 \$ — ASCII Code Substitution

The '\$' symbol followed by an ASCII code is an alternate way of specifying a letter. Only ASCII codes 65 – 90 ('A' - 'Z') are valid. This substitution can be used where a letter command or axis label is normally specified.

Example:

```
G0 $88 2.0 ; Rapid move X to 2.0 ( Equivalent to G0 X2.0 )
$71 0 $[88+2] 3.0 ; Rapid move Z to 3.0 ( Equivalent to G0 Z3.0 )
M26 /$90 ; Set Z home ( Equivalent to M26 /Z )
```

11.2.16 #, = — User or System Variable reference

The '#' character is used to reference a macro or a user or system variable. For variables that can be written, the '=' is used to assign to them. General purpose user variables are #100 to #149 and #29000 to #31999.

| Index | Description | Returns | R\W |
|-----------------|---|---|-----|
| 1-3 | Macro arguments A-C | The floating point value if defined by a G65 call, 0.0 otherwise. These can be used as private, local variables in any program or subprogram except in custom macro M functions. In custom macro M functions, the macro arguments are passed in by reference. | R/W |
| 4-6 | Macro arguments I-K (1st set) | | R/W |
| 7-9 | Macro arguments D-F or 2nd set of I-K | | R/W |
| 10 | 3rd I (G is invalid) | | R/W |
| 11 | Macro argument H or 3rd J | | R/W |
| 12 | 3rd K (L is invalid) | | R/W |
| 13 | Macro argument M or 4th I | | R/W |
| 14 | 4th J (N is invalid) | | R/W |
| 15 | 4th K (O is invalid) | | R/W |
| 16 | 5th I (P is invalid) | | R/W |
| 17-18 | Macro argument Q-R or 5th J-K | | R/W |
| 19-21 | Macro arguments S,T,U or 6th set of I-K | | R/W |
| 22-24 | Macro arguments V,W,X or 7th set of I-K | | R/W |
| 25-27 | Macro arguments Y,Z or 8th set of I-K | | R/W |
| 28-30 | 9th set of I-K | | R/W |
| 31-33 | 10th set of I-K | | R/W |
| 100 - 149 | User variables | Floating-point value. Initialized to 0.0 at start of job processing | R/W |
| 150 - 159 | Nonvolatile user variables | Floating-point value saved in cncm.job.xml file. | R/W |
| 300-399 | User string variables. These variables retain their values until the CNC software is exited | String Literal | R/W |
| 2400, 2401-2418 | Active WCS , WCS #1-18 CSR angles | Floating point value | R/W |
| 2500, 2501-2518 | Active WCS , WCS #1-18 Axis 1 values | | R/W |
| 2600, 2601-2618 | Active WCS , WCS #1-18 Axis 2 values | | R/W |
| 2700, 2701-2718 | Active WCS , WCS #1-18 Axis 3 values | | R/W |
| 2800, 2801-2818 | Active WCS , WCS #1-18 Axis 4 values | | R/W |
| 2900, 2901-2918 | Active WCS , WCS #1-18 Axis 5 values | | R/W |
| 3000, 3001-3018 | Active WCS , WCS #1-18 Axis 6 values | | R/W |
| 3100, 3101-3118 | Active WCS , WCS #1-18 Axis 7 values | | R/W |
| 3200, 3201-3218 | Active WCS , WCS #1-18 Axis 8 values | | R/W |
| 3901 | Parts Cut (Part #) | | R/W |
| 3902 | Parts Required (Part Cnt) | | R/W |
| 4001 | Move mode | 0.0 (rapid) or 1.0 (feed) | R |
| 4003 | Positioning mode | 90.0 (abs) or 91.0 (inc) | R |
| 4006 | Units of measure | 20.0 (inches) or 21.0 (metric) | R |
| 4014 | WCS | 54.0-71.0 (WCS #1-18) | R |
| 4109 | Feedrate (F) | Floating point value | R |
| 4119 | Spindle Speed (S) | | R |
| 4120 | Tool Number (T) | | R |
| 4121 | Current height offset number (H) | | R |
| 4122 | Current diameter offset number (D, mill only) | | R |
| 4201 | Job processing state | 0 = normal, 1 = graph | R |
| 4202 | Job Search mode | 0 = search mode off 1 = searching for line number 2 = searching for block number N_ 3 = searching for Tool number 4 = resuming job | R |

| Index | Description | Returns | R\W |
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| 4203 | Tool in spindle | | R |
| 5021-5028 | Machine Position (axis 1 = 5021, axis 2 = 5022, etc.) | Floating point value | R |
| 5041-5048 | Current Position (axis 1 = 5041, axis 2 = 5042, etc.) | | R |
| 9000-9399 | Parameter values 0 - 399 | See Machine Parameters | R |
| 9900-9999 | Parameter values 900 - 999 | See Machine Parameters | R |
| 10000 | Mill: Height offset amount, active H | Floating point value | R/W |
| 10001-10200 | Mill: Height offset amount, H001 – H200 | Floating point value | R/W |
| 11000 | Mill: Diameter offset amount, active D | Floating point value | R/W |
| 11001-11200 | Mill: Diameter offset amount, D001 – D200 | Floating point value | R/W |
| 12000 | Mill: Tool H number, active tool (T) | 0 - 200 | R/W |
| 12001-12200 | Mill: Tool H number, tools 1 - 200 | 0 - 200 | R/W |
| 13000 | Mill: Tool D number, active tool (T) | 0 - 200 | R/W |
| 13001-13200 | Mill: Tool D number, tools 1 - 200 | 0 - 200 | R/W |
| 14000 | Mill: Tool coolant, active tool (T) | 7, 8, 9 | R/W |
| 14001-14200 | Mill: Tool coolant, tools 1 – 200 | 7, 8, 9 | R/W |
| 15000 | Mill: Tool spindle direction, active tool (T) | 3, 4, 5 | R/W |
| 15001-15200 | Mill: Tool spindle direction, tools 1 - 200 | 3, 4, 5 | R/W |
| 16000 | Mill: Tool spindle speed, active tool (T) | Floating point value | R/W |
| 16001-16200 | Mill: Tool spindle speed, tools 1 - 200 | Floating point value | R/W |
| 17000 | Mill: Tool bin number, active tool (T) | Floating point value | R/W |
| 17001-17200 | Mill: Tool bin number, tools 1 - 200 | Floating point value | R/W |
| 18000 | Mill: Tool putback, active tool (T) | Floating point value | R/W |
| 18001-18200 | Mill: Tool putback, tools 1 – 200 | Floating point value | R/W |
| 19000 | Tool Life Data: Tool T1 Tool Type | 0 = Drill, 1 = End Mill | R/W |
| 19001 | Tool Life Data: Tool T1 Total Life | Floating point value | R/W |
| 19002 | Tool Life Data: Tool T1 Used Life | Floating point value | R/W |
| 19003 | Tool Life Data: Tool T1 Units | 0 = Cycles, 1 = Inch/mm distance | R/W |
| 19004 | Tool Life Data: Tool T1 Update Mode | 0 = Manual, 1 = Auto | R/W |
| 19005-19009 | Tool Life Data for Tool T2 | see 19000-19004 above | R/W |
| 19010-19014 | Tool Life Data for Tool T3 | see above | R/W |
| 19015-19999 | Tool Life Data for Tools T4 through T200 | see above | R/W |
| 20001-20008 | max_rate for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 20101-20108 | label for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 20201-20208 | slow_jog for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 20301-20308 | fast_jog for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 20401-20408 | screw_pitch for axes 1-8 | | R/W |
| 20501-20508 | lash_comp for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 20601-20608 | counts_per_unit for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 20701-20708 | accel_time for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 20801-20808 | deadstart_velocity for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 20901-20908 | delta_vmax for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 21001-21008 | counts_per_turn for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 21101-21108 | minus_limit for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 21201-21208 | plus_limit for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 21301-21308 | minus_home for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 21401-21408 | plus_home for axes 1-8 | | R |

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| 21501-21508 | reversed for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 21601-21608 | laser_comp for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 21701-21708 | proportional for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 21801-21808 | integration_limit for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 21901-21908 | kg for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 22001-22008 | integral for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 22101-22108 | kv1 for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 22201-22208 | derivative for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 22301-22308 | ka for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 22401-22408 | num_motor_poles for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 22501-22508 | drive_current for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 22601-22608 | drive_offset_angle for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 22701-22708 | pwm_kp for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 22801-22808 | pwm_ki for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 22901-22908 | pwm_kd for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 23001-23008 | abrupt_kp for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 23101-23108 | feed_forward_kp for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 23201-23208 | max_error (PID) for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 23301-23308 | min_error (PID) for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 23401-23408 | at_index_pulse for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 23501-23508 | travel_minus for axes 1-8 | | R/W |
| 23601-23608 | travel_plus for axes 1-8 | | R/W |
| 23701-23708 | axis_home_set for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 23801-23808 | abs_position (in encoder counts) for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 23901-23908 | PID_out for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 24001-24008 | reference set for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 24101-24108 | Axis reference value for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 24201-24208 | tilt table level offsets for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 24301-24308 | dsp positions for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 24401-24408 | abs_position (in encoder counts) for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 24501-24508 | dsp positon in local coordinatates for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 24601-24608 | local probing +limit position for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 24701-24708 | local probing -limit position for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 24801-24808 | probe stylus compensation amount for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 24901-24908 | servo controlled axis indicator for axes 1-8 | 0 = no, 1 = yes | R |
| 25000 | DRO_display_units | | R |
| 25001 | default_units_of_measure | | R |
| 25002 | PLC_type | | R |
| 25003 | console_type | | R |
| 25004 | jog_panel_optional | | R |
| 25005 | min_spin_high | | R |
| 25006 | max_spin_high | | R |
| 25007 | home_at_powerup | | R |
| 25008 | screen_blank_time | | R |
| 25009 | Displayed / Calculated spindle speed. If parameter 78 =1 and spindle encoder is mounted. | | R |

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| 25010 | current spindle position (in counts) | | R |
| 25011 | dsp_time (in seconds) | | R |
| 25012 | time (in seconds) | | R |
| 25013 | clear max/min PID errors | | R |
| 25014 | software type (Mill/Lathe) | | R |
| 25015 | feedrate override | | R |
| 25016 | spindle override | | R |
| 25017 | OS | Windows/LINUX = 2; other OS = 1.0 | R |
| 25018 | CNC series number (11 for CNC11) | | R |
| 25019 | Software version number | | R |
| 25020 | Software Beta revision number | | R |
| 25021 | Digitizing boundary hit | hit = 1, not hit = 0 | R |
| 25022 | last M115/116/125/126 probe trip | 1 = tripped, 0 = not tripped | R |
| 25023 | Drive type | 0 = Standard, 1 = Legacy DC, 2 = Legacy AC | R |
| 25101-25108 | Encoder counts away from index pulse for axes 1-8 | Counts away from index pulse. Values less than 0 means that index pulse is not detected yet. | R |
| 26001-26008 | dsp mechanical machine positions for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 26101-26108 | dsp mechanical local positions for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 26201-26208 | local + travel limit position for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 26301-26308 | local - travel limit position for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 26401-26404 | Axis 1 reference points 1-4 | | R |
| 26501-26504 | Axis 2 reference points 1-4 | | R |
| 26601-26604 | Axis 3 reference points 1-4 | | R |
| 26701-26704 | Axis 4 reference points 1-4 | | R |
| 26801-26804 | Axis 5 reference points 1-4 | | R |
| 26901-26904 | Axis 6 reference points 1-4 | | R |
| 27001-27004 | Axis 7 reference points 1-4 | | R |
| 27101-27104 | Axis 8 reference points 1-4 | | R |
| 27201-27208 | ACDC drive estimated brake wattage for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 27301-27308 | Real motor encoder positions for axes 1-8 | Motor encoder positions that accounts for lash, MPG, and scale offsets. (Note that these can be different from what is displayed as Abs Pos in the PID menu.) | R |
| 27401-27408 | Scale encoder positions for axes 1-8 | | R |
| 29000-31999 | User variables. These variables retain their values until the CNC software is exited. | Floating point value | R/W |
| 32000-34999 | Reserved for internal use. DO NOT USE | Floating point value | R/W |
| 50001-51312 | PLC Inputs 1-1312 | Jog Panel is on INP1057-1312 | R |
| 60001-61312 | PLC Outputs 1-1312 | Jog Panel is on OUT1057-1312 | R |
| 70001-71024 | PLC Memory Bits 1-1024 | | R |
| 80001-89999 | Reserved | | R |
| 90001-90064 | Timer 1-64 status bits | | R |
| 91001-91064 | Reserved | | R |
| 92001-92064 | Reserved | | R |

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| 93001-93256 | Stage 1-256 status bits | | R |
| 94001-94256 | Fast Stage 1-256 status bits | | R |
| 95001-95256 | Reserved | | R |
| 96001-96044 | W1-W44 (32-bit signed integers) | | R |
| 97001-97022* | DW1-DW22 (64-bit signed integers) | | R |
| 98001-98044 | FW1-FW44 (32-bit floats) | | R |
| 99001-99022 | DFW1-DFW22 (64-bit floats) | | R |

* Since user or system variables are turned into (double) floating point values when referenced in an M- or G-code program, the 64-bit integer values lose precision when they exceed 253 (9,007,199,254,740,992).

Example:

```
#100 = #5041          ; set user variable #100 to the X axis current position
G90 X[#5041+1+7/32] ; move the X axis 1 7/32 units (1.2188) incrementally
#2501 = #5021        ; set WCS#1 X value to the current X position
#2703=[#2703+1/8]    ; add 1/8 units (.125) to the WCS#3 Z value

; Subroutine parameter and local variable access.
G1 X#A Y#B Z#C F#F    ; move to the coordinates passed as parameters
#[Q] = #F * .10       ; Assign local variable #Q to 10% of #F
#17 = #7 * .10        ; Same statement as previous using number references.
#[C] = 0.05           ; Reassign #C. (Value passed as parameter is lost.)
```

11.3 Advanced Macro Statements

Branching and conditional execution are extremely powerful tools that, combined with access to system variables, allow you to do many things that would otherwise be impossible. Nevertheless, using branching and conditional execution can introduce undesirable and even unpredictable behavior into your programs. Undesirable effects can occur simply by graphing a program. The least of these undesirable effects could be entering an endless loop, failing to draw anything, or wiping out all the information in your tool library or [WCS](#) settings. It is your responsibility to make sure that undesirable things do not happen in your programs. You must monitor the job processing and search modes in your program, if necessary, and take appropriate action. Until you are confident of the actions of your program, you should step through it one block at a time to confirm your program logic.

NOTICE

11.3.1 GOTO — Branch Execution

To branch to another line within the same program or subprogram, use the statement:

```
GOTO <expression>
```

where <expression> is any expression that evaluates to a valid block number in the program. GOTO causes an immediate branch to the specified destination. Program codes preceding a GOTO on the same line will be executed normally. Any program codes following GOTO on the same line will cause an error.

If fast branching is disabled ([parameter 145](#) = 0) then the CNC software searches forward in the program for the first matching block number and resumes searching, if necessary from the top of the program. For this reason when fast branching is disabled, backward branches take longer than forward branches and backward branch times depend on the total program size. If the program is sufficiently large, use of the GOTO statement could introduce temporary pauses.

When fast branching is enabled ([parameter 145](#) = 1) then the CNC software remembers the locations of block numbers as it finds them during program execution. Backward branches always take place immediately. The first forward branch to a block not yet encountered will take additional time as the CNC software searches forward for the block number; however, subsequent forward branches to that block number will take place immediately. The trade-off for using fast branching is that all line numbers at a given level of program or subprogram must be unique and programs will use more memory (approximately 16kilobytes of memory for every 1000 block numbers in the program.)

11.3.2 IF THEN ELSE — Conditional Execution

Program symbols, [G-codes](#), M codes and GOTO commands may be executed conditionally using the IF statement. The general form of the IF statement is:

```
IF <expression> THEN <execute if true> ELSE <execute if false>
```

where <expression> is any valid expression, <execute if true> is one or more program codes to execute if <expression> evaluates to "true" (non-zero) and <execute if false> is one or more program codes to execute if <expression> evaluates to "false" (zero). All parts of the IF statement must appear on the same line. The "ELSE <execute if false>" part of the statement is optional and may be omitted. The "THEN" may be omitted; however, <expression> must be enclosed in brackets ([]). The IF statement may follow other program codes on the same line. Compound conditionals are possible but they cannot be nested. The first THEN always pairs with the first IF. ELSE always pairs with the first <expression> that evaluates to "false". All program codes executed are executed as part of the same block.

Example:

```
; Branch to N200 if machine position is okay, otherwise go to N300
N100 IF #5041 LE 5.0 THEN GOTO 200 ELSE GOTO 300
; Force subprogram parameter #D to be within range.
IF [#D LE 0.005] #[D] = 0.005
; Compound conditionals
IF [#A LE 0.0] GOTO 100 ELSE IF [#A LE 2.5] GOTO 200 ELSE GOTO 300
IF [#A GT 0.0] IF [#D/#A GE 0.0] #[C] = SQRT[#D/#A]
```

11.3.3 INPUT — Prompt Operator For Input

The INPUT macro prompts the operator for numeric input. The general form of the INPUT statement is:

```
INPUT "<prompt>" <variable>
```

Where <prompt> is the message prompt for the operator and <variable> is the variable in which to store the input. The CNC software will display a dialog with the given prompt and space for the operator response. The operator may enter any numeric expression (see above) including variables as a response. The operator must press **CYCLE START** or **Alt-S** to dismiss the dialog. Pressing **ESC** will cancel the job.

The CNC software parses well ahead of the current execution to maximize throughput and efficiency. For this reason, an INPUT macro may prompt the operator for input immediately even though the INPUT macro is located in the middle or near the end of the job. Parsing pauses while the dialog is displayed.

Any statements parsed prior to the INPUT macro will have been queued and will continue to execute in the background while the prompt is displayed. Job processing will pause only if all queued statements have been executed before the operator supplies a response.

INPUT macros will not graph. If you must graph the job, first set the input variable to a default value and use a conditional to execute the INPUT only if the job is being run normally.

Use search mode cautiously with INPUT macros. To have search work properly, you may have to supply exactly the same input during the search as you did during the last actual run.

Example:

```
; Ask operator for pocket depth. Store result in #101
; Note: this will not graph.
INPUT "Enter pocket depth" #101

; Allow job with INPUT statements to be graphed.
#101 = 0.5; Supply a default value for graphing
; Ask for operator input only if not graphing.
IF NOT #4201 THEN INPUT "Enter pocket depth" #101
```

11.3.4 DEFINE — Text Aliases

You can define your own text aliases using angle brackets (<>). This is a pure text replacement tool (with one exception — any text found after a semicolon (;) will be ignored as a comment), but can be quite useful.

To define an alias in your G-code program, use the word DEFINE followed by the name of your alias (in angled brackets) followed by the text it will be replacing.

For example, consider the following G-code program:

```
G17 G90 F25
G00 X1.0 Y1.0 Z0.0
G02 X2.0 Y2.0 Z0.0 R-1.0
```

Using the angle bracket defines, we could write:

```
; Definitions begin here

DEFINE <XY_PLANE> G17
DEFINE <ABSOLUTE_POSITIONING> G90
DEFINE <FEEDRATE> F
DEFINE <RAPID_POSITIONING> G0
DEFINE <START_POSITION> X1.0 Y1.0 Z0.0
DEFINE <CLOCKWISE_ARC> G02
DEFINE <END_POSITION> X2.0 Y2.0 Z0.0
DEFINE <BIG_ARC_RADIUS> R-1.0

; Actual job begins below

<XY_PLANE> <ABSOLUTE_POSITIONING> <FEEDRATE>25
```

```
<RAPID_POSITIONING> <START_POSITION>  
<CLOCKWISE_ARC> <END_POSITION> <BIG_ARC_RADIUS>
```

This can make your G-code programs more readable and understandable.

Chapter 12

CNC Program Codes: G-Codes

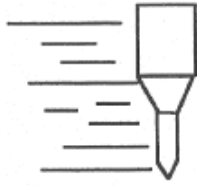
| G-Code | | Group | Description |
|--------|---|-------|--|
| G00 | * | A | Rapid Positioning |
| G01 | | A | Linear Interpolation |
| G02 | | A | Circular or Helical Interpolation CW |
| G03 | | A | Circular or Helical Interpolation CCW |
| G04 | | B | Dwell |
| G09 | | B | Decelerate and Stop (formerly known as Exact Stop) |
| G10 | | B | Parameter Setting |
| G17 | * | C | Circular Interpolation Plane Selection XY |
| G18 | | C | Circular Interpolation Plane Selection ZX |
| G19 | | C | Circular Interpolation Plane Selection YZ |
| G20 | * | K | Select Inch Units |
| G21 | | K | Select Metric Units |
| G22 | | O | Work envelope on |
| G23 | * | O | Work envelope off |
| G28 | | B | Return to Reference Point |
| G29 | | B | Return from Reference Point |
| G30 | | B | Return to Secondary Reference Point |
| G40 | * | D | Cutter Compensation Cancel |
| G41 | | D | Cutter Compensation Left |
| G42 | | D | Cutter Compensation Right |
| G43 | | E | Tool Length Compensation (+) |
| G43.3 | | E | Tool Length Compensation (+) with Axis Tilt Compensation |
| G43.4 | | E | Rotary Tool Center Point (with G43.3 compensation) |
| G44 | | E | Tool Length Compensation (-) |
| G49 | * | E | Tool Length Compensation Cancel |
| G50 | * | M | Scaling/Mirroring Off |
| G51 | | M | Scaling/Mirroring On |
| G52 | | B | Offset Local Coordinate System Origin |
| G53 | | B | Rapid Position in Machine Coordinates |
| G54 | | L | Select Work Coordinate System #1 |
| G55 | | L | Select Work Coordinate System #2 |
| G56 | | L | Select Work Coordinate System #3 |
| G57 | | L | Select Work Coordinate System #4 |
| G58 | | L | Select Work Coordinate System #5 |
| G59 | | L | Select Work Coordinate System #6 |

| G-Code | | Group | Description |
|--------|---|-------|---|
| G61 | | F | Modal Decel and Stop (formerly known as Exact Stop Mode) |
| G64 | * | F | Smoothing mode selection / Cancel Modal Decelerate and Stop |
| G65 | | J | Call Macro |
| G68 | | N | Coordinate Rotation on |
| G68.1 | | N | Transformed Work Coordinate System |
| G69 | * | N | Coordinate Rotation off |
| G73 | | G | High Speed Peck Drilling |
| G74 | | G | Counter Tapping |
| G76 | | G | Fine Bore Cycle |
| G80 | * | G | Canned Cycle Cancel |
| G81 | | G | Drilling and Spot Drilling |
| G82 | | G | Drill with Dwell |
| G83 | | G | Deep Hole Drilling |
| G84 | | G | Tapping |
| G85 | | G | Boring |
| G89 | | G | Boring with Dwell |
| G90 | * | H | Absolute Positioning Mode |
| G91 | | H | Incremental positioning Mode |
| G92 | | B | Set Absolute position |
| G93 | | P | Inverse Time On |
| G93.1 | | P | Velocity Scrubber for Smoothed Inverse Time Data |
| G94 | | P | Inverse Time Off |
| G98 | * | I | Initial Point Return |
| G99 | | I | R Point Return |
| G117 | | C | Rotation of Plane Selection XY |
| G118 | | C | Rotation of Plane Selection ZX |
| G119 | | C | Rotation of Plane Selection YZ |
| G173 | | G | Compound High Speed Peck Drilling |
| G174 | | G | Compound Counter Tapping |
| G176 | | G | Compound Fine Bore Cycle |
| G180 | | G | Compound Canned Cycle Cancel |
| G181 | | G | Compound Drilling and Spot Drilling |
| G182 | | G | Compound Drill with Dwell |
| G183 | | G | Compound Deep Hole Drilling |
| G184 | | G | Compound Tapping |
| G185 | | G | Compound Boring |
| G189 | | G | Compound Boring with Dwell |

NOTES:

- All the default G-codes have been marked with the symbol "*".
- A given line of a program may contain more than one G-code.
- If several G-codes from one group are used in the same line, only the G-code specified last will remain active.
- G-codes from group B are of "one shot" type (active only in the line in which they are specified). All other Gcodes are modal (active until another G-code of the same group is specified).
- If a G-code from group A is used in a canned cycle mode, the canned cycle will be canceled. Canned cycle Gcodes, however, have no effect on G-codes from group A.

12.1 G00 - Rapid Positioning



G0 moves to the specified position at the maximum motor rate. The coordinates may be either absolute positions (G90) or incremental positions (G91). G0 is modal and remains in effect until another positioning mode (G1, G2, G3 etc.) is commanded. G0 is the default-positioning mode.

When the Z axis is commanded to move in the + direction, the Z axis will move up to its new position first, then the other axes will move to their new position along a straight line.

When the Z axis is commanded to move in the - direction, all axes but the Z axis will move to their new position along a straight line, then the Z axis will move down to its new position.

Example:

G0 X0.0 Y0.0 Z0.0 ; Rapid move to X0, Y0, Z0



CAUTION

The feedrate override knob has no effect on G0 moves unless rapid override is turned ON.

12.2 G01 - Linear Interpolation



G1 moves to the specified position at the programmed feedrate. The coordinates may be either absolute positions (G90) or incremental positions (G91). The movement will be along a straight line. G1 is modal and remains in effect until another positioning mode (G0, G2, G3 etc.) is commanded.

Example:

G01 X2 Y3 Z4 W5 F10 ; Linear move to X2, Y3, Z4, W5 at a 10in/min

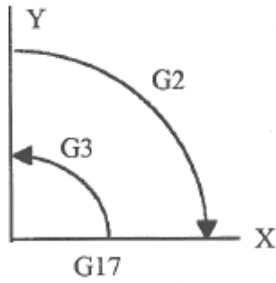
G91 X6 Y7 ; Linear move to X8, Y10

Z3 W4 F20 ; Linear move to Z7, W9 at 20in/min (G91 is modal)

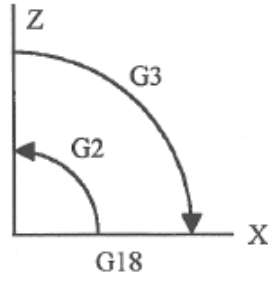
12.3 G02 & G03 - Circular or Helical Interpolation



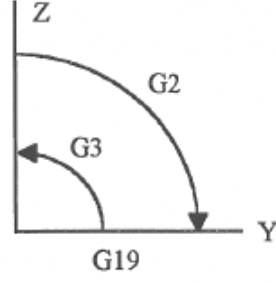
G2 moves in a clockwise circular motion, and G3 moves in a counterclockwise circular motion. This clockwise and counterclockwise motion is relative to your point of view, however. See the diagram below. The X, Y or Z position specified in the G2 or G3 command is the end position of the arc, and may be an absolute position (G90) or an incremental position (G91). G2 and G3 are modal and remain in effect until another positioning mode (G0, G1, etc.) is commanded.



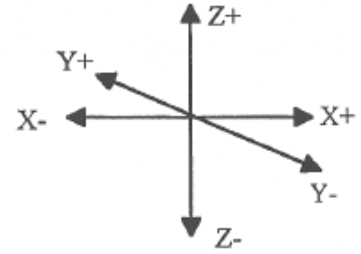
View facing machine
looking Z-



View facing machine
looking Y+



View facing machine
looking X-



***Note:** When using G18, the G2 command moves in a counterclockwise direction in the XZ plane.

The axes included in the currently selected circular plane (G17, G18, or G19) will move in a circular motion. Any other axes specified will move along a straight line (helical movement). The programmed feedrate is used for the interpolated motion along the movement of all axes.

Helical and circular motion can be programmed in two different ways: specifying the final point and the radius of the arc, or specifying the final point and the parameters I, J, K (center point of the arc as incremental values from the start position).

***Note:** For closed circles (arc of 360 degrees), use method 2: specify final point and parameters I, J and K. Method 1 (specify final point and radius) will not work.

METHOD 1: USING FINAL POINT AND RADIUS

The commands G2 and G3 will have the following structure:

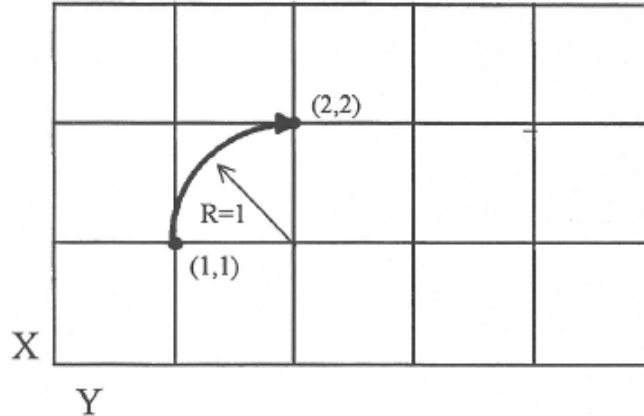
G2 Xa Yb Zc Rd

G3 Xa Yb Zc Rd

where a, b, and c will be the X, Y, and Z coordinates of the final point of the arc, and d will be the radius. In most cases there will be two possible arcs of the same radius connecting two given points. This occurs because the center of the arc is not specified. To choose the bigger arc, make the radius negative. To choose the smaller arc, make the radius positive. See examples 1 and 2 for graphical explanations of this concept.

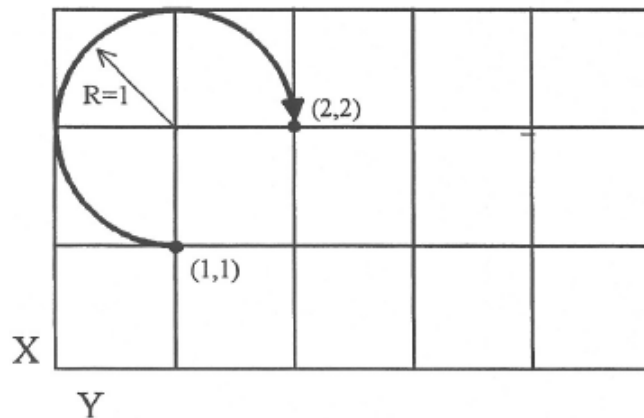
Example 1 (small arc solution: positive radius):

G17 G90 F25 ; selects XY plane and absolute positioning
 G00 X1.0 Y1.0 Z0 ; rapid to start position X1, Y1, Z0
 G02 X2 Y2 Z0 R1 ; arc to X2 Y2 Z0 with radius of 1
 ; (small arc solution)



Example 2 (big arc solution: negative radius):

G17 G90 F25 ; selects XY plane and absolute positioning
 G00 X1.0 Y1.0 Z0 ; rapid to start position X1, Y1, Z0
 G02 X2 Y2 Z0 R -1 ; arc to X2 Y2 Z0 with radius of 1
 ; (big arc solution)



METHOD 2: USING FINAL POINT AND PARAMETERS I, J, K

Another way to specify a helical or circular operation is using the parameters I, J, K instead of the radius R. The parameters I, J, and K are the **incremental** distances from the start point to the center of the arc. For absolute positioning on I, J, and K, [parameter 2](#) bit 0 will need set. See the parameter section in Chapter 14.

I = X center - X start (valid for G17 & G18)

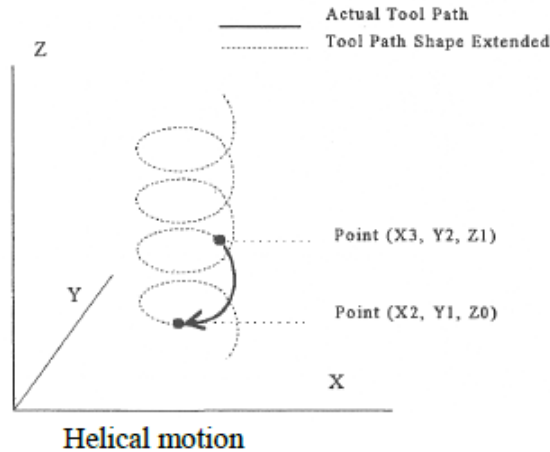
J = Y center - Y start (valid for G17 & G19)

K = Z center - Z start (valid for G18 & G19)

Examples:

Circular motion (See graph in method 1, example 2)

G17 G90 F25 ; selects XY plane and absolute positioning
 G00 X1.0 Y1.0 Z0 ; rapid to start position X1, Y1, Z0
 G02 X2 Y2 Z0 J1 ; arc to X2 Y2 Z0 with radius of 1



```
G17 G90 F30           ; select XY plane and absolute positioning
G00 X3.0 Y2.0 Z1.0    ; rapid to start position X3, Y2, Z1
G02 X2.0 Y1.0 I-1.0 J0.0 Z0.0 ; CW XY arc from X3, Y2 to X2, Y1.
                        ; Center at X2, Y2
                        ; Helical Z move from 1 to 0
```

12.4 G04 - Dwell



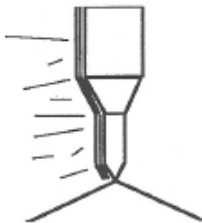
G4 causes motion to stop for the specified time. The P parameter is used to specify the time in seconds to delay. G4 causes the block to decelerate to a full stop.

The minimum delay is 0.01 seconds and the maximum is 327.67 seconds. The dwell time is performed after all motion is stopped and M functions on the line are completed. If the P parameter is not specified, X will be used instead. If neither P nor X is specified, the default dwell time of 0.01 seconds will be used.

Example:

```
G0 X1 Y1   ; rapid to X1, Y1
G4 P2.51   ; pause for 2.51 seconds
G1 X2 Y2   ; Linear move to X2, Y2
```

12.5 G09 - Decelerate and Stop (formerly known as Exact Stop)



G9 causes motion to decelerate to a stop and dwell for 1/100 seconds. G9 is equivalent to G4 P0.01. G9 is not modal; it is only effective for the block in which it appears. See G61 (Modal Decelerate and Stop).

Example:

```
G9 G0 X1 Y1 ; rapid to X1 Y1 and stop
X2 Y2       ; continue to X2 Y2
```

12.6 G10 - Parameter Setting

G10 allows you to set parameters for different program operations.

Example:

G10 P73 R.05 ; Sets the peck drilling retract amount to .05
G10 P83 R.05 ; Sets the deep drill rapid down clearance to .05
G10 P81 R15 ; Sets G81 to use M15 instead of Z movement
G10 H5 R-1.3 ; Sets tool length offset #5 to -1.3 in the offset lib.
G10 D3 R.25 ; Sets tool diameter offset #3 to .25 in the offset lib.

12.7 G17, G18, G19 - Circular Interpolation Plane Selection

G17, G18, and G19 select the plane for circular interpolation commands (G02 & G03). G17 is the default plane. See figure under G2 and G3.

G17 is the XY plane
G18 is the ZX plane
G19 is the YZ plane

12.8 G20 - Select Inch Units

G20 selects inch units, affecting the interpretation of all subsequent dimensions and feedrates in the job file. G20 does not change the native machine units as set on the control setup menu.

12.9 G21 - Select Metric Units

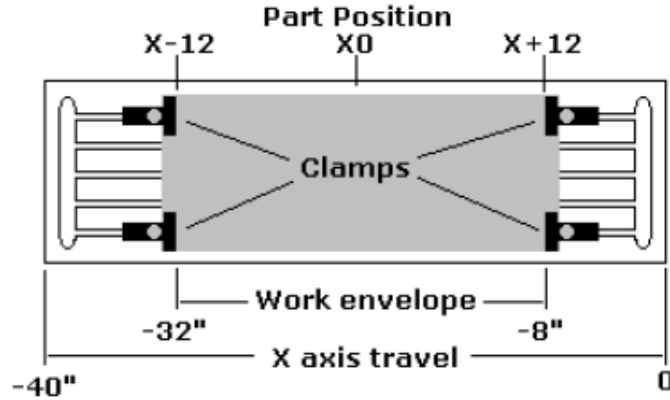
G21 selects metric units, affecting the interpretation of all subsequent dimensions and feedrates in the job file. G21 does not change the native machine units, as set on the control setup menu.

12.10 G22/G23 – Work Envelope On/Off

G22 turns on programmable work envelope in machine coordinates. When the machine tries to move into the forbidden area, let's say the x-axis, an "x-axis work envelope exceeded" message is displayed, letting you know which line of the program is at fault. The work envelope is set with the X, Y, Z for the '+' limit and I, J, K for the '-' limit. G22 is modal and remains on until turned off by G23 or the end of the job. The limits entered in the X, Y, Z and I, J, K parameters are stored in the WCS menu under F3 - Work Envel. For more information see chapter 4.

Example:

G22 X-8 I-32 ; Keeps programs from moving into the outside 8 inches of
X- ; axis of travel
G1 X-13 F20 ; Would generate a "X axis work envelope exceeded, line 3" message
G23 ; Allows travel into G22 forbidden area.
M25 ; Z home
G0 X-13 ; Ok to move X here now



12.11 G28 - Return to Reference Point

G28 moves to the first reference point, by way of an intermediate point. The location of the reference point, in machine coordinates, may be set in Work Coordinate System Configuration. The intermediate point is specified in the local coordinate system, and may be at the current location (resulting in a move directly to the reference point). If an intermediate point is specified, only those axes for which positions are specified will be moved. If no axes are specified, all axes will be moved. The location of the intermediate point is stored for later use with G29. Movement is executed at the maximum (rapid) rate but can be changed using the L word.

Example:

```
G28 G91 Z0           ; move Z-axis directly to reference point ( X and Y don't move)
G28 G91 X-.5 Y0 Z0  ; move X -0.5 (from current position), then move all three axes to reference point
G28 G90 X2 Y4 Z.1   ; move all axes to (X2, Y4, Z0.1), then to reference point
G28                  ; move all axes to the reference point ( no intermediate point)
G28 L100             ; move all axes to the reference point at 100 units/minute
```

***Note:** As with G0 positioning moves, the Z-axis will move separately. If Z is moving up (the usual case) Z will move first, then the other axes. If Z is moving down, the other axes will move first, then Z. Because of this, it is rarely necessary to specify an intermediate point different from the current position.

12.12 G29 - Return from Reference Point

G29 moves all axes to the intermediate point stored in a preceding G28 or G30 command. It may be used to return to the work piece. If a position is specified, the machine will move to that position (in local coordinates) after reaching the intermediate point. G29 may only be specified after G28 or G30, though there may be intervening moves.

Example:

```
G29                  ; move all axes back from reference point to intermediate point
G29 X1 Y2            ; move all axes to intermediate point, then move to X1 Y2
```

***Note:** As with G0 positioning moves, the Z-axis will move separately. If Z is moving up, Z will move first, then the other axes. If Z is moving down (the usual case for G29), the other axes will move first, then Z will move.

12.13 G30 - Return to Secondary Reference Point

G30 functions exactly like G28, except that by default it uses the second reference point from the Work Coordinate System Configuration table, and the P parameter may be used to request either reference point.

Example:

G30 G91 Z0 ; move Z axis directly to second reference point
G30 P1 ; move all axes to first reference point

***Note:** G30 P1 is equivalent to G28.

12.14 G40, G41, G42 - Cutter Compensation

G41 and G42 in conjunction with the selected tool diameter (D code) apply cutter compensation to the programmed tool path.

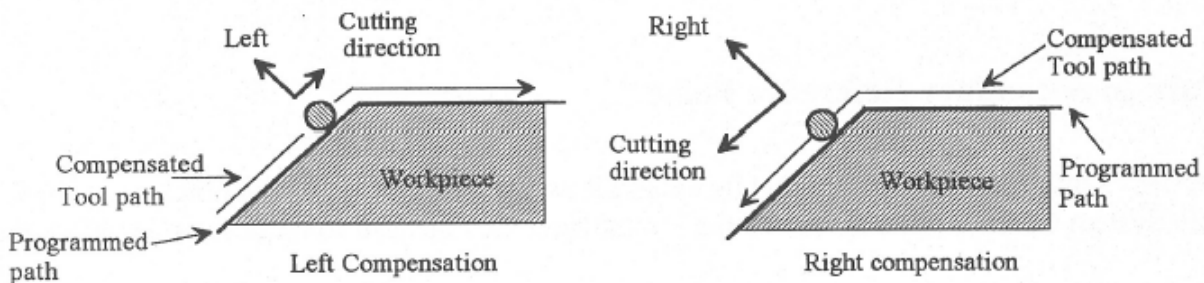
G41 offsets the cutter tool one half of the tool diameter selected with a D code, to the left of the work piece, relative to the direction of travel.

G42 offsets the cutter tool one half of the tool diameter selected with a D code, to the right of the work piece, relative to the direction of travel.

G40 cancels G41 and G42.

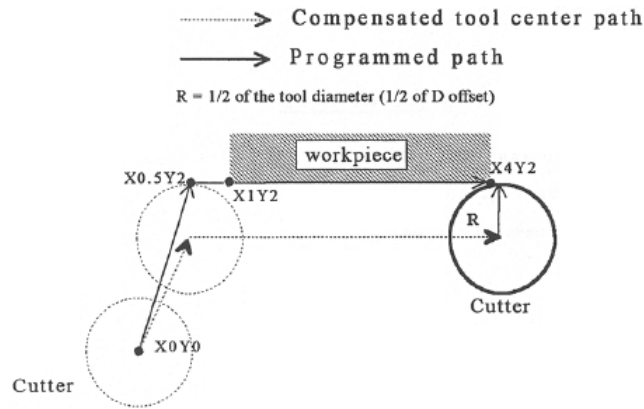
Example:

G41 D03 ; Tells the machine to compensate left half of the
; diameter of the amount that corresponds to D03 in the
; Tool Library



Whenever cutter compensation is applied, the following factors must be taken into account in order to obtain proper results.

1. The cutter diameter compensation function (G41, G42) must be implemented before the cutter tool reaches the starting cutting point.



Example 1:

```

G0X0Y0 ; Rapid tool to X0, Y0
G42 D3 ; Turn cutter compensation on, with a diameter of D3
G0X.5Y2 ; Rapid to X0.5, Y2
G1x4.1Y2 ; Linear cut to X4.1, Y2.
          ; Cut to X4.1 to clear material.
G40 ; Turn cutter compensation off.
G0X5Y0 ; Rapid to X5, Y0.
  
```

You may want to add .1 or .05 inches on the final position for the last cut to clear the material.

***Note:** The diameter compensation statement G42 is placed before G0 X.5 Y2. As a result, the compensation is applied before the cutter reaches the starting cutting point X.5 Y2.

2. If the cutter is down, then the cutter compensation lead-in must always come from an appropriate direction. Otherwise, the work piece will be incorrectly cut, and the cutter tool could be damaged. One way to avoid this problem is by always keeping the cutter above the work piece whenever a transition is being made to a new starting cutting point. If for some reason this was not possible, then the G-code program should be written so that the cutter compensation lead-in paths do not interfere with the space occupied by the work piece. Example 2 illustrates a possible harmful outcome of programming an inappropriate lead-in direction.

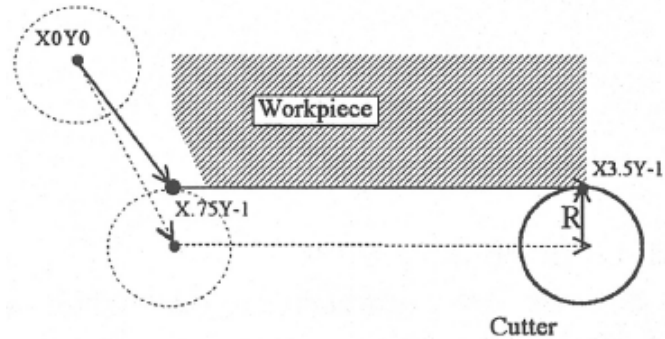
Example 2:

WRONG WAY

-----> Compensated tool center path

-----> Programmed path

$R = 1/2$ of the tool diameter (1/2 of D offset)



```
G0 X0Y0      ; Rapid tool to X0, Y0
G42 D5       ; Turn cutter compensation on, with a diameter of D5
G1 X.75Y-1 F5 ; Linear move to X0.75, Y-1. (Notice this damages the
               ; corner of the work piece)
X3.6         ; move X to 3.6
G40          ; Turn cutter compensation off.
G0 X4Y-2     ; Rapid to X4, Y-2
```

***Note:** This problem could have been avoided by selecting a transitional point between X0 Y0 and X.75 Y-1. A transitional point such as X-1 Y-1 would properly modify the lead-in path, keeping the cutter from damaging the corner of the work piece. Example 3 shows the correct way of performing this operation.

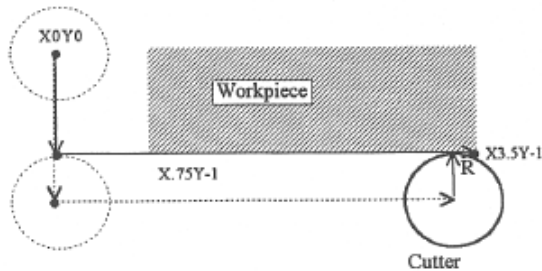
Example 3:

CORRECT WAY

-----> Compensated tool center path

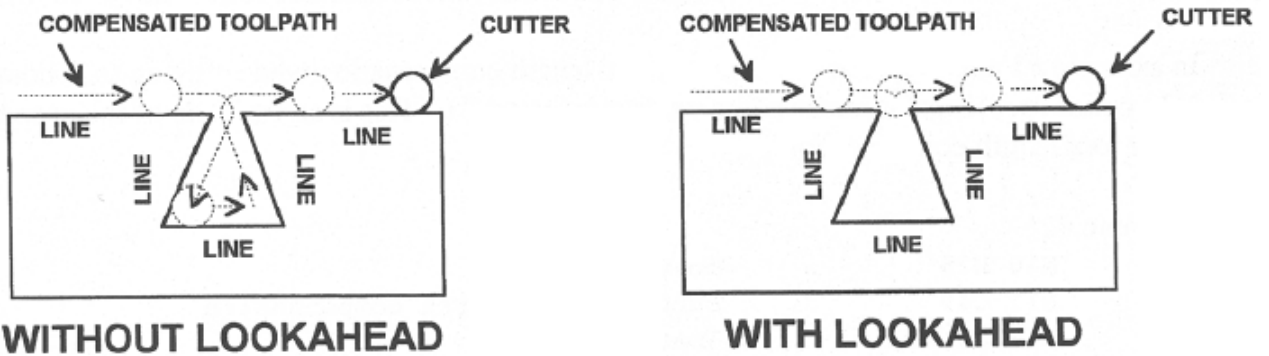
—————> Programmed path

R = 1/2 of the tool diameter (1/2 of D offset)



```
G0X0Y0 ; Rapid tool to X0, Y0
G42D5 ; Turn cutter compensation on, with a diameter of D5
G0X0Y-1 ; Rapid tool to X0, Y-1
G1X.75Y-1 ; Linear cut to X0.75, Y-1.
X3.6 ; move X to 3.6
G40 ; Turn cutter compensation off.
```

3. *Lookahead.* When the control machines any rapid traverse (G0), line (G1), or arc (G2, G3) with tool diameter compensation enabled, the program will look up to N consecutive events ahead of the current event in order to anticipate tool path clearance problems, where N is the number set in [Parameter 99](#). Lookahead ensures that compensated tool paths don't overlap in programmed part sections where there is not enough clearance for the tool. The figure below shows a compensated tool path, and the actual tool path after Lookahead corrects the clearance problem:



Refer to the “Machine Parameters” section in Chapter 14 for more information on [Parameter 99](#).

12.15 G43, G44, G49 - Tool Length Compensation

G43 and G44 apply tool length compensation to a selected tool to allow the control to utilize multiple tools in a single CNC program.

G43 applies positive compensation (from Z zero up). Work from part surface up. G44 applies negative compensation (from Z zero down), used only when there is an absolute machine home. The spindle face is considered a zero length tool and all offsets are from there down.

G49 cancels tool length compensation (also canceled by issuing G43 H00).

Example:

```
G43 H01 ; tells the machine to offset the amount that  
; corresponds to H01 in the Offset Library
```

12.16 G43.3 - Tool Length Compensation (+) with Axis Tilt Compensation

G43.3 is a special compensation mode which applies positive tool length compensation on a selected tool, just like G43, but also with additional X and Z compensations due to 5th axis tilt. This compensation mode is available only on those machines configured with a triangular rotary 5th axis (see [parameter 166](#) in Chapter 14). Note that this compensation mode is the equivalent to G43 as long as the 5th axis is not tilted (i.e. local position is 0). G49 cancels this compensation mode.

12.17 G43.4 - Rotary Tool Center Point (with G43.3 Compensation)

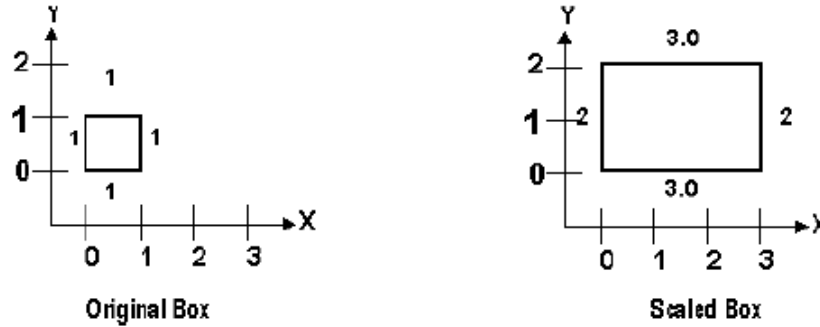
When G43.4 is active then any feed move (G1) will be made such that the tip of the tool moves in a straight line (this typically causes the Z-axis to move up and down during the move). G43.3 Compensation applies in this mode.

12.18 G50, G51 - Scaling / Mirroring (Optional)

G50 and G51 scales program G-codes relative to a scaling center point defined as position (X, Y, Z). A G51 applies scaling/mirror to all positions, lines, and arcs following this G-code, until a G50 is entered. Specify scaling factors with a value I, J, K. The X, Y, and Z parameters are the coordinates of the scaling center. If the scaling center is not specified, the default scaling center is the current cutter position as shown on the DRO. To mirror, enter a negative value for the scaling factor.

Example, Scaling:

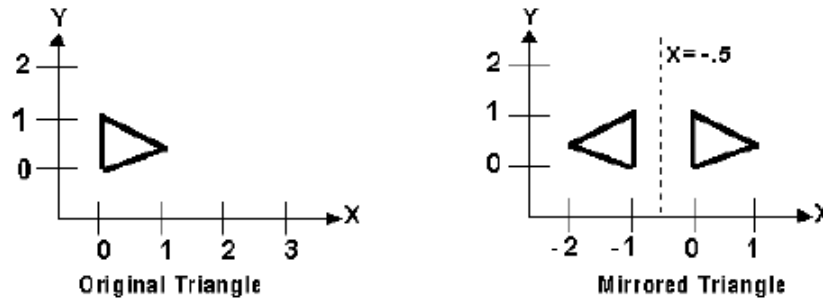
```
G51 X0.0 Y0.0 Z0.0 I3.0 J2 K1 ; turn scaling on  
G00 X0.0 Y0.0 Z1.0 ; rapid to X0, Y0, Z1  
G01 X1.0 Y0.0 Z1.0 ; line to X1, Y0, Z1  
G01 X1.0 Y1.0 Z1.0 ; line to X1, Y1, Z1  
G01 X0.0 Y1.0 Z1.0 ; line to X0, Y1, Z1  
G01 X0.0 Y0.0 Z1.0 ; line to X0, Y0, Z1  
G01 X0.0 Y0.0 Z0.0 ; line to X0, Y0, Z0  
G50 ; cancel scale
```



For this G51, the following program lines were scaled 3:1 in the X direction, 2:1 in the Y direction, and 1:1 in the Z direction. If no scale factor is specified, the default is 1:1 for all axes.

Example, Mirroring:

```
G51 X-0.5 Y0.0 Z0.0 I-1 J1 K1 ; turn mirror on (x axis -0.5 mirror
; line)
G00 X0.0 Y0.0 Z1.0 ; rapid traverse to X0, Y0, Z1
G01 X1.0 Y0.5 Z1.0 ; line to X1, Y.5, Z1
G01 X0.0 Y1.0 Z1.0 ; line to X0, Y1, Z1
G01 X0.0 Y0.0 Z1.0 ; line to X0, Y0, Z1
G50 ; cancel mirror
```



If an arc is scaled with uneven scaling factors, the result will depend on how the arc center and radius were specified:

1. If the arc radius was specified with R, the radius will be scaled by the larger of the two circular plane scale factors. The result will be a circular arc between the scaled arc start and the scaled arc end.
2. If the arc center was specified with I, J, and/or K, the centers will be scaled by the appropriate axis scale factors. The result will be a circular arc from the scaled arc start, around the scaled center, and usually with a line from the end of the circular arc to the scaled arc end.
3. In no case can an ellipse be generated using scaling.

12.19 G52 - Offset Local Coordinate System

G52 shifts the local coordinate system origin by a specified distance. Multiple G52 codes are not cumulative; subsequent shifts replace earlier ones. The G52 shift may therefore be canceled by specifying a shift of zero. If you are using multiple coordinate systems, the G52 shift amount will affect all coordinate systems.

Example:

```

G0 X0 Y0 ; move to origin
M98 P9100 ; call subprogram
G52 Y4 ; shift coordinate system 4 inches in Y
G0 X0 Y0 ; move to new origin
M98 P9100 ; call subprogram again with new coordinates
G52 Y0 ; restore unshifted coordinate system

```

12.20 G53 - Rapid Positioning in Machine Coordinates

G53 is a one shot code that performs a rapid traverse using machine coordinates. It does not affect the current movement mode (G0-G3) or coordinate system (G54-G59). G53 may only be used with absolute positioning (G90). Movement rate can be overridden using the L word.

Example:

```

G53 X15 Y4 Z0 ; move to 15,4,0 in machine coordinates
G53 X15 Y4 Z0 L100 ; move to 15,4,0 in machine coordinates at 100 units/minute

```

12.21 G54 - G59 - Select Work Coordinate System

G54 through G59 select among the six regular work coordinate systems (WCS #1 through WCS #6). After issuing the code, subsequent absolute positions will be interpreted in the new coordinate system. Alternatively, the codes E1 through E6 to can be used instead of G54 through G59.

Example:

```

G54 G0 X0 Y0 Z0 ; select first WCS, move to origin
G2 X1 I.5 Z-.5 ; mill something...
G0 Z.1 ; Rapid to position Z0.1
G55 X1 Y1 ; select second WCS, move to X1, Y1

```

Using Extended Work Coordinate Systems (optional): There are 12 additional work coordinate systems available as an extra-cost option. In a G-code program, these 12 additional work piece origins may be selected with either "G54 P1" (WCS # 7) through "G54 P12" (WCS #18) or "E7" through "E18."

Regular WCS

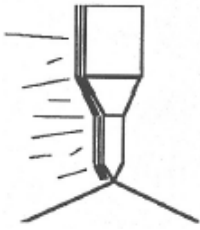
| WCS | G-Code | E Code |
|--------|--------|--------|
| WCS #1 | G54 | E1 |
| WCS #2 | G55 | E2 |
| WCS #3 | G56 | E3 |
| WCS #4 | G57 | E4 |
| WCS #5 | G58 | E5 |
| WCS #6 | G59 | E6 |

Extended Work Coordinate Systems (optional)

| WCS | G-Code | E Code |
|---------|--------|--------|
| WCS #7 | G54 P1 | E7 |
| WCS #8 | G54 P2 | E8 |
| WCS #9 | G54 P3 | E9 |
| WCS #10 | G54 P4 | E10 |
| WCS #11 | G54 P5 | E11 |
| WCS #12 | G54 P6 | E12 |

| WCS | G-Code | E Code |
|---------|---------|--------|
| WCS #13 | G54 P7 | E13 |
| WCS #14 | G54 P8 | E14 |
| WCS #15 | G54 P9 | E15 |
| WCS #16 | G54 P10 | E16 |
| WCS #17 | G54 P11 | E17 |
| WCS #18 | G54 P12 | E18 |

12.22 G61 - Modal Decelerate and Stop (*formerly known as Exact Stop Mode*)



G61 activates Decelerate and Stop mode for every block processed. This forces motion to decelerate to a stop and invokes a brief dwell (1/100 seconds) at the end of each block (equivalent to G9 in each block). G61 is modal and remains in effect until it is canceled with G64. Note that G61 also turns off Smoothing mode.

Example:

```
G0 X0 Y0 ; move to origin
G61 X2   ; move and decelerate and stop at X2
X4       ; move and decelerate and stop at X4
X5       ; move and decelerate and stop at X5
```

12.23 G64 – Smoothing Mode Selection / Cancel Modal Decel and Stop

G64 has multiple formats with different functionality. Invoking G64 with either an ON or OFF parameter sets the Smoothing mode to on or off, and also cancels Modal Decelerate and Stop (G61). Invoking G64 without either the ON or OFF parameter simply cancels Modal Decelerate and Stop. Note that all forms of G64 will cancel Modal Decelerate and Stop (Cancel G61).

| G64 | Format Function |
|---|---|
| G64 | Simply cancel Modal Decelerate and Stop (Cancel G61). This does not affect Smoothing mode. |
| G64 ON | Turn on Smoothing mode using the current parameter settings (in P221-P228, P230, and P231). The effect of this command is temporary as it is active only until the next G64 ON/OFF command or until the end of job. Upon the start of the next job, the the initial on/off state of Smoothing will once again be determined by parameter 220 . This command does not modify any parameters. (This also cancels G61.) |
| G64 OFF | Turn off Smoothing mode. The effect of this command is temporary as it is active only until the next G64 ON/OFF command or until the end of job. Upon the start of the next job, the the initial on/off state of Smoothing will once again be determined by parameter 220 . This command does not modify any parameters. (This also cancels G61.) |
| G64 ON "preset label" G64 ON P__ (where P__ is P1-P99) | Turn on and activate Smoothing mode using the specified "preset label" or preset number (P1-P99). (See Chapter 14 for further information on setting up Smoothing Presets.) Note that "preset label" is not case sensitive. You can use the preset number to specify those presets that don't have a "preset label". These commands have a lasting effect beyond the end of the current job because they actually copy the specified Smoothing preset settings into the current parameters (P221-P228, P230, and P231) and sets P220 to 1. (This also cancels G61.) |
| G64 ON P0 G64 OFF P0 | Turn off and deactivate Smoothing mode. Both forms of this command do the same thing. The P0 refers to "Exact Stop" mode. This command sets P220 to 0, and thus has a lasting effect beyond the end of the current job. (This also cancels G61.) |

Example:

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| G64 | ;cancel Modal Decelerate and Stop |
| G64 ON | ;turn on modal Smoothing mode |
| G64 OFF | ;turn off modal Smoothing mode |
| G64 ON P2 | ;Activate Smoothing Preset #2 by number |
| G64 ON "contouring mill" | ;Activate "Contouring Mill" Preset by label |
| G64 ON P0 | ;Deactivate Smoothing. Activate Exact Stop mode. |

12.24 G65 - Call Macro

G65 calls a macro with user-specified values. A macro is a subprogram that executes a certain operation (e.g. drill pattern, contours, etc.) with values assigned to variable parameters within the operation.

Calling methods:

G65 Pxxxx Lrrrr *Arguments*

or

G65 "program.cnc" Lrrrr *Arguments*

where *xxxx* is the macro number (referring to file Oxxxx.cnc, 0000-9999 allowed, leading zeros required in filename, capital O, lowercase .cnc), *rrrr* is the repeat value, "program.cnc" is the name of the macro file, and *Arguments* is a list of variable identifiers and values.

Arguments to macro calls are specified by using letters A-Z, excluding G, L, N, O, and P.

Macros are written just like normal programs. However, macro programs may access their arguments by using #A, #B, etc., or by using numbers: #1 for A, #2 for B, etc. (exceptions: #4-6 for I-K, #7-11 for D-H). Arguments I, J, and K can be used more than once in a macro call, with the first set of values stored as #4-6, the second as #7-9, etc., to a maximum of 10 sets. See example at the end of this G65 section.

Macros 9100 - 9999 may be embedded into a main program, using O91xx to designate the beginning of the macro and M99 to end it. The CNC software will read the macro and generate a file O91xx.cnc, but will not execute the macro. It will be executed when G65 is issued.

Example 1:

Main Program:

```
G65 "TEST.cnc" A5 B3 X4
```

Macro TEST.cnc:

```
G1 X#X Y#A Z-#B
```

This call will produce:

```
G1 X4 Y5 Z-3
```

Example 2:

Main Program:

```
G65 "TEST2.cnc" I5 J3 K40 I-1 J2 I0 J0
```

Macro TEST2.cnc:

```
G1 X#4 Y#5 F#6
```

```
G1 X#7 Y#8 Z#9
```

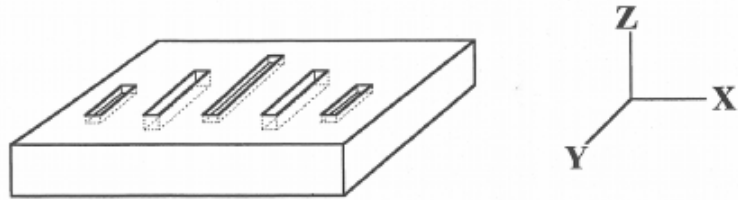
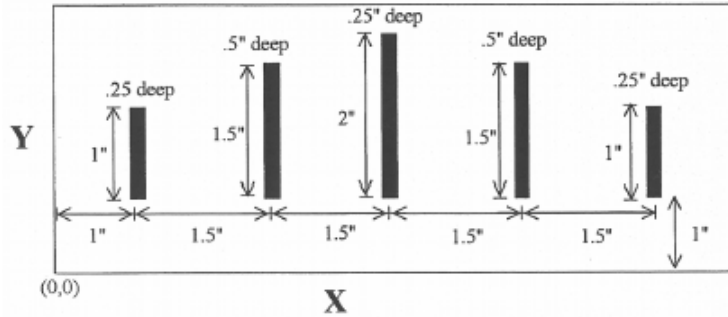
```
G1 X#10 Y#11 Z#12
```

This call will produce:

```
G1 X5 Y3 F40
G1 X-1 Y2 Z0
G1 X0 Y0 Z0
```

Example 3:

Suppose a piece is to have notches of different lengths and depths along the x-axis:



The macro variables would handle the length in the Y direction and depth in the Z direction:

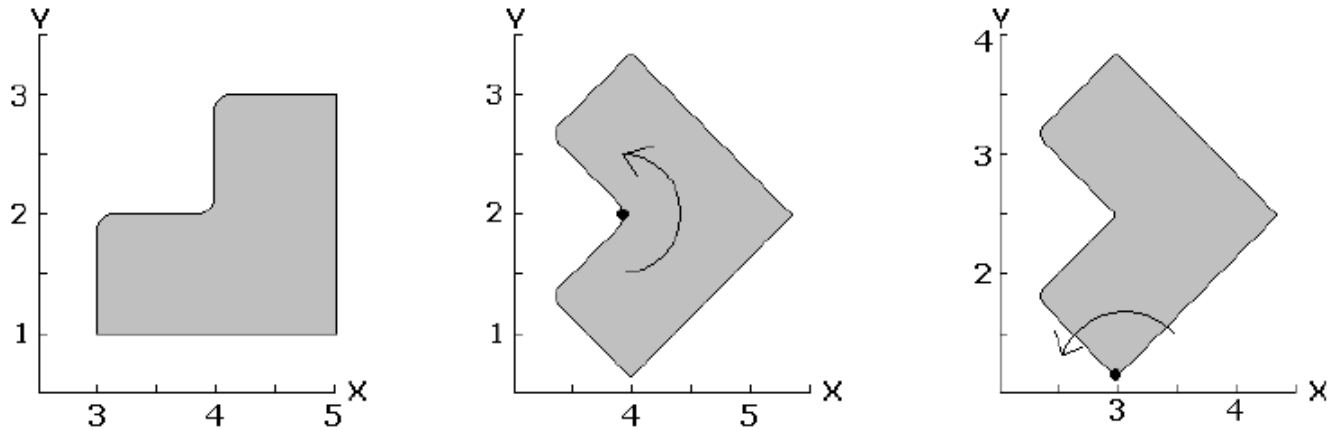
```
O0002
G90 G1 Z0 F30 ; Linear move to Z0
Z#Z F5 ; Cut to variable depth
G91Y#Y F10 ; Cut variable length
G90 G0 Z0.1 ; Retract
```

The main program would call this macro five times, each time specifying the depth and length required.

```
: Main Program
G90 G0 X1 Y1 Z0.1 ; Move to first notch
G65 P0002 L1 Y1 Z.25 ; Call macro and assign Y=1" and Z=.25"
G90 G0 X2.5 Y1 ; Move to second notch
G65 P0002 L1 Y1.5 Z.5 ; Call macro and assign Y=1.5" and Z=.5"
G90 G0 X4 Y1 ; Move to third notch
G65 P0002 L1 Y2 Z.25 ; Call macro again
G90 G0 X5.5 Y1 ; Move to fourth notch
G65 P0002 L1 Y1.5 Z.5 ; Call macro again
G90 G0 X7 Y1 ; Move to fifth notch
G65 P0002 L1 Y1 Z.25 ; Call macro again
: End program
```


12.25 G68, G69 - Coordinate Rotation on/off

G68 rotates program G-codes a specified angle R. G68 rotates all positions, lines, and arcs until a G69 is entered. The center of rotation can be specified by X, Y and Z values (X, Y for G17 plane). If the center is not specified then a default center of rotation is used as determined by machine [parameter 2](#) (see Chapter 14 for parameter 2). The default plane of rotation is G17 (X, Y).



Example:

```
G68 R45 X4 Y2      ; Rotate 45 degrees centered on X4 Y2
G0 X3.0 Y1.0      ; Rapid to position
G1 X5.0 Y1.0 F20   ; Start part profile
X5.0 Y3.0
X4.125 Y3.0
G3 X4.0 Y2.875 J-0.125
G1 X4.0 Y2.125
G2 X3.875 Y2.0 I-0.125
G1 X3.125 Y2.0
G3 X3.0 Y1.875 J-0.125
G1 X3.0 Y1.0      ; End part profile
G69               ; Rotate Off
```

12.26 G68.1 — Transformed Work Coordinate System

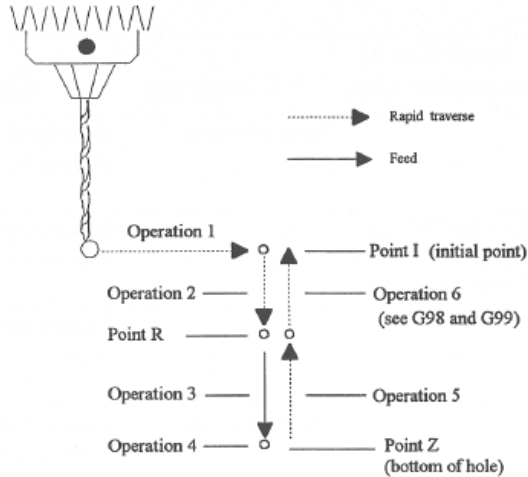
G68.1 turns on Transformed Work Coordinate System during a job. G69 turns it off. For more information, see the Transformed Work Coordinate System section of the Part Setup Menu chapter.

12.27 G73, G76, G80, G81, G82, G83, G85, G89 - Canned Drilling/Boring Cycles; G74, G84 - Canned Tapping Cycles

| G code | -Z direction (machine hole) | Operation at bottom of hole | +Z direction | Use |
|--------|--|--|---|--|
| G73 | Intermittent Feed (Set with the Q parameter) | ———— | Rapid traverse | High speed peck drilling cycle |
| G74 | Feed | Spindle CW, then Dwell (Set with the P parameter) | Feed | Counter tapping (Left-hand thread) |
| G76 | Feed | Dwell (P parameter), Orient Spindle (via M19), Move Y+ (Q parameter) | Rapid traverse, then Stop Spindle Orient (via M5) | Fine Boring Cycle |
| G80 | ———— | ———— | ———— | Cancel canned cycles |
| G81 | Feed | ———— | Rapid traverse | Regular and spot drilling cycles and air drill cycle |
| G82 | Feed | Dwell (Set with the P parameter) | Rapid traverse | Regular and counter boring cycles, spot facing |
| G83 | Intermittent Feed (Set with the Q parameter) | ———— | Rapid traverse | Peck and deep hole drilling cycles |
| G84 | Feed | Spindle CCW, then Dwell (Set with the P parameter) | Feed | Tapping (Right hand thread) |
| G85 | Feed | ———— | Feed | Boring cycle |
| G89 | Feed | Dwell (Set with the P parameter) | Feed | Boring cycle |

Table 1. Canned drilling, boring and tapping cycles

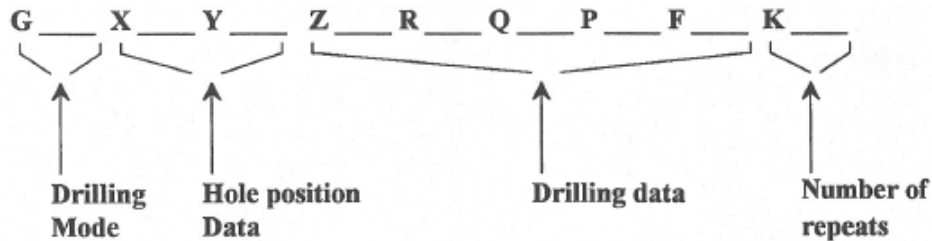
Canned Cycle Operation



- Operation 1: Position the X, Y axes.
- Operation 2: Rapid traverse to the position labeled R.
- Operation 3: Machine hole.
- Operation 4: Bottom hole operation.
- Operation 5: Return to point R.
- Operation 6: Rapid traverse to initial point.

Figure 1. Drilling cycle operation

Canned cycle G-code syntax



(Cycle codes do not have to be on the same line) G ____ Canned cycle G-code from table 1.

X ____ X position of the hole to be drilled.

Y ____ Y position of the hole to be drilled.

Z ____ Specifies point Z in figure 1. In incremental mode Z is measured from point R. In absolute mode Z is the position of the hole bottom.

R ____ Specifies the distance to point R (figure 1) with an absolute or incremental value.

Q ____ Determines the cut-in depth for the G73 and G83 cycles. Determines the thread lead for G74 and G84 if Rigid Tapping is enabled. (In the case of Rigid Tapping Q is not modal)

P ____ Sets the dwell time at the bottom of the holes for G74, G82, G84, and G89 cycles. The dwell time is measured in seconds (same as G04).

F ____ Sets the feed rate. Remains the feedrate even after G80 (cancel canned cycles).

K ____ Sets the number of repeats for drilling cycles. Operations 1 through 6 of figure 1 will be repeated K number of times. If K is not specified K = 1. K is only useful when using incremental positioning mode (G91) and is not retained from cycle to cycle. In absolute mode, K causes the drilling of the same hole in the same position K times.

***Note:** Canned cycles are modal and should be canceled with G80. However G00, G01, G02 and G03 will also cause the cancellation of canned cycles. All parameters are stored until canned cycles are canceled except for the hole position and K, which must be set each time the cycle is used. When G80 is issued the movement mode will be the last one issued (G0, G1, G2, G3). Canned cycles will not be performed unless X and/or Y are specified.

When performing canned cycle operations, the distances can be either incremental or absolute, depending on the current active mode (G90 = absolute, G91= incremental). Figure 2 illustrates canned cycle Z-axis distances in both modes.

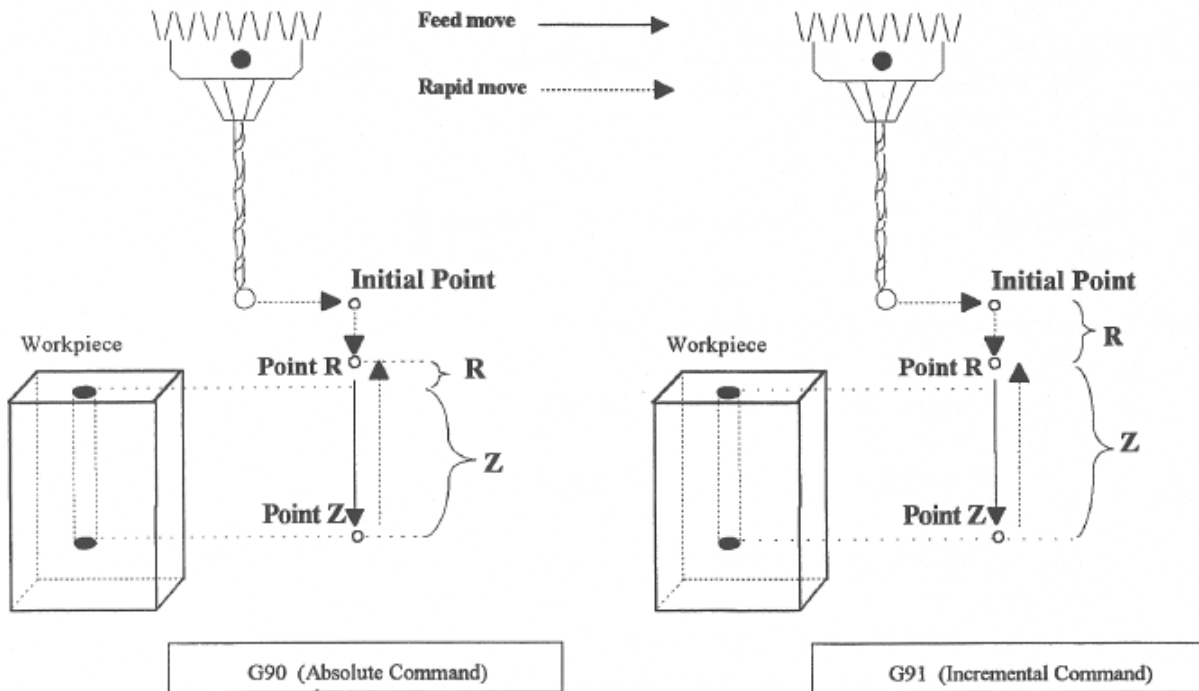


Figure 2: Canned Cycle Absolute and Incremental modes

***Note:** In incremental mode the Z depth of the hole is measured from R, and R is measured from the initial tool position.

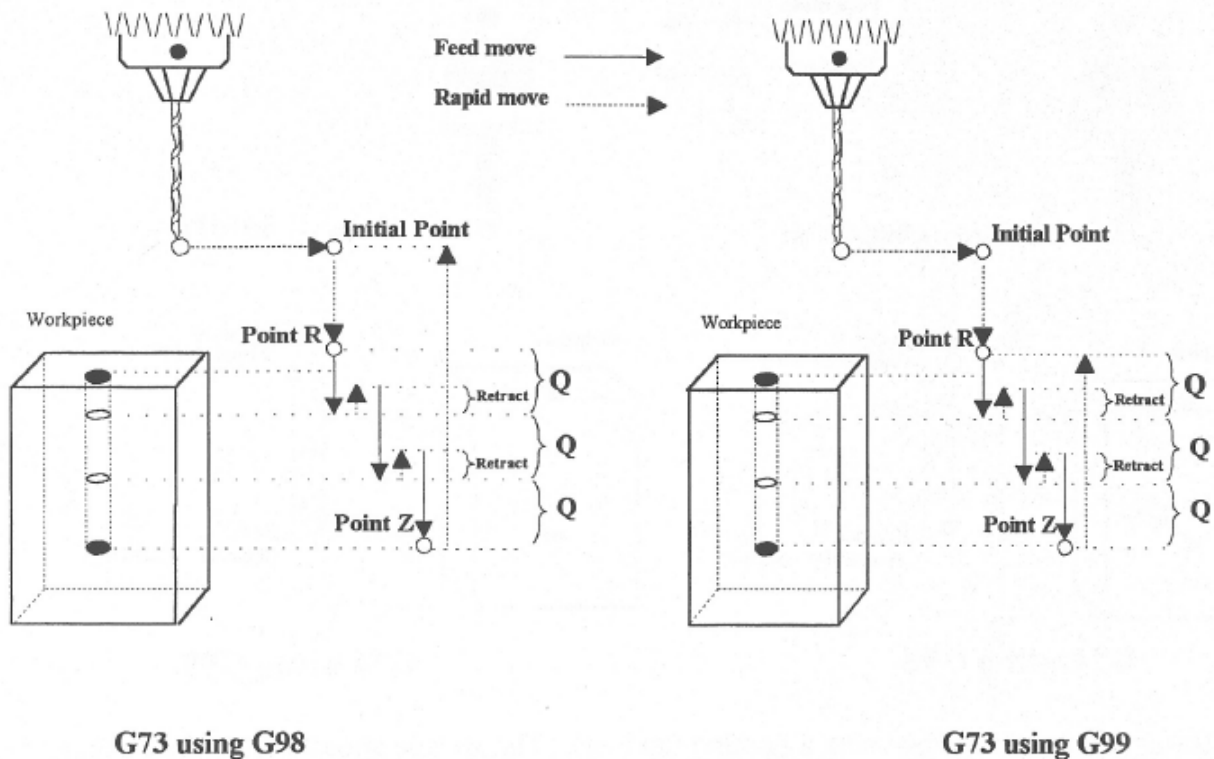
Example:

(Part surface height is Z = 0, initial tool position is X.50 Y1.0 Z.625. Drill 0.50 deep hole at X1.0 Y1.0; clearance height (R) is 0.10 above surface.)

| Absolute | Incremental |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| G90 | G91 |
| G81 X1 Y1 R.1 Z-.5 | G81 X.5 Y0 R-.525 Z-.6 |
| G80 | G80 |

***Note:** for Articulated Head machines configured with the TWCS feature enabled via [Parameter 166](#): If the currently selected WCS is non-TWCS (TWCS = No) and the B axis is at an angle other than 0, then you cannot use the regular Canned Cycle G-codes G73, G74, G76, G81, G82, G83, G84, G85, G89. You must use the Compound Canned Cycle G-codes G173, G174, G176, G181, G182, G183, G184, G185, G189 instead. Using regular Canned Cycle G-codes when the B axis is not 0 is an error and will cancel the job. See "G173, G174... – Compound Canned Cycles" later in this chapter for more information about this subject. See Chapter 14 for more information about [Parameter 166](#).

12.28 G73 - High Speed Peck Drilling

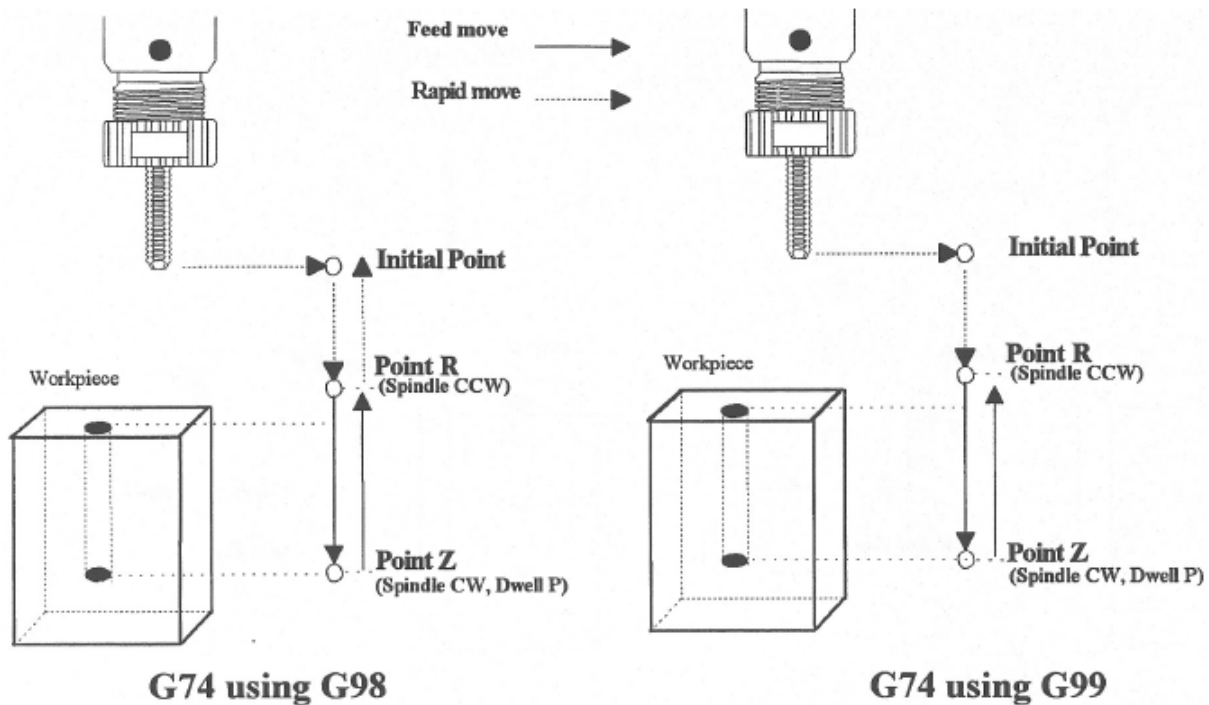


G73 is the peck drilling cycle. The hole is drilled in a series of moves: down a distance Q at a given feedrate, up the retract distance at the rapid rate, and then down again at the given feedrate. The retract amount is set with G10 as shown in the example below.

Example:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| G90 | ; Absolute positioning |
| G01 X3.00 Y1.50 Z.5 | ; G01 mode before canned cycle |
| G98 | ; Set for initial point return |
| G10 P73 R.1 | ; Sets the retract amount to .1 |
| G73 X3.250 Y1.75 Z-.650 R.1 Q0.325 F3 | ; Peck drill at X3.25 Y1.75 |
| X4.5 Y3.5 | ; Peck drill at X4.5 Y3.5 |
| G80 | ; Cancel canned cycle, return |

12.29 G74 - Counter Tapping



G74 performs left-hand tapping. The spindle speed (and feedrate, if you are doing floating tapping) should be set and the spindle started in the CCW direction before issuing G74. G74 will normally use the default M3 to select spindle CW (at the bottom of the hole) and M4 to re-select spindle CCW (after backing out of the hole) depending on the settings of parameters 74 and 84.

The tap may continue to cut a short distance beyond the programmed Z height as the spindle comes to a stop before reversing. When tapping blind holes, be sure to specify a Z height slightly above the bottom of the hole to prevent the tool from reaching bottom before the spindle stops.

Note: If rigid tapping is enabled, a Q may be used to set the thread lead or pitch. However, because Q is not modal in the case of Rigid Tapping, you must specify Q on every line at which Rigid Tapping is to occur.

Note: At the bottom of the hole, G74 will call the default version of the specified M function even if it has been customized by an M function macro.



WARNING

FEED HOLD is temporarily disabled during the tapping cycle, but it will be re-enabled at the end of the cycle.

NOTICE

Pressing **CYCLE CANCEL** while the tap is in the hole will very probably break the tap or strip the threads in the tap hole. However, do so if it is an emergency.

Example:

```
M4 S500 F27.78      ; start spindle CCW, set up for 18 pitch tap
G74 X1 Y1 R.1 Z-.5 ; counter-tap a 0.5 deep hole at X1 Y1
Y1.5                ; ... and another one at X1 Y1.5
G80                 ; cancel canned cycles
```

12.30 G76 — Fine Bore Cycle



WARNING

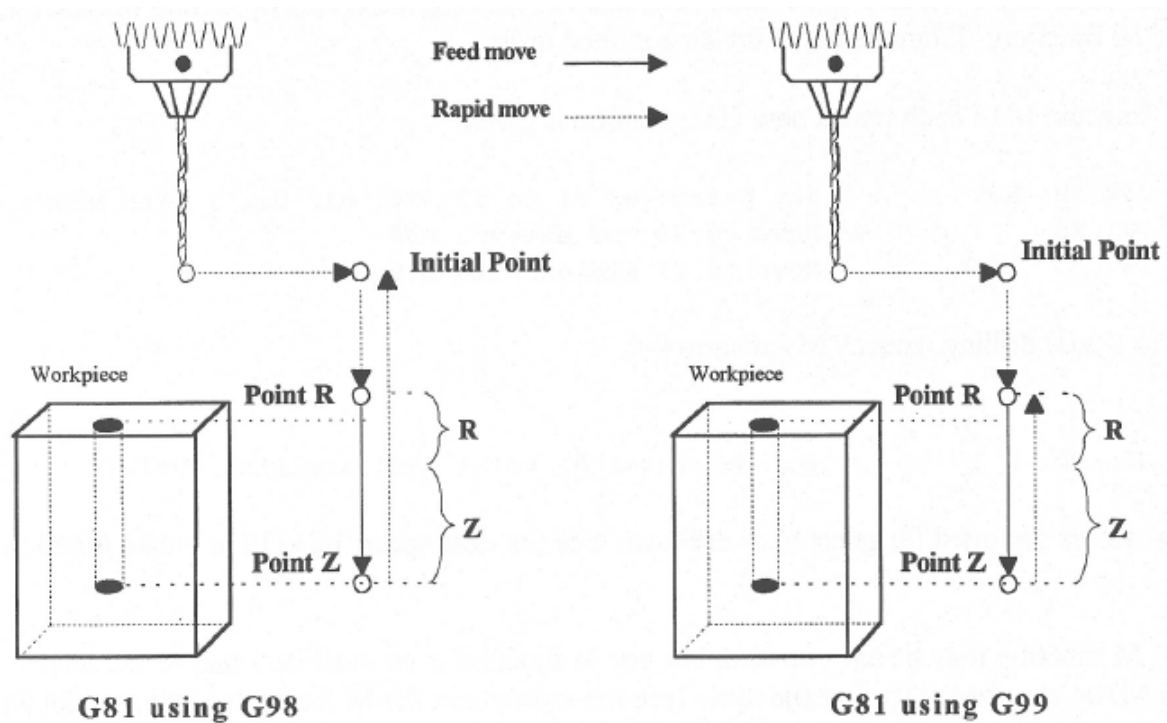
G76 requires that the machine be capable of orienting the spindle and that a custom M19 macro is present in order to command the inverter to orient the spindle. Please contact your dealer to confirm that your machine meets these requirements before attempting to use this cycle.

NOTE: Parameter 136 = Fine Bore retract angle (0-360 degrees). A setting of 0 = Retract in Y+ direction
Format G76 X__ Y__ Z__ R__ Q__ R = Point R Q = Distance to pull away from wall in Y+ direction at bottom of hole.

Example:

```
G76 X1 Y1 Z-3 R.1 Q.2 ; Bore hole at X1 Y1 retract .2 in Y+ direction  
Y10 ; ... and another one at X1 Y10  
G80 ; cancel canned cycles
```

12.31 G81 - Drilling and Spot Drilling



G81 is a general purpose drilling cycle. The hole is drilled in a single feedrate move, and then the tool is retracted at the rapid rate.

Example:

```
G90 ; Absolute positioning
G01 X3.00 Y1.50 Z.5 ; G01 mode before canned cycle
G99 ; Set for R point return
G81 X3.250 Y1.75 Z-.650 R.1 F3 ; Drill at X3.25 Y1.75
X4.5 Y3.5 ; Drill at X4.5 Y3.5
G80 ; Cancel canned cycle, return to G1
```

12.32 G81 - Drill Cycle Transformation to G81 Air Drill Cycle

G81 may be modified to execute an M function instead of moving the Z-axis by setting [parameter 81](#) to the desired M function. Example use is for air-actuated drills.

Example: Execute M39 each time a new G81 position is given:

```
G10 P81 R39 ; Set parameter 81 to 39 (G81 air drill with M39)
G81 X5 ; Move to X5 and execute M39
Y3 ; Move to Y3 and execute M39
```

To revert to Z-axis drilling, specify M function #-1.

Example:

```
G10 P81 R-1 ; Set parameter 81 to -1 (G81 drilling cycle)
```

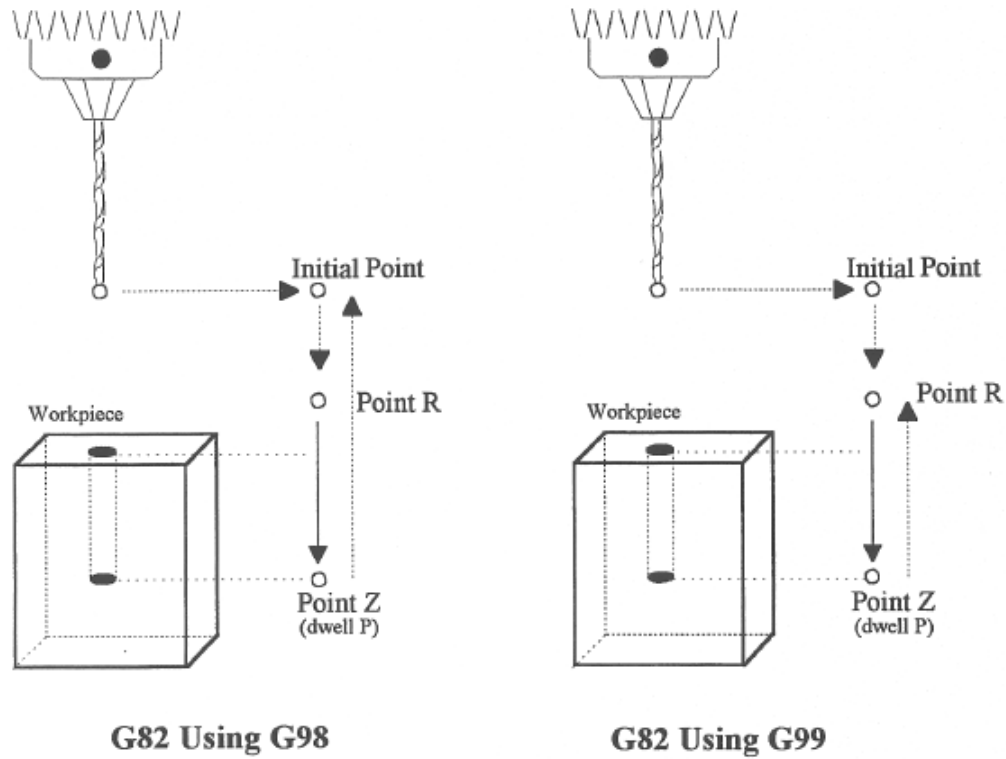
M function #39 is designed for general air drill use. See the description of M39 in the M functions section.

A different M function may be used instead, but any M function used must be a macro file that uses the M103 and M104 commands to time the cycle (see the example in the M function section under M103). If the macro file does not use M103, the control will automatically cancel the job 1/2 second after starting G81. For information on creating customized M functions, review Macro M functions in Chapter 13.

The M39 default air drill cycle has a time out of 2.0 seconds. As a result, if the cycle does not complete within 2 seconds then the cycle aborts and the output relay is turned off under PLC program control.

***Note:** The PLC program must be involved in the execution of the cycle. The PLC program is responsible for turning on relays based on M function requests and the status of program execution. The PLC program must also stop all programmed machine functions when the program is canceled. See the M39 description (Chapter 13) for a sample of an air drill cycle M function.

12.33 G82 - Drill With Dwell

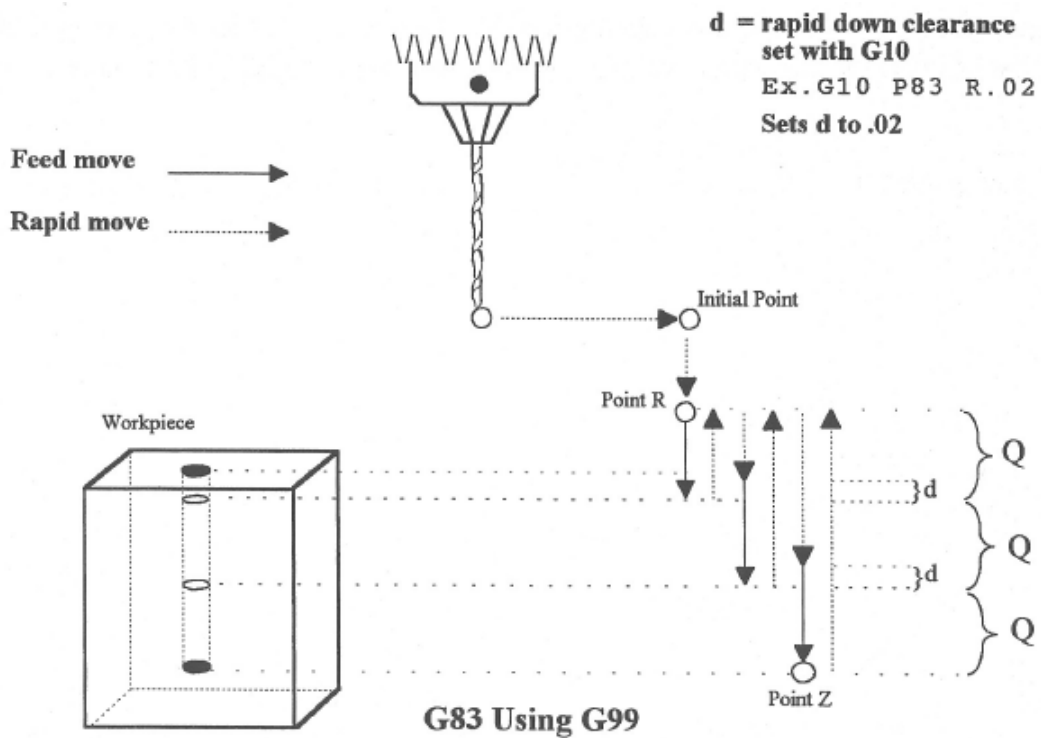
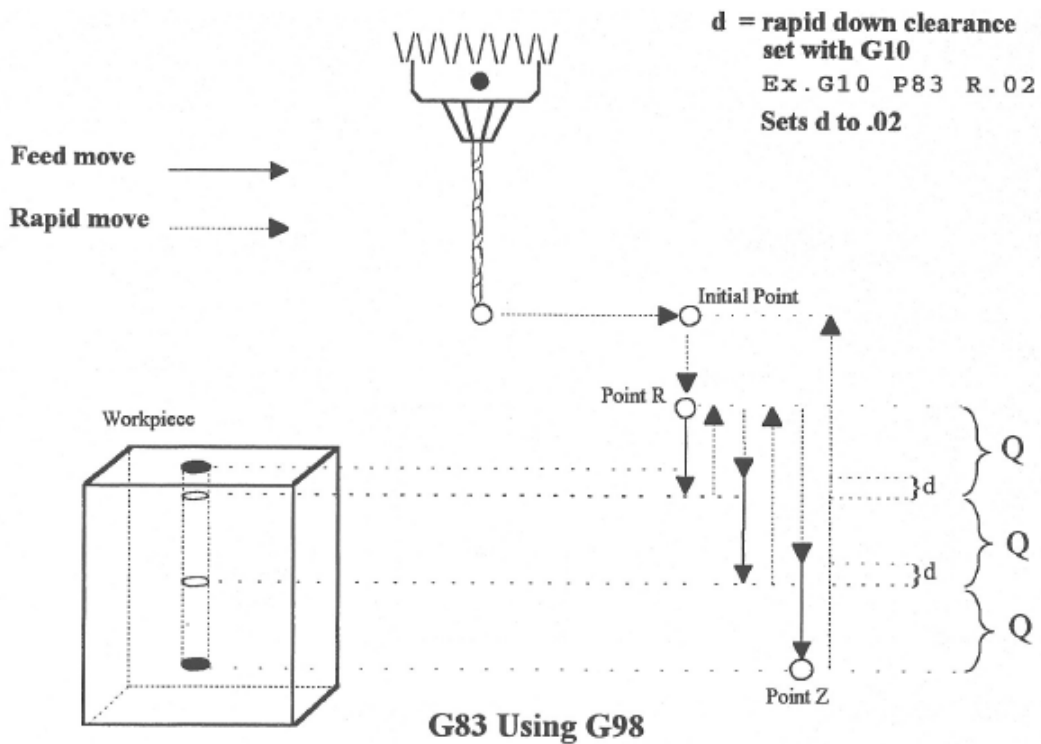


G82 is a general purpose drilling cycle similar to G81. However, G82 includes an optional dwell at the bottom of the hole before retracting the tool. This can make the depth of blind holes more accurate.

Example:

G82 X1 Y1 R.1 Z-.5 P.5 ; drill to Z-.5, dwell .5 seconds

12.34 G83 - Deep Hole Drilling



G83 is a deep hole drilling cycle. It periodically retracts the tool to the surface to clear accumulated chips, then returns to resume drilling where it left off. The retract and return are performed at the rapid rate.

Because there may be chips in the bottom of the hole, the tool does not return all the way to the bottom at the rapid rate. Instead it slows to feedrate a short distance above the bottom. This clearance distance is selected by setting [Parameter 83](#) with G10 (see example below).

2 Line Format

Line 1: G10 P83 R_*

Line 2: G83 X_ Z_ Q_ R_ L_

Line 1 — R = Z Rapid to Clearance Amount *

Line 2 — X = X Position

Line 2 — Z = Final Z depth

Line 2 — Q = Z Peck Cutting Increment †

Line 2 — R = R(Z) Return point for clearance

Line 2 — L = Dwell time at each Final Z depth

* The modal default for Z Rapid to Clearance Amount is from [Parameter 83](#). If Line 1 is not present, the default value in [parameter 83](#) will be used.

† Q value is subject to the "implied floating point" re-interpretation rules of Parameters 245 and 246,

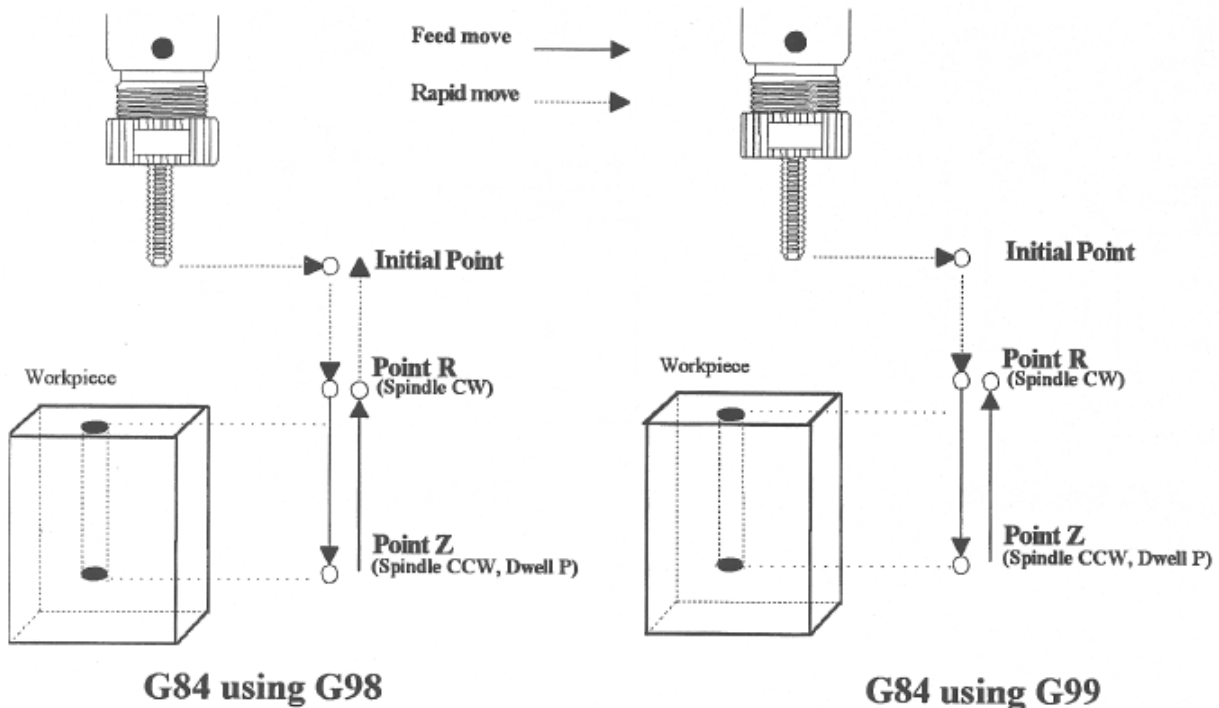
Final Z depth, the Z Peck Cutting Increment (Q), and Return Point (R) are the minimal required parameters. All others are optional. If X is not specified, the last X position will be used. X should always X0.0 unless the machine is set up with C-axis and live tooling.

Dwell Time (L) should be left out entirely if no dwell is desired because L0 will still cause a (albeit very brief) dwell.

Example:

```
G10 P83 R.05           ; set clearance to .05"
G83 X0 Y0 R.1 Z-2 Q.5 ; drill 2" deep hole in 0.5" steps
G80                   ; cancel canned cycle
```

12.35 G84 - Tapping



G84 performs right-hand tapping. The spindle speed (and feedrate, if you are doing floating tapping) should be set and the spindle started in the CW direction before issuing G84. G84 will normally use the default M4 to select spindle CCW (at the bottom of the hole) and M3 to re-select spindle CW (after backing out of the hole) depending on the settings of parameters 74 and 84.

The tap may continue to cut a short distance beyond the programmed Z height as the spindle comes to a stop before reversing. When tapping blind holes, be sure to specify a Z height slightly above the bottom of the hole to prevent the tool from reaching bottom before the spindle stops.

For a floating tap head, the combination of the modal feedrate and spindle speed implicitly determines the approximate thread lead or pitch. Note: If rigid tapping is enabled, a Q may be used to set the thread lead or pitch. However, because Q is not modal in the case of Rigid Tapping, you must specify Q on every line at which Rigid Tapping is to occur.

Note: At the bottom of the hole, G84 will call the default version of the specified M function even if it has been customized by an M function macro.

The Tap/Counter Tap cycle might cut a short distance beyond the programmed Z height as the spindle comes to a stop before reversing. When tapping blind holes, be sure to specify a Z height slightly above the bottom of the hole to prevent the tool from reaching bottom before the spindle stops. The exact distance you must allow will depend on your machine and the diameter and pitch of the tapping tool.



WARNING

FEED HOLD is temporarily disabled during the tapping cycle, but it will be reenabled at the end of the cycle.

NOTICE

Pressing **CYCLE CANCEL** while the tap is in the hole will very probably break the tap or strip the threads in the tap hole. However, do so if it is an emergency.

Example:

```

M3 S500 F27.78 ; start spindle CW, set up for 18 pitch tap
G84 X1 Y1 R.1 Z-.5 ; tap a 0.5 deep hole at X1 Y1
Y1.5 ; ... and another one at X1 Y1.5
G80 ; cancel canned cycle
...
; Using Tool 15 Rigid Tap 6-32
G84 X0.337 Y0.925 Q0.03125 Z-0.35 R0.1 ; tap first hole
G84 X3.312 Y0.925 Q0.03125 Z-0.35 R0.1 ; tap second hole, must use Q
G80 ; cancel canned cycle
...
; Using Tool 22 Rigid Tap 4-40
G84 X1.862 Y1.627 Q0.025 Z-0.19 R0.1 ; tap first hole
G84 X2.862 Y1.627 Q0.025 Z-0.19 R0.1 ; tap second hole, must use Q
G84 X4.262 Y1.627 Q0.025 Z-0.19 R0.1 ; tap third hole, must use Q
G80 ; cancel canned cycle

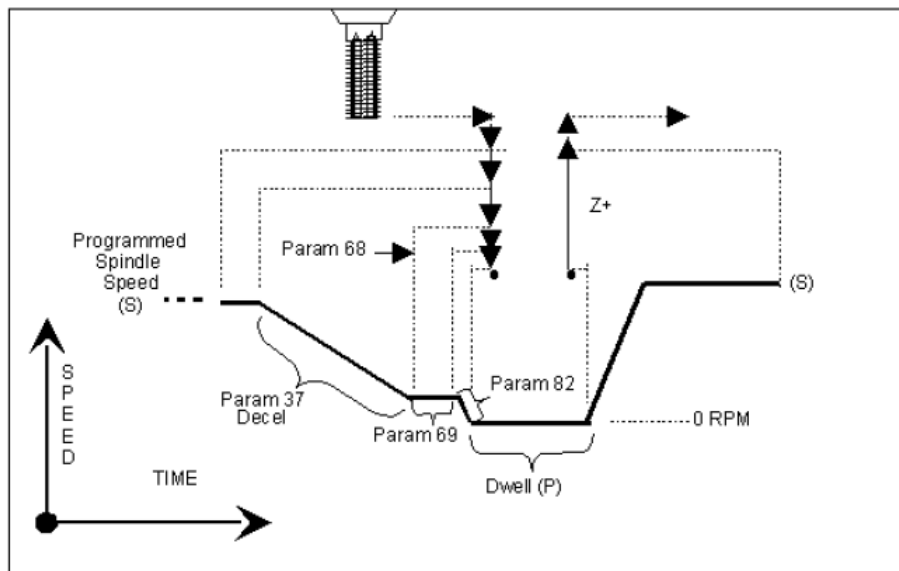
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12.35.1 Tech Tip - How to Setup Rigid Tapping

Overview

This section describes the theory of rigid tapping parameters, to control accuracy of depth of cut and quality of threads, in various working materials.

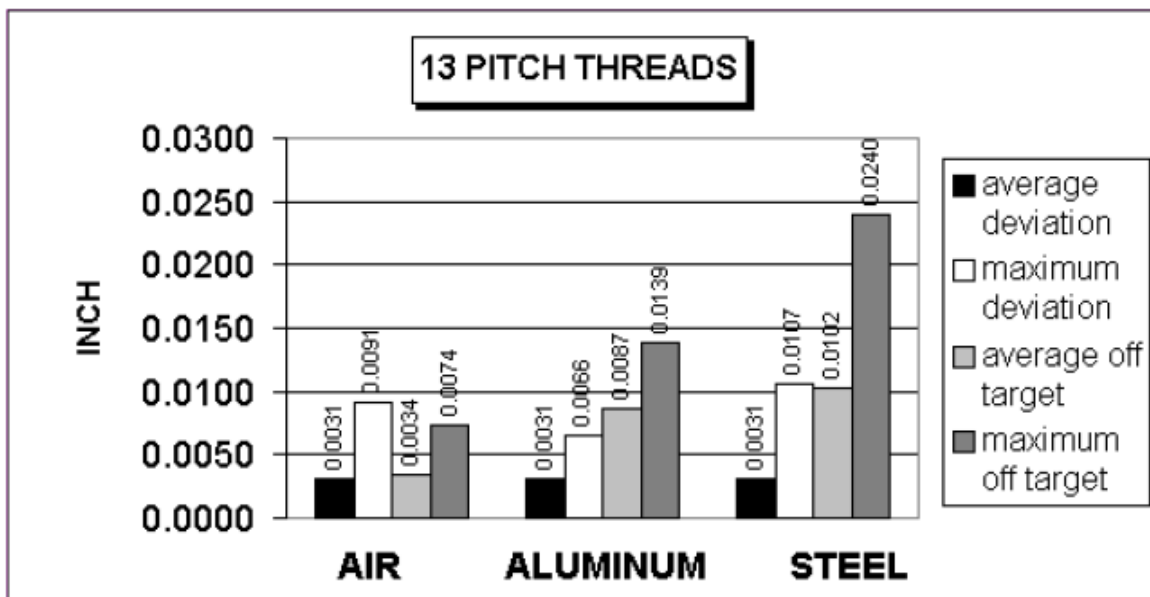
Graphic representation of parameter controls



List of Rigid tapping setup parameters – see Chapter 14 for more details

| Parameter | Function |
|-----------|---|
| 34 | Spindle Encoder Counts/Rev |
| 35 | Spindle Encoder Axis Number |
| 36 | Rigid Tapping Enable/Disable |
| 37 | Spindle Deceleration Time |
| 68 | Minimum Rigid Tapping Spindle Speed |
| 69 | Duration For Minimum Spindle Speed |
| 74 | M-Function executed at bottom of tapping cycle |
| 84 | M-Function executed at return to initial point of tapping cycle |
| 82 | Spindle Drift Adjustment |

12.35.2 Graphic representation of test results for precision



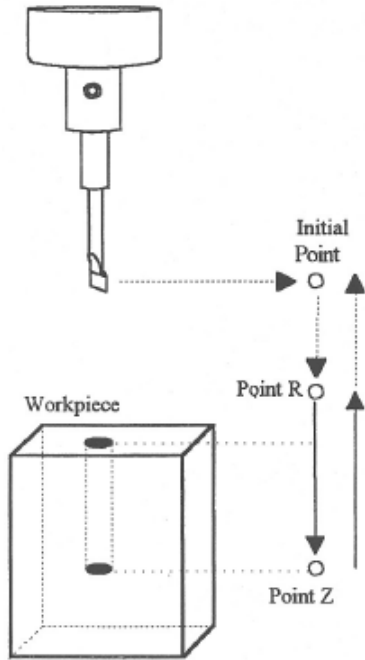
The above charts show test results of rigid tapping, utilizing version 7.14 software. The tool used in the testing was a 1/2-13 spiral fluted tap with TiN coating. Coolant used was water base soluble oil. Hole size was .4218. Tapping depth was .800. Also note that the parameters were adjusted to cut air, and not changed for aluminum or cold rolled steel for these tests. It can be seen, as the material changes, so does the off target values. This is due in part to the amount of torque required from the spindle to cut the various types of material. For testing purposes, the parameter settings for the above results were as follows:

Parameter 36 = 1, Parameter 37 = 3, Parameter 68 = 100, Parameter 69 = 1.25, Parameter 82 = 108

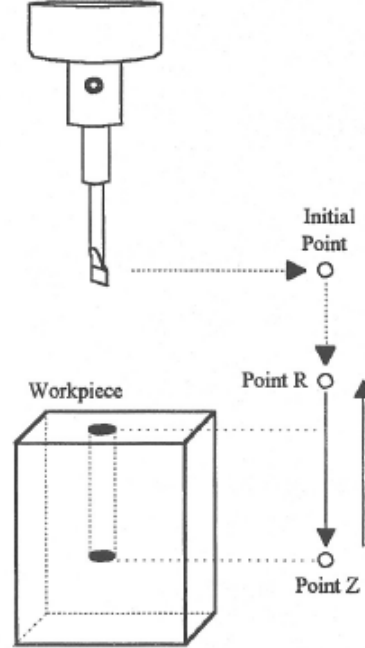
Summary

Rigid tapping parameters will vary from machine to machine. Not all machines are built the same (i.e. Spindle hp, inverter type, rigidity, etc.), and tooling will play a roll in performance also. It was found through our testing, if we changed one physical parameter, (i.e. using a tapping oil instead of water base coolant), it improved the off target values by 1.5%. This is due to the fact that less friction is present when using special cutting oil, therefore requiring less hp by the spindle to drive the tap. In most cases, rigid tapping depths should be able to be held within +/- .008 inch or less by adjusting parameter 82 for specific cases.

12.36 G85 – Boring



G85 Using G98



G85 Using G99

G85 is similar to G81, except that the tool is retracted with a feedrate move instead of a rapid move. G85 may be used for tapping with reversing tap heads such as the Tapmatic NCR series.

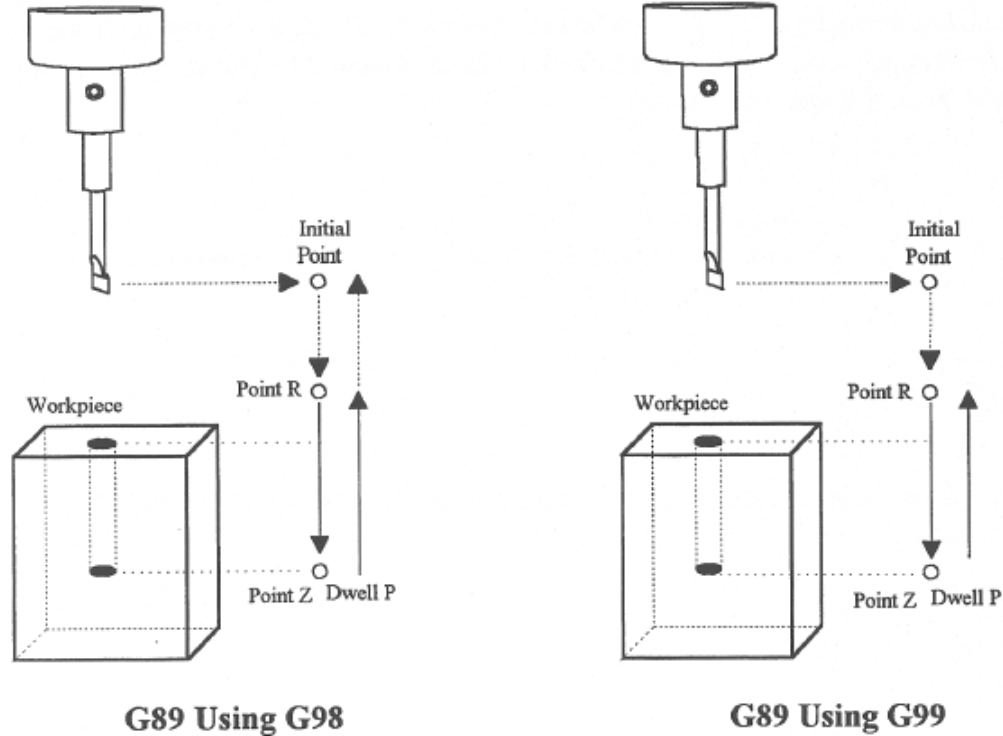
Example 1:

```
G85 X1 Y1 R.1 Z-.5 ; bore a 0.5" hole at X1 Y1  
G80 ; cancel canned cycle
```

Example 2:

```
M3 S500 F27.78 ; start spindle CW, set for 18 pitch tap  
M109/1/2 ; disable feedrate and spindle overrides  
G85 X1 Y1 R.1 Z-.4 ; tap hole at X1 Y1 to a depth of 0.4"  
M108/1/2 ; enable feedrate and spindle overrides  
G80 ; cancel canned cycle
```

12.37 G89 - Boring cycle with dwell



G89 is similar to G85, except that it includes an optional dwell at the bottom of the hole before retracting the tool.

Example:

```
G89 X1 Y1 R.1 Z-.5 P.1 ; bore 0.5" hole at X1 Y1, dwell .1 seconds  
G80 ; cancel canned cycle
```

12.38 G90 & G91 - Absolute/Incremental Positioning Mode

G90 selects absolute positioning, and G91 selects incremental positioning. In absolute positioning, all coordinates are relative to the origin (0,0,0,0). In incremental positioning, all coordinates are distances relative to the last point.

G90 Absolute positioning

G91 Incremental coordinates

Example:

```
G90 X2 Y3 ; moves the X and Y axes from the current position  
; to X2, Y3.  
G91 X1 Y0 ; moves the X axis 1 inch referenced from the last X  
; position, the Y axis does not move.
```


12.39 G92 - Set Absolute Position

G92 sets the current absolute position to the coordinates specified. This command only affects the currently set Work Coordinate System.

Example:

```
G0 X5 Y3 Z-2 W5 ; Moves to the specified location
G92 X1 Y0 Z0 W1 ; Sets the current position to the absolute
                  ; position specified.
```

12.40 G93 - Inverse Time

Rather than using a conventional federate in Inch per Minute or MM per Minute, F in inverse time mode specifies the movement frequency for subsequent moves. Specifically, the inverse time feedrate is the inverse of the amount of time that a move is allowed to take.

For example, using inverse time, the block:

```
G1 G93 X10 F1
```

takes 1 minute to cut, regardless of X length. At F2.0 (1/2.0 minute) it takes 30 seconds; At F3.0 it takes 20 seconds, and so on.

G93 is Modal, and remains in effect until a G94 is issued to cancel the G93.

Example of use in a program:

```
G0 G54 G90 X2.2126 Y-1.1995 A94.75 B-.161 S3000 M3 ; Move to start
G43 H26 Z7.0002 M8
Z3.1002
G1 G93 X2.2048 Y-1.2593 Z3.0204 F100. ; Enable Inverse Time
X2.2052 Y-1.2586 Z3.0202 A94.756 B-.162 F30000. ; 1/30000 min for move
X2.2079 Y-1.2578 Z3.0197 A94.763 B-.173 F30000. ; 1/30000 min for move
X2.2124 Y-1.2566 Z3.0189 A94.773 B-.189 F30000. ; 1/30000 min for move
X2.2184 Y-1.2551 Z3.0179 A94.786 B-.212 F24065.56 ; 1/24065 min for move
X2.2258 Y-1.2533 Z3.0167 A94.802 B-.24 F19736.14 ; 1/19736 min for move
X2.2345 Y-1.2512 Z3.0155 A94.819 B-.272 F17187.45 ; 1/17187 min for move
```

12.41 G93.1 – Velocity Scrubber for Smoothed Inverse Time Data

This special feedrate interpretation mode substitutes inverse time feedrates (usually posted from a CAD/CAM program) with optimized feedrates to ensure that the tool tip center is moved at a set feedrate in physical 3D space, taking into account tool length offset and the machine geometry as set by parameters 116-119 (see Chapter 14) . The set feedrate (F) can be on the same G-code line as the G93.1 or can be the last modal feedrate specified on prior G-code lines.

This mode is intended for CNC jobs run on machines configured with a triangular rotary 5th axis such as a Tilt Table or Articulated Head (see [parameter 166](#) in Chapter 14), although that is not an enforced definite requirement to turn on this mode. It is recommended that moves programmed with this mode should be in small vectors, and any long moves that require a sweep of a rotary axis by more than 10 degrees should be broken up into 2 or more smaller moves. Note that Smoothing must also be turned on (P220 = 1) for this feature to work; otherwise, it will be treated as a regular G93 (Inverse Time).

Example of use in a program (based on the example from G93 above):

```
G0 G54 G90 X2.2126 Y-1.1995 A94.75 B-.161 S3000 M3 ; Move to start
G43 H26 Z7.0002 M8
Z3.1002
G1 G93.1 X2.2048 Y-1.2593 Z3.0204 F150. ; Force tool tip to move 150 in/min
X2.2052 Y-1.2586 Z3.0202 A94.756 B-.162 F30000. ; Ignore F..Move at 150ipm
X2.2079 Y-1.2578 Z3.0197 A94.763 B-.173 F30000. ; Ignore F..Move at 150ipm
X2.2124 Y-1.2566 Z3.0189 A94.773 B-.189 F30000. ; Ignore F..Move at 150ipm
X2.2184 Y-1.2551 Z3.0179 A94.786 B-.212 F24065.56 ; Ignore F..Move at 150ipm
X2.2258 Y-1.2533 Z3.0167 A94.802 B-.24 F19736.14 ; Ignore F..Move at 150ipm
X2.2345 Y-1.2512 Z3.0155 A94.819 B-.272 F17187.45 ; Ignore F..Move at 150ipm
```

12.42 G94 - Cancel Inverse Time

G94 is used to cancel Inverse Time feedrates, and return to regular Feed per Minute feedrates.

12.43 G98 - Initial Point Return

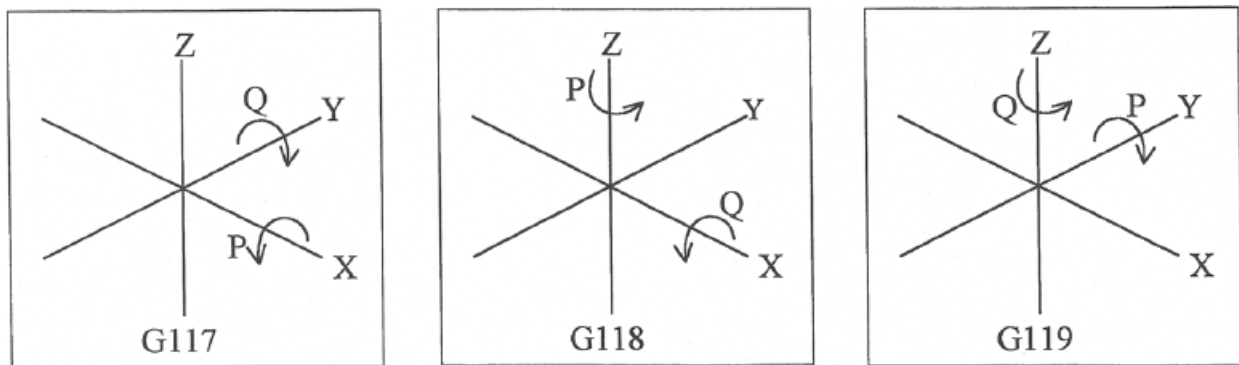
G98 sets the +Z return level to point I as pictured in Figure 1 in the Canned Cycle Section. (G98 is the default setting)

12.44 G99 - R Point Return

G99 sets the +Z return level to point R as pictured in Figure 1 in the Canned Cycle Section.

12.45 G117, G118, G119 - Rotation of Pre-set Arc Planes

G117, G118 and G119 have the same functionality as G17, G18 and G19, respectively, except that they include 2 optional parameters P and Q to specify the arc plane rotation away from the pre-set arc plane: P specifies the arc plane angle of rotation (in degrees) around the first axis and Q specifies the arc plane angle of rotation around the second axis.



For the G117 plane, the "first axis" is X and the "second axis" is Y.

For the G118 plane, the "first axis" is Z and the "second axis" is X.

For the G119 plane, the "first axis" is Y and the "second axis" is Z. If P and/or Q are not specified, the angles are assumed to be 0 degrees. If both P and Q parameters are 0, then the plane is assumed to be an orthogonal (pre-set) arc plane. The center of the arc can be specified by the user in a 3D form both in

G17-G19 and in G117-G119 (all I, J, K values are allowed at the same time with G2 and G3). Any arc center component outside the circular plane is ignored.

Example:

```
G00 X0 Y0 Z1 ; rapid move
G03 G18 X1 Y0 Z0 K-1 F20 ; arc mill
G00 X0 Y0 Z1.1 ; retract move
G01 Z1 ; move to start of contour
G03 G118 P1.000000 X0.9998 Y0.0175 Z0 K-1 ; arc mill rotated about Z
```

***Note:** G117-G119 will not be permitted while cutter compensation is turned on. Also, scaling is not allowed while G117-G119 is specified and G117-G119 is not allowed while scaling is active.

***Note:** G117-G119 will not work when Smoothing is turned on (P220 = 1).

12.46 G173, G174, G176, G181, G182, G183, G184, G185, G189 – Compound Canned Cycles

On a machine configured as an Articulated Head machine with the TWCS feature enabled, the Compound Canned Cycle G-codes are used to perform tilted-head Drill/Bore/Tap operations when the currently selected WCS is not transformed (TWCS=No). See [Parameter 166](#) in Chapter 14 for information on Articulated Head configuration and turning on the TWCS feature for the machine.

On a such a machine, Compound Canned Cycles are used as an alternative to the their corresponding noncompound Canned Cycles because the non-compound versions cannot be used when the currently selected WCS is not transformed (TWCS=No) and the spindle head is tilted off vertical (B/5th axis angle is not 0). In all other situations, Compound Canned Cycles are the same in functionality as their corresponding non-compound counterparts.

| Compound Canned Cycle G-code | Function | Corresponding non-compound Canned Cycle G-code |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| G173 | Compound High Speed Peck Drilling | G73 |
| G174 | Compound Counter Tapping | G74 |
| G176 | Compound Fine Bore Cycle | G76 |
| G181 | Compound Drilling and Spot Drilling | G81 |
| G182 | Compound Drill with Dwell | G82 |
| G183 | Compound Deep Hole Drilling | G83 |
| G184 | Compound Tapping | G84 |
| G185 | Compound Boring | G85 |
| G189 | Compound Boring with Dwell | G89 |

12.47 G180 – Cancel Canned Cycles

G180 has the exact same functionality as G80.

Chapter 13

CNC Program Codes: M-Functions

M functions are used to perform specialized actions in CNC programs. Most of the M-series Control M functions have default actions, but can be customized with the use of macro files.

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13.2 Macro M functions (Custom M Functions)

Most M -Series CNC M functions from 0 through 90 can be fully customized. Exceptions are M2, M6, and M25 that can be customized, but will always move the 3rd (Z) axis to the home position before executing the macro M function commands. No M functions above 90 may be customized with macros. The default action listed will be performed unless that M function has been customized.

To create a macro for an M-function, a file must be created in the C:\cncm directory. The file's name must be mfuncXX.mac where XX is the M function number used to call the macro. M functions 0-9 must use single digits in the filename (e.g. Use mfunc3.mac, **not** mfunc03.mac). The contents of the file may be any valid M and G codes.

Each time the M function is encountered in a program, the macro file will be processed line by line.

NOTE: Nesting of macro M functions is allowed. Recursive calls are not: if a macro M function calls itself, the default action of the function will be executed.

Example:

Turn on spindle with variable frequency drive and wait for "at speed" response. This example depends on M94/M95 1 being used for the Spindle Enable signal and input 5 being the spindle at speed signal in the PLC program.

Create file c:\cncm\mfunc3.mac with contents as follows:

```
M94/1      ; request spindle start
M101/50005 ; wait for up to speed signal
```

M2, M6, and M25 **always** move the Z-axis to the home position before any other motion. All other M functions are performed after the motion of the current line is complete.

The M and G codes in a macro M function are not usually displayed on the screen as they are executed, and are all treated as one operation in block mode. If you wish to see or step through macro M functions (e.g. for testing purposes), set [parameter 10](#) as follows:

```
0  Don't display or step through macro M functions
1  Display macro M functions, but don't step through them
2  Display and step through macro M functions
```

NOTES:

- You cannot use block mode to step through a macro M function called using the G81 transformation (see Chapter 12); the action timer will expire before you can press **CYCLE START**.
- Only one M function per line is permitted.
- Unlike subprograms invoked with G65, macro arguments passed into a macro M function are passed in by reference. This means local changes to #1 through #33 or #A through #Z will change their values upon return from the macro M function.

13.3 M00 - Stop for Operator

Motion stops, and the operator is prompted to press the **CYCLE START** button to continue.

13.4 M01 - Optional Stop for Operator

M1 is an optional pause, whose action can be selected by the operator.

When optional stops are turned on, M1 will pause the currently running job until **CYCLE START** is pressed. However, if optional stops are turned off, M1 will not pause the program.

NOTE: If you plan to override the default action of M1 with a macro file, you may want to include a call to M1 within the macro file so that the default actions of M1 will still be effective in the overridden M1. Otherwise, if a call to M1 is not included within the macro file, the new overridden M1 will cause optional stops to be ineffective.

13.5 M02 - Restart Program

M2 moves the Z-axis to the home position, performs any movement requested, and restarts the program from the first line. The operator is prompted to press the **CYCLE START** button to continue.

13.6 M03 - Spindle On Clockwise

M3 requests the PLC to start the spindle in the clockwise direction.

Default action:

M95/2

M94/1

13.7 M04 - Spindle On Counterclockwise

M4 requests the PLC to start the spindle in the counterclockwise direction.

Default action:

M95/1

M94/2

13.8 M05 - Spindle Stop

M5 requests the PLC to stop the spindle.

Default action if the spindle had been spinning CW:

M95/2

M95/1

Default action if the spindle was OFF or was spinning CCW:

M95/1

M95/2

13.9 M06 - Tool Change

M6 moves the Z-axis to the home position and stops the spindle and coolant. If an automatic tool changer is installed, it then commands the tool changer to switch to the requested tool. Otherwise, it prompts the operator to insert the tool and then press the **CYCLE START** button on the Operator Panel.

Default action (tool changer installed):

Default action (no tool changer):

| | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| M25 | ; always does M25 first | M25 | ; always does M25 first |
| M95/1/2/3/5 | ; turn off spindle & coolant | M95/1/2/3/5 | ; turn off spindle & coolant |
| M100/75 | ; wait for CYCLE START button | M95/16 | ; turn off tool changer strobe |
| | | M107 | ; send tool number to tool changer |
| | | M94/16 | ; turn on tool changer strobe |
| | | M101/32 | ; wait for acknowledge from changer |
| | | M95/16 | ; turn off tool changer strobe |
| | | M100/32 | ; wait for acknowledge from changer |

Manual tool changes are selected by setting [Parameter 6](#) to 0 in the Machine Parameters table. The automatic tool changer is selected by setting [Parameter 6](#) to 1 (see Chapter 14).

The PLC program must be involved in commanding an automatic tool changer and its associated strobe, BCD and Acknowledge lines. See Chapter 5 of the service manual for details of how such a PLC program could be constructed.

13.10 M07 - Mist Coolant On

M7 causes the PLC to start the mist coolant system.

Default action:

M95/3
M94/5

13.11 M08 - Flood Coolant On

M8 causes the PLC to start the flood coolant system.

Default action:

M95/5
M94/3

13.12 M09 - Coolant Off

M9 causes the PLC to stop the coolant system.

Default action:

M95/3/5

13.13 M10 - Clamp On

M10 causes the PLC to activate the clamp—also referred to as a 'chuck'.

Default action:

M94/4

NOTE: adding 256 to [parameter 178](#) can switch M10 and M11.

13.14 M11 - Clamp Off

M11 causes the PLC to release the clamp—also referred to as a 'chuck'.

Default action:

M95/4

13.15 M17 - Prepare for Tool Change (Macro)

M17 has no default action, therefore a custom M17 macro must be defined for this feature to work. If defined, the M17 macro turns off spindle and coolant and starts the spindle orientation process in preparation for M6 (Tool Change). The M17 macro is allocated for use with Intercon and the setting in [Parameter 162](#). See [Parameter 162](#) in Chapter 14 for more information.

13.16 M19 - Spindle Orient (Macro)

M19 has no default action, therefore a custom M19 macro must be defined for this feature to work. If defined, the M19 macro sends a request to the PLC to rotate the spindle to its pre-set orient position.

13.17 M25 - Move to Z Home

By default, M25 moves the Z axis to the home position at the Z axis maximum rate. The Z axis home position is the Z axis component of the Return #1 (G28) machine position. (The Return #1 position is first machine coordinate position defined in the Return sub-menu of the Work Coordinate System Configuration.)

The default action of M25 only involves the Z axis. However, if you specify axis arguments (up to 3), then those axes specified will be moved to their axis home positions (Return #1 machine position).

Example:

```
M25           ; move Z to home
M25 /Z        ; same as M25 by itself – move Z to home
M25 /X/Y/Z    ; move X, Y and Z to their Return #1 positions
M25 /X        ; move only X to its Return #1 position
```

13.18 M26 - Set Axis Home

M26 sets the machine home position for the specified axis to the current position (after the line's movement). If no axis is specified, M26 sets the Z-axis home position. The L word can be used to set home at the indicated encoder position provided the axis does not have an absolute encoder.

Example:

```
M91/X        ; home X axis to minus home switch
M26/X        ; set machine home for X-axis there
M92/Z        ; home Z-axis to plus home switch
M26/Z        ; set machine home for Z-axis there
M26/X L4096  ; set machine home for the X-axis at encoder position of 4096
```

13.19 M30 - Custom M Code

Intercon posts an M30 at the end of every G code program. By default M30 performs no operation. If you wish to perform certain operations at the end of every program, this M code can be customized to meet your needs. For more information on customizing M codes see the beginning of this chapter.

13.20 M39 - Air Drill

M39 is a default air drill activation sequence with a timeout. The sequence of operations is as follows:

```
M94/15       ; activate M function request 15
M103/2       ; start 2 second timer
M100/50015   ; wait for input 15 to open
M95/15       ; deactivate M function request 15
M104         ; cancel timer
```

NOTE: This program will be canceled by timer expiration if input 15 does not open within 2 seconds after M function request 15 is activated. The PLC program must be involved in taking away the drill output when the CNC program stops:

Example:

```

; PLC program fragment
CNC_program_running is SV_PROGRAM_RUNNING ;program running indicator
M15 is SV_M94_M95_15 ; M function 15 indicator
drill_out is OUT5 ; air drill output relay
if M15 && CNC_program_running then (drill_out) ; Drill On if M94/15 and the
; CNC program is running. Drill
; Off if M95/15 or the CNC

```

13.21 M41, M42, M43 - Select Spindle Gear Range (Macros)

M41, M42, and M43 have no default actions, and therefore custom macros must be defined for these M codes in order to make this feature work. If defined, these macros notify the PLC of which spindle gear range is selected according to the following table:

| Macro M Fuction | Action |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| M41 | Select Low Gear Range |
| M42 | Select Medium-Low Gear Range |
| M43 | Select High Gear Range |

Note that selecting a "Medium-High" Gear Range is currently not supported by this schema, although that would not prevent a system integrator from defining another custom macro M function to do that.

13.22 M60 - 5-Axis Digitizing Macro

The M60 is used only when digitizing with the 5-Axis Tilt Table system.

The M60 uses user variables to assign a "Start Position" and a "Finish Position" for 5-Axis Digitizing. When the M60 is executed, the probe will be moved from the start position to the end position. If during the motion the probe detects a surface, the surface position is recorded, and the probe returns to the start position. If no surface is found the probe returns to the start position.

The following variables are to be assigned before the M60 is called, the M60 will then use the positions as assigned by the user variables:

```

#29100 = X-Axis Probing vector start point (Initial Position)
#29101 = Y-Axis Probing vector start point (Initial Position)
#29102 = Z-Axis Probing vector start point (Initial Position)
#29103 = A-Axis Probing vector start point (Initial Position)
#29104 = B-Axis Probing vector start point (Initial Position)
#29110 = X-Axis Probing vector end point
#29111 = Y-Axis Probing vector end point
#29112 = Z-Axis Probing vector end point

```

Upon a successful probe the M60 will use an M122 to save the probed position to a text file that should be opened using an M120 or M121 before calling the M60.

Example:

```

M121 "m60test.dig5" ; Open text file to record data too
#29100 = -8.7999    ; X-Axis Start Position
#29101 = .3747     ; Y-Axis Start Position
#29102 = -1.1832   ; Z-Axis Start Position
#29103 = 85.957    ; A-Axis Start Position
#29104 = 21.36     ; B-Axis Start Position
#29110 = -8.7138   ; X-Axis End Position
#29111 = -.0159    ; Y-Axis End Position
#29112 = -1.183    ; Z-Axis End Position
M60                ; Execute M60

```

13.23 M91 - Move to Minus Home

M91 moves to the minus home switch of the axis specified at the slow jog rate for that axis. After the minus home switch is tripped, the axis reverses until the home switch clears, and stops when it detects the index pulse. When reversing until the home switch clears, the clear state must be reached within 0.25 inches for a linear axis and 45 degrees for a rotary axis or an error occurs.

If the control configuration "Machine home at pwrup" field is set to "Ref Mark-HS" and the "Home -" field in the Motor Parameter menu is set to 0 (zero) to specify reference mark homing, the behavior of this command is to start moving and then stop when the index pulse is detected.

Example:

```

M91/X    ; moves the X-axis to the minus home switch.
G92 X-10 ; sets X minus home switch at -10

```

13.24 M92 - Move to Plus Home

M92 moves to the plus home switch of the axis specified at the slow jog rate for that axis. After the plus home switch is tripped, the axis reverses until the home switch clears, and stops when it detects the index pulse. When reversing until the home switch clears, the clear state must be reached within 0.25 inches for a linear axis and 45 degrees for a rotary axis or an error occurs.

If the control configuration "Machine home at pwrup" field is set to "Ref Mark-HS" and the "Home +" field in the Motor Parameter menu is set to 0 (zero) to specify reference mark homing, the behavior of this command is to start moving and then stop when the index pulse is detected.

Example:

```

M92/X    ; moves the X-axis to the plus home switch.
G92 X+10 ; Sets X plus home switch at +10

```

13.25 M93 - Release/Restore Motor Power

M93 releases or restores motor power for the axis specified. If no axis is specified, then all axes are released.

Example:

To release motor power:

```

M93/X    ; releases the X axis.
M93      ; releases the motors on all axes.

```

Example:

To restore motor power:

M93/X P1 ; restore power to the X axis motor.

M93 P1 ; restore power to the motors on all axes.

NOTE: Any axis freed within a CNC program should not be used in that program afterwards. Incorrect positioning may result.

13.26 M94/M95 - Output On/Off

There are 128 user definable system variable bits that can be used to communicate with the PLC. M94 and M95 are used to request those system variable bits to turn on or off respectively. Requests 1-128 are mapped to the PLC as system variables SV_M94_M95_1 through SV_M94_M95_128 as shown in the following table:

| On | Off | PLC bit |
|---------|---------|----------------|
| M94/1 | M95/1 | SV_M94_M95_1 |
| M94/2 | M95/2 | SV_M94_M95_2 |
| M94/3 | M95/3 | SV_M94_M95_3 |
| M94/4 | M95/4 | SV_M94_M95_4 |
| . | . | . |
| . | . | . |
| . | . | . |
| M94/128 | M95/128 | SV_M94_M95_128 |

To use M94 and M95 to control a function external to the servo control, such as an indexer, the input request must be mapped to one of the PLC outputs in the PLC program. See M94/M95 function usage in the PLC section of the service manual.

Example:

M94/5/6 ; turns on SV_M94_M95_5 and SV_M94_M95_6.

NOTE: M94 and M95 will cause prior motion to decelerate to a stop before the requested bits are turned on or off

NOTE: Requests 1-5, 15, and 16 are controlled by the default actions of M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8, M9, M10, M11, and M39. To override or disable a bit used in one of these M codes, define a custom M-function.

13.27 M98 - Call Subprogram

M98 calls a user-specified subprogram. A subprogram is a separate program that can be used to perform a certain operation (e.g. a drilling pattern, contour, etc.) many times throughout a main program.

Calling methods:

M98 Pxxx Lrrrr

OR

M98 "program.cnc" Lrrrr

where *xxxx* is the subprogram number (referring to file Oxxxx.cnc, 9100-9999 allowed, leading 0's required in filename, capital O, lowercase .cnc), *rrrr* is the repeat value, and "program.cnc" is the name of the subprogram file.

Subprograms are written just like normal programs, with one exception: an M99 should be at the end of the subprogram. M99 transfers control back to the calling program.

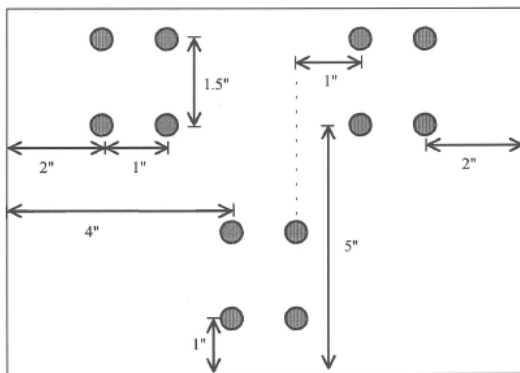
Subprograms can call other subprograms (up to 20 nested levels of calling may be used), Macro M-functions, and Macros. Macro M-functions and Macros can similarly call subprograms.

Subprograms 9100-9999 can also be embedded into a main program, using O9xxx to designate the beginning of the subprogram and M99 to end it. The CNC software will read the subprogram and generate a file O9xxx.cnc. The CNC will not execute the subprogram until it encounters M98 P9xxx.

NOTE: An embedded subprogram definition must be placed before any calls to the subprogram.

Example:

Suppose that a drilling pattern of 4 holes is needed in 3 different locations:



```

:Main program
G90 G0 X2 Y5 Z0.5 ;Move to first hole pattern
M98 P9101 L1 ;Call subprogram O9101.cnc
G90 G0 X4 Y1 Z0.5 ;Move to second hole pattern
M98 P9101 L1 ;Call subprogram
G90 G0 X6 Y5 Z0.5 ;Move to third hole pattern
M98 P9101 L1 ;Call subprogram
:End program

```

The main program would call this subprogram three times:

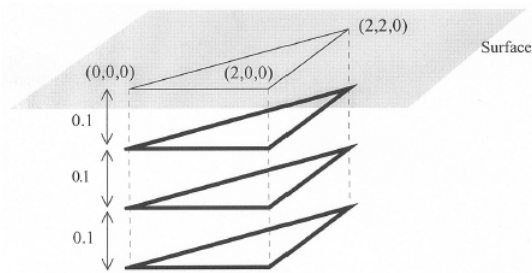
```

O9101 ;Program O9101.cnc
G91 F10 ;Incremental positioning
G81 X0 Y0 R-.4 Z-.6 ;Drill lower left hole
Y1.5 R-.4 Z-.6 ;Drill upper left hole
X1 R-.4 Z-.6 ;Drill upper right hole
Y-1.5 R-.4 Z-.6 ;Drill lower right hole
G80 ;Cancel canned cycles
M99 ;End of subprogram

```

Example:

Another example is "looping" or consecutively repeating a section of code. Here, the subprogram will be part of the main program.



```

:Main program
G90 G0 X0 Y0 Z0.1
G1 Z0 F30
O9100 ;Beginning of subprogram
G91 G1 Z-0.1 F5
G90 X2 F30
Y2
X0 Y0
M99 ;End of subprogram 9100
M98 P9100 L3 ;Repeat O9100 3 times
M25 G49 ;End main program

```

13.28 M99 - Return from Macro or Subprogram

M99 designates the end of a subprogram or macro and transfers control back to the calling program when executed. M99 may be specified on a line with other G codes. M99 will be the last action executed on a line. If M99 is not specified in a subprogram file, M99 is assumed at the end of the file:

Example:

```
G1 X3 M99 ;Move to X3 then return to calling program.
```

If M99 is encountered in the main job file, it will be interpreted as the end of the job. If M99 is encountered in an M function macro file, it will be interpreted as the end of any enclosing subprogram or macro, or as the end of the job.

13.29 M100 - Wait for PLC bit (Open, Off, Reset)

13.30 M101 - Wait for PLC bit (Closed, On, Set)

The M100/M101 commands wait for a PLC bit to reach a state as indicated in the table below:

| Number | PLC bit | M100 | M101 |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 50001 - 51312 | INP1 - INP1312 | open | closed |
| 60001 - 61312 | OUT1 - OUT1312 | off | on |
| 70001 - 71024 | MEM1 - MEM1024 | reset | set |
| 90001 - 90064 | T1 - T64 status bits | reset (not expired) | set (expired) |
| 93001 - 93256 | STG1 - STG256 status bits | reset (disabled) | set (enabled) |
| 94001 - 94256 | FSTG - FTSG256 status bits | reset (disabled) | set (enabled) |

The number ranges 1-240 can be used to reference the first eighty INP, OUT, or MEM bits. It is recommended that existing CNC10 programs and macros be converted to the new ranges for use with CNC11.

| Number | PLC bit | M100 | M101 |
|-----------|--------------|-------|--------|
| 1 - 80 | INP1 - INP80 | open | closed |
| 81 - 160 | OUT1 - OUT80 | off | on |
| 161 - 240 | MEM1 - MEM80 | reset | set |

Example:

M101/50001 ; wait for INP1 to close
M100/60002 ; wait for OUT2 to turn off
M101/70123 ; wait for MEM123 to be set (1)

NOTE: The numbers assigned to the PLC bits (except 1-240) are the same as those that can be used when referencing system variables in M- and G-code programs.

13.31 M102 - Restart Program

M102 performs any movement requested, and restarts the program from the first line. The Z axis is **NOT** moved to the home position, and the operator is **NOT** prompted to press the **CYCLE START** button to continue.

13.32 M103 - Programmed Action Timer

M103 is used to set up the time limit for a timed operation. If the timer is canceled (usually by M104) before the specified time limit, the program will be canceled and the message "Programmed action timer expired" will be displayed. If another M103 is issued before the time limit expires, then this time limit is nullified and the new time limit will be set up as specified by the latest occurring M103. Note also that if M0 or M1 causes the program to stop momentarily and the "M0 jogging" feature is enabled, then the timer will also be canceled without the need to issue M104.

Example:

Activate a device and wait for a response. If there is no response within 4.5 seconds, cancel the program:

M94/12 ; turn on input request 12
M103/4.5 ; start 4.5 second timer
M100/4 ; wait for input 4 to open
M104 ; input 4 opened, cancel timer

13.33 M104 - Cancel Programmed Action Timer

M104 stops the timer started by the last M103 executed.

13.34 M105 - Move Minus to Switch

M105 moves the requested axis in the minus direction at the current feedrate until the specified switch opens (if the given P parameter is positive), or until the specified switch closes (if P parameter is negative).

Example:

M105/X P5 F30 ; move the X axis in minus direction at 30"/min until
; the switch on INP5 opens
G92 X10 ; Sets X position to 10
M105/Z P-6 ; move the Z axis in minus direction until switch on INP6 closes

13.35 M106 - Move Plus to Switch

M106 moves the requested axis in the plus direction at the current feedrate until the specified switch opens (if the given P parameter is positive), or until the specified switch closes (if P parameter is negative).

Example:

```
M106/Z P3 F30 ; move the Z axis in the plus direction at 30"/min, until
                ; the switch on INP3 opens
G92 X10        ; Sets Z position to 10
M106/X P-3     ; move the X axis in the plus direction until the switch on INP3 closes
```

13.36 M107 - Output Tool Number

M107 sends the current tool number to the automatic tool changer, via the PLC. M107 does not set the tool changer strobe or look for an acknowledgement from the changer (see M6).

Example:

```
M107          ; send request for tool to change
M94/16        ; turn on tool changer strobe
M101/5        ; wait for acknowledge on input 5
M95/16        ; turn off strobe
M100/5        ; wait for acknowledge to be removed
```

13.37 M108 - Enable Override Controls

M108 re-enables the feedrate override and/or spindle speed override controls if they were disabled with M109. A parameter of "1" indicates the feedrate override; "2" indicates the spindle speed override.

Example:

```
M109/1/2      ; disables feedrate and spindle speed overrides
M108/1        ; re-enables feedrate override
M108/2        ; re-enables spindle speed override
```

13.38 M109 - Disable Override Controls

M109 disables the feedrate override and/or spindle speed override controls. It may be used before tapping with G85 to assure that the machine runs at the programmed feedrate and spindle speed. It is not necessary to specify M109 with G74 or G84; those cycles automatically disable and re-enable the override controls. M109 cannot be used in MDI mode.

Example:

```
M3 S500       ; start spindle in clockwise direction, at 500 rpm
F27.78        ; set feedrate for 18 pitch tap
M109/1/2      ; disable feedrate and spindle speed overrides
G85 X0 Y0 R.1 Z-.5 ; tap a hole
M108/1/2      ; re-enable overrides
```

13.39 M115/M116/M125/M126 - Protected Move Probing Functions

The protected move probing functions provide the capability to program customized probing routines.

The structure for these commands is: **Mnnn /Axis pos Pp Ff L1**

Where:

| | |
|-------------|--|
| <i>nmn</i> | is either 115, 116, 125, or 126. |
| <i>Axis</i> | is a valid axis label, i.e., X, Y,Z, etc. |
| <i>pos</i> | is an optional position |
| <i>P</i> | is a PLC bit number, which can be negative. |
| <i>F*</i> | is a feedrate (in units per minute.) |
| <i>L1*</i> | options for the M115/M116 commands that prevents an error if the probe does not detect a surface |
| <i>Q1</i> | is an option for M115/M116 that forces the DSP probe to move a "Recovery Distance" on retries. (See Machine Parameter 13 for "Recovery Distance") Note: the Q1 option only applies for DSP Probes |

For M115 and M116 functions, the indicated axis will move to pos (if specified) until the corresponding PLC bit p state is 1, unless p is negative, in which case movement is until the PLC bit state is 0(closed). A "p value" of 1 to 80 (or -1 to -80) specifies PLC bits INP1-INP80. Warnings are generated in the CNC software message window for "Missing P value" and "Invalid P value." If "pos" is not specified, M115 will move the axis in the negative direction, and M116 will move the axis in the positive direction. Note if "pos" is specified, then it does not matter whether M115 or M116 is used. Regardless of whether or not pos is specified, movement is bound by the settings in the software travel limits as well the maximum probing distance (Machine [Parameter 16](#)).

For M125 and M126 protected move functions, the behavior is identical to that of the M115 and M116 commands, except in regards to the PLC bit state. The M115 and M116 commands are to be used when one expects contact to be made and M125 and M126 commands are to be used when one does not expect any contact to be made.

Example:

Finding the center of a vertical slot. In this example, it is assumed that there is a probe connected to INP15 and that the probe tip is positioned somewhere in the slot, such that movement along the X-axis will cause a probe trigger.

```
M115/X P-15 F20 ; Move X minus at 20 ipm until probe trip
M116/X P15 F5   ; Move X plus at 5 ipm until probe clears
#100 = #5041    ; Record the point in user variable #100
M116/X P-15 F20 ; Move X plus at 20 ipm until probe trip
M115/X P15 F5   ; Move X minus at 5 ipm until probe clears
X[[#100+#5041]/2] ; Move X to center of slot
```

* Usage is slightly different when using a DSP type probe. Please see below for dissimilarities between a standard DP4 probe and the DSP type probe.

13.40 M115/M116/M125/M126 - DSP Probe specific information

Before attempting to use the protected move probing functions with a DSP type probe, please be sure to familiarize yourself with the DSP probe configuration in Chapter 9 of this manual. Using the protected probing moves with a DSP type probe may yield unexpected results if you do not fully understand the concepts and guidelines discussed in the DSP probe configuration section.

If the control is configured to use a DSP type probe, all M115/M116 moves will perform window checking and repeat on a failed window. On a failed window, a repeat attempt is made by returning to the starting point of the move.

Protected move probing functions follow the same command format as that of a standard probe (*Mnnn Axis pos Pp Ff L1*) with the following exceptions:

- f* This will be ignored if “Force DSP Feedrate in M115/M116” has been set to yes.
- L1* Still prevents a fault from occurring. Stores last DSP position on failed window.
- L2* Like L1, prevents a fault from occurring but instead stores last mechanical pos. on failed window.
- Q1* On a failed window, force a pull back distance equal to the Probing Recovery Distance([Parameter 13](#)), instead of moving back to the starting point.

DSP Position vs. Mechanical Position Protected probing moves that are performed using a standard DP4 probe can collect only the point at which motion has stopped after detecting contact. This position is referred to as the “mechanical position”. When using the DSP type probe, it detects and stores the contact position “on the fly”. This position is in machine position (not a local WCS position) and is referred to as the DSP position.

Example: from above - Modified to use a DSP type probe.

Finding the center of a vertical slot:

```
M115/X P-15 ; Move X minus at DSP rate until probe trip (no feedrate needed)
#100 =[[#24301]-[#2500]] ; Convert point to current WCS position, Store point in variable #100
M116/X P15 ; Move X minus at 5 ipm until probe clears
M116/X P-15 ; Move X plus at DSP rate until probe trip
X[[#100+[[#24301]-[#2500]]]/2] ; Move X to center of slot
```

Retrieving the DSP position:

The last stored DSP position for axes 1-5 can be retrieved from system variables #24301 #24305 unless the L2 switch was used in which case #24301-#24305 will contain the mechanical position after a failed window.

13.41 M120 - Open data file (overwrite existing file)

This M function will open the requested data file for writing. If no drive or directory is specified with the file name, then the file will be opened in the same directory as the CNC program. If the file cannot be successfully opened, then an error will be returned, ultimately terminating the job. If a data file is already open when M120 is called, that file will first be closed, then the new file opened.

Example:

```
M120 "probetst.dat" ; Opens probetst.dat file to write data too
```

NOTE: M120 and M121 also allow use of the string user variables #300 - #399 to specify a filename. As an example, given that #300 = "myfile" and #301 = "cnc"

```
M120 "#300.#301" ; Opens the file "myfile.cnc" for data recording.
```

Keep in mind however that there is a quirk in the way that the M120/M121 operates that requires the '.' to be present so assigning #301 = ".cnc" and executing M120 "#300#301" does not work and generates a "Could not open file" error message.

13.42 M121 - Open data file (append to existing file)

This M function will open the requested file for writing at the end of the file. If no drive or directory is specified with the file name, then the file will be opened in the same directory as the CNC program. If the file does not already exist, it will be created. This is not an error. If the file cannot be successfully opened, then an error will be returned, ultimately terminating the job. If a data file is already open when M121 is called, that file will first be closed, then the new file opened.

Example:

```
M121 "c:\probetst.dat" ; Opens probetst.dat file to add data to it
```

String variables #300-#399 may also be used to specify a file name. Please see M120 above for details.

13.43 M122 - Record local position(s) and optional comment in data file

This M function will write the current expected position value to the data file, in the usual format (i.e. axis label before number, 4 decimal places in inch mode, 3 decimal places in millimeter mode. Any comment that appeared on the line with M122 will be outputted after the position(s). With no axis arguments, M122 will write the positions of all installed axes. With axis arguments, it will write the positions only of the requested axes. Positions will be written in local (not machine) coordinates, in native machine units. If no data file has been opened with M120 or M121 before M122 is called, then M122 will return an error and terminate the job. The parameter L1 may be used to suppress the new line character normally outputted after the last position. Furthermore, the output of axis labels, comma separators, and spaces can be enabled or suppressed via machine [parameter 72](#) (see [Parameter 72](#) in Chapter 14). If the control has been configured to use a DSP probe type, using parameter Q1 will write the values stored in #24301-#24305 to the file.

Example: M function and sample output:

```
M122 ;comment -> X1.2345 Y-3.2109 Z-0.5678 ;comment
M122 /X L1 -> X-1.5000
M122 /X -> X-1.5000 X-2.0000
```

13.44 M123 - Record value and/or comment in data file

This M function will write the specified parameter value (if any) to the data file, followed by any comment that appeared on the line with M123. If a P value is specified, M123 will record the numeric value (4 decimal places in inches, 3 in millimeters). If neither a P value nor a comment was specified, M123 does nothing. This is not an error. If no data file has been opened with M120 or M121 before M123 is called, then M123 will return an error and terminate the job. The parameter L1 may be used to suppress the new line character normally outputted after the last value. The R and Q parameters can be used to specify the field width and precision, respectively. Furthermore, the output of axis labels, comma separators, and spaces can be enabled or suppressed via machine [parameter 72](#) (see [Parameter 72](#) in Chapter 14).

Example: M function and sample output:

```
M123 ;1.2345 -> 1.2345
M123 P#A ; first macro argument -> 1.2345 first macro argument
M123 Q0 P1.23 -> 1
```

13.45 M124 - Record machine position(s) and optional comment in data file

Identical to M122 above except that the m124 reports machine position instead of a local WCS position.

13.46 M127 - Record Date and Time in a data file

This M function is used to write the date, time, and year to the specified data file called out by the M120 or M121. Examples (M function and sample output): **Note: The M127 does not insert a semi-colon in front of the date.** If desired, use the M123 as shown below.

```
M121 "testdata.dat" M123 ;; M127
```

If you opened testdata.dat you would see: Day of week, Month, day, time, and year. (i.e. ;Wed Aug 29 11:56:57 2007)

13.47 M128 - Move Axis by Encoder Counts

M128 moves the requested axis by L which specifies an encoder count position or quantity. The L parameter is subject to the current G90/G91 mode (absolute/incremental).

Example:

```
G91 M128/X L-5000 ; move the X axis incrementally by -5000 counts
```

13.48 M129 - Record Current Job file path to data file

This M function is used to write the current job's file path to the specified data file called out by the M120 or M121.

Example: Run a job named job.cnc which contains the following 2 lines:

```
M121 "output.txt" M129
```

If you opened the output.txt file you would see: c:\cncm\ncfiles\job.cnc

13.49 M130 - Run system command

This allows shell commands to be called from a CNC program or MDI. M130 takes one string argument which contains the system command to execute.

For example:

```
M130 "mycommand.bat"
```

will run the batch file *mycommand.bat*.

Normally, the command will run asynchronously, meaning that the G-code program will not wait for the command to finish before continuing. However, if an L1 parameter is given, the command will prevent further G-code execution until a fault occurs (such as E-Stop).

13.50 M150 - Set Spindle Encoder to zero at next index pulse

M150 will cause the spindle encoder position to be reset to 0 upon the next encounter of the spindle encoder's index pulse. M150 will not generate spindle movement. As a matter of fact, the spindle needs to be commanded to move in order for M150 to work.

13.51 M200, M223, M224, M225 & M290 - Formatted String Commands

The formatted string commands are provided to assist in custom screen and file I/O. A "formatted-string" is similar to the C programming language "printf" command, with various restrictions. The basic form of a *formatted-string* is a quoted string (comprised of a **single** line of up to 1024 characters) followed by a (possibly empty) list of user and/or system variable expressions. The variable expression is a '#' character followed by a number or bracketed expression.

For example, given #100 = 88* (ASCII 'X'), #300 = "absolute", and #101 = 1.2345, this string:

```
"The %c* axis %s position is %f" #100 #300 #101
```

evaluates to

```
"The X* axis absolute position is 1.23450"
```

The "%c"* is replaced by the ASCII character value of user variable #100, the "%s" is replaced by the string user variable #300, and the "%f" is replaced by the value of user variable #101.

13.51.1 Type Specifiers

The 's', 'c', and 'f' are type specifiers, with 's' specifying a string user variable, 'f' specifying a floating point user variable, and 'c' specifying a single character substitution using the integer part of a floating point user variable. There should be one user variable expression for every '%' character in the quoted string. It is also possible to specify a field width by inserting a number between the '%' and the type specifier.

Example:

%20s – specifies that the substituted string is displayed in a field 20 characters long, right justified and padded with spaces on the left. Use "%-20s" for left justification.

The 'f' type can specify a precision such as:

- "%0.4f" - display number rounded at the fourth decimal place.
- "%9.4f" - as above but in a field width nine characters wide.
- "%+9.4f" - as above with an '+' output if variable is positive.
- "%0f" - display number rounded to integer

If no precision is specified, "%f" will use a default precision of the current [DRO](#) display precision.

13.51.2 Special characters

The quoted string may contain one or more "\n", each of which will be converted to a single newline character. Up to seven newlines can be specified in a single formatted string. However, a formatted string may not contain an embedded quote character "" or other printf-style escape sequences such as '\t', '\\', or '\\". If a quote character is desired, use a %c type specifier with a variable expression equal to 34.

User string variables #300-#399: These variables can be assigned a quoted string up to 80 characters in length and are retained until the CNC software is exited. For example,

#300 = "This is a text string of characters"

* The above method of representing an axis label should be used only when writing to an external file or for display in a message box. It is not valid if you are attempting to "build" a motion command in real-time from within the currently running g code program. If your intent is to use a variable to represent an axis label for a real-time command, you should instead use \$ as the placeholder. The parser will replace a '\$' character and the numerical expression following it with the ASCII character equivalent to the numerical expression, provided that it evaluates to the characters 'A' (65) through 'Z' (90). If the numerical expression is out-of-bounds, an "Invalid character" error occurs.

Example: Given #100 = 88, #101 = 1, #102 = 89, #103 = 2, and #104 = 10,

G1 \$[#100][#101] \$[#102][#103] F[#104] evaluates to G1 X1 Y2 F10

13.51.3 Text Justification

By default, the text of the formatted string commands is center justified. However, adding the characters #) (a pound symbol followed by a right parenthesis) as the first two characters of the format string indicates left justification of the text. For all but M224 the justification applies to the entire message; for M224, the justification applies to each line individually.

Example:

```
M200 "#)1. Jog the X axis to the desired X0 position\n2. Jog the Z axis to the
desired Z0 position.\n3. Press Cycle Start to continue."
```

Example:

```
M224 #300 "#)1. Jog the X axis to the desired X0 position\n#)2. Jog the Z axis
to the desired Z0 position.\n#)3. Continue?."
```

13.52 M200/M201 - Stop for Operator, Prompt for Action

M200 is used to pause the currently running job and prompt the operator for action. If M0_jogging is unlocked, or the control is in DEMO mode, jogging is enabled while waiting for the operator to respond. If this option has not been enabled, the behavior will default to that of a standard M0. (jogging disabled)

The syntax is:

M200 formatted-string [[user_var_expr] ...]

Example:

```
M200 "Please jog the %c and %c axes to the desired X0, Y0 position\nPress Cycle Start to
continue" #100 #101
```

M201 behaves exactly like M200 except that PLC bits SV_PROGRAM_RUNNING, SV_MDLMODE, and SV_JOB_IN_PROGRESS are turned off while the prompt is displayed.

13.53 M223 - Write Formatted String to File

The M223 command writes a *formatted-string* to a file that was opened using the M120 or M121 commands. The syntax is:

M223 formatted-string [[user_var_expr] ...]

Example:

M223 "; The measured diameter of the pocket = %.4f\n" #100

13.54 M224 - Prompt for Operator Input Using Formatted String

The M224 command displays a *formatted-string* and then accepts user input. The syntax is:

M224 /num *lvalue_expr formatted-string [[user_var_expr] ...]*

Where /num is an optional parameter specifying the font family. Possibilities are:

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| /0 - Default | /4 - Swiss |
| /1 - Decorative | /5 - Modern |
| /2 - Roman | /6 - Teletype |
| /3 - Script | |

Where *lvalue_expr* is a *user_var_expr* that evaluates to a user variable that can be written. If *lvalue_expr* is a string type (#300-#399) then the user input is assigned verbatim to the string. Otherwise, the user input is evaluated as any other "bracketed" numerical expression.

Example:

M224 /0 #300 "Please enter the direction that you wish to probe in the %c axis: (+ or -)" #100

13.55 M225 - Display Formatted String for A Period of Time

The M225 command displays a *formatted-string* for a specified period of time. The syntax is:

M225 /num *time_expr formatted-string [user_var] ...*

Where /num is an optional parameter specifying the font family. Possibilities are:

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| /0 - Default | /4 - Swiss |
| /1 - Decorative | /5 - Modern |
| /2 - Roman | /6 - Teletype |
| /3 - Script | |

The argument *time_expr* is a *user_var_expr* that evaluates to a floating point variable specifying the number of seconds to display the output, with a value of zero interpreted as indefinitely. The **CYCLE START** key can be used to immediately continue running without waiting for the time to expire.

Example:

M225 /6 #100 "Warning, %s is not selected\n Please select %s and press Cycle Start to continue." #300 #300

13.56 M290 - Digitize Profile (Optional)

This performs a 2 axis digitize, probing along an axis while stepping over using a perpendicular travel axis. This M-code is similar to performing a single slice of Grid Digitizing with the Surface Following type selected (See Chapter 8). M290 expects that a file is already open with M120/121 (however, if not open, there will be no output).

The syntax is:

M290 /a_ #vvv /b_ #vvvv "formatted-string" Q_ R_ P_ L_

The first axis mentioned will be treated as the probing axis and the second will be treated as the travel axis.

Explanation of M290 Arguments:

/a +-nnn.nnn is the probing direction and max distance on axis "a".

/b +-nnn.nnn is the travel direction and max distance on axis "b" (perpendicular to probing axis).

#vvv and #vvvv (optional) are G-code variables that will be a receptacle of the **very last** probed position of the cycle.

"formatted-string" (optional) is the format of the output (if not mentioned, then there will be no output to file).

Q_ is the stepover along the travel direction (this is a positive quantity).

R_ (optional) is the retract/pullback amount upon interruption or completion.

P_ (optional) is the interruption PLC bit state which causes a graceful end to the cycle. (If not mentioned, then no PLC bit will be checked for graceful interruption.)

L_ (optional) is the output variable to which to store the interrupt status (0=no interruption, 1=interrupted by PLC bit P_, 2=surface not found error).

13.57 M300 - Fast Synchronous I/O update

There are 32 user definable fast system integer variables that can be used to communicate with the PLC (similar to M94 and M95), but without causing motion to decelerate to a stop* (unlike M94 and M95).

The syntax is:

M300 /nn /vvv

where *nn* is 1-32 and *vvv* is a 32-bit signed integer value. The parameter *nn* (1-32) maps to system variables SV_FSIO1 - SV_FSIO32. These commands work in conjunction with a PLC program that can read the SV_FSIOx and act upon them.

Example:

M300 /21 /-1234 ; set SV_FSIO21 to integer value -1234

NOTE: Motion will be decelerated to a stop if Smoothing is turned on (P220 = 1).

13.58 M333 - Axis Role Re-assignment

This is an experimental M-function that re-assigns X,Y,Z axis behaviors to other axes. This command is not recommended for normal use.

13.59 M1000-M1015 - Graphing Color for Feedrate movement

When a CNC program is graphed (F8 from the Main Screen), feedrate movements are normally plotted using the color yellow. This color setting can be changed to another color as stated in the chart below.

| M Code | Feedrate Graphing Color |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| M1000 | Black |
| M1001 | Navy Blue |
| M1002 | Green |
| M1003 | Teal |
| M1004 | Orange |
| M1005 | Blue |
| M1006 | Lime |
| M1007 | Aqua |
| M1008 | Maroon |
| M1009 | Purple |
| M1010 | Olive |
| M1011 | Gray |
| M1012 | Red |
| M1013 | Fuchsia |
| M1014 | Yellow |
| M1015 | White |

Changing this feedrate graphing color can be used as a method highlighting or hiding parts of a graphed CNC program, but will not affect the normal run of the program (when the **CYCLE START** button is pressed on the Main Screen). The limitations to using these M codes are as follows: These M codes cannot be placed on the same line as another M code, and also the rapid (G0) movement color cannot be changed.

Chapter 14

ATC Operation

14.1 Custom M codes for CNC ATC Systems

Below is a list of custom M codes that can be found on swingarm and/or umbrella type tool changers for controls running CNC software.

14.1.1 Custom M Codes Used on All ATC PLC Programs

- M3 — Turns the spindle on in the clockwise direction.
- M4 — Turns the spindle on in the counterclockwise direction.
- M5 — Turns the spindle off.
- M6 — Changes the tool that is in the spindle by using other custom M codes.
- M7 — Turns the mister pump on.
- M8 — Turns the flood pump on.
- M9 — Turns both coolant pumps off.
- M10 — Turns on the clamp on the rotary table.
- M11 — Turns off the clamp on the rotary table.
- M18 — Resets the tool counter to tool #1. **Ensure that the tool changer is at bin location #1 and that tool #1 is in the spindle.**
- M19 — Orients the spindle to the desired location to perform a tool change. **Cannot be done in M15 is already active. If the spindle motor, spindle encoder, spindle inverter, or inverter encoder parameters are changed, the inverter parameters must be checked to ensure proper spindle orientation to prevent a crash. Please follow the tech bulletin for the appropriate inverter on setting the inverter parameters.**
- M31 — Turns the optional chip auger forward.
- M32 — Reverses the optional chip auger.
- M33 — Turns the optional chip auger off.

14.1.2 AUX12 Key

The **AUX12** key is the second unlabeled blue key located in the rightmost column of the coolant row on the jog panel. See the key marked with an asterisk (*) in the picture below. In the following four subsections,

commands with an asterisk (*) next to them require the AUX12 key to be pressed on the jog panel. The AUX12 key must be held down until the carousel and clamp switches are in the default state or a stop condition will result.



14.1.3 Additional M Codes Used on Umbrella Tool Changer PLC Programs in CNC11/CNC12

- M15* — Unclamps the tool and turns the air blow on. **Be prepared to catch the tool from the spindle. Will not operate if the spindle is turning.**
- M16* — Clamps the tool and turns the air blow off.

M15 and M16 are not to be used to manually change tools. Use the Clamp/Unclamp button located on the spindle head.

- M20 — Turns the spindle off.
- M21 — Turns the optional chip washer pump on.
- M22 — Turns the optional chip washer pump off.
- M80* — Moves the carousel in regardless of the Z-axis position. **Will not operate if the spindle is turning. THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT THE CAROUSEL FROM SLAMMING INTO THE SPINDLE HEAD OR TOOL. ENSURE SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE BEFORE ISSUING THIS COMMAND!**
- M81* — Moves the carousel out. **ENSURE THE TOOL IS NOT PARTIALLY COVERED BY SPINDLE OR THE TOOL WILL BE KNOCKED OUT AND THE CAROUSEL FINGERS MAY BE DAMAGED!**

14.1.4 Additional M Codes Used on Umbrella Tool Changer PLC Programs in CNC7/CNC10

- M17 — Turns the cooland and spindle off and turns spindle orientation on.
- M21 — Moves the spindle head up to the Z home position.
- M22 — Moves the spindle head up to the tool change position, G30. **Do not change the G30 parameters and do not use any codes in your program that will overwrite these parameters.**
- M50 — Simulates a positive tool index while the program is running.
- M51 — Simulates a negative tool index while the program is running.

M50 and M51 are typically used when there are large tools that would interfere with the part or fixture.

14.1.5 Additional M Codes Used On Swingarm Tool Changer PLC Programs in CNC11/CNC12

- M13* — Cycles the tool changer swingarm. The M13 cycle does the following:
 - Turns the swingarm motor on and waits for the ARM.STOP signal to go off.
 - Waits for the ARM.STOP signal to come on and then shuts off the swingarm motor.
- M14* — Brings the tool pot down.
- M15* — Brings the tool pot up.
- M60 — Turns the optional chip washer pump on for 0.1 seconds and then shuts it off.
- M61 — Records the bin location of tool #1.
- M88 — Turns on the optional thru-tool coolant.

14.1.6 Additional M Codes Used on Swingarm Tool Changer PLC Program in CNC7/CNC10

- M0 — Turns on the optional amber light in addition to issuing an M0.
- M1 — Turns on the optional amber light in addition to issuing an M1.
- M14* — Brings the tool pot up.
- M88 — Turns on the optional thru-tool coolant.
- M89 — Turns off the optional thru-tool coolant.

Chapter 15

Configuration

| | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| WCS #1 (G54) | | Current Position (Inches) | | Job Name : bracket.cnc | | |
| X | | +4.0000 | | Tool: T001 H001 | | |
| Y | | +2.0000 | | Feedrate : 100% | | |
| Z | | - 0.5000 | | Spindle : 0 M | | |
| | | | | Stopped Waiting for PLC operation | | |
| | | | | Press CYCLE START to start job | | |
| Configuration | | | | | | |
| Contrl F1 | Mach. F2 | Parms F3 | PID F4 | Test F5 | ATC Init F6 | DSP Probe F7 |

15.0.1 General

The first four options, **F1** through **F4**, will display a set of parameters. Each option is explained in detail below. The **ESC** key will return you to the previous screen (Setup).

The configuration option provides you with a means for modifying the machine and controller configuration. The majority of information in this section should not be changed without contacting your dealer. The **F5** - **Test** key should only be used by qualified factory technicians to perform automated system tests.



WARNING

Some of the data, if corrupt or incorrect, could cause personal injury or machine damage.

15.0.2 Password

When you press **F3 - Config** from the Setup Screen, you may be prompted to enter a password. This level of security is necessary so that users do not accidentally change vital parameters. The original default password is distributed in the documentation provided to the owner of the machine when the control is installed. This password is changeable via [Parameter 42](#).


If you know the password, type it and press **ENTER**. If the password you enter is incorrect, a message will appear telling you the password was incorrect and the password prompt will reappear. Pressing **ESC** will remove the prompt.

If you don't know the password, simply press **ENTER**. You will be given access to the configuration options so that you can view the information. However, you will not be able to change any of the data.

15.0.3 Control Configuration

Pressing **F1 - Control** from the configuration screen will display the Control Configuration screen. The Control Configuration screen provides you with a method of changing controller dependent data. Each of the fields is discussed in detail below.

If you wish to change a field, use the up and down arrow keys to move the cursor to the desired field. Type the new value and press **ENTER**, or press the **SPACE** bar to toggle. When you are done editing, press **F10 - Save** to save any changes you have made. If you wish to discard your changes and restore the previous values, press **ESC**.

| | | |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| WCS #1 (G54) | Current Position (Inches) | Job Name: a.cnc |
| X  | +0.0000 | Tool: T0 H1 |
| Y | +0.0000 | Feedrate: 19% 0.0 ipm |
| Z | +3.0000 | Spindle: 0 A |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 406 Emergency stop detected 301 Stopped 9099 Message Cleared </div> | | |
| Control Configuration | | Stall detection disabled |
| DRO display units: | Inches | (Inches / Millimeters) |
| Machine units: | Inches | (Inches / Millimeters) |
| Max spindle (high range): | 4000.0 | (1.0 to 500000.0 RPM) |
| Min spindle (high range): | 0.0 | (0.0 to 500000.0 RPM) |
| Machine home at pwrup: | Home Switch | (Jog / Home Switch / Ref Mark-HS) |
| PLC type: | Standard | (Standard / IO2 / RTK2 / None) |
| Jog Panel type | Jogboard | (Jogboard / Legacy / Offline) |
| Jog panel required: | No | (No / Yes) |
| Remote Drive & Directory: | E:\ | |
| Press SPACE to change | | |
| | | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Save F10 </div> |

DRO Display Units

This field controls the units of measure that the **DRO** displays. The two options are 'Millimeters' and 'Inches.' When this field is highlighted by the cursor, "Press SPACE to change" appears at the bottom of the screen. This message is explaining that pressing the **SPACE** bar will toggle the value of this field between the two options.

The **DRO** display units do not have to be the same as the machine units of measure (explained below). This field is provided for users of the **G20 & G21** codes so that they may view the tool position in terms of job units.

Machine Units of Measure

This field controls which units of measure the machine uses for each job. The two options are 'Millimeters' and 'Inches'. Press the **SPACE** bar to toggle the field between the two options.

This field determines the default interpretation of job dimensions and feedrates. If 'Inches' is selected, all feedrates and dimensions will be interpreted as inches as well as any unit dependent parameters. * NOTE: This field should rarely, if ever, be changed. If you wish to run a job in units other than the default machine units, use the **G20 & G21** codes.

Maximum Spindle Speed (High Range)

This field sets the high range maximum spindle speed for those machines that have a variable frequency spindle drive controller (VFD). All spindle speeds entered in a CNC program are sent to the PLC as percentages of this maximum value.

If your machine is equipped with a dual range drive and VFD, the controller will not exceed the spindle speed set by this field while in high gear. See [Machine Parameters](#) for information on setting the gear ratios for medium and low gear ranges. If your machine has a VFD but is not equipped with a dual range drive, this field determines the maximum spindle speed.

Minimum Spindle Speed (High Range)

This parameter is used to adjust the minimum spindle speed for the high range. This parameter allows the operator to set the minimum value for spindle speed to a value other than 0. All changes in spindle speed are made in relationship to this value, with this parameter as the minimum value. The values stored can range from 0 to 500000.0 RPM.

Machine Home at Powerup

This field controls how the machine will home at powerup. Set Machine Home at Powerup to Home Switch if you have limit/home switches or safe hard stops for all axes, and wish to use the switches or stops for homing. Set Machine Home at Powerup to Ref Mark – HS if you have fixed reference marks for any axis. In Ref Mark homing, axes that contain a zero (0) for the plus or minus home switch in the Machine Configuration designate that axis to have a Ref Mark home, while non-zero values specify Limit Switch homing. Set Machine Home at Powerup to Jog if you need to manually move or jog the machine to its home position. See [Machine Home](#) for more information.

PLC Type

This field tells the controller which PLC type is installed. The available choices are: Standard, Legacy IO2, Legacy RTK2, and None.

Jog Panel Type

This field tells the controller which type of Jog Panel is installed. The available choices are: Jogboard, Legacy, and Offline.

Remote Drive & Directory

This field sets up the remapped default drive and directory for the **F3 - Remote** key in the Load Job screen. This allows you to conveniently load files from an attached computer via LAN network (via RJ-45 Ethernet connection). The Control will usually remap the attached computer's C: hard drive as drive E:, depending on the way it was set up.

15.1 User Specified Paths

Operators can now specify paths for INTERCON files, posted INTERCON files, Digitize files and CAD files. These paths are specified in pathm.ini. This file is automatically generated by the CNC software if it does not exist. The default pathm.ini file is:

```
intercon_path=C:\intercon\  
icn_post_path=C:\cncm\ncfiles\  
digitize_path=C:\cncm\digitized_data\  
cad_path=C:\cncm\ncfiles\  
chamb_dig_path=C:\cncm\digitized_data\  
chamb_dig_setup_path=C:\cncm\digitized_data\  
auto_dig_setup_path=C:\cncm\digitized_data\  

```


| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Path tag | Purpose of path |
| INTERCON_PATH | Main directory containing *.icnfiles |
| ICN_POST_PATH | Directory INTERCON places *.cnc files created when posting *.icn-files. |
| DIGITIZE_PATH | Directory digitize files are saved to. Directory used by F4 key in Load Job menu when parameter 4 is set to 2. |
| CAD_PATH | Default directory used by the Import DXF file menu in Intercon. This directory is also used to store CAD files generated with the DIG→CAD option in the Utility menu. |
| CHAMB_DIG_PATH | For performance racing applications, the directory where the chamber digitizing data is placed. |
| CHAMB_DIG_SETUP_PATH | For performance racing applications, the directory where Chamber Digitizing Menu data is stored. |
| AUTO_DIG_SETUP_PATH | For performance racing applications, the directory where Autonomous Digitizing Menu data is stored. |

15.2 Machine Configuration

Pressing **F2 - Machine** from the configuration screen will display the machine configuration screen. The machine configuration screen provides you with a method of changing machine dependent data.

If you wish to change the Jog or Motor parameters, press **F1 - Jog** or **F2 - Motor** to select the Jog or Motor screens. Use the arrow keys to move the cursor and select the desired field. Type the new value and press **ENTER** or press the **SPACE** bar to toggle. When you are done editing, press **F10 - Save** to save any changes you have made. If you wish to discard your changes and restore the previous values, press **ESC**. Pressing **ESC** again will return you to the previous screen (Configuration).

15.2.1 F1–Jog

This screen contains jog and feedrate information. See the figure below.

The screenshot displays the F1-Jog configuration screen. At the top, it shows 'WCS #1 (G54)' and 'Current Position (Inches)' for X, Y, and Z axes. The X-axis position is -0.00013, Y is +0.00000, and Z is +0.00000. To the right, job information is displayed: 'Job Name: triangle.cnc', 'Tool: T1 H---', 'Program #20000', 'Feedrate: 100%', 'Spindle: +0 A', 'Part Cnt: 0', 'Part # □: 3', and 'Time: 0:00:07'. A status window in the middle shows a sequence of events: '309 Waiting for CYCLE START button', '302 Moving...', '305 Processing...', '302 Moving...', '306 Job finished', and '301 Stopped'. Below this is the 'Jog Parameters' table.

| Axis | Slow Jog (in/min) | Fast Jog (in/min) | Max Rate (in/min) | Deadstart (in/min) | Delta Vmax (in/min) | Travel (-) (Inches) | Travel (+) (Inches) |
|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 5 | 100 | 300 | 0.1000 | 0.1969 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 2 | 5 | 100 | 300 | 0.1969 | 0.1969 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 3 | 5 | 100 | 300 | 0.1969 | 0.1969 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 4 | 5 | 1 | 300 | 0.1969 | 0.1969 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 5 | 5 | 1 | 333 | 0.1969 | 0.1969 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 6 | 5 | 1 | 333 | 0.1969 | 0.1969 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 7 | 5 | 1 | 333 | 0.1969 | 0.1969 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 8 | 5 | 1 | 333 | 0.1969 | 0.1969 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |

At the bottom right, there is a 'Save' button labeled 'F10'.

A description of each of these parameters is listed below. * NOTE: Some of these values are set automatically by the Autotune option (See [PID Menu](#)).

Slow Jog: Determines the speed of motion on an axis when slow jog is selected and a jog button is pressed. The slow jog rate cannot be set to a value greater than the maximum rate.

Fast Jog (-): Determines the speed of motion on an axis when fast jog is selected and a negative direction jog button is pressed. The fast jog (-) rate cannot be set to a value greater than the maximum rate.

Fast Jog (+): Determines the speed of motion on an axis when fast jog is selected and a positive direction jog button is pressed. The fast jog (+) rate cannot be set to a value greater than the maximum rate.

Max Rate: Determines the maximum feedrate of each individual axis. The feedrate on each axis can never exceed Max Rate, even if the feedrate override knob on the front panel is turned up above 100%. (Also see [Parameter 38 — Multiaxis Max Feedrate](#), which limits the feedrate along move vectors, not just each individual axis.) * NOTE: The maximum rate may be set to a smaller value if you wish to run your machine at a slower rate.

Deadstart: Determines the speed an axis will decelerate to before stopping or reversing direction. A low setting will cause a large slowdown before a reverse in direction, causing your machine to be more accurate. A high setting will cause less slowdown before reversals, but this may cause your machine to "bang" which may cause a decrease in accuracy. This parameter should not be changed.

Delta Vmax: The maximum instantaneous velocity change that will be commanded on a vector transition. This parameter should not be changed.

Travel (-): The maximum distance the axis can travel in the minus direction from the home position. Set this parameter to create a software limit that stops the axis before the fixture or tool collides with the limit switches or hard stops.

Travel (+): The maximum distance the axis can travel in the plus direction from the home position. This parameter is especially useful when using a part or fixture larger than the table. Set this parameter to create a software limit that stops the axis before the fixture or part collides with the machine or the limit switch/hard stop.

F1–F8–Probe Jog Parameters

Within the Jog Parameters is a submenu, accessed by pressing **F8–Probe Jog**, that sets separate slow and fast jogs when a probe is plugged in. The following parameters are available:

Probe Slow Jog: Determines the speed of motion on an axis when slow jog is selected and a jog button is pressed while the probe is plugged in. The slow jog rate cannot be set to a value greater than the maximum rate.

Probe Fast Jog (-): Determines the speed of motion on an axis when fast jog is selected and a negative direction jog button is pressed while the probe is plugged in. The fast jog (-) rate cannot be set to a value greater than the maximum rate.

Probe Fast Jog (+): Determines the speed of motion on an axis when fast jog is selected and a positive direction jog button is pressed while the probe is plugged in. The fast jog (+) rate cannot be set to a value greater than the maximum rate.

From the Probe Jog Parameters menu, you can return to the Jog Parameters menu by pressing **F8–Machine Jog**.

15.2.2 F2–Motor Parameters

This screen contains information about the motors, ballscrews, and switches installed on your machine. See the figure below.

Limits: The PLC input numbers corresponding to any limit switches that you may have on your machine. Your installer should provide this information. If no limit switch is installed, this field should be set to 0.

Home: The PLC input numbers of any Home Switches you may have. These are similar to the limit switches. If your machine does not have home switches, this field should be set to the Limit Switch value. If no home or limit switch is installed, this field should be set to 0. You may then use hard stops as homing points if you choose. * NOTE: The Home Switch should never be physically located beyond the Limit Switch.

Direction reversed: Used to match the +/- reference of your machine to the control electronics. Toggle this value if you actually move in the X minus direction (reverse) when you jog X+.

Screw Compensation*: This value indicates whether mapping ballscrew compensation is enabled. Screw Compensation is similar to Lash Compensation (see above), but has differing compensations depending on the mapped locations along the axis. Screw Compensation is added to and works in conjunction with Lash Compensation. For more information, contact your dealer. It is recommended that you enable ballscrew error compensation at all times. * NOTE: It is recommended that a rehoming of the machine be done after changing Screw Compensation.

15.2.3 F3–Find Home

Press **F3–Find Home** to move an axis to its plus or minus home switch.

15.2.4 F4–Set Home

Press **F4–Set Home** to set Machine Home for an axis at its current position. This is usually performed after Find Home. This operation should not be used to set the part zero position. To set the part zero position, use the Part Setup screen.

15.2.5 F5 – M Comp

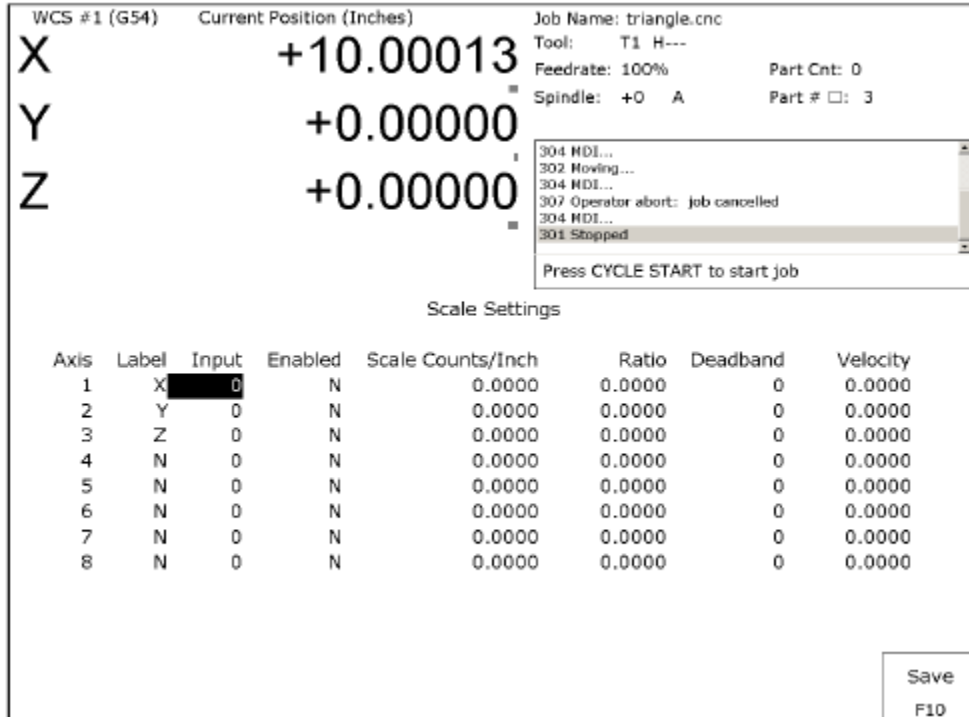
This menu lets you edit the ballscrew compensation tables.

NOTICE

The ballscrew compensation tables **should not** be changed without contacting your dealer. Corrupt or incorrect values could adversely affect the accuracy of the positioning of your machine.

15.2.6 F7 – Scales

This menu lets you set up scale encoders for the purpose of applying scale encoder correction to one or more axes.



NOTICE

The Scale Settings **should not** be changed without contacting your dealer. Corrupt or incorrect values could adversely affect the accuracy of the positioning of your machine.

Axis and Label are for informational purposes to indicate on which axis the scales will be applied. These values cannot be modified on this screen.

Input is the scale encoder number based on the map shown on parameters 308-315. Numbers 1-6 are on the MPU and 7-14 are on OpticDirect drives. If spare headers are available on the OpticDirect, they can be used for scale feedback.

Enabled "Y" enables the scale and "N" disables the scale. Use the spacebar to toggle choices and remember to choose F10 to save.

Scale Counts/Unit is the number of counts of the scale per unit of measurement. This value should come directly from the scale data sheet and should be entered in the control units. If the control is in inches, then the value should be entered in inches. If the control is in mm, then the value should be entered in mm.

Ratio is calculated as [(Motor Encoder Counts per Rev. * Motor Rev. per Unit) / Scale Counts per Unit] and cannot be modified. It shows how close the counts/unit are between the motor encoder and scale encoder.

Deadband* is the number of encoder counts away from the commanded position that the scale position can be before compensating. Typically, you should start with a value of 0 or 1 and then increase it if the control goes into oscillation during movement.

Velocity* is the number of motor encoder counts / interrupt at which the Scales should adjust the position. Typically a value of 0.1 to 1.0 is a good starting value. To figure out a value to use based on a units/min. speed you need to convert it. Due to the nature of scale feedback, it is inherently an oscillator and by adjusting the Deadband and Velocity that oscillation can be kept to a minimum. If you are having oscillations you typically want to decrease the Velocity.

Scale Indicator Changing the Input, Enabled, or Scale Counts/Unit fields will cause scale compensation to be temporarily disabled. Scale compensation is also temporarily disabled during homing moves. Even though the scale is enabled in the menu, scale compensation will be disabled until the axis is rehomed.

When a scale is configured for an axis, a scale indicator appears below the axis label on the **DRO**. It will have a green background when the scale is enabled and a red background when the scale is disabled.

* These starting values are only suggestions. You will need to adjust the values for your setup to determine what works well for you.



15.3 Machine Parameters (F3–Parms from Configuration)

| Machine Parameters 0 - 99 | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|----|------------|----|-----------|----|----------|----|-----------|
| 0 | 0.0000 | 20 | 72.0000 | 40 | 0.0001 | 60 | 0.0000 | 80 | 0.0000 |
| 1 | 0.0000 | 21 | 0.0400 | 41 | 0.2500 | 61 | 0.5000 | 81 | -1.0000 |
| 2 | 0.0000 | 22 | 0.0400 | 42 | 54.0000 | 62 | 115.0000 | 82 | 1000.0000 |
| 3 | 0.0000 | 23 | 0.0400 | 43 | 0.0250 | 63 | 1.5000 | 83 | 0.0500 |
| 4 | 5.0000 | 24 | 0.0400 | 44 | 0.0010 | 64 | 0.0000 | 84 | 3.0000 |
| 5 | 0.0000 | 25 | 0.6800 | 45 | 0.0000 | 65 | 1.0000 | 85 | 1.0000 |
| 6 | 1.0000 | 26 | 0.6800 | 46 | 0.0000 | 66 | 1.0000 | 86 | 0.0000 |
| 7 | 1.0000 | 27 | 0.6800 | 47 | 1.0000 | 67 | 1.0000 | 87 | 36.0000 |
| 8 | 3.0000 | 28 | 0.6800 | 48 | 0.1000 | 68 | 640.0000 | 88 | 36.0000 |
| 9 | 0.0000 | 29 | 150.0000 | 49 | 0.0000 | 69 | 1.7500 | 89 | 36.0000 |
| 10 | 0.0000 | 30 | 180.0000 | 50 | 1.0000 | 70 | 0.0010 | 90 | 36.0000 |
| 11 | 15.0000 | 31 | -1.0000 | 51 | 0.0000 | 71 | 0.0000 | 91 | 0.0000 |
| 12 | 10.0000 | 32 | 19200.000 | 52 | 0.0010 | 72 | 0.0000 | 92 | 0.0000 |
| 13 | 0.0500 | 33 | 1.0000 | 53 | 0.0100 | 73 | 0.1000 | 93 | 0.0000 |
| 14 | 30.0000 | 34 | -8000.0000 | 54 | 0.0000 | 74 | 4.0000 | 94 | 0.0000 |
| 15 | 6.0000 | 35 | 3.0000 | 55 | 0.0000 | 75 | 0.0000 | 95 | 4.0000 |
| 16 | 10.0000 | 36 | 1.0000 | 56 | 32000.000 | 76 | 0.0000 | 96 | 4.0000 |
| 17 | 3.0000 | 37 | 3.0000 | 57 | 0.0000 | 77 | 0.0000 | 97 | 4.0000 |
| 18 | 10.0000 | 38 | 0.0000 | 58 | 179.9500 | 78 | 0.0000 | 98 | 2.0000 |
| 19 | 0.0000 | 39 | 200.0000 | 59 | 0.0100 | 79 | 49.0000 | 99 | 2.0000 |

E-Stop PLC Bit Number

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Prev. Table F7 | Next Table F8 | Save F10 |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|

This screen provides you with a method of changing various parameters that are used by the control. Altogether, you have access to 500 parameters spread across 5 tables. Each table gives you access to 100 parameters at a time. You can navigate between tables using the following keys: **F7-Previous Table** and **F8-Next Table**. The title at the top tells you which table you are on. If you wish to change a field in the table, use the arrow keys to move the cursor and select the desired field. A short description of the parameter will appear below the table. Type the new value and press **ENTER**. When you are done editing the fields, **press F10-Save** to accept any changes you have made and save them. Note that **F10-Save** is a single operation that will save all changes in every table that you modified. Pressing **ESC** will discard all changes in every table that were modified and will return to the previous menu [Setup].

NOTE: Many machine parameters can also be set with the G10 G-code or by #variable assignment.

15.3.1 Bit-mapped parameters

Certain control parameters are defined by bit-mapped values. In order to change these parameters you must understand how bit mapping works. A bit-mapped parameter is stored as a number, representing a 16-bit value in the control. If a certain bit needs to be turned on, that bit's binary value must be added to the parameter value, if the bit needs turned off, its binary value must be subtracted from the parameter value. The values for each of the 16 bits' can be seen in the table below.

| Bit-Mapped Parameter Bits | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| Bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Value | 32768 | 16384 | 8192 | 4096 | 2048 | 1024 | 512 | 256 | 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

To set bit-mapped parameters simply add together the bit values that you need to have enabled.

Example:

| Parameter Value | Bit number and settings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|----|----|
| | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 1 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | ON |
| 11 = 8 + 2 + 1 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | ON | X | ON | ON |
| 24 = 16 + 8 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | ON | ON | X | X | X |

The following parameters are currently defined:

| Parameter | Definition | Default setting |
|-----------|--|----------------------|
| 0 | E-Stop PLC Bit | 0 |
| 1 | Y jog key orientation | 0 |
| 2 | G-Code Interpretation Control and Slaving Rotary axis feedrate | 0 |
| 3 | Modal Tool and Height Offset Control | 0 |
| 4 | Remote File Loading Flag & Advanced File Ops | 0 |
| 5 | Suppress Machine Home Setup | 0 |
| 6 | Auto Tool Changer Installed | 0 |
| 7 | Display Colors | 0 |
| 8 | Available Coolant System(s) | 2 |
| 9 | Display Language | 0 |
| 10 | Macro M-Function Control/Probe Stop Handling | 0 |
| 11 | Touch Probe PLC Input | 15 |
| 12 | Touch Probe Tool Number | 0 |
| 13 | Probing Recovery Distance | 0.05" / 1.27 mm |
| 14 | Fast Probing Rate | 10 ipm or 254 mm/min |
| 15 | Slow Probing Rate | 1 ipm or 25.4 mm/min |
| 16 | Probing Search Distance | 10" / 254 mm |
| 17 | Tool Detector Reference Number | 0 |
| 18 | PLC Input Spindle Inhibitor | 0 |
| 19 | MPG modes | 0 |
| 20 | Ambient Temperature | 72° F / 22°C |
| 21-24 | Motor Heating Coefficients for axes 1,2,3,4 | Refer to text |
| 25-28 | Motor Cooling Coefficients for axes 1,2,3,4 | Refer to text |
| 29 | Warning Temperature | 150°F / 65.5°C |
| 30 | Limit Temperature | 180°F / 82°C |
| 31 | Legacy SPIN232 Com Port | 0 |
| 32 | Autonomous Digitizing Offset Files | 27 |
| 33 | Spindle Motor Gear Ratio | 1 |

| Parameter | Definition | Default setting |
|-----------|---|-------------------|
| 34 | Spindle Encoder Counts/Rev | 8,000 |
| 35 | Spindle Encoder Axis Number | 0 |
| 36 | Rigid Tapping Enable/Disable | 0 |
| 37 | Spindle Deceleration Time | 10 |
| 38 | Multi-Axis Max Feedrate | 0 |
| 39 | Feedrate Override Knob Limit | 120 |
| 40 | Basic Jog Increment | 0.0001" / .001 mm |
| 41 | Rotary Axis Jog Increment | .01° |
| 42 | Password for Configuration Menus | 0 |
| 43 | Automatic tool measurement options | 0 |
| 44 | TT1 PLC input number | 0 |
| 45 | WCS Lockout | 0 |
| 46 | Active G-Codes Display | 0 |
| 48 | Grid Digitize Patch Playback Z rapid clearance amount | .1 |
| 49-51 | Small Arc Feedrate Limiting | 0 |
| 56 | Feedrate Override Display Properties | 0 |
| 57 | Use Generic Load Meter Data from PLC | 0 |
| 61 | High Power Stall Timeout | 0.5 |
| 62 | High Power Stall PID Limit | 115 |
| 63 | High Power Idle PID Multiplier | 1.5 |
| 64 | 4th/5th Axis Pairing | 0 |
| 65-67 | Spindle Gear Ratios | 1.0 |
| 68 | Minimum Rigid Tapping Spindle Speed | 0 |
| 69 | Duration For Minimum Spindle Speed | 1.0 |
| 70 | Offset Library Inc/Decrement Amount | .001" / .02 mm |
| 71 | Part Setup Detector Height | 0 |
| 72 | Data Recording M-Function Options | 0 |
| 73 | Peck Drill Retract Amount | 0.05 |
| 74 | M-Function executed at bottom of tapping cycle | 4 |
| 75 | Axis Summing Control | 0 |
| 76 | Manual Input Unrestricted Distance | 0 |
| 77 | Manual Input Movement Tolerance | 0 |
| 78 | Spindle Speed Display and Operations | 0 |
| 79 | Paired Axes Re-sync Delay Time | 0 |
| 80 | Voltage Brake Applied Message Frequency | 0 |
| 81 | Air Drill M-Function (executed instead of Z movement in drilling) | -1 |
| 82 | Spindle Drift Adjustment | 0 |
| 83 | Deep Hole Clearance Amount | 0.05 |
| 84 | M-Function executed at return to initial point of tapping cycle | 3 |
| 85 | "Door Open" Interlock PLC bit | 0 |
| 86 | Rapid/Linear vector rate limit | 0 |
| 87-90 | Autotune Ka Performance parameters for axes 1,2,3,4 | 0 |
| 91-94 | Axis Properties for axes 1,2,3,4 | 0 |
| 95-98 | Autotune / Auto Delay Move Distance for axes 1,2,3,4 | 2" / 50.8 mm |
| 99 | Cutter Compensation Look-ahead | 6 |
| 100 | Intercon comment generation | 0 |
| 101 | Intercon clearance amount | 0.1 |
| 102 | Intercon spindle coolant delay | 3.0 |
| 103 | Intercon corner federate override | 50.0 |
| 104 | Intercon modal line parameters | 0 |
| 105 | Intercon modal arc parameters | 0 |

| Parameter | Definition | Default setting |
|-----------|--|---------------------|
| 106 | Intercon modal drilling cycle parameters | 0 |
| 115 | Intercon Help | 0 |
| 116 | A-Axis Y Coordinate | 0 |
| 117 | A-Axis Z Coordinate | 0 |
| 118 | B-Axis X Coordinate | 0 |
| 119 | B-Axis Z Coordinate | 0 |
| 120 | Probe stuck clearance amount | 0.10" / 2.54 mm |
| 121 | Grid digitize prediction minimum Z pullback | 0.002" / .0508 mm |
| 122 | Grid digitizing deadband move distance | 0.0002" / .00508 mm |
| 123 | Radial digitizing clearance move | 0 |
| 130 | Z axis on/off selection | 0 |
| 131 | 4th axis on/off selection | 0 |
| 132-135 | Motor Heating Coefficients for axes 5,6,7,8 | Refer to text |
| 136 | G76 Fine Bore Retract Angle | 0 |
| 137 | Load Meter Filter Size | 0 |
| 138 | DRO Encoder Deadband | 0 |
| 139 | Special Dwell between Moves | 0 |
| 140 | Message log priority level | 1 |
| 141 | Maximum message log lines | 100 |
| 142 | Message log trim amount | 100 |
| 143 | DRO properties (load meters, 4/5 digits, DTG) | 0 |
| 144 | Comparison rounding | 0 |
| 145 | Advanced macro properties (fast branching) | 0 |
| 146 | Feed hold threshold for feed rate override | 0 |
| 147 | Number of Messages in Operator Message Window | 10 |
| 148 | Miscellaneous Jogging Options | 0 |
| 149 | Spindle Speed Threshold | 1.0 |
| 150 | Backplot Graphics display options | 0 |
| 151 | Repeatability tolerance for probing | 0 |
| 154 | Touchscreen options | 0 |
| 155 | DSP Probe Installed | 0 |
| 156-159 | Autotune / Auto Delay Move Distance for axes 5,6,7,8 | 2" / 50.8 mm |
| 160 | Enhanced ATC | 0 |
| 161 | ATC Maximum Tool Bins | 0 |
| 162 | Intercon M6 Initial M-Code | 0 |
| 164 | ATC Feature Bit | 0 |
| 165 | Acceleration/Deceleration Options | 0 |
| 166-169 | Axis Properties for axes 5,6,7,8 | 0 |
| 170-177 | PLC parameters | 0 |
| 178 | PLC I/O configuration (PLC program specific) | 0 |
| 179 | Lube Pump Operation | 0 |
| 186 | Probe Stuck retry disable | 0 |
| 187 | Hard Stop Homing Power Limit | 0 |
| 188-199 | Aux key functions | 0 |
| 200-207 | OPTIC4 Tach Volts Per RPM | 0 |
| 208-215 | MPU Lash/Screw Comp Acceleration Coefficient | 0.125 |
| 216 | PC Based Lash Compensation on/off | 0 |
| 217 | PC Based Screw Compensation on/off | 0 |
| 218 | USB MPG Options | 0 |
| 219 | Virtual Control Panel Options | 0 |
| 220-231 | Smoothing Parameters | Refer to text |

| Parameter | Definition | Default setting |
|-------------|---|----------------------|
| 236-239 | Motor Cooling Coefficients for axes 5,6,7,8 | 0 |
| 240-241 | Rigid Tapping Decel and Stepsize | 0 |
| 252-255 | Autotune Ka Performance parameters for axes 5,6,7,8 | 0 |
| 256 | Drive Mode | 0 |
| 257 | TT1 connection detection PLC input | 0 |
| 258 | Velocity/Torque Mode override in Precision mode | 0 |
| 259 | Manual Axis Designation | 0 |
| 260 | Accelerated Graphics Backplot on/off | 1 |
| 261-262 | Precision Mode Standoff (Tolerance Percentage/Delay Time) | 0 |
| 265-266 | BISS Encoder Options | 0 |
| 270 | Skew Correction: X Skew offset from Trusted/Intended X | 0 |
| 271 | Skew Correction: Trusted/Intended Y | 0 |
| 278 | Spindle Speed Display Precision | 0 |
| 284-291 | Brake Resistor Wattage for ACDC Drives 1-8 | 50 |
| 300-307 | Drive assignment to Axes 1-8 | Refer to text |
| 308-315 | Encoder assignment to Axes 1-8 | Refer to text |
| 316 | Absolute Encoder Bits | 0 |
| 317 | Single Turn Absolute Encoder Bits | 0 |
| 318 | Five Axis Configuration | 0 |
| 323 | MPU11 Encoder Speed Filter | 0 |
| 324-331 | Axis Boxcar size | 0 |
| 332-335 | Encoder error suppression | 0 |
| 336-339 | Motor torque estimation for velocity mode drives | Refer to text |
| 340-347 | Precision Mode delay (in milliseconds) for axes 1-8 | 0 |
| 348,351,354 | MPG 1,2,3 Encoder Input | 15, 0, 0 |
| 349,352,355 | MPG 1,2,3 Detents per Revolution | 100 |
| 350,353,356 | MPG 1,2,3 Encoder Counts per Revolution | 400 |
| 357-364 | Axis Drive Max RPM | 0 |
| 365 | Drive power-on delay | 0.0 |
| 366 | Probe deceleration multiplier | 2.0 |
| 367 | TT1 deceleration multiplier | 2.0 |
| 368 | Autonomous Digitizing Angle Adjustment | 4 |
| 369 | Tool Check Max Absolute Angle | 0 |
| 374 | ACDC Drive Debug Log Axis Inclusion | 0 |
| 375 | ACDC Drive Debug Log Size | 0 |
| 376 | ACDC Drive Debug Log Collection Type | 0 |
| 377 | ACDC Drive Debug Log Trigger Type | 0 |
| 378 | ACDC Drive Debug Log Trigger Level | 0 |
| 379 | ACDC Drive Debug Log Option | 0 |
| 392-394 | DP-7 parameters | Refer to text |
| 395 | Probing setup traverse speed | 30 ipm or 762 mm/min |
| 396 | Probing setup plunge speed | 30 ipm or 762 mm/min |
| 398 | Port/block mode | 0 |
| 399 | AD1 arc chord tolerance adjustment | .5 |
| 400 | Run Menu Cycle Start Enabled | 0.0 |
| 401 | Forget Last Job Loaded | 0.0 |
| 411 | Mpg Type | 0 |
| 900-999 | PLC program parameters | - |

15.3.2 Parameter 0 – E-Stop PLC Bit

This parameter specifies the PLC bit to which the physical Emergency Stop switch is connected. It is mainly used for ATC applications that use custom PLC messages. See table below for examples.

| PLC Type | ESTOP Input on PLC | Parameter Value |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| GPIO4D | Input 11 | -11 |
| ALLINONE | Input 11 | -11 |
| OAK | Input 11 | -11 |
| RTK2/3/4 | Input 11 | -11 |
| PLCIO2 | Input 11 | -11 |
| DC3IO | Input 11 | -11 |
| Servo3IO | Input 1 | 1 |

15.3.3 Parameter 1 – Y jog key orientation

This parameter is a 3-bit field where bit 0 is not used in the mill software. Bit 1 sets the direction of movement for the Y+ and Y- jog keys and bit 2 will swap the X and Y jog keys. This should always be set to 0 except for very special applications. Note: PLC program interaction is needed for these features.

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 0 | Not | Used |
| 1 | Flip direction of Y jog keys? | Yes=2, No=0 |
| 2 | Exchange X axis and Y-axis jog keys? | Yes=4, No=0 |

15.3.4 Parameter 2 – G-code Interpretation Control and Slaving Rotary axis feedrate

This parameter is a bit field that controls optional interpretation of several [G-codes](#). The following table shows the functions performed by the value entered in this parameter:

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|---|--------------------|
| 0 | Arc centers I, J, K are absolute in G90 mode? | Yes = 1 No = 0 |
| 1 | Allow Z being specified alone to be sufficient to trigger execution of a canned tapping or drilling cycle to be executed? | Yes = 2 No = 0 |
| 2 | Interpret dwell times associated with G4 , G74, G82, G84, and G89as milliseconds rather than seconds? | Yes = 4 No = 0 |
| 3 | Slaving rotary axis feedrate to non-rotary axis feedrate Note that this feature has no effect for movement commands handled by Smoothing (when parameter 220 =1). | Yes = 8 No = 0 |
| 4 | Selects the center for scale, mirror and rotate. By default the center will be 0,0,0. Add 16 to this parameter to make the center of scale, mirror and rotate the current position. | Yes = 16 No = 0 |
| 5 | Prevent rotary-only moves (rotary axis by itself on a line of G-code) from acquiring a remembered slaved rotary feedrate previously set by a previous line of G-code containing a rotary and non-rotary together. Note that this feature has no effect for movement commands handled by Smoothing (when parameter 220 =1). | Yes = 32 No = 0 |

15.3.5 Parameter 3 – Modal Tool and Height Offset Control

| Bit | Meaning | Parameter Value |
|-----|--|--|
| 0 | Tool and Height Offset numbers, T and H, will be reset upon job completion (and not remain modal and active between jobs). | Reset upon job completion = 1, Remain modal between jobs = 0 |
| 1 | Reference tool position is set to Z home. | Yes = 2 No = 0 |
| 2 | Tool Height Offset Retention option. This option prevents the current tool height offset from being turned off when the user enters the Tool Height Offset menu. Additionally, this option will cause the H height offset to be set to match the tool number when an Auto Tool Change is performed (via F7 ATC) in the Offset Library. | Turn on Tool Height Offset Retention option = 4, No = 0 |

15.3.6 Parameter 4 – Remote File Loading Flag & Advanced File Ops

This parameter controls the action of the Load Job menu when CNC job files are selected from drives letters higher than C. These drives (i.e. drives D, E, F, etc.) are presumed to be network drives or extra hard drives.

| Value | Meaning |
|-------|---|
| 0 | Job files are not copied or cached. They are run from whichever drives they reside on. |
| 1 | Job files are copied to the C drive (c:\cncm\ncfiles) when they are loaded. The local copy is used when the job runs. |
| 2 | Turn on file caching. Job files are temporarily cached on the C drive. The cached copy is used while the job is running. The cached copy is deleted when the next job is loaded or when Parameter 4 changes to a 0 or 1. Digitize files are cached as the machine is digitizing. When digitizing is complete, the resulting file is copied to the digitize directory specified in pathm.ini. |
| 4 | Set the Advanced File load menu as default for loading files |
| 8 | Use Windows-style File Open dialogue |

File caching is useful for machines with both a flash card and a hard drive. By caching job files from the hard drive on the flash card, the hard drive is not used while the job is running. As a result, the life of the hard drive is extended and the flash card does not fill up with job files.

15.3.7 Parameter 5 – Suppress Machine Home Setup

This parameter controls machine homing upon startup of the control. The following table details the functions controlled by this parameter:

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|---|-------------------|
| 0 | Suppress the requirement to set machine home before running jobs? | Yes = 1 No = 0 |
| 1 | Display router bit map at homing screen | Yes = 2, No = 0 |
| 2 | Disable stall detection when the CNC software first starts. | Yes = 4, No = 0 |

Bit 0 suppresses the requirement to set machine home before running. If bit 0 of Parameter 5 is 0, machine home must be set before jobs may be run. If bit 0 of Parameter 5 is 1, machine home is not requested or required, but Graphing and running of jobs will not work until the Z-axis is homed.

NOTE: Parameter 5 Bit 0 is separate from the "Machine Home at Powerup" flag in the Control Configuration Screen. Parameter 5 Bit 0 determines **whether** you must home the machine; the "Machine Home at Powerup" flag determines **how** you will home the machine, if you must do so.

15.3.8 Parameter 6 – Automatic Tool Changer Installed

This parameter tells the control whether an automatic tool changer installed on your machine. This field affects the action of M6 in your CNC programs. See [M6](#) for more information. It also affects whether the

ATC key is present in the Tool Offset Setup and whether to save the last tool change number in the job files.

| Value | Meaning |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| 0 | Auto Tool Changer NOT Installed |
| 1 | Auto Tool Changer Installed |

15.3.9 Parameter 7 – Display Colors

This parameter determines what combination of colors will be used for display. If you have a color display, set this parameter to 0. If you have a monochrome display (especially a monochrome LCD panel) set this parameter to 1.

15.3.10 Parameter 8 – Available Coolant Systems

This parameter is used by Intercon to determine what coolant systems are available on the machine. It should be set as follows:

| Value | Meaning |
|-------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Mist Coolant (M7) only |
| 2 | Both coolant systems |
| 3 | Flood Coolant (M8) only |

15.3.11 Parameter 9 – Display Language

This parameter determines what language will be used for menus, prompts and error messages.

| Value | Meaning |
|-------|---------------------|
| 0 | English |
| 1 | Spanish |
| 2 | French |
| 3 | Traditional Chinese |
| 4 | Simplified Chinese |
| 5 | German |
| 6 | Swedish |
| 7 | Finnish |
| 8 | Portuguese |
| 9 | Greek |

15.3.12 Parameter 10 – Macro M function handling/Probe Stop Handling

This parameter is a bit field that controls various aspects of M functions. The following table shows the functions performed by the value entered in this parameter. The default value is 0.

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|
| 0 | Display M & G-codes in M function macros? | Yes = 1, No = 0 |
| 1 | Step through M function macros in Block Mode? | Yes = 2, No = 0 |
| 2 | Decelerate to stop on M105 and M106. With decel.set these moves take longer and are slightly less accurate. With immediate stop these moves are faster and more accurate; however the lack of controlled deceleration can cause excessive machine vibration. | Decel = 4, Immediate Stop = 0 |
| 3 | Move to Z home on M6? | No = 8, Yes = 0 |
| 4 | (not used) This bit was previously used for controlling the type of deceleration to stop on digitizing and probing moves. This functionality is now controlled by parameters 366 and 367. | Recommended value = 0 |

15.3.13 Parameter 11 - DP4 PLC Input Number and Contact State

This parameter is used for the PLC input number that is used by the DP4 Touch Probe. Allowable range is a single value, +/- 1 to 240 and 50001 to 51312. A Positive number indicates Closed on contact and a negative number indicates Open on contact. A list of default settings for different console types are listed below.

NOTICE

Changing this parameter can cause damage to your probe. You should contact your Dealer or Local Tech Representative before any modifications are made.

| Console Type/Model | Input Number | PLC Type/Model | Input Number |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| M39 | 15 | DC3IO | 14 |
| M39s | 14 | RTK3 | 14 |
| M400 | 15 | Servo3IO | 2 |
| M400s | 14 | PLCIO2 | 15 |
| M15-10 | 2 | 15/15 | 15 |
| M400 ATC (RTK3) | 14 | RTK2 | 15 |
| M400 ATC (PLCIO2) | 15 | Koyo | ATC 1 |
| MPU11 | 50769 | | |

15.3.14 Parameter 12 – Touch Probe Tool Number

This parameter is the tool number of the DP4 probe. Allowable range is 0 through 200. By default the value is 10. This is used to look up the length offset and tip diameter of the probe in the Tool Offset Library.

15.3.15 Parameter 13 – Recovery Distance

This parameter is the distance that the probe moves off a surface after initial contact (only during probing cycles), before returning to the surface to take a recorded reading. **For DSP Probes:** This parameter is used for failed DSP windows. On a failed window, the DSP probe will retract this distance before retrying.

15.3.16 Parameter 14 – Fast Probing Rate

The fast probing rate is used for positioning moves and initial surface detection, and is determined by the machines response time and the permitted probe deflection. The default is 10 in/min. This is a very conservative feedrate, in actual use 20 to 30 in/min is a good value and will not have any detrimental impact on accuracy in most cases.

15.3.17 Parameter 15 – Slow Probing Rate

The slow probing rate is used for the final measurement moves. The default setting is 1 in/min. The following are some typical accuracy tolerances with the corresponding value set in parameter 15:

| Probing Rate | | Accuracy | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 0.5 in/min | 12.7 mm/min | 0.0001 in | .00254 mm |
| 1 in/min | 25.4 mm/min | 0.0002 in | .00508 mm |
| 1.5 in/min | 38.1 mm/min | 0.0005 in | .0127 mm |
| 3.5 in/min | 88.9 mm/min | 0.0010 in | .0254 mm |
| 18 in/min | 457.2 mm/min | 0.0050 in | .1270 mm |

15.3.18 Parameter 16 - Maximum Probing Distance

This is the maximum distance that the Boss and Web probing cycles “search” for a surface in a given direction if no travel limits have been entered. The default setting is 10 inches. A larger value should be entered for the boss and web cycles if you are measuring very large features. These settings are conservative measurements and can be used initially for startup purposes. However, they can be changed to accommodate your work.

15.3.19 Parameter 17 – Detector Location Return Point

A non-zero value specifies the number of the reference return point (entered into the WCS menu) directly above a permanently mounted TT-1 tool detector. When the Auto function is called up in the tool offset library, the control will position the table to the return point specified by this parameter, and touch the tool off the TT-1 Tool detector.

| Entry | Return Point |
|-------|--------------|
| 0 | None |
| 1 | G28 |
| 2 | G30 |
| 3 | G30P3 |
| 4 | G30P4 |

A zero indicates that the tool detector is no permanently mounted; automatic tool measurement will be performed without X/Y axis movement.

15.3.20 Parameter 18 – PLC Input Spindle Inhibit Parameter

This parameter stores the input for the Spindle Inhibit feature. A negative value must be entered if a “normally closed” probe is to be used with the control. A positive value must be entered if a “normally open” probe is to be used with the control. The absolute value of Parameter 18 will directly reflect the PLC input the Spindle Inhibit is wired to. When this parameter is set, Digitizing and Probing cycles will not run unless a probe or touch-off block is connected. This parameter is used to prevent the tool or probe from crashing into the table. The default for this parameter is 0, which disables this feature.

| PLC Type/Model | Input Number |
|------------------|--------------|
| Allin1DC | 50771 |
| MPU11 | 50771 |
| DC3IO/DC3IOB | 15 |
| RTK3 | 15 |
| Servo3IO/M15DRV1 | 5 |
| PLCIO2 | 10 |
| 15/15 | 10 |
| RTK2 | 10 |
| Koyo ATC | 2 |

15.3.21 Parameter 19 – MPG modes

The MPG is a hand-held device that is used as an alternate way of jogging the machine. This parameter defines the MPG's mode of operation.

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|--|-----------------|
| 2 | Enable Z axis MPG* – This will allow the z-axis to be moved with the MPG while running a job independent of the x and y axes | Yes = 4, No = 0 |

*PLC program interaction is needed for these features. The plc program is in direct control of MPG modes. Z-axis MPG operation is not available with all controls.

15.3.22 Parameters 20–30 (also 132–135, 236–239) — Motor Temperature Estimation

These parameters are used for motor temperature estimation. Parameters 20, 29 and 30 correspond respectively to the ambient temperature of the shop, the overheating warning temperature, and the job cancellation temperature, all in degrees Fahrenheit. Parameters 21-24 and 132-135 are the heating coefficients. Parameters 25-28 and 236-239 are the cooling coefficients.

To disable Motor Temperature Estimation for an axis, set its heating and cooling coefficients to 0. For example, to disable Motor Temperature Estimation for axis 1, set Parameter 21 to 0, and set Parameter 25 to 0.

Note: Temperature estimation only applies to controls operating in Torque mode (i.e. DC brushed systems and Centroid AC systems). MPU11 systems running in Velocity mode (i.e. third party drive systems) do not use this feature, and thus should be disabled (by setting all heating and cooling coefficients to 0).

| Suggested values for AC Brushless Motors and Drives | | | | | | |
|---|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|
| SD Drive | | SD3, SD1 750 W motors | SD3, SD1 1, 2 KW motors | SD3, SD1 (finned heatsink) 1, 2, KW motors | SD1 45A (finned heatsink) 3 KW motors | SD1 45A (finned heatsink) 4 KW motors |
| Parameters | Axes | Values | Values | Values | Values | Values |
| 21–24 | 1–4 | 0.23 | 0.5 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 |
| 132–135 | 5–8 | 0.23 | 0.5 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 |
| 25–28 | 1–4 | 12.0 | 9.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 14.5 |
| 236–239 | 5–8 | 12.0 | 9.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 14.5 |
| 20 | N/A | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 |
| 29 | N/A | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| 30 | N/A | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 |

| Suggested values for DC Brush Motors and Drives | | | | | | |
|---|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Servo Drive | | 9A Drive, 16 in/lb motors | 12A Drive, 29 in/lb motors | 15A Drive, 29 in/lb motors | 15A Drive, 40 in/lb motors | 25A Drive, 40 in/lb motors |
| Parameters | Axes | Values | Values | Values | Values | Values |
| 21-24 | 1-4 | 0.028 | 0.02 | 0.027 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| 132-135 | 5-8 | 0.028 | 0.02 | 0.027 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| 25-28 | 1-4 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 |
| 236-239 | 5-8 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 |
| 20 | N/A | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 |
| 29 | N/A | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| 30 | N/A | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 |

15.3.23 Parameter 31 – Legacy SPIN232 Com Port

For values 1-255, CNC11 will attempt to open that COM port and send out spindle commands. CNC11 should be restarted after changing this value from 0 (disabled) to a valid value. Note that the baud rate is assumed to be 19200 to work specifically with a SPIN232.

15.3.24 Parameter 32 – Autonomous Digitizing Offset Files

This bitwise parameter specified which files should be output from the autonomous digitizing offset surface calculations. The bits are:

| Bit | Value |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 0 | Raw Centerline Data |
| 1 | Clean Centerline Data |
| 2 | Centerline Flow Splines |
| 3 | Legacy Offset Data |
| 4 | Spline Offset Data |
| 5 | Spline Offset Flow Splines |
| 6 | Offset Plus Flow |

15.3.25 Parameter 33 – Spindle Motor Gear Ratio

NOTICE

The default value for this parameter is 1 and should not be changed unless you have consulted your dealer or local Technical representative!!!

Parameter 33 is used for the gear or belt ratio between the spindle motor and the chuck in high gear range. It should be greater than 1.0 if the motor turns faster than the chuck and less than 1.0 if the chuck turns faster than the motor. Note: this value applies to high range. The ratio between high range and lower ranges is established by the gear ratio parameters (65-67).

15.3.26 Parameter 34 – Spindle Encoder Counts/Rev

This parameter controls the counts revolution for the spindle encoder. Input from the spindle encoder is required for the spindle-slaved movements used in the Rigid Tapping cycles. If the encoder counts up when running CW (M3), the value of this parameter must be positive. If the encoder counts up when running CCW (M4), the value of this parameter must be negative.

15.3.27 Parameter 35 – Spindle Encoder Axis Number

Input from a spindle encoder is required for spindle-slaved movements such as those used in the Rigid Tapping cycles. If there is no spindle encoder connected, then this parameter should be set to 0. This parameter specifies the axis number (1 through 8) to which the spindle encoder is assigned. Encoder

assignments are specified by parameters 308- 315. For example, if you decide to configure the 5th axis as the spindle, and the spindle’s encoder is the 1st MPU11 onboard input encoder, then Parameter 35 (this parameter) should be set to 5, and Parameter 312 should be set to 1.

15.3.28 Parameter 36 – Rigid Tapping Enable/Disable

This parameter is a bit field that enables or disables Rigid Tapping and its options. Bit Function

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|---|---|
| 0 | Enable Rigid Tapping? | Yes = 1, No = 0 |
| 1 | Suppress sending "Wait for Index Pulse" during Rigid Tapping? | Yes = 2, No = 0 |
| 2 | Allow Spindle Override during Rigid Tapping? | Yes = 4, No = 0 |
| 3 | Use Spindle Off system variable bit? (see note below) | Yes = 8, No = 0 (see note below) |
| 4 | What is the Spindle Encoder measuring? I.e. What is the physical mounting location of Spindle Encoder? (see note below) | Spindle Encoder measures rotation of spindle drive motor: value = 16, Spindle Encoder measures rotation of spindle head: value = 0 (see note below) |
| 5 | Turn Off Spindle Following While At Bottom Of Hole. (NOT RECOMMENDED) | Yes = 32, No = 0 |

Note on Bit 3: This bit enables the spindle off system variable, for mpu11 systems. Most systems will not need to set this bit. Mpu11 systems will not execute custom M5 macro commands during a rigid tap. Instead the software determines which bit, M3 or M4, to turn off to stop the spindle. Alternatively, setting bit 3 will cause the software to set the spindle off system variable bit, `SV_PC_RIGID_TAP_SPINDLE_OFF`. The plc program is then responsible for monitoring that bit and performing all actions in order to turn off the spindle.

Note on Bit 4: On machines where the Spindle Encoder is set up to measure the spindle drive motor rotation (Bit 4 = on, value 16), multi-pass Rigid Tapping and repeated Rigid Tapping down the same hole can only be done in the High Spindle Range. (See Parameters 33 and 65-67 for description of Spindle Gear ranges/ratios.)

15.3.29 Parameter 37 – Spindle Deceleration Time (Rigid Tapping Parameter)

This parameter is used in conjunction with [parameter 36](#) when rigid tapping is enabled. This sets the amount of time required for the spindle to decelerate before it switches direction during a rigid tapping operation.

15.3.30 Parameter 38 – Multi-Axis Max Feedrate

This parameter is used to limit the feedrate along all commanded move vectors. This parameter can be used to limit the speed of multi-axis moves on machines that may have enough power to move a single axis rapidly, but starve out of power on 2 or 3 axis rapid moves. A zero in this parameter will disable this feature. Note that this feature has no effect for movement commands handled by Smoothing (P220=1).

15.3.31 Parameter 39 – Feedrate Override Percentage Limit

This parameter is used for limiting the upper end of the Feedrate Override Knob percentage to a value from 100% to 200%. This parameter can be used to restrict the Feedrate Override Knob effect on machines with maximum rates over 200 in/min. The Feedrate Override Knob percentage is normally allowed to go to 200%. However, on machines with high cutting speeds, if the knob is turned up to 200%, it creates overshoots on corners. If this parameter is set to something like 110, it will stop the Feedrate Override

Knob from exceeding 110% and thus causes the overshoots to disappear. The PLC program must check this parameter to actually enforce the limiting of Feedrate Override.

15.3.32 Parameter 40 – Basic Jog Increment

This parameter holds the basic jog increment for linear axes (0.0001” or 0.002 mm by default). This value works in conjunction with the x1, x10, and x100 jog keys to determine the amount to move a linear axis during incremental jogging.

15.3.33 Parameter 41 – Rotary Axis Jog Increment

This parameter holds the jog increment for rotary axes (0.01° by default). This value works in conjunction with the x1, x10, and x100 jog keys to determine the amount to move a rotary axis during incremental jogging.

15.3.34 Parameter 42 – Password for Configuration Menus

This parameter determines the password that the user must enter in order to gain full access to the configuration menus.

| Value | Meaning |
|------------------|---|
| 54.0 | No password required for supervisor access; the user is not prompted for a password |
| ABCD.ABCD | Password is 4 digits represented by "ABCD" Example: for the password to be 1234, set to 1234.1234 |
| Any other number | Password is "137" |

15.3.35 Parameter 43 – Automatic tool measurement options

This parameter is a bit field that is used to configure properties of the TT1.

| Bit | Function | Parameter Value |
|-----|--|--|
| 0 | The height of the tool detector (parameter 71) will be subtracted from the measured height of the tool. | Yes = 1; No = 0 |
| 1 | Which PLC input to use for the Tool Z reference measurement. 0 = Use Touch Probe input in Parameter 11 . 2 = Use TT1 input in Parameter 44 . | 0 = Use Parameter 11 . 2 = Use Parameter 44 . |
| 2 | Remind the operator to plug in the TT1 before doing Batch Tool Measuring. | Yes=4; No = 0 |

15.3.36 Parameter 44 – TT1 PLC input number

This parameter is the input number that the TT1 is wired into on the PLC. If a shared PLC input is used for the TT1 and the DP4 probe, then the value can be left at zero or set to the same value as [parameter 11](#).

NOTICE

If you are using a different PLC input for the TT1 and DP4 when setting the Z reference in the tool library with the DP4, make sure you don't use a ruby probe tip. The TT1 is electrical continuity based and the ruby tip is not electrically conductive!

15.3.37 Parameter 45 — WCS Lockout

This parameter allows you to "lock out" a WCS from editing if you do not want it's values to change. Simply add the bit of the WCS you want locked out. For example, if you want to lock out WCS's 1, 2, and 5, you set the value of parameter 45 to $2^{(1-1)} + 2^{(2-1)} + 2^{(5-1)} = 1 + 2 + 16 = 19$. NOTE: G92 can still set a WCS even if it is locked out.

15.3.38 Parameter 46 — Active G-Codes Display

Set this parameter to 0 to always display the currently active G-codes in the bottom left corner of the main screen and MDI screen. Set it to 1 to display the [G-codes](#) only in MDI. Set it to 2 to disable the display completely.

15.3.39 Parameter 48 – Grid Digitize Patch Playback Z rapid clearance amount

This is the additional Z clearance amount higher than the Z surface level at which the original Grid Digitizing operation was begun. The purpose of this value is to set the recorded starting “rapid to” Z level of a Grid Digitize playback patch. In other words, the Z starting point of the first feedrate plunge move of the recorded patch is equal to the Z coordinate of the start of the original Grid Digitizing operation plus the value of this parameter.

15.3.40 Parameters 49–51 — Small Arc Feedrate Limiting

These parameters are intended to control the federate limits of small-radius arc moves.

| Parameter | Function Description | Input format |
|-----------|--|--|
| 49 | Lower arc radius/federate limiting parameter | rrrr.ffff, where rrrr is a radius threshold setting, and .ffff is a federate adjustment setting |
| 50 | Upper arc radius/federate limiting parameter | RRRR.FFFF, where RRRR is a radius threshold setting, and .FFFF is a federate adjustment setting |
| 51 | Arc Feedrate Limiting mode | 2 digit positive number. 1's digit (right digit) = Lower Limiting mode 10's digit (left digit) = Upper Limiting mode |

The 2 digits in Parameter 51 can have the following values and associated meaning:

- 0 – Turn off Arc feedrate limiting for the associated radii range (default value)
- 1 – Literal Mode Feedrate limit = FFFF (.FFFF x 10000) for the associated radii range.
- 2 – Fractional Mode Feedrate limit = .FFFF x Programmed feedrate for the associated radii range
- 3 – Proportional Mode Feedrate limit = Arc radius x .FFFF x Programmed feedrate for the associated radii range.

The Lower Arc Limiting mode's radii range includes any arc radius from 0 up to and including the rrrr setting of Parameter 49. So, if you program a G2 or G3 arc with a radius of rrrr (of Parameter 49) or less, and the Lower Limiting mode in Parameter 51 is turned on, then the arc's federate will be limited according to how ffff (of Parameter 49) is interpreted. If the Control is set up in Millimeter mode, then rrrr specifies the number of millimeters. However, if the Control is set up in Inch mode, then rrrr means the number of inches divided by 100.

The Upper Arc Limiting mode's radii range includes any arc radius larger than the rrrr setting of Parameter 49 up to and including the RRRR setting of Parameter 50. So, if you program a G2 or G3 arc with a radius of RRRR (of Parameter 50) or less, but greater than rrrr (of Parameter 49), and the Upper Limiting mode in Parameter 51 is turned on, then the arc's federate will be limited according to how FFFF (of Parameter 50) is interpreted. If the Control is set up in Millimeter mode, then rrrr specifies the number of millimeters. However, if the Control is set up in Inch mode, then rrrr means the number of inches divided by 100.

Note that if Parameter 51 contains values other than 00, 01, 02, 03, 10, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 30, 31, 32, 33, it will be treated as invalid and will cause the Small Arc Feedrate Limiting feature to be disabled.

Also note that this feature has no effect for arc movement handled by Smoothing (P220=1).

Examples: (in millimeters)

Parameter 49 = 5.0050 (rrrr = 5 mm, ffff = 0050)

Parameter 50 = 75.1500 (RRRR = 75 mm, FFFF = 1500)

If Parameter 51 = 31 and you program a G2 arc with a radius of 4 mm at a feedrate of 1000 mm/min, then the actual feedrate of the arc will be lowered down to 50 mm/min.

If Parameter 51 = 23 and you program a G3 arc with a radius of 40 mm at a feedrate of 700 mm/min, then the actual feedrate of the arc will be lowered down to 105 mm/min (=700 x .1500).

If Parameter 51 = 33 and you program a G3 arc with a radius of 72 mm at a feedrate of 1200 mm/min, then the actual feedrate of the arc will remain at 1200 mm/min and will not be modified because it is well within the Feedrate limit of 12960 mm/min (Arc radius x .FFFF x Programmed feerate = 72 x .1500 x 1200 = 12960).

If Parameter 51 = 11 and you program a G2 arc with a radius of 100 mm at a feedrate of 2500 mm/min, then the actual feedrate of the arc will remain unmodified at 2500 mm/min because the arc radius is outside both ranges specified by Parameters 49 and 50, and therefore this feature does not affect such arcs.

Examples: (in inches)

Parameter 49 = 50.0050 (rrrr = 1/2 inch, ffff = 0010)

Parameter 50 = 200.1500 (RRRR = 2 inches, FFFF = 1500)

If Parameter 51 = 31 and you program a G2 arc with a radius of 1/4 inch at a feedrate of 100 inches/min, then the actual feedrate of the arc will be lowered down to 10 inches per minute.

If Parameter 51 = 23 and you program a G3 arc with a radius of 1.5 inches at a feedrate of 200 inches/min, then the actual feedrate of the arc will be lowered down to 30 inches/min (=200 x .1500).

If Parameter 51 = 33 and you program a G3 arc with a radius of 1.75 inches at a feedrate of 300 inches/min, then the actual feedrate of the arc will be lowered down to 78.75 inches/min (= Arc radius x .FFFF x Programmed feerate = 1.75 x .1500 x 300).

If Parameter 51 = 11 and you program a G2 arc with a radius of 3 inches at a feedrate of 250 inches/min, then the actual feedrate of the arc will remain unmodified at 250 inches/min because the arc radius is outside both ranges specified by Parameters 49 and 50, and therefore this feature does not affect such arcs.

15.3.41 Parameter 56 — Feedrate Override Display Propertiexs / Inverse Time Interpolation

Bits 1 and 2 define how the federate override is displayed in the [status window](#). Bit 3 selects the meaning of inverse time feedrates (F) when inverse time mode (G93) is active. Bit 0 is unused.

| Bit | Function | Parameter Value |
|-----|------------------------------------|--|
| 0 | Not used | |
| 1 | Display programmed rate not actual | 2 = Yes; 0 = No |
| 2 | Display a bar meter of percentage | 4 = Yes; 0 = No |
| 3 | Inverse time meaning of F | 8 = F is in inverse seconds, 0 = F is in inverse minutes |

15.3.42 Parameter 57 — Use Generic Load Meter Data from PLC

If [load meters](#) are enabled (via [parameter 143](#)) the data being displayed for each axis is normally calculated from its PID output (either real or simulated). However, if any axis has its corresponding bit set in this parameter, then the data going into the load meter will come from the PLC system variables SV_METER.1

- SV_METER_8 (corresponding to axes 1-8). Furthermore, if an axis is a spindle axis (as set by [parameter 35](#)) the load meter data will be displayed on the spindle override meter in the [Status Window](#).

Cooperation from the PLC program is required for this feature to work. The PLC program needs to send back a value between 0.0 and 100.0 via floating point system variables SV_METER_1 - SV_METER_8 (corresponding to axes 1- 8). Note that there is future support for SV_METER_9 up to SV_METER_16, but for now there is support for up to only 8 axes.

15.3.43 Parameters 61 – 62 — Stall Detection Parameters

The M-Series control will detect and report several stall conditions. The low power stall occurs if the control has been applying a specified minimum current for a specified time, and no encoder motion has been detected. This may indicate a loose or severed encoder cable. A high power stall occurs if the control has been applying at least 90% current for a specified time, and no motion greater than 0.0005” has been detected. This may indicate a physical obstruction. Note that this feature will only work with torque mode drives and not velocity mode drives.

Parameter 61 is the time limit, in seconds, for a high power stall. The default is 0.5 seconds. Parameter 62 is the PID output threshold for a high power stall. The default is 115.

15.3.44 Parameter 63 — High Power Idle PID Multiplier

This parameter holds the value of a constant used for motor high power idle detection when an axis is not moving and no job is running, but there is power going into the motor to maintain its position. The default value is 1.5. This is intended for early detection of an axis if it's stopped against some abnormal resistance or not tuned correctly, such that it will probably overheat later.

15.3.45 Parameter 64 — Fourth/Fifth Axis Pairing

This feature enables the 4th and 5th axes to be paired together or individually be run in a slaved state with any of the other axes. This is intended to drive 2 screws on opposite sides of a table (probably a router table or gantry system). Set this parameter to 0 (default) to indicate that no other axis is paired with the 4th or 5th axis. In order to pair both the 4th and 5th axes on the same system add the 4th axis value with the 5th axis value. Example: 4th axis paired with the X-axis and 5th axis paired with the Z-axis a value of 49 would be entered into parameter 64. The axes are slaved upon power up but it is still possible to move the paired (4th or 5th) axis independently if the axis is labeled.

*NOTE: You cannot run Autotune on paired axes.

| Value | Meaning |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| 0 | No Pairing (Default) |
| 1 | Pair 4th axis with 1st Axis |
| 2 | Pair 4th axis with 2nd Axis |
| 3 | Pair 4th axis with 3rd Axis |
| 16 | Pair 5th axis with 1st Axis |
| 32 | Pair 5th axis with 2nd Axis |
| 48 | Pair 5th axis with 3rd Axis |
| 64 | Pair 5th axis with 4th Axis |

15.3.46 Parameters 65 – 67 — Spindle Gear Ratios

These parameters tell the control the gear ratios for a multi-range spindle drive. Up to four speed ranges are supported; high range is the default. Parameters 65-67 specify the gear ratio for each lower range, relative to high range. For example, if the machine is a mill with a dual range spindle, and the spindle in low range turns 1/10 the speed it turns in high range, then parameter 65 should be set to 0.1. Note that

these values can be signed +/- . So, if switching from high range to a lower range causes the spindle encoder to count in the opposite direction, then a negative value can be used to compensate for this behavior.

Parameter 65 is the low range gear ratio.

Parameter 66 is the medium-low range gear ratio.

Parameter 67 is the medium-high range gear ratio.

These parameters work in conjunction with the PLC program, which uses the states of INP63 and INP64 to signal to the CNC software which range is in effect, according to the table below.

| PLC INPUT | Spindle Range | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | High Range | Medium High Range | Medium Low Range | Low Range |
| INP63 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| INP64 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

15.3.47 Parameter 68 — Minimum Spindle Speed (Rigid Tapping Parameter)

This parameter holds the value that the spindle slows down to from the programmed spindle speed towards the end of the tapping cycle. The lower the value, the more accurately the Z axis will land on target, but at the expense of possibly stalling the spindle motor which in turn will cause Z-axis to fall short. If this value is too large, the off target error will increase. The suggested starting value is 640 RPM.

15.3.48 Parameter 69 — Duration for Minimum Spindle Speed Mode (Rigid Tapping Parameter)

This is the duration of time, in seconds, that the control will stay at minimum spindle speed. If the number is too small, overshoot will occur. If the number is too large, the user waits longer for the hole to be tapped at the slow speed specified by [parameter 68](#). The suggested starting value is 1.25 seconds.

15.3.49 Parameter 70 — Offset Library Inc/Decrement Amount

Sets the increment and decrement amount used in the offset library.

15.3.50 Parameter 71 — Part Setup Detector Height

If this Parameter is set to a non-zero value, it indicates that the F3 - Auto feature in part setup should be available using the tool detector (TT1) instead of the probe. The value in this parameter is the height of the detector. A value of 0 disables this feature.

When this feature is enabled:

- a) Probe detection ([Parameter 18](#)) is not checked
- b) The tool number and/or edge finder diameter entered by the operator are used; [Parameter 12](#) is ignored.
- c) The value from Parameter 71 is added to (or subtracted from, depending on approach direction) the part position.

15.3.51 Parameter 72 — Data M Function Options

The setting of this parameter affects the operation of the data M functions M122, M123, and M124.

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|---|-----------------|
| 0 | Suppress output of axis labels by M122/M124? | Yes = 1, No = 0 |
| 1 | Insert commas between positions/values with M122/M124? | Yes = 2, No = 0 |
| 2 | Suppress spaces between positions/values outputted by M122/M123/M124? | Yes = 4, No = 0 |

15.3.52 Parameter 73 — Peck Drill Retract Amount (Canned Cycle Parameter)

This specifies the retract amount used during a G73 peck drilling cycle.

15.3.53 Parameter 74 — M-function executed at bottom of tapping cycle (Canned Cycle Parameter)

This specifies the number of the M-function that is executed at the bottom of the G84 tapping cycle (primarily used for reversing the spindle in preparation for pulling out of the tap hole). This also specifies the number of the M-function that is executed after the G74 countertapping cycle is done (returned to the initial point).

15.3.54 Parameter 75 — Summing Control

This parameter controls the type of position to be summed (local or machine), and which axes are to be summed together and which axis will bear the effects of the the summing. The parameter can contain up to four digits. The sign of the parameter value and the position and value of each digit has special significance as indicated in the tables below:

| Sign | Position Type |
|------|-------------------------|
| + | Sum Machine Coordinates |
| - | Sum Local Coordinates |

| Parameter Digit Position | Summed Axis |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1's Col. | Axis 1 |
| 10's Col. | Axis 2 |
| 100's Col. | Axis 3 |
| 1,000's Col. | Axis 4 |

| Digit Value | Meaning |
|-------------|------------------------|
| 0 | Summing off |
| 1 through 4 | Axis to Sum with |
| 5 | (Reserved) |
| 6 | Disable display |
| 7 | Display if moved |
| 8 | Display if other moves |
| 9 | (Reserved) |

The "Summed Axis" is the axis that bears the position sum of itself with the "Axis to Sum with". The DRO display of the "Summed Axis" will show this summed position. The DRO will display both labels when displaying a summed axis. Furthermore, **G-codes** that command movement on the "Summed Axis" will have their positions offset by the position of the "Axis to Sum with".

NOTICE

It is highly recommended that summing be done with Local Coordinates (using the '-' sign in the parameter value). Summing with Machine Coordinates can cause the effective software travel limits to move, thus resulting in physical overtravel or severely handicapping the amount of available travel, due to the fact that software travel limits are defined in terms of Machine Coordinates. Summing with Local Coordinates avoids this problem.

Here are some examples:

| Desired Display | Parameter |
|---|-----------|
| Axis 3 DRO will display the result of axis 3 and 4 machine coordinate positions summed together. | 400 |
| Axis 4 DRO will display the result of axis 4 and 3 local coordinate positions summed together. Machine coordinate positions are not affected. | -3000 |
| Axis 3 DRO will display the result of axis 3 and 4 local coordinate positions summed together. Axis 4 DRO display will be disabled. | -6400 |
| Axis 4 DRO will display the result of axis 4 and 3 local coordinate positions summed together. Axis 3 DRO display will be disabled. | -3600 |
| Axis 3 DRO will display the result of axis 3 and 4 local coordinate positions summed together. Axis 4 will be displayed only if it moves. | -7400 |

15.3.55 Parameter 76 — Manual Input Unrestricted Distance

This parameter is intended to be used with Z-axis summing. It defines the maximum distance from the summed axis start of travel in which manual movements can occur without causing a fault. Use a negative value to specify a distance from the minus travel limit, a positive value for a distance from the plus travel limit.

When used with manual drilling, for example, setting this parameter will allow the operator to keep a hand on the quill at all times and even begin pulling on the quill in anticipation of a programmed stop.

Setting this value to zero will cause a fault if there is any manual movement.

To completely disable manual movement restrictions, set this parameter to a value exceeding the total travel of the summed axis.

Minimum = -99999.9999, maximum = 9999.9999, default = 0, typical = +/- 1.0 inch or +/- 20.0 mm

15.3.56 Parameter 77 — Manual Input Movement Tolerance

This parameter specifies the manual movement tolerance while a job is running. It is intended for use with a quill locking mechanism. It allows the lock to distort and/or slip a small amount when under stress. If the quill moves more than the given tolerance, the job will stop with a fault. A typical setting for Parameter 77 is 0.005 inches.

15.3.57 Parameter 78 — Spindle Speed Display and Operations

Bit 0 (value = 1) specifies how the spindle speed is determined and displayed in the CNC software [status window](#). When turned on (value = 1), the spindle speed is determined by reading the encoder feedback from the axis specified according to [parameter 35](#). Which has the number of encoder counts/revolution specified in [parameter 34](#). When turned off (value = 0), the displayed speed is not measured; the speed is calculated based upon the programmed speed, spindle override adjustment, and gear range.

Bit 1 (value = 2) allows the control to prorate the programmed feedrate to be proportional to the spindle speed if the spindle speed ever slows down below the spindle speed threshold percent as set by parameter 149.

Bit 2 (value = 4) will turn on the “Spindle up-to-speed” function. The active modal spindle speed S at the point where the most recent M3 or M4 is invoked sets the target spindle speed for this function. This function is invoked on the first feed-per-minute move (such as G1/G2 G3) following the aforementioned M3 or M4. If the actual measured spindle speed at this moment is below the spindle speed threshold percent ([parameter 149](#)) of target spindle speed, this function will pause the job at this point until the spindle speed gets up to at least this spindle speed threshold percent level.

| Bit | Function | Value |
|-----|---|-----------------|
| 0 | Display actual spindle speed | Yes = 1, No = 0 |
| 1 | Slave feedrate to spindle speed | Yes = 2, No = 0 |
| 2 | Wait for spindle to get up to speed on feed-perminute moves | Yes = 4, No = 0 |

15.3.58 Parameter 79 — Paired Axes Re-sync Delay Time (milliseconds)

This parameter specifies the length of time (in milliseconds) that the control will wait before re-syncing paired axes. If this parameter is a negative value, the control will prompt the operator to press **Cycle Start** before re-syncing.

15.3.59 Parameter 80 — Voltage Brake Message Frequency

This parameter specifies the number of times the ”450 Voltage brake applied” message has to occur before we show it in the message window and message log. A value of 0 or 1 will display the message for every

instance that it occurs.

15.3.60 Parameter 81 — Air Drill M-function (Canned Cycle Parameter)

P81 (when not equal to -1.0) specifies the M-function to be called in place of Z-axis movement during a G81 drilling cycle.

15.3.61 Parameter 82 — Spindle Drift Adjustment (Rigid Tapping Parameter)

This value is the number of degrees that the spindle will take to coast to a stop, when the spindle is turned off at the minimum spindle speed specified by [parameter 68](#).

15.3.62 Parameter 83 — Deep Hole clearance amount (Canned Cycle Parameter)

Parameter 83 specifies the clearance amount used during a G83 deep hole drilling cycle.

15.3.63 Parameter 84 — M function executed at a return to initial point of tapping cycle (Canned Cycle Parameter)

This specifies the number of the M-function that is executed after the G84 tapping cycle is done (returned to the initial point). This also specifies the number of the M-function that is executed at the bottom of the G74 countertapping cycle (to reverse the spindle in preparation for pulling out of the countertap hole).

15.3.64 Parameter 85 — ”Door Open” Interlock PLC Bit

This parameter provides a way for a system integrator to implement a safety interlock that limits rate of movement when the doors are open. This parameter specifies the PLC bit number and PLC bit polarity that indicates the ”door open” condition. If the specified PLC bit is in the specified ”door open” condition, then all normal movement commands will be limited to the slow jog rate (as specified in the Jog Parameters menu in Machine Configuration). Polarity of the ”door open” condition is specified thuswise: a positive number indicates that the ”door open” condition occurs when the specified PLC bit is On, and a negative number indicates that the ”door open” condition occurs when the specified PLC bit is Off. If this parameter is set to 0 (the default value), then this feature is disabled, and no checking for a ”door open” condition is done. Note that this feature has no effect for movement commands handled by Smoothing (P220=1). Also note that PLC program interaction is needed for this feature to work.

15.3.65 Parameter 86 — Rapid/Linear vector rate limit

This parameter controls the feature that imposes a limit on the number of rapid and/or linear moves per second to the value specified in this parameter. If the value of this parameter is more than 0, Rapid and/or Linear moves will be combined to prevent the aforementioned limit from being exceeded. This parameter is used for testing purposes and should be set to 0 to disable this feature. Note that this feature has no effect for movement commands handled by Smoothing (P220=1).

15.3.66 Parameters 87 – 90 (and also 252 – 255) — Autotune Ka Performance parameters

These parameters are used by autotune. Increasing the value will increase the Ka used by autotune which when used will increase the PID used during acceleration. The default value is 0. The maximum value is 50 and the minimum value is 0. Values for axes 1–4 are specified in parameters 87–90. Values for axes 5–8 are specified in parameters 252–255.

15.3.67 Parameters 91 – 94 (and also 166 – 169) — Axis Properties

These parameters may be used to set various axis properties. Properties for axes 1 – 4 are specified in parameters 91 – 94. Properties for axes 5 – 8 are specified in parameters 166 – 169.

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|---|---|
| 0 | Rotary/Linear Axis Selection Rotary | Axis = 1, Linear Axis = 0 |
| 1 | Rotary Display Mode | Wrap Around = 2, Show Rotations = 0 |
| 2 | Suppress direction check when doing Tool Check? | Don't Check = 4, Check = 0 |
| 3 | Suppress park function? | Don't Park = 8, Park = 0 |
| 4 | NOT USED ON MILL | Recommended bit value is 0 |
| 5 | Linear Display of Rotary Axis | Linear Display = 32, Default Rotary = 0 |
| 6 | 4th Axis works like Z axis | Yes = 64, No = 0 |
| 7 | NOT USED ON MILL | Recommended bit value is 0 |
| 8 | Axis is triangular rotary? | Yes = 256, No = 0 |
| 9 | Hide axis display from DRO | Yes = 512, No = 0 |
| 10 | Triangular rotary axis type | Articulated Head = 1024, Tilt Table = 0 |
| 11 | Rotation Center is parallel to X? | Yes = 2048, No = 0 |
| 12 | NOT USED | Recommended bit value is 0 |
| 13 | NOT USED | Recommended bit value is 0 |
| 14 | Enable TWCS for Articulated Head machines | Yes = 16384, No = 0 |

Bit 0: Turning this bit on will cause the [DRO](#) display for the affected axis to be displayed in degrees. Also this information is used by Intercon to make rotary axis support available (by setting parameter 94 to 1, indicating that the fourth axis is rotary). This bit is also used when performing inch/mm conversions: values for a rotary axis will not be converted since they are assumed to be in degrees regardless of the system of linear units.

Bit 1: This bit has no effect unless Bit 0 (mentioned above) is turned on. When this bit is turned on, a “Wrap Around” display is shown on the [DRO](#). A “Wrap Around” Rotary Display is a display in degrees without the number of rotations shown. If this bit is turned off, the number of rotations away from 0 degrees will be shown alongside the degree display.

Bit 2: This bit will only affect the Z-axis. It controls whether or not a direction check will be performed when the Tool Check button is pressed. If this bit is turned on, direction checking is turned off, and thus, there is a possibility for the Z-axis to move downward unexpectedly, depending on the Z value of Return Point #1 (G28). Therefore, it is best in most cases to leave this bit turned off to allow direction checking to be turned on (value = 0).

Bit 3: Setting this bit prevents F1 (Park) in the Shutdown menu from parking this axis.

Bit 5: This setting overrides only the [DRO](#) display options for an axis that has bit 0 set (including the Rotary Display Mode – bit 1) so that the display does not reflect a degree symbol or any indication of the number of rotations, but appears as a linear axis.

Bit 6: This bit only works for Parameter 94 (4th axis). Setting this bit will cause the 4th axis to respond to Z-axis only commands just like the Z-axis, for example issuing an M25 with this bit set will cause the Z and 4th axes to go the home (G28) position.

Bit 8: This setting is used in conjunction with bit 10. It only works for [parameter 166](#) (5th axis). Setting this bit on will identify this axis as a Triangular Rotary, which may either be an Articulated Head axis, or a Tilt Table axis.

Bit 9: This setting will hide the affected axis from the [DRO](#) display. Note that this does not prevent such an axis from being commanded to move.

Bit 10: In order for this setting to work, bit 8 must be turned on. This setting has meaning only for [parameter 166](#) (5th axis). Setting this bit on will identify this axis as the controller of the angle of

articulation on an Articulated Head machine. If this bit is not set, then this axis will be identified as the controller of the tilt angle on a Tilt Table machine.

Bit 11: In order for this setting to work, bit 0 must be turned on (i.e. axis is rotary). Also, this setting only affects axes 4 and higher. This setting indicates that this rotary axis is mounted in such a way so that its rotation center line is parallel to the X axis (axis 1). The rotation center line's machine coordinate location is then defined by parameters 116 and 117. This setting enables backplot to display rotary movements encircling the X axis and also gives the needed machine geometry information to G93.1 for it to properly calculate the tool tip feedrate in 3D space in such a configuration.

Bit 14: This bit (in conjunction with the CSR unlock) enables the TWCS (Transformed WCS) feature for Articulated Head machines. When this feature is enabled, each individual WCS can be independently set up as either transformed or non-transformed using the TWCS=Yes/No setting in the WCS configuration screen (See TWCS in Chapter 4). However, enabling this feature bit will always cause automatic B/5th axis transformation on certain features regardless of the TWCS=Yes/No setting for each WCS. Such features are: Tool Check, M25, Digitizing, and the movements done in the Probing Cycles.

15.3.68 Parameters 95 – 98 (and also 156 – 159) — Autotune Move Distance / Auto Delay Calculation Move Distance

These parameters hold the maximum distance that the control will move each axis in either direction from the starting point when either Autotune or Auto Delay Calculation is run. The default value for these parameters is 2.0 inches. Values for axes 1 – 4 are specified in parameters 95 – 98. Values for axes 5 – 8 are specified in parameters 156 – 159.

15.3.69 Parameter 99 — Cutter Compensation Look-ahead

This parameter sets the default number of line or arc events for the G-code interpreter to scan ahead when Cutter Compensation (G41 or G42) is active. Values of 1 to 99 are allowed for this parameter and default is 1.

15.3.70 Parameters 100 – 106 and 115 — Intercon parameters

These parameters are some of the Intercon setup parameters. See Chapter 10 for more information about these parameters. Changing values will change Intercon settings and may affect the output of the G-code program if it is reposted.

15.3.71 Parameter 116 — A-Axis Y Coordinate

This parameter is used in conjunction with Dig to CAD to export digitized data for use with CAD/CAM software (see Chapter 8). It is used to define the Y coordinate of the center of rotation for a rotary axis that rotates about the X-axis.

15.3.72 Parameter 117 — A-Axis Z Coordinate

This parameter is used in conjunction with Dig to CAD to export digitized data for use with CAD/CAM software (see Chapter 8). It is used to define the Z coordinate of the center of rotation for a rotary axis that rotates about the X-axis.

15.3.73 Parameter 118 — B-Axis X Coordinate

This parameter is used in conjunction with Dig to CAD to export digitized data for use with CAD/CAM software (see Chapter 8). It is used to define the X coordinate of the center of rotation for a rotary axis that rotates about the Y-axis.

15.3.74 Parameter 119 — B-Axis Z Coordinate

This parameter is used in conjunction with Dig to CAD to export digitized data for use with CAD/CAM software (see Chapter 8). It is used to define the Z coordinate of the center of rotation for a rotary axis that rotates about the Y-axis.

15.3.75 Parameter 120 — Probe Stuck Clearance Amount

This parameter specifies the distance that digitizing or probing functions will move to try to clear a stuck probe condition. A stuck probe condition exists when the probe detects a point and then moves away but the probe input has not changed. It is recommended that this parameter should not be changed from its default value without consulting a qualified technician.

15.3.76 Parameter 121 — Grid digitize prediction minimum Z pullback

This parameter specifies the minimum distance the Z-axis will move upward when pulling back from a surface. The digitizing function attempts to predict the slope of a part surface because time is saved when the Z-axis does not have to travel upward to the starting Z depth for every digitized point. When probe contact is made traversing in the XY plane, this parameter specifies the minimum distance the Z-axis moves upward before attempting another XY plane move. Smaller values are better when the surface being digitized has smooth curves. Larger values are better for surfaces that have steep walls. It is recommended that this parameter should not be changed from its default value without consulting a qualified technician.

15.3.77 Parameter 122 — Grid digitizing deadband move distance

This parameter specifies a deadband distance used for internal calculations when doing a clearance move. It is recommended that this parameter should not be changed from its default value.

15.3.78 Parameter 123 — Radial Clearance Move

This parameter only applies to radial digitizing and determines what type of positioning move the digitizing probe will make should it encounter an unexpected probe contact with the surface of the part during Radial Digitizing. Unexpected probe contact is defined as probe contact occurring while the probe is traversing towards the user defined center point.

With Parameter 123 set to 0: When the probe encounters an unexpected probe contact, the digitizing program stops data collection. The control then prompts the operator to jog the probe to a clear position. This can be any place inside the digitizing radius and above the part, that the probe stylus has a clear path to the defined center position. To restart data collection press Cycle Start. The probe moves in the XY plane from the position the operator placed it at, to the center position defined in the radial setup menu. After reaching the center position, the probe will feed down to the Zaxis position it was at when the data collection was interrupted. The digitizing run will resume with the probe approaching from the defined center position.

With Parameter 123 set to 1: When the probe encounters an unexpected probe contact, it will automatically move (with probe detection turned off) to the maximum Z height, then moves the X and Y-axis to the defined center position. The probe will then move to the Z position it was at when the unexpected contact occurred. It will then move from the defined center position, towards the measurement position it was trying to approach when the unexpected probe contact occurred and continue digitizing.

With Parameter 123 set to 2: When the probe encounters an unexpected probe contact, it will automatically move back to the defined center position (with probe detection turned off), at its present Z height. It will then move from the defined center position, towards the measurement position it was trying to approach when the unexpected probe contact occurred and continue digitizing.

NOTICE

Settings 1 and 2 should only be used with extreme caution because probe detection during some positioning moves is turned off, and damage to the probe or work piece could occur!

15.3.79 Parameter 130, 131 — 3rd/ 4th axis on/off selection

These parameters control the display of the 3rd and 4th axes, respectively. The tens digit of the parameter value specifies the label of the affected axis when it is enabled, with values 1-9 corresponding to axis labels ABCUVWXYZ. The ones digit specifies the label of the axis when it is disabled, with 0.0 meaning the axis is not switchable, 1.0 meaning it turns off (N), a 2.0 meaning manual (M), and a 3.0 meaning 2-axis with manual Z (@). Parameter 130 also supports additional modes depending upon the value of the hundreds digit. See the chart below for valid values for the Hundred's digit of Parameter 130. Note that Parameter 131 does not support the Hundred's digit. When P130/P131 is configured for axis switching, the Setup menu displays function keys F5/F6 to switch the axes.

Example 1: A value of 192 in parameter 130 will toggle the 3rd axis between Z and M and power off all axes. The 1 sets bit one to power all axes off, the 9 enables the 3rd axis to "Z", and the 2 changes the axis label to "M" once toggled with the F5 key in the Setup menu.

Example 2: A value of 392 in parameter 130 will toggle the 3rd axis label between Z and M and power off all axes and receive its positions from the 4th axis encoder input. The 3 sets bits two and one to power off all axes and use the 4th encoder input as a scale input, the 9 enables the 3rd axis to "Z", and the 2 changes the axis label to "M" once toggled with the F5 key in the Setup menu.

Example 3: A value of 61 in parameter 131 will toggle the 4th axis between W and N. The 6 enables the 4th axis to "W" and the 2 changes the axis label to "N" when toggled with the F6 key in the Setup menu. This will turn the 4th axis on and off.

| Hundred's Digit (Parameter 130 only) | Function Description | Value of the Hundred's Digit |
|---|---|--|
| Bit1 | Axis motor power when switching to two-axis mode. | 1 = power all axes off, 0 = power 3rd off only |
| Bit2 | Use 4th encoder input for scale input | 2 = Use 4th encoder input, 0 = no manual input |
| Bit3 | Use 5th encoder input for scale input | 4 = Use 5th encoder input, 0 = no manual input |

| Enabled Axis: | A | B | C | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ten's Digit | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |

| Disabled Axis: | N | M | @ |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| One's Digit | 1 | 2 | 3 |

15.3.80 Parameter 128 — Dry Run PLC Bit

When non-zero, this parameter specifies the PLC bit which is checked when starting a job to determine if Dry Run mode is in effect. When in Dry Run mode, all non-thread/tap moves are converted to feed/minute at the Dry Run Feedrate ([parameter 129](#)). When in Dry Run mode, the Feedrate word in the [status window](#) is drawn in reverse video (blue letters on a yellow background).

15.3.81 Parameter 129 — Dry Run Feedrate

Specifies the feedrate to use for Dry Run mode.

15.3.82 Parameters 132–135 — Motor Heating Coefficients for axes 5-8

See parameters 20-30 for more information.

15.3.83 Parameters 136 — G76 Fine Bore Retract Angle

0-360 Degrees. A setting of 0 = Retract in Y+ direction.

15.3.84 Parameters 137 — Load Meter Filter Size

This controls the number of samples used in calculating an average output for the load meter display, as a way of smoothing it out.

15.3.85 Parameters 138 — DRO Encoder Deadband

This controls the deadband amount (in encoder counts) used by the anti-flicker [DRO](#) filter.

15.3.86 Parameter 139 — Special Dwell between Moves

This parameter turns on and specifies the amount dwell time between moves, with exceptions in special cases. This parameter is similar to specifying a G61 (Modal Decel and Stop) at the beginning of a CNC program, except that dwelling will not happen under certain conditions: (1) No dwell will happen between 2 arcs. (2) No dwell will happen if before the move that contains Z movement.

15.3.87 Parameter 140 — Message log priority level

This parameter controls the messages that are written to the message log, which can be accessed through the F9 - Logs function in the Utilities menu. See Chapter 15 for the list of numbered messages. Message logging can be disabled by setting this parameter to -1. The recommended log level is 4.

| Value | Which numbered messages are logged |
|-------|--|
| -1 | None |
| 1 | Numbered messages 0-299 and 400-499 – The most serious faults. |
| 4 | Numbered messages 0-299 and 400 and higher – The most serious faults and medium severity errors. |
| 9 | All numbered messages |

15.3.88 Parameter 141 — Maximum message log lines

This parameter is the number of lines that will be kept in the message log. If this parameter is set to 10,000, for example, the newest 10,000 messages will be retained. The CNC software will delete the oldest messages, trimming the log file to the given number of lines at startup and periodically while the CNC software is in an idle state. [Parameter 142](#) controls the frequency of the log cleanup.

15.3.89 Parameter 142 — Message log trim amount

This parameter is the number of additional lines above the minimum that can be added to the log before it is reduced to the minimum size. Setting this parameter to a lower value will cause the log file to be trimmed to its minimum size more often. The higher the value, the less often the log will be trimmed. The speed of the disk drive and total size of the log file at the time it is trimmed will determine how long the log cleanup takes. Under most circumstances, using 10,000 and 1,000 for parameters 141 and 142 will provide a reasonable and useful log size with no noticeable effects on performance. If parameters 141 and 142 are set to excessively high values, the message "Trimming excess lines from log file" will be presented. This message will appear at startup and very infrequently when the CNC software is idle. Normal operation can proceed after the message disappears. If the delay is unacceptable, reduce the values of [parameters 141](#) and 142.

15.3.90 Parameter 143 — DRO Properties (load meters, 4/5 digits, Distance To Go)

This parameter controls the display of the axis [load meters](#) and 4/5 digit [DRO](#) precision.

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|---|----------------------------|
| 0 | Enable Load Meters | Enable = 1, Disable = 0 |
| 1 | Load Meter Outline | Enable = 2, Disable = 0 |
| 2 | DRO 4/5 Digit Precision | 5 digits = 4, 4 digits = 0 |
| 3 | Mini DRO (Distance to Go) | Enable = 8, Disable = 0 |

Add the values of the desired properties. For example, use a value of 3 to display [load meters](#) with outlines. The value 11 will display load meters, outlines and the mini-DRO. The axis [load meters](#) will be colored green for values that are up to 70% of maximum power output, yellow for values between 70% and 90%, and red for values between 90% and 100%. The axis [load meters](#) appear below the [DRO](#) for each axis (see Chapter 1).

15.3.91 Parameter 144 — Comparison Rounding

This parameter determines the built in rounding for the comparison operators ('EQ', 'NE', 'LT', 'GT', etc.) in expressions. Rounding of comparison arguments is necessary due to extremely small errors that are part of every floating-point calculation. The result of such errors is that two floating-point values are rarely exactly equal. The value of parameter 144 represents the precision of comparison in places after the decimal point. If the parameter is set to 9.0, for example, then comparison operators will declare two numbers that differ in value by less than 0.0000000005 as being equal. The value 0.0 is a special value that turns comparison rounding off. When comparison rounding is off, it is up to the G code programmer to build the precision into conditional statements, for example `IF ABS[#A - #B] LT 0.00005 THEN GOTO 100`. When comparison rounding is off, the "EQ" usually returns "false". If parameter 144 is set to 9, the programmer can shorten the previous example to `IF #A EQ #B THEN GOTO 100`.

15.3.92 Parameter 145 — Advanced Macro Properties (Fast Branching)

This parameter turns fast branching on (1) and off (0). The other bits of this parameter are reserved for future use. If fast branching is disabled, the CNC software searches forward in the program for the first matching block number and resumes searching, if necessary, from the top of the program. For this reason, backward branches take longer than forward branches and backward branch times depend on the total program size. If the program is significantly large, use of the GOTO statement could introduce temporary pauses.

When fast branching is enabled, the CNC software remembers the locations of block numbers as it finds them during program execution. Backward branches always take place immediately. The first forward branch to a block not yet encountered will take additional time as the CNC software searches forward for the block number; however, subsequent forward branches to that block number will take place immediately. The trade-off for using fast branching is that all line numbers at a given level of program or subprogram must be unique and programs will use more memory (approximately 16kilobytes of memory for every 1000 block numbers in the program.)

15.3.93 Parameter 146 — Feed Hold Threshold for Feed Rate Override

This parameter sets the lowest value permitted as the feed rate override percentage before feed hold is engaged. Feed hold will be released when the override percentage is greater than this value.

15.3.94 Parameter 147 — Number of Status Messages to keep in Operator Message Window

The Operator Message Window is the box of scrolling status messages that appears in the upper right corner of the Main Screen. The number of remembered status messages can be adjusted by this parameter.

15.3.95 Parameter 148 — Miscellaneous Jogging Options

This parameter enables and/or disables certain optional modes of jogging.

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|---------------------------|---|
| 0 | Unused | Should be set to 0 |
| 1 | Prohibit Keyboard Jogging | Prohibit Keyboard Jogging = 2 Keyboard Jogging allowed = 0 |

Note: With this parameter set to zero, you need to set [parameter 170](#) to enable keyboard jogging.

15.3.96 Parameter 149 — Spindle Speed Threshold

This parameter defines the spindle speed threshold percent for the "Slave feedrate to spindle speed" function and the "Spindle up-to speed" function, both of which are enabled and disabled via [Parameter 78](#). It is specified as a percentage of the programmed spindle speed. For example a value of 0.8 means 80 percent of the programmed spindle speed. See [Parameter 78](#) for more details.

15.3.97 Parameter 150 — Backplot Graphics display options

This parameter controls the various options related to backplot graphics.

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|---|--------------------------|
| 0 | Sets Run Time Graphics option default to ON | Enable = 1, Disable = 0 |
| 1 | Displays CSR positions in graphing | Enable = 2, Disable = 0 |
| 2 | Display A and B rotations for 5 axis machines | Disable = 4, Enable = 0 |
| 3 | Display Skew Correction | Enable = 8, Disable = 0 |
| 4 | Display Lash/Screw Compensation | Enable = 16, Disable = 0 |

15.3.98 Parameter 151 — Repeatability tolerance for probing and radial digitizing.

Default is 0, repeatability check disabled. When disabled, only one measurement per point is taken in the probing cycles and radial digitizing. When enabled, a minimum of two measurements are taken per point and the difference (if any) is then compared to the repeatability tolerance as set in Parameter 151. If the difference is less than or equal to parameter 151 the point is stored and probing continues. If the difference is greater than parameter 151, 2 more measurements are taken and the process repeated up to a maximum of 10 times. In probing cycles, if the repeatability tolerance cannot be met the cycle is cancelled and an error message generated. In radial digitizing, the point is discarded and digitizing continues without interruption.

15.3.99 Parameter 153 — Probe Protection

A value of 1.0 will enable probe detection. Probe protection will cause motion to stop if the probe is tripped while moving under the following [G-codes](#): G0, G1, G2, G3, G28, G29, G30, G53, G73, G76, G81, G82, G83, G85, G89, G173, G176, G181, G182, G183, G185, and G189. Probe protection is also in effect when using these [M-codes](#): M25, M91, M92, M105, M106, and M128.

15.3.100 Parameter 154 — Touchscreen Options

If = 1 a half-width ESC key is displayed in most menus so there is a means of exiting the menu without using the keyboard. Most of the menus have been reworked to more fully support touch.

15.3.101 Parameter 155 — Probe Type

This parameter specifies the type of probe being used.

| Value | Meaning |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 0 | Standard Mechanical probe |
| 1 | DSP probe |
| 2 | DP-7 probe |

15.3.102 Parameters 156–159 — Autotune Move Distance / Auto Delay Calculation Move Distance for axes 5-8

See parameters 95 - 98 for more information.

15.3.103 Parameter 160 — Enhanced ATC

This parameter controls enhanced automatic tool changer (ATC) options. A value of 1 indicates a nonrandom type of ATC (carousel ATC) and a value of 2 indicates a random type ATC. A value of 0 disables enhanced ATC features. A warning is displayed when attempting to enable enhanced ATC features as these features work in conjunction with specific PLC programs. The enhanced ATC option has the following characteristics:

The beginning of an M6, whether it be a customized mfunc6.mac routine or not, flags the job file, setting the ATC error flag field to 1.

The end of an M6, whether customized or not, performs the following:

- (a) The ATC error flag is set to zero.
- (b) The tool number displayed on the screen is updated and this value is saved in the cncm.job file.
- (c) The tool library bin fields are updated in this manner:

If there was a valid tool in the spindle at the start of the M6, then the tool library bin field for this tool will be updated with either the “putback” field for that tool (if nonrandom type) or the current ATC carousel position (for random type). For both random and nonrandom types, the “putback” field is set to 0. The “putback” field is an internal field for each tool in the tool library. It can be displayed by using the cncfutil utility with the -dt option to display the tool library.

For nonrandom types, the new tool now in the spindle will have its “putback” field updated to the current ATC carousel position.

For both random and nonrandom types, the new tool now in the spindle has the bin field set to 0.

The current ATC carousel position is constantly monitored. When there is a change, the ATC bin field in the cncm.job file is updated and the file is saved. The ATC carousel position is read from the PLC system variable SV_ATC_CAROUSEL_POSITION, which should be written by the PLC program. At the start of running a job, to include MDI mode, the ATC error field is checked. If this field is 1, then a warning message is displayed with a prompt to either clear the fault by entering a ‘Y’ or canceling the job by pressing some other key.

A tool change is not performed if the requested tool is already in the spindle.

An M107 command sends the bin number for the specified tool number, not the tool number.

For random types, tool changes in Intercon are posted as a tool change (Tnn M6) followed by a pre-fetch command for the next tool in the program (Tn2 M107). This allows the PLC program to rotate the tool carousel to the next tool while a job continues with the current tool.

For random types, a job search for a tool number will look for lines of the form Tnn M6, i.e., the search bypasses lines of the form Tnn M107, which are just pre-fetch commands.

The tool library allows editing of the bin fields to specify which carousel bin number the tools are stored in.

15.3.104 Parameter 161 — ATC Maximum Tool Bins

This parameter sets the number of tool changer bins (carousel positions) used with the enhanced ATC option described above. PLC programs are responsible for reading this value. The tool library interface uses this parameter to validate bin fields and perform initialization of the bin fields.

15.3.105 Parameters 162 — Intercon M6 Initial M-Code

This parameter affects how Intercon programs post M& G-codes for a tool change operation. When set to a non-zero value, Intercon will post out an M-code at the start of a tool change and an M5 command after the Txx M6 command. This parameter should be set to 17 so that Intercon will post an M17 code at the start of a tool change. The M17 command turns off spindle and coolant and starts the spindle orientation process.

15.3.106 Parameters 164 — ATC Feature Bit

This parameter controls specific features of the ATC system. It should be set to 1.0 to enable the ATC Reset feature, which will appear as the F6 - ATC Reset function key in the tool library menu. This parameter only works with ATC3 plc programs.

15.3.107 Parameters 165 — Acceleration/Deceleration Options

This is a bit field parameter which modifies certain details of axis acceleration and deceleration when an axis stops moving, changes direction, or starts moving. The Jog Parameters screen in the Machine Configuration set the original DeadStart values for each axis. This parameter allows you to modify these DeadStart settings under certain conditions. Note that if both Bits 0 and 1 are turned on (value = 1+2 = 3), the effect is cumulative, i.e. the net effect will be that 1/2 DeadStart value will be used when a slave axis stops or starts up from a stop. Likewise, if both Bits 2 and 3 are turned on, the effect will be cumulative also. Note that this feature has no effect for movement commands handled by Smoothing (P220=1).

| Bit | Function Description | Parameter Value |
|-----|---|--------------------------|
| 0 | Use 1/4 DeadStart value for a slave axis that stops or starts from a stop | Enable = 1, Disable = 0 |
| 1 | Use 2 x DeadStart value for a slave axis that stops or starts from a stop | Enable = 2, Disable = 0 |
| 2 | Use 1/4 DeadStart value for a slave axis that reverses | Enable = 4, Disable = 0 |
| 3 | Use 2 x DeadStart value for a slave axis that reverses | Enable = 8, Disable = 0 |
| 4 | Limit the feedrate along the path of G2 or G3 arc moves such that the feedrate will be uniformly limited to the lesser of the maximum rate of the 2 axes involved in the circular motion. | Enable = 16, Disable = 0 |

15.3.108 Parameters 166–169 — Axis Properties for axes 5–8

See parameters 91–94 for more information.

15.3.109 Parameters 170–179 — PLC Parameters

These parameters are especially reserved as a space for data which is to be sent to the PLC. Parameters 177, 178, 179 have been standardized for specific applications. Parameter 177 is used for trouble shooting purposes only.

15.3.110 Parameter 170 — Enable Keyboard Jogging and set Feedrate override Control

This PLC parameter is used to enable keyboard jogging and determine whether jog panel or keyboard feedrate override is used. To enable keyboard jogging set [parameter 148](#) to zero and this parameter to a 1.

| Bit | Function Parameter | Value |
|-----|--|-------------------------|
| 0 | Enables Keyboard jogging | Enable = 1, Disable = 0 |
| 1 | Only looks at Feedrate override from Jog panel | Enable = 2, Disable = 0 |
| 2 | Only looks at Feedrate override from keyboard | Enable = 4, Disable = 0 |

15.3.111 Parameter 178 — PLC I/O configuration

This parameter can be used to set switch types from NC to NO and some other options. Each Bit corresponds to a different function. All values are to be added to the current setting. For example, if you need to switch the low lube input to normally open add 1 to this parameter.

NOTE: This parameter works only with specific PLC programs. The PLC program installed in the control MAY NOT be mapped as indicated below. These parameters should only be changed by a qualified technician. The example given below is intended for reference only:

| Bit | Function | Default state | Opposite State |
|-----|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0 | Lube Fault | Closed = OK | Add 1 |
| 1 | Spindle Fault | Closed = Fault | Add 2 |

15.3.112 Parameter 179 — Lube Pump Operation

This parameter can be configured to control a variety of lube pumps. The value is formatted as MMMSS, MMM for minutes and SS for seconds. Below is a table of some examples.

| Type of Pump | MMM | SS | Operation |
|-------------------------|-----|----|--|
| Mechanical/CAM | 0 | 0 | 179=0 Power is on when machine is running a job or in MDI Mode |
| Electronic “lube first” | 16 | 00 | 179=1600 Holds power on to the pump for 16 minutes of job or MDI time |
| Electronic “lube last” | 16 | 00 | 179=1600 Holds power on to the pump for 16 minutes of job or MDI time |
| Direct Controlled Pump | 30 | 15 | 179=3015 Waits for 30 min of job or MDI time, then applies power for 15 seconds. |

15.3.113 Parameters 186 — Probe Stuck retry disable

This parameter is used to disable retries when a probe is detected to be in a “stuck” condition. A probe “stuck” condition occurs during a probing move when a probe’s red light (LED) stays on even after the probe has moved clear of the contact surface. The control can sometimes detect this condition and go through a series of corrective moves to “reseat” the probe and retry the probing move. If this parameter is set to a non-zero value, then the control will not do this corrective action nor attempt another probing move. If this parameter is set to 0, then the control will go through the corrective action and retry the probing move up to 5 times.

15.3.114 Parameters 187 — Hard Stop Homing

This parameter is used when homing off hard stops. The value set in this parameter determines the amount of current sent to the motor while homing. Value range is 0-32000; typical value for a DC system is 16000. Note that this feature does not work with velocity mode drives.

15.3.115 Parameters 188–199 — Aux Key Functions

These parameters are used to assign a function to aux keys 1-12 (i.e. P188 = Aux1 ... P199 = Aux12). The following is the list of possible functions that can be executed when an aux key is pressed.

| Function | Value |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| No Function | 0 |
| Input X Axis Position | 1 |
| Input Y Axis Position | 2 |
| Input Z Axis Position | 3 |
| Set Absolute Zero | 4 |
| Set Incremental Zero | 5 |
| One Shot - Drill | 6 |
| One Shot - Circular Pocket | 7 |
| One Shot - Rectangular Pocket | 8 |

| Function | Value |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| One Shot - Frame | 9 |
| One Shot - Face | 10 |
| Execute M Code file | m11* |
| Free Axes | 14 |
| Go to Power Feed Menu | 15 |
| XYZ Set Absolute Zero | 16 |
| One Shot - Drill Bolt Hole Circle | 17 |
| One Shot - Drill Array | 18 |

For example, if you wanted Aux4 to call up the "One Shot - Circular Pocket", you would set parameter 191 to 7.

The Input Axis Position functions must be used with the Set ABS/INC Zero functions. After entering the desired value at the input field provided by the Input Axis Position function, press an aux key assigned either the function Set ABS Zero or Set INC Zero.

* *m* is the number of the M code to execute. For example, if the parameter value is set to 7211, the file mfunc72.mac will be loaded and executed when the Aux key was pressed. Custom overlays with the keys that represent these functions are available; contact your dealer for pricing.

15.3.116 Parameters 200–207 — OPTIC 4 Tach Volts Per 1000 RPM

These parameters control the digital Tach output on the Optic4 boards. They are used on drives like old Fanuc velocity mode drives that require a tach input. The value put here is the volts/1000 RPM off of the motor. A negative value can be entered to invert the tach voltage compared to the encoder count derived velocity direction from the encoder.

15.3.117 Parameters 208–215 — MPU-based Lash/Screw Compensation Acceleration Coefficient

These parameters control the speed of the Lash and/or Screw Compensation for axes 1-8. The lash will be taken up with acceleration equal to the coefficient multiplied by the acceleration rate for the axis. A value of zero would effectively disable MPU-based Lash and/or MPU-based Screw Compensation. *NOTE: These coefficients are not used by PC-Based Lash nor PC-based Screw Compensation

15.3.118 Parameters 216 — PC Based Lash Compensation on/off

This parameter controls which Lash Compensation Algorithm to use. The default value of 0 is recommended because it allows lash compensation to occur during any kind of motion. If PC Based lash is used then only during an MDI or programmed move (but not during jogging) will lash compensation be applied.

| Function | Value |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Use MPU-Based Lash Compensation | 0 |
| Use PC-Based Lash Compensation | 1 |

***NOTE:** Lash/Screw Compensation Acceleration Coefficients (parameters 208-215) are not used by PC-Based Lash Compensation.

15.3.119 Parameters 217 — PC Based Screw Compensation on/off

This parameter controls which Screw Compensation Algorithm to use. The default value of 0 is recommended because it allows screw compensation to occur during any kind of motion.

| Function | Value |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Use MPU-Based Screw Compensation | 0 |
| Use PC-Based Screw Compensation | 1 |

15.3.120 Parameter 218 — USB MPG Options

A non-zero value specifies that a Wireless USB MPG is being used. When set, the CNC12 software will load the driver (MpgClient.exe) used to communicate with the Wireless USB MPG. The PLC program may also use this parameter to determine the type of MPG connected to the system. A restart of CNC software is required for changes to this parameter to take effect. Typical values are seven (P218 = 7) for a three axis system and 15 (P218 = 15) for a four axis system.

Notes: 1.) also Set P348 = 15 to tell CNC12 to look for an MPG.

2.) Wireless USB MPG support is a software unlock.

15.3.121 Parameter 219 — Virtual Control Panel Options

When set to 1.0, CNC software will launch the Virtual Control Panel (VCP) at start up. The VCP is an on-screen equivalent of an actual jog panel that allows the use of mouse clicks (or touches on a touch sensitive screen) to control the same things as the real jog panel. Use of the VCP requires support from the PLC program.

15.3.122 Parameters 220–231 — Smoothing Parameters

These parameters are used for controlling the behavior of the Smoothing feature used during feed per minute moves. In particular, parameter 220 turns Smoothing on or off. When Smoothing is turned on, extreme care must be practiced to ensure that the rest of the Smoothing parameters are set to reasonable values, or else damage to the machine may result. *For further Smoothing information, please see the sections "Smoothing Configuration Parameters" and "Smoothing Setup Menu" later in this chapter.*

15.3.123 Parameters 236–239 — Motor Cooling Coefficients for axes 5-8

See parameters 20-30 for more information.

15.3.124 Parameter 240 — Rigid Tapping Accel Rate Distance

Default is 0.1000

Setting to -1 for servo motors this will disable the parameters 240, 241. This will introduce banging at the higher spindle speeds as before. For stepper motors do not set to a -1 because this will cause loss of axis position.

This parameter is used for servo motors to eliminate the banging at the start and end of tapping and threading.

This is the distance to get this axis up to speed to sink with the marker pulse on the spindle.

For servo-motors this allows for higher spindle speeds to eliminate the banging. The value that may be used is 1/2 to 2 times the pitch. With higher spindle speeds this value will need to be increased if banging is heard.

This value can be set to cover a range of different pitches of taps and threads.

Also, the clearance amount should be increased to allow enough distance to get the axis up to speed to be synced with the spindle.

For stepper-motors this will allow for larger values to help with the possibility of loss of axis positions.

15.3.125 Parameter 241 — Rigid Tapping Rotational Step Size (Degrees)

Default value: 10.00000 Minimum value: 10.00000

This is the degrees of rotation that the pitch is changed to get its axis synced up with the spindle to help eliminate the banging at the start and end of the tap and thread. A smaller value is preferred. With high RPM and a coarse pitch thread this may have to be increased to eliminate the banging.

15.3.126 Parameters 252–255 — Autotune Ka Performance parameters for axes 5-8

See parameters 87–90 for more information.

15.3.127 Parameters 256 — Drive Mode

This parameter indicates to the control software what mode the drives are operating under. It also controls the availability and behavior of the F5 Tune key in the PID Menu based on the drive mode.

| Drive mode | Value |
|---|-------|
| Torque mode. Autotune feature is enabled, accessible via F5 in PID Menu | 0 |
| Velocity mode. Autotune feature is disabled. Autotune does not work with velocity mode drives and therefore this parameter should be set to 1 to prevent access to Autotune on such machines with these drives. | 1 |
| Precision mode. This enables the Precision Mode delay parameters 340–347. This also enables the Auto Delay Calculation feature, accessible via F5 in PID Menu, which is used to automatically calculate these parameters. | 2 |

15.3.128 Parameter 257 — TT1 connection detection PLC input

This parameter stores the input for the TT1 connection detection feature. The spindle inhibit parameter ([parameter 18](#)) must be set (non-zero) for this feature to work. The default for this parameter is 0, which disables this feature. When this parameter is set (non-zero), the Tool Measuring cycle will not run unless a TT1 or a probe is connected. A negative value must be entered if a "normally closed" input is to be used with the control. A positive value must be entered if a "normally open" input is to be used with the control. The absolute value of this parameter will directly reflect the PLC input the TT1 connection detect is wired to.

15.3.129 Parameter 258 — Velocity/Torque Mode override in Precision mode

This is an axis bitfield where setting a bit to 'on' allows the corresponding axis to run as if it were in velocity or torque mode, but prone to servo mismatch errors. Bit 0 (value 1) refers to axis #1, bit 1 (value 2) refers to axis #2, bit 2 (value 4) refers to axis #3, bit 3 (value 8) refers to axis #4, and so forth.

15.3.130 Parameter 259 — Manual Axis Designation

This parameter is a bit field that designates an axis as a manual axis regardless of its label. Bit 0 (value 1) refers to axis #1, bit 1 (value 2) refers to axis #2, bit 2 (value 4) refers to axis #3, bit 3 (value 8) refers to axis #4, and so forth. (Note that there is another way to designate an axis as a manual axis, which is to set its label to “M” or “@”.)

15.3.131 Parameter 260 — Accelerated Graphics Backplot

This parameter controls the user interface that is presented when F8 – Graph is pressed. See Chapter 3 for more information about Accelerated Graphics Backplot.

| Function | Value |
|---|-------|
| Use the original Graphics Backplot | -1 |
| Use the new Accelerated Graphics Backplot | 1 |

15.3.132 Parameter 261 — Precision Mode Standoff Tolerance Percentage

Indicates the percentage of the motor encoder counts per revolution for which standoff error must exceed before any correction is made. Setting P261 to zero disables standoff error correction. Suggested setting is = 0.01

15.3.133 Parameter 262 — Precision Mode Standoff Delay Time

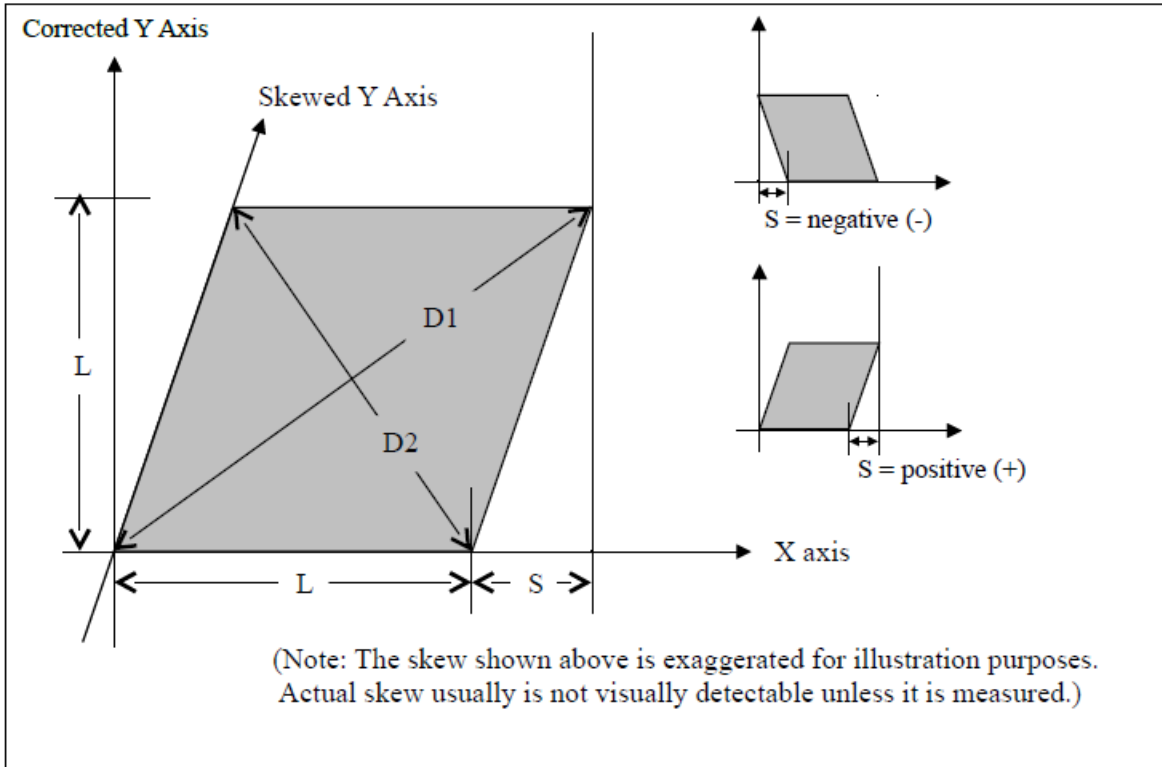
Time in seconds that an axis must be continuously at rest (no change in expected position) before a correction is made. Suggested setting is 0.1

15.3.134 Parameter 270–271 — XY Skew Correction

These parameters work together to correct XY position skew, which can occur if the X axis is not exactly perpendicular to the Y axis (or vice versa). To turn on XY skew correction, use the chart and follow the skew measurement procedure described below. To turn off XY skew correction, set both parameters to 0.

| Parameter | Symbol | Description |
|-----------|--------|---|
| 270 | S | +/- X skew deviation from perfect X and perfect Y |
| 271 | L | Y length over which to apply a position correction to counteract a skew of amount S |

Skew Measurement Procedure: Program a sufficiently large L x L square and cut it on a scrap piece of material using the machine in question. Put this “square” piece against a true square corner and measure the skew S. If the square is leaning to the left, then S is negative; if it is leaning to the right, then S is positive. Set Parameter 270=S and Parameter 271=L.



If you have trouble directly measuring S , you can calculate it by measuring the diagonals $D1$ and $D2$, and then using the following formula: $S = (D1^2 - D2^2)/(4L)$

15.3.135 Parameter 278 — Spindle Speed Display Precision

This sets the number of digits after the decimal point to display on the Spindle Speed display in the [Status Window](#). A setting of 0 means to show whole number spindle speeds.

15.3.136 Parameter 284–291 — Brake Resistor Wattage for ACDC Drives 1–8

These parameters specify the brake resistor wattage which default to the minimum internal resistor value. If CNC11 detects that the estimated brake wattage exceeds these parameter settings, then a "470 _ axis (drive _) brake wattage exceeded" message is reported in the [status window](#). These warnings may be written at most twice a minute. User variables #27201-#27208 can be used in an M- or G-code program to return the estimated brake wattage as reported by the ACDC drive to MPU11. Note that these are drive numbers, and match the LED indicator on the ACDC drive, but do not necessarily match the axes as displayed in the [DRO](#) due to the flexibility of drive mapping.

15.3.137 Parameter 300–307 — Drive assignment to Axes 1-8

These parameters control to what physical drive the commands for motion are sent. Parameter 300 assigns a physical drive to axis 1, parameter 301 assigns a physical drive to axis 2, and so on. The values for these parameters can be set to any value from 1-25 based on the table below. **These parameters must be set before attempting to move motors. Note that if you change any of these values, the machine must be powered down and restarted for the changes to take effect. Contact your dealer before changing these values.**

| Drive Number Assignment | Drive Type and Location | Description |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 | Drive Bus Channel 1-8 | Drive types are DC3IOB, DC1, ACSINGLE, OPTIC4, and OPTICDIRECT. Other drive types may be added in the future. |
| 9, 10, 11, 12 | GPIO4D/RTK4 Drive Out 1-4 | Drive output is implemented as outputs on the PLC bus which are updated at 4000hz. |
| 13 | RTK4 Drive Out 5 | 5th output for RTK4 drive |
| 14-16 | Reserved | |
| 17, 18, 19, 20 | Legacy DC 1-4 | Examples of Legacy DC drives are: QUADDRV1, SERVO1, M15DRV1, DC3IO, SERVOLV, SERVO3IO, DCSINGLE. |
| 21,22,23,24,25 | Legacy AC 1-5 | Examples of Legacy AC drives are: SD1, and SD3. |

15.3.138 Parameter 308–315 — Encoder assignment to Axes 1-8

These parameters control to which encoder the axis should look for feedback. Parameter 308 assigns an encoder to axis 1, parameter 309 assigns an encoder to axis 2, and so on. The values for these parameters can be set to any value from 1-15 based on the table below. These parameters before motors can move. Note that if you change any of these values, the machine must be powered down and restarted for the changes to take effect.

| Encoder Number | Location | Description | |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | MPU11 onboard encoder 1 | Encoder inputs on the MPU11. | |
| 2 | MPU11 onboard encoder 2 | | |
| 3 | MPU11 onboard encoder 3 | | |
| 4 | MPU11 onboard encoder 4 | | |
| 5 | MPU11 onboard encoder 5 | | |
| 6 | MPU11 onboard encoder 6 | | |
| 7 | Drive Bus Channel encoder 1 | Encoder inputs on Drive bus devices. <u>Here are some examples:</u> One DC3IOB would occupy 3 Drive Bus Channel encoder locations numbered 7,8,9. Two DC3IOB's chained together would occupy 6 Drive Bus Channel encoder locations numbered 7,8,9,10,11,12. An OPTICDIRECT occupies 1 Drive Bus Channel encoder location. Chaining 8 OPTICDIRECTs together would occupy 8 encoder locations numbered 7-14. Legacy AC drives (such as SD1 or SD3) occupy 6 encoder locations numbered 7-12. Note that every Drive Bus device takes up a Drive Bus encoder location even if there is no encoder going to the drive. | |
| 8 | Drive Bus Channel encoder 2 | | |
| 9 | Drive Bus Channel encoder 3 | | |
| 10 | Drive Bus Channel encoder 4 | | |
| 11 | Drive Bus Channel encoder 5 | | |
| 12 | Drive Bus Channel encoder 6 | | |
| 13 | Drive Bus Channel encoder 7 | | |
| 14 | Drive Bus Channel encoder 8 | | |
| 15 | MPU11 onboard MPG encoder | | MPG connector with no index pulse |
| 16 – 21 | Encoder Expansion 1 – 6 | | Encoder inputs on EncExp |

15.3.139 Parameter 316 — Absolute Encoder Bits

This is a bitfield parameter that is used to mark an encoder as being absolute. Note that it is the encoder number or index (see parameters 308-315 above) that is specified as being absolute, **not** the drive number. For example, if the X, Y, and Z axes had absolute encoders and parameters 308, 309, and 310 were set to the values 7, 8, and 9, then this parameter would be set to 448 ($2^6 + 2^7 + 2^8$).

15.3.140 Parameter 317 — Single Turn Absolute Encoder Bits

This is a bitfield parameter that is used to mark an absolute encoder encoder as being single turn. Note that it is the encoder number or index hat is specified as being absolute, **not** the drive number. This parameter applies to and has an effect for a scale encoder connected to a rotary axis. A motor encoder that is marked as absolute in [parameter 316](#) should not be marked as single turn in this parameter.

15.3.141 Parameter 318 — Five Axis Configuration

This parameter specifies configuration settings specific to five axis systems. On five axis systems that have the fifth axis (usually labeled B) as a rotary axis that rotates around a line parallel to the Y axis, i.e., an articulated head, values 1-8 are used to specify the drive to which the scale encoder is connected. A non-zero value also signifies that the fifth axis is a "straight rotary" (it is not a "triangular rotary" type).

15.3.142 Parameter 323 — MPU11 Encoder Speed Filter

This is an axis bitfield where setting a bit to 'on' selects the low speed filters for the corresponding axis. As a general guideline, an axis's bit should be set unless that axis refers to a 3rd party drive. Bit 0 (value 1) refers to axis #1, bit 1 (value 2) refers to axis #2, bit 2 (value 4) refers to axis #3, bit 3 (value 8) refers to axis #4, and so forth.

15.3.143 Parameter 324–331 — Axis Boxcar Size

These parameters set the maximum sample size of the boxcar filter for each axis. For most applications these values should be set to 0 (default). For applications where the motor drives are too responsive or jumpy, these boxcar filters act as a way to smooth the PID output. They average the PID output by the entered boxcar size thus reducing PID spikes. Eg. A value of 4 would add the last 4 PID values and then divide by 4 for before output. A value of 5 would add the last 5 PID values then divide by 5 before output. Note that during PID averaging, the Error Sum is not zeroed during direction reversal. Conversely, a value of 0 disables the boxcar filter for that axis and also zeroes the Error Sum on Direction Reversal. Note also that as a byproduct of averaging by 1, a boxcar value of 1 may be used to produce a true PID output while not zeroing the Error Sum on direction reversal.

15.3.144 Parameters 332–335 — Encoder error suppression

These parameters control suppression of various types of encoder errors on a per encoder basis. These parameters are bitfields by encoder index, NOT axis index. The mpu11 has 15 encoder indexes. For example to disable encoder faults for Encoder #5 on the mpu11, enter a 16 into the parameters 332 and 334. To suppress encoder faults and error messages for all 8 axes, enter 255 into each of the parameters mentioned in the following table.

| Parameter | Function |
|-----------|--|
| 332 | Suppress encoder differential faults |
| 333 | Suppress encoder differential error messages |
| 334 | Suppress encoder quadrature faults |
| 335 | Suppress encoder quadrature error messages |

15.3.145 Parameters 336–339 — Motor torque estimation for velocity mode drives

These parameters are intended to be used with velocity mode drives in order to facilitate a more accurate display of the axis load meter bars shown under each position in the main DRO display. If P336 = 0, then this feature is disabled and the normal PID output is displayed by the axis load meter bars. This feature is enabled if P336 is non-zero.

| Parameter | Symbol | Function |
|-----------|--------|--|
| 336 | G | Overall gain setting (0 = disable Motor torque estimation) |
| 337 | Ga | Absolute error gain |
| 338 | Gs | Error sum gain |
| 339 | Gd | Delta error gain |

Technical details:

The axis meter bar value (V) is then calculated as: $V = \text{abs}(100.0 * G * ((Ea * Ga + Es * Gs + Ed * Gd) / \text{integration_limit}))$, where Ea is the absolute error, Es is the error sum, and Ed is the delta error from the PID algorithm and the `integration_limit` is from the "Limit" value set in the PID Config screen . This value V is then bound to the range 0–100.

15.3.146 Parameters 340–347 — Precision Mode delay (in milliseconds) for axes 1-8

These parameters are used for synchronizing individual precision mode drives with different delays. The MPU11 will use these values and compensate for the differences in the delays. These parameters have up to a 0.25 millisecond resolution.

15.3.147 Parameter 348, 351, and 354 — MPG/Handwheel Encoder Input 1, 2, and 3

The encoder input for the MPG or handwheel. (1-15) See the encoder chart above. Note: PLC program interaction is needed to enable an MPG or handwheel.

15.3.148 Parameter 349, 352, and 355 — MPG/Handwheel Detents per Revolution 1, 2, and 3

This value is the number of clicks (detents) per revolution. It is the number of divisions or markings on the mpg or handwheel. Moving the mpg or handwheel one detent or division will cause the motor to move one jog increment (depending on the multiplier x1, x10, x100, etc). . Note: PLC program interaction is needed to enable an MPG or handwheel.

15.3.149 Parameter 350, 353, and 356 — MPG/Handwheel Encoder Counts per Revolution 1, 2, and 3

This value is the number of counts generated per rotation of the mpg or handwheel. Note: PLC program interaction is needed to enable an MPG or handwheel.

15.3.150 Parameters 357–364 — Axis Drive Max RPM for Axes 1-8

These parameters allow you to set the drive/motor max rate capability (in RPMs) for use by the PID algorithm for the calculation of the axis KV1 contribution. This value is independent from the axis Max Rate setting in the Jog Parameters menu, which is used by the control software. However, for those axes whose corresponding parameters are set to 0 (the default) the the PID algorithm will use the axis Max Rate setting in the Jog Parameters for the calculation of the axis KV1 contribution. These parameters are intended for 3rd party velocity mode drives that have a different max rate setting than that of the control software.

15.3.151 Parameters 365 — Drive power-on delay

This specifies the number of milliseconds that the MPU11 will wait between the moment that drive power first comes on and the start of commanded motion. However, this does not work for the case of turning off a single axis using M93, moving a different axis, and then moving the powered off axis. The default value is 0 which means no delay.

15.3.152 Parameters 366 – 367 — Probe / TT1 deceleration multiplier

| Parameter | Function |
|-----------|--|
| 366 | Probe deceleration multiplier: This factor adjusts the deceleration rate of probing moves coming to a stop due to probe hit. |
| 367 | TT1 deceleration multiplier: This factor adjusts the deceleration rate of TT1 tool measuring moves coming to a stop due to tool touch detect. |

The normal axis acceleration rate (configured by dividing the Max Rate in the Jog Parameters screen by the Accel Time in the PID Config screen) is multiplied by the value of these parameters to determine the actual decelerations used for each situation. A value higher than 1 will cause a more abrupt deceleration than the normal axis configuration. A value below 1 will cause a gentler deceleration.

15.3.153 Parameter 368 — Autonomous Digitizing Angle Adjustment

This parameter determines by what angle adjustments will be made to avoid shanking during Autonomous Digitizing. Note: This parameter applies only to performance racing users.

15.3.154 Parameter 369 — Tool Check Max Absolute Angle

This parameter is used in five-axis systems that have articulated heads (a rotary axis usually labeled as B) to limit the angle at which the tool check can be performed. If the absolute value of the B axis exceeds this value, a warning is displayed. This parameter also specifies a limit for the tilt angle used in five axis autonomous digitizing routines.

15.3.155 Parameters 374–379 — ACDC Drive Debug Log Settings

These parameters are used by support technicians and should be left at value 0.

15.3.156 Parameters 392–394 — DP-7 parameters

These are parameters specific to the DP-7 probe and are used only if [parameter 155](#) = 2.

| Parameter | Function |
|-----------|--|
| 392 | DP-7 Pullback Distance: The distance the probe moves off of the surface after a probing move. |
| 393 | DP-7 Pullback Feedrate: The feedrate for the pullback move. |
| 394 | DP-7 Measuring Feedrate: The feedrate for the slow measuring move. |

15.3.157 Parameters 395 — Probing Setup Traverse Speed

This sets the probing traverse feedrate for the macro-based probing cycles on engine block systems.

15.3.158 Parameters 396 — Probing Setup Plunge Speed

This sets the probing plunge feedrate for the macro-based probing cycles on engine block systems.

15.3.159 Parameters 398 — Port/Block mode

This determines the current mode of Port/Block systems and is set by the Port/Block menu. This parameter should not be manually modified.

| Value | Mode |
|-------|--------------|
| 0 | 3-Axis |
| 1 | Engine Block |
| 2 | Tilt Table |

15.3.160 Parameters 399 — AD1 arc chord tolerance adjustment

This parameter adjusts the precision of AD1 arcs. When Smoothing is turned off (P220 = 0) arc moves (such as G2 and G3) are generated as a string of many small linear moves that are used to closely approximate the programmed arc. These small linear moves are called arc chords. These arc chords straddle each side of the theoretical true arc path, but their distance (in encoder counts) from the path is limited by what value is set in this parameter. The default value is .5, meaning that by default the arc chord never strays away from theoretical true arc by more than 1/2 encoder count.

15.3.161 Parameter 400 — Run Menu Cycle Start Enabled

Set this value to zero to disable the **CYCLE START** button in the Run Menu (F4 from Main Menu). For any other value, **CYCLE START** will be enabled on the Run Menu.

15.3.162 Parameter 401 — Forget last job loaded

Setting this parameter to a value of 1.0 will cause the last job loaded to be forgotten when CNC software is started and replaced with the name "no_job_loaded.cnc".

15.3.163 Parameter 403 — Disable Keyboard Jogging Legend

This parameter determines whether or not the Keyboard Jogging Legend is launched with an Alt+j press. A value of 1.0 will prevent it from launching.

15.3.164 Parameter 411 — MPG Type

Set this parameter to select the type of MPG connected according to the table below.

| MPG type | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Non-USB MPG | 0 |
| USB CWP-4 | 0 |
| USB WMPG-4 | 1 |

15.3.165 Parameters 900–999 — PLC program parameters

These parameters are used as a way of communicating floating point values to a PLC program. The meanings of these parameters depends on how a PLC program uses them and can vary from one machine to another. One suggested use of these parameters is as a set of configuration values. The values of these parameters are saved upon modification (via a menu or CNC job) and will be retain their values even after shutdown and restart of the control software.

All remaining parameters are reserved for further expansion.

15.4 PID Menu

Pressing **F4 - PID** from the Configuration screen will bring up the PID Menu. The PID Menu provides qualified technicians with a method of changing the PID dependent data to test and configure your machine.

WCS #1 (G54) Current Position (Inches) Job Name: MUSTANG .cnc

X +0.5000 Tool: T1 H1

Y +0.0000 Feedrate: 120% Part Cnt: 0

Z +0.0000 Spindle: +0 A Part # □: 24

A -0.0010°

B -0.0001°

305 Processing...

313 Waiting for dwell time

302 Moving...

313 Waiting for dwell time

307 Operator abort: job cancelled

301 Stopped

Press CYCLE START to start job

PID Menu

| Axis | Error | Sum | Delta | PID Out | Abs Pos | Max Error | Min Error |
|------|-------|-----|-------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| X | 0 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 20000 | 3 | -3 |
| Y | 0 | 15 | -1 | -2 | -1 | 3 | -2 |
| Z | -1 | 7 | 0 | -2 | 1 | 2 | -2 |
| A | -1 | 164 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -2 | -2 |
| B | 0 | 158 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -2 | -2 |
| N* | 0 | 0 | 0 | OFF | -1 | 0 | 0 |
| N | 0 | 0 | 0 | OFF | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| N | 0 | 0 | 0 | OFF | 0 | 0 | 0 |

PID Config
F1

Tune
F5

Drag
F6

Laser
F7

Drive
F8

Plot
F9



WARNING

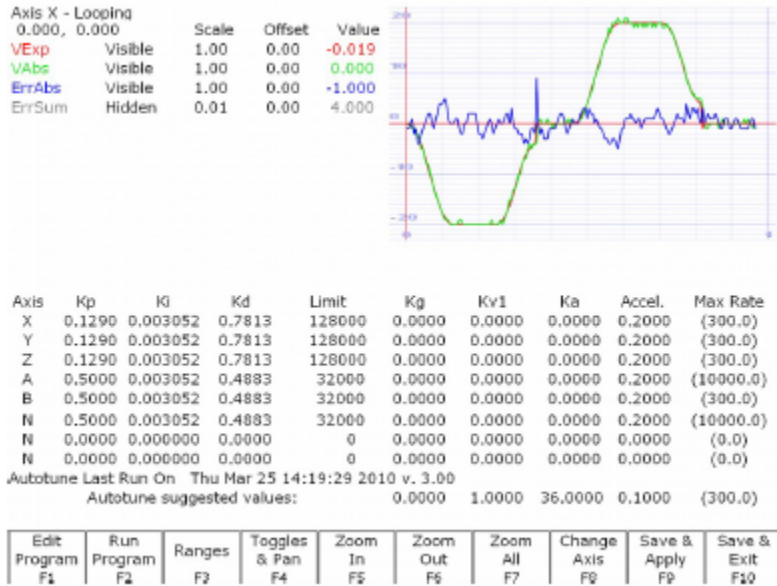
The PID Parameters **should not** be changed without contacting your dealer. Corrupt or incorrect values could cause damage to the machine, personal injury, or both.

15.4.1 F1 — PID Config

This option displays the Oscilloscope tuning screen, and is intended for qualified technicians **only**. It allows technicians to modify the PID values, and to see (in real time) the effects of those modifications. Altering the PID values will cause **DRAMATIC** changes in the way the servo system operates, leading to possible machine damage. **DO NOT** attempt to change these parameters without contacting your dealer.

The general idea is to reduce the Absolute Error (ErrAbs) and the Sum of Absolute Error (ErrSum), which are both measured in encoder counts. Absolute Error tells you how far off position the machine is at any particular point in time, and the Sum is used when tuning to make sure the overall error is being reduced.

Special Note for SD3 drives: The program containing test moves (edited via F1 and run via F2 on the Oscilloscope tuning screen) must contain a dwell (G4 P...), otherwise the SD3's drive parameters will not be sent.



- F1 — Edit Program Change the program that will run when F2 is pressed
- F2 — Run Program Causes the machine to run a simple test program, while collecting data
- F3 — Ranges Can be used to specify the X and Y ranges for the Oscilloscope view
- F4 — Toggles & Pan Allows changes to how the collected data is displayed, and panning via the cursor keys
- F5 — Zoom In Zooms in
- F6 — Zoom Out Zooms out
- F7 — Zoom All Fits all of the collected data into the Oscilloscope view
- F8 — Change Axis Tells the MPU11 to collect data for a different axis (displayed in the top left)
- F9 — Save & Apply Saves any modifications
- F10 — Save & Exit Saves any modifications and exits the Oscilloscope menu
- Page Up — Tweak + Allows small modifications (+1to the PID values while the program is running. Hold shift for a larger (+10%) modification.
- Page Down — Tweak - Allows small modifications (-1to the PID values while the program is running. Hold shift for a larger (-10%) modification.



WARNING

Improper PID values can ruin the machine, cause personal injury, and/or destroy the motor drives!!!

15.4.2 F5 - Tune

This option is available only for Torque mode and Precision mode drives. See [Parameter 256](#) earlier in this chapter for more information about Drive modes.

If the drives are in Torque mode, pressing this key will start the Autotune procedure. It is used by qualified technicians to automatically determine values for Max Rate, Accel/decel time, and Deadstart (See section Motor Configuration: Jog Parameters) as well as certain PID parameters for each installed axis. The Autotune procedure will make a series of moves on each non-paired controlled axis, traveling a limited distance (configured via parameters 95-98 and 156-159) from the initial position in all directions to determine the friction and gravity of each axis. The initial high-speed move will use half of this distance. You cannot run Autotune on paired axes. Do not run Autotune unless requested to do so by a qualified technician.

If the drives are in Precision mode, pressing this key will start the Auto Delay Calculation procedure. It is used by qualified technicians to automatically determine values for the Precision Mode delay parameters 340-347. The Auto Delay Calculation procedure will make a single move on each non-paired controlled axis, traveling a limited distance (configured via parameters 95-98 and 156-159) from the initial position. You cannot run the Auto Delay Calculation procedure on paired axes. Do not run the Auto Delay Calculation procedure unless requested to do so by a qualified technician.

15.4.3 F6 — Drag

This option is used by qualified technicians to determine whether your machine is binding anywhere along the axis travel. To run a drag test press F6 — Drag to begin the drag test. Press F1 — Next Axis to select the axis you wish to check and then hit the CYCLE START button. A text file drag_x.out, or a similarly named file is generated and stored in the c:\cncm directory. If significant drag occurs, a message will be displayed on screen. Contact your dealer to correct the problem as soon as possible.

15.4.4 F7 — Laser

This option is used by qualified technicians to take automated laser measurements and create or adjust the ballscrew compensation tables. Do not attempt to run automatic laser compensation without first contacting your dealer for details.

15.4.5 F8 — Drive

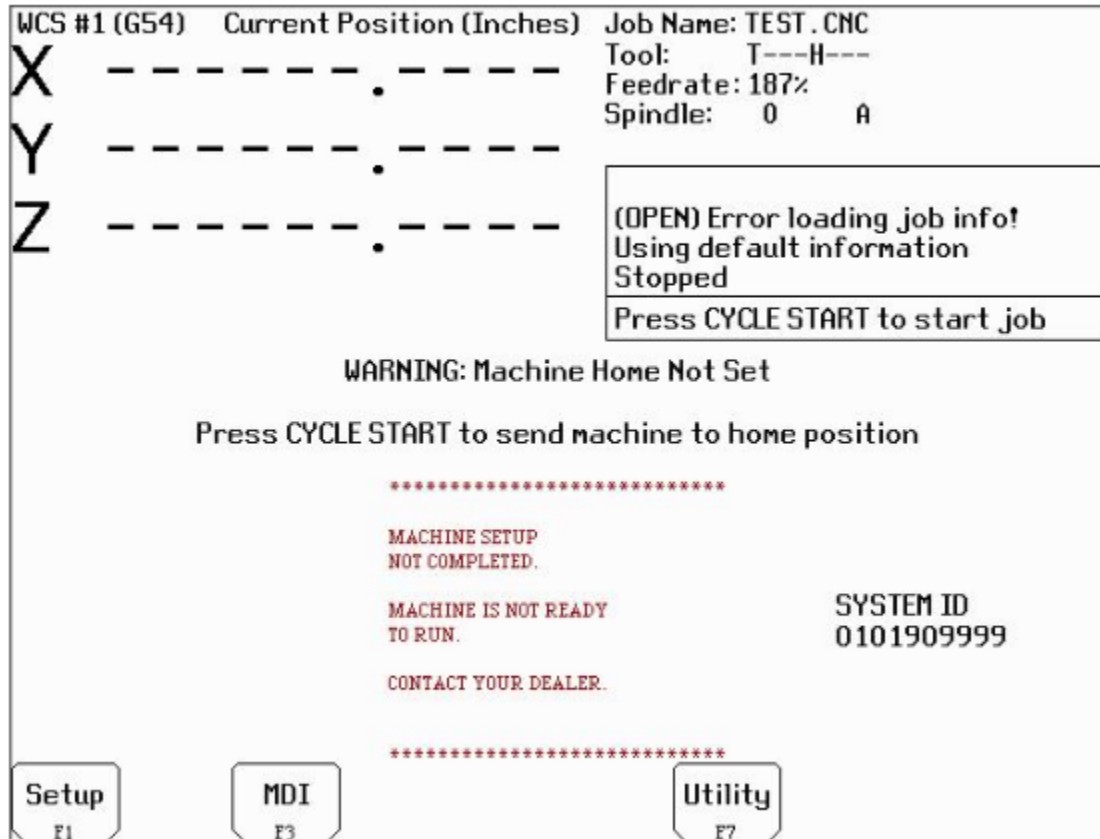
This menu will only appear on AC systems and only affects using SD or ACSingle drives. It is not for general viewing and definitely not for modification by any unqualified individual. For more information about this menu option, refer to the SD installation manual.

15.4.6 F9 — Plot

This option is used by qualified technicians to plot data.

15.5 System Test

System Test is a feature that was released in software versions 8.23 (DOS) and 1.10 (CNC10). The purpose of the System Test is to check basic machine functionality and to verify key parameters are set correctly. If the System Test has not run and passed, a message will be displayed on the screen at power up (see figure). This message will continue to be displayed at power up, until the System Test has been run successfully.



Requirements before running System Test:

1. Make sure control is fully integrated.
2. Check direction of each axis and change direction reversal (refer to TB137) and limits as required.
3. Setup/calibrate motor rev.'s/per (refer to TB36) and backlash (refer to TB37) for each axis.
4. Set travel limits. (Note: To save time in the home switch test, zero out the inputs that aren't being used for home switches.)
5. Run auto tune and drag tests.
6. Make sure machine table is cleared of all items.
7. Empty the spindle of any tools, and verify that the spindle face cannot run into the worktable at the bottom of its travel. **DO NOT START** the system test with a tool in the spindle.
8. (ATC systems only) ATC systems need to have their tool changers setup and verified by running tool changes.
9. (ATC systems only) Insert at least four tools into the tool carousel. Load one into bin #1 and another into the maximum bin number (ex. Load into bin 16 if a 16 - Tool ATC). The other two tools should be loaded into the carousel to balance it out. In the case of a 16 - Tool ATC load bins 5 and 10. The tools must have lengths that differ by at least 0.010 inches (0.25 mm). Do NOT use fly cutters, diamond tip tools or non conductive tools.
10. (ATC systems only) Position a TT1 on the worktable and connect the TT1 cable. Position the spindle over the TT1 then press F1 – Setup, F1 – Part, F9 – WCS Table and F1 – Return. Enter the X and Y values displayed on the screen in return point #3 and set the Z value to zero. Note; make

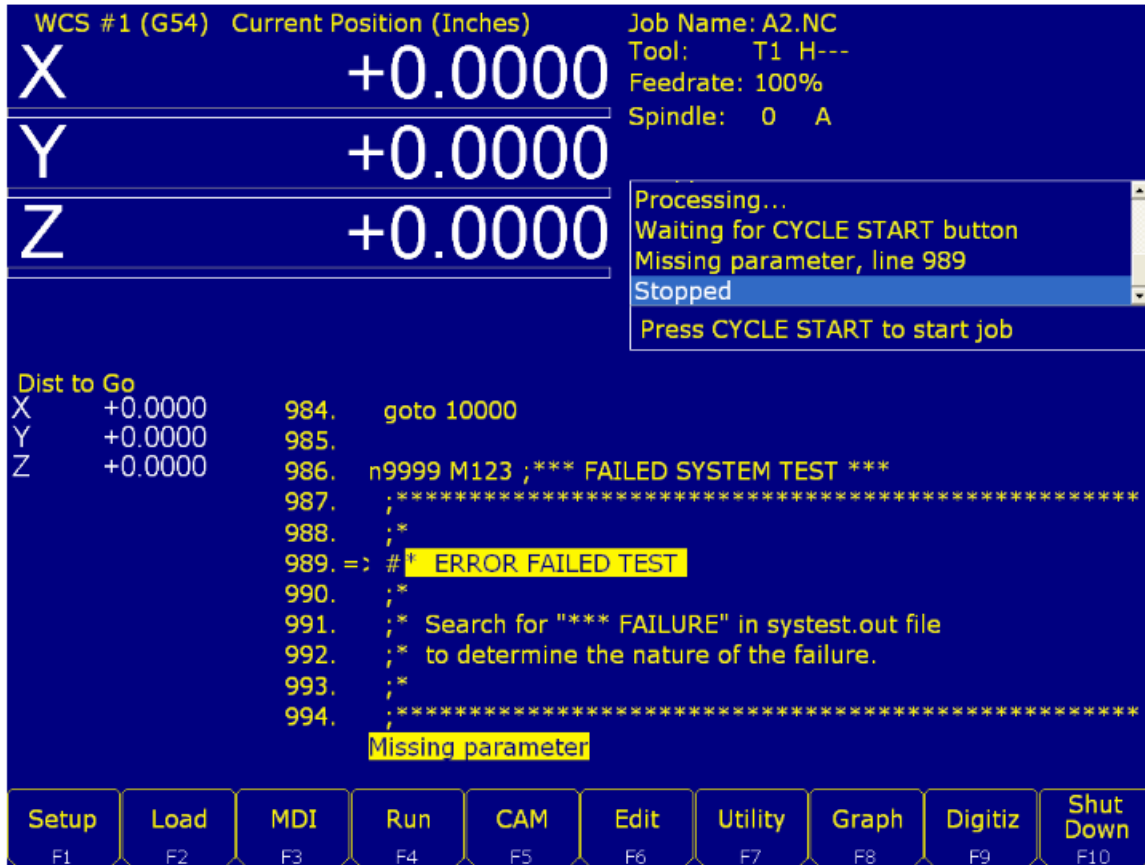
sure the spindle face will not run into the TT1 at the bottom of its travel (if it doesn't clear, do NOT run the System Test).

Running the System Test:

1. To run the System Test, press **F1 – Setup**, **F3 – Config**, enter the correct password, and then press **F5 – Test**. The control will load the systest.cnc file located in the CNC10 directory. If for any reason the systest.cnc file does not load, go to the CNC10 directory and manually load it.
2. Before System Test starts running any tests it moves the Z-axis to home. The travel limits and machine home are verified that they are set. Travel limits are not tested for axes that are labeled as M, N, or S, or that have the rotary bit set in parameters 91-94 (axes 1-4) and or 166 (5th axis). The test also checks parameter 6 and 160, if P6 is set to 1 and 160 is set to a non-zero value the System Test will display a menu where you can select a single test or run all tests.
3. Here is a quick list of the Tests; below you can read about them in more detail.
 - (a) ATC — TT1 Test
 - (b) Quick Home Switch Test
 - (c) ATC — Spindle Test
 - (d) ATC — Tapping Test
 - (e) Home Switch and Travel Limit Test
 - (f) ATC — Tool Change Test

Note that Non-ATC systems will automatically run tests (b) and (e).

If System test fails at any time while testing you will see “Missing parameter, line 989” on the Config Screen. Go back to the main screen where you will see the following screen (see figure below). Load the systest.out file located in the CNC10 directory and press **F6 — Edit** to see exactly what failed (See figure).



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;*****
; Checking travel limits and home set
*** FAILURE: AXIS 1 INVALID TRAVEL LIMITS
*** FAILED ***

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Test Definitions:

1. **ATC TT1 Test.** This test starts with the following G-code message displayed on the screen:

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; * Connect TT-1 and verify the XY location of the TT-1
; * is set in return point #3. Verify that the spindle\
; * face is above the TT-1 when at the Z minus travel
; * limit. After pressing CYCLE START,
; * trigger the TT-1 twice.
M0
if [#9044 != 0] the #[a] = #9044
if [#9044 == 0] the #[a] = #9011
M123 L1 ; TT-1 set to be input
M123 q0 p#a
M101/#a

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After pressing Cycle Start, the TT1 needs to be manually triggered twice. The best way to do this is by touching an electrically conductive material to the worktable and the top of the TT1. A right-angled Allen-wrench about six inches long works well.



How to trigger TT1

Before triggering the TT1 you will notice in the message window the message “Waiting for input #15 (M101)”. If the TT1 parameters are set correctly the program will stop at a M0 after triggering the TT1. If the program doesn’t reach the second M0 shortly after triggering the TT1, stop the program. Press Alt + I to turn on Live PLC debugging and trigger the TT1 to see which input is actually toggling and then change parameter 44 to the input being tripped. If no input is tripped check the TT1 wiring.

2. **Home Switch Test** This test checks to see if the machine can be homed reliably by making sure the home switches are not too close to the index pulse of the motors. If this test fails and you get a “home switch too close to index pulse” error message, refer to Tech bulletin 92 for a description of how to correct the problem.
3. **ATC Spindle Test** This test is made up of three parts:
 - (a) First parameter 78 (Spindle Speed Display) is set to 1.0 to enable live measurement and calculated spindle speed to be displayed in the CNC status window. Parameter 36 (Rigid Tapping Enable/Disable) is set to 1.0 to enable rigid tapping and parameter 33 (Spindle Motor Gear Ratio) is checked to see if it’s set to 1.0. If not set to 1.0, it will be changed to a 1.0 and a warning will be logged.
 - (b) The program turns the spindle on for a few seconds and looks for any change in the absolute encoder position of all axes. If no changes are detected, the test will error out and log the failure. In which case the spindle encoder wiring and connections need to be checked. If movement is detected, parameter 35 is verified that it’s set correctly. A wrong value will result in a failure; the failure message in the systest.out file will indicate the correct value. Change P35 and run test again. A quick check for spindle direction is made, where the spindle is turned on with an M3 to see in the spindle is counting up or counting down. If counting up nothing happens, counting down will result in a minus sign being added or removed from parameter 34 (Spindle Encoder Counts/Revolution) and a warning logged.
 - (c) The test now records the average spindle deceleration time from 2000RPM. Then spindle speeds of 10%, 20%, 30%, ..., up to 100% of maximum spindle speed set in the Control Configuration are checked and recorded in systest.out. The spindle speeds are commanded and then the actual speeds are recorded after several seconds. The commanded speeds are compared to the actual and must be within 3% to pass. If a failure occurs check P34 is set correctly and that the inverter has been programmed for the correct maximum output frequency. To check parameter

34 turn the spindle 10 times by hand and divide the difference in encoder counts by 10. The absolute encoder position can be read off the PID screen.

4. **ATC Tapping Test.** Starts at machine home and taps down three inches at 1000RPM. The Z-axis movement should be very smooth, however if you notice a jerky motion it is probably due to P34 having the wrong sign (+/-). For example, if P34 is set to 4096 and you have jerky motion on Z-axis change P34 to -4096. Another problem could occur with a “Z axis cannot follow the spindle” error. This means you have the wrong number of counts in P34 (i.e.8000 instead of 4096), although the correct value for P34 should have been determined in spindle test.

5. **Machine Home Switch and Travel Limit Test.**

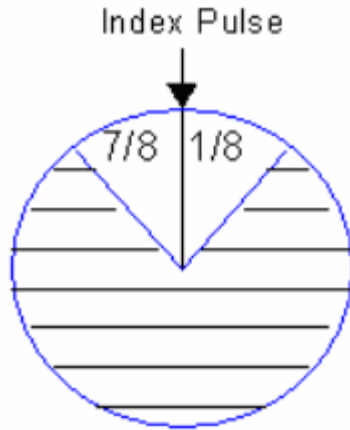
- (a) **Home Switch test.** The machine home test starts by checking the values stored in the plus/minus home switch fields in the Machine Configuration — Motor screen. There are two checks made before the test begins. The program first checks the “Machine home at pwrap” setting in the Control Configuration. If set to “Jog” the test is skipped and a warning is logged in systest.out. In most cases it should be set to “Home switch” or “Ref Marks — HS”. The second check looks for any axis that has at least one home switch input defined except for, rotary configured axes or axes with an “M”, “N”, or “S” label. Reference Mark homing will have both plus/minus home switches set to zero. So any axes that fail this check will generate a warning in the systest.out file.

Review of homing process when homing to a switch:

- i. The axis moves toward the home switch at the slow jog rate until the home switch is tripped.
- ii. The axis moves away from the switch until the home switch closes.
- iii. The axis moves further away by a small amount (0.0025 inches).
- iv. The axis moves in small increments away from the switch until the encoder index pulse is located.

Axes with a minus home switch defined will have multiple measurements taken of the home position (found by using an M91/ command) and the position after step (3) in the homing procedure. The measurements are logged along with error measurements and other data. To pass the test, all home position measurements must be within 0.0005 inches of the first measurement. If the test fails and the error is within 0.0010 inches of a motor revolution, the follow message will be logged: “SUSPECTED LIMIT SWITCH PROBLEM”. Otherwise, “SUSPECTED ENCODER INDEX PROBLEM” will be logged.

Now the distance between the home position and the off-switch position (position after step 3) are checked to ensure that they are not less than 1/8 or greater than 7/8 of a motor revolution. If less than 1/8 or greater than 7/8 of a motor revolution a failure occurs and a “Home position too close to encoder index pulse” message is logged (See figure 4). To correct this failure, move the limit switch or trip dog a distance that corresponds to a 1/2 revolution of the motor. The full turn distance is recorded in the systest.out file. If unable to move, decouple the motor and rotate the motor shaft 90 degrees clockwise. When attempting to resolve the problem by rotating the motor shaft, note that this method will affect the results of the home switch test at the other end of travel, which means that it is possible when the test is repeated that the opposite end which passed will now fail. In this case, you must rotate the motor shaft 90 degrees clockwise once again.



The index pulse in the position seen in the picture would produce an error. The correct position would be in the shaded region of the circle.

If an axis has a plus home switch set the same measurements and analysis are performed on it.

- (b) **Travel Limits Test** When there are two home switches, the overall travel defined in the Machine Configuration — Jog parameters must be less than or equal to the distance between the minus and plus home positions, but within 1.0 inch (25.4mm). For example, the distance between the plus and minus home positions is 24.135 inches, which means the travel limit must be within 23.135 – 24.135 inches to pass the test.

If only one or no home switches set for an axis, two moves are made. One from the home position out to the minus travel limit and another from the home position out to the plus travel limit. If the travel limits are too long, the test will be stopped by either a “Full power without motion” or “limit tripped” message.

After the travel limits are tested and have passed, all axes move to the center of the travel limits.

6. **ATC Tool Changing Test** Starts by performing a series of tool changes. These tool changes are done in such a way to alternate carousel directions and maximize carousel travel. For example, a 16 – Tool setup would run a series of tool changes like T1, T8, T2, T9, T3, T10 etc., and would continue in this manner until 48 tool changes (3x the maximum number of bins) have been completed.

After every tool change, the tool height is checked using the TT1. The first time a tool is measured, the Z-axis machine position is recorded. On subsequent tool checks, the machine position is compared to the initial recorded position. The test will fail if subsequent tool measurements are not within 0.005 inches of the initial position.

Assuming a few tool changes have been completed, some possible causes for the wrong tool being picked up are:

- Parameter 161 (ATC Maximum Tool Bins) is set wrong. Ex. P161 = 16 but the tool carousel holds 20 tools.
- Not using a brake motor for the carousel or there is a faulty brake motor.
- The state of the tool counter sensor after a tool change is not electrically open. This can be caused when the wrong type of tool counter sensor (Normally Open or Normally Closed) is matched to the mechanical setup of the counting mechanism.
- The tool counter sensor or wiring is faulty.
- Electrical noise.

Completed System Test If the control runs through the complete test and passes everything the systest.out file will say passed and the “Machine setup not completed” message will no longer appear at machine power up.


WARNING: If you run the system test after it’s already passed, the systest.out file will be wiped out and the control will need to run through the complete test again.

15.6 ATC Init.

This menu will only appear on enhanced ATC systems. Please see your ATC manual for further information.

15.7 DSP Probe Configuration

Pressing F7 — DSP Probe from the configuration screen will display the DSP Probe configuration. Note that this menu is available only for DSP probes ([Parameter 155=1](#)).

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| WCS #1 (G54) | | Current Position (Inches) | | Job Name: thread.cnc | |
| X |  | -6.4839 | | Tool: T1 H1 | |
| Y | | +10.3858 | | Feedrate: 100% | |
| Z | | +19.4561 | | Spindle: 0 A | |
| A | | 0.000° | | 335 Emergency stop released 301 Stopped | |
| | | | | Press CYCLE START to start job | |
| DSP Probe Settings | | | | | |
| DSP to Mechanical: Minimum Difference | | 0.00100 | inches | | |
| DSP to Mechanical: Maximum Difference | | 0.02500 | inches | | |
| DSP Probing Probing Feedrate | | 20 | inches/minute | | |
| DSP Probing Clearance Feedrate | | 20 | inches/minute | | |
| DSP Retry Limit | | 10 | times | | |
| Force DSP Probing Feedrate in M115/M116? | | yes | yes/no | | |
| Accept mechanical points in digitizing cycles? | | no | yes/no | | |
| DSP Retry Dwell Time | | 0.0000 | seconds | | |
| | | | | Accept F10 | |

Minimum Difference:

Default - 0.001 inches. The minimum difference between mechanical and reported DSP position.

Maximum difference:

Default - 0.025 inches. The maximum difference between mechanical and reported DSP position.

DSP Probing feedrate:

Default – 20. The feedrate to use for DSP probing moves.

DSP Probing Clearance feedrate:

Default – 20. The feedrate to use for DSP probing Clearance moves.

DSP Retry Limit:

Default - 10 times. The maximum number of tries to achieve a passing window.

Force DSP probing feedrate in M115/M116:

Default - Yes. This forces the DSP feedrate for M115/M116 (recommended) rather than using the feedrate specified in an F command.

Accept Mechanical Points in Digitizing Cycles

Default - Yes. Used when any given point has failed window checking # times where # = the limit as specified in DSP Retry Limit. Setting this option to Yes records the last mechanical position rather than throw out the point entirely. If this option is set to no, no value is recorded for the point and digitizing continues.

DSP Retry Dwell Time

Default - 0 seconds. The amount of time to dwell at the end of a retract move when retrying a DSP probing move. The purpose of this is to give the probe time to stop vibrating before moving towards the surface again on a bad hit.

Other DSP Probe settings

The DSP Probe eliminates the need for a multiple-hit probe measuring move (A fast inward move to find the surface followed by a slow move to measure the surface). Therefore, the Slow Probing Rate ([parameter 15](#)) does not apply to probing moves when the DSP probe is enabled. However, the Slow Probing Rate still applies to TT1 tool measurements. The Fast Probing Rate ([parameter 14](#)) is still used for positioning moves in digitizing cycles, but not for probing moves which measure the surface. Instead, the DSP Probing feedrate is used for these moves.

The following list is a list of other parameters which affect the DSP Probe. See the parameter descriptions in the Machine Parameters section (earlier in this chapter) for more information.

- Probe Type ([Parameter 155](#)): This parameter enables/disables the DSP Probe.
- Recovery Distance ([Parameter 13](#)): This parameter is used for failed DSP windows. On a failed window, the DSP probe will retract this distance before retrying.
- Fast Probing Rate ([Parameter 14](#)): Used for positioning moves in digitizing and probing routines. These are moves which are not measuring a surface. It is not used for surface measuring moves when the DSP probe is enabled.
- Slow Probing Rate ([Parameter 15](#)): Not used by the DSP probe. However, it will still be used by TT-1 tool measurements.
- Repeatability Tolerance ([Parameter 151](#)): Recommended value is 0 (disabled). This parameter enables repeatability checking. It will work in conjunction with the DSP probe.

15.8 Smoothing Configuration Parameters

| Parameter | Description | Recommended values | |
|-----------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 220 | Turn the Smoothing feature ON or OFF. | 1 = Smoothing (set to 0 to use Exact Stop mode) | |
| 221 | NBpts: The number of points in the Smoothing filter. The higher this value, the more rounded corners will become (see tolerance below) | For Milling Machines: 0 to 10 | For Routers: 5 to 20 |

| | | | |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 222 | STEP: Smoothing breaks up a G code program into segments of this vector size. Use this rule of thumb: Tolerance = (Nbpts*STEP)/3. | For Milling Machines: .001 inch / .025mm | For Routers: .01 inch / .25mm |
| 223 | Umax: Sustained safe throughput rate going to the CPU10/MPU11 card. | 800 | |
| 224 | Centripetal control options: This bitfield parameter controls the Centripetal stage of the Smoothing module. Value 0 (default) makes Centripetal operate on all axes and disables excessive axis accel checking. Values 1 and 3 (bit 0 = 1) limits Centripetal to only linear axes. Values 2 and 3 (bit 1 = 1) enables excessive axis accel checking | 0 (Centripetal stage will operate on all axes and disables excessive axis accel checking.) | |
| 226 | W: Feature Width over which the Min Angle is determined. | 10 | |
| 227 | Min Angle: Minimum angle to smooth in degrees. Settings of 95 to 100 degrees will come to a near stop and produce sharp right angles. 60 to 85 will move continuously while rounding angles. | For Sharp corners 95 to 100 degrees | For rounded corners 60 to 85 degrees |
| 228 | S curve: The recommended setting for this parameter is 0. | 0 = Off completely (recommended setting) | |
| 229 | Backplot/Smoothing mode : Smoothing may slow down the display of Backplot Graphics. This parameter allows a faster backplot by not showing Smoothing. | 0 = Faster Backplot, smoothing may be active but is not shown 1 = Slower Backplot, smoothing effects shown. | |
| 230 | Curve Feedrate Multiplier: Reducing this value below 1.0 will cause the machine to move slower around curves and corners, minimizing "bangs" and overshoots. Increasing this value above 1.0 may allow you to run your machine faster if the feedrates in arcs and corners are still satisfactory. | 1.0 (default value) 0.1 to 5.0 (Depending on user's preference for speed vs "bangs" and overshoots) | |
| 231 | Acceleration Multiplier: This parameter allows you to adjust the overall acceleration / deceleration rate as a means to reduce machine vibration, and noise during starting, stopping and feedrate changes. Reducing this value below 1.0 will cause more gentle accelerations and decelerations. Increasing this value above 1.0 will cause faster accelerations / decelerations. | 1.0 (default value) 0.5 to 1.5 (Depending on user's preference for quickness of accelerations / decelerations) | |

Note: STEP must be in the same units that the control is currently set to (Inches or MM). Once entered in, if you change units in the control from inches to mm or vice versa the Smoothing parameters will automatically be converted to the other units for you, so you don't have to re-enter them once you've type them in properly.

Technical Background description of Smoothing :

Smoothing performs several related functions:

1. Smoothing NBPTS (P221) and STEP (P222)

These parameters control geometrical smoothing of the user supplied G-code. Smoothing allows significantly higher feedrates to be achieved while reducing vibration, bumps and bangs at corners and angles. It is also great for smoothing over a CAD-CAM generated data with peculiar features. See Fig 1. Smoothing's strength is also a potential disadvantage, it modifies geometry and rounds corners. See Fig 2. When would you want to use smoothing? The user may want to run smoothly through rectangular Z movements created by "breakout tabs" on a router job. Smoothing will allow the job to run at high speed right through the breakout tabs, if the min angle P227 is set to less than 90 degrees.

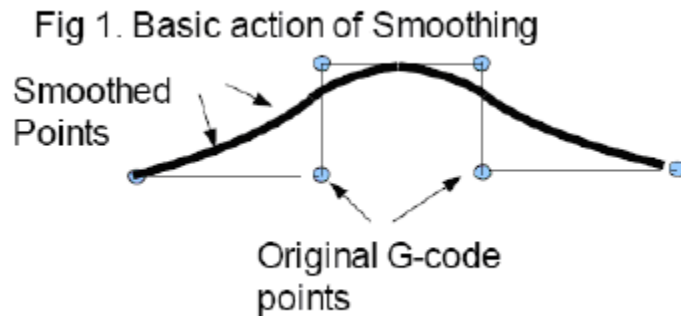


Fig. 2 Rule of thumb for estimating Smoothing tolerance $\approx (NBPTS * STEP)/3$

Example: for NBPTS= 5 , and STEP= .001
 $5 \times .001 ; .005/3 \approx .00167$ in Smoothing Tolerance

Gives an estimate of the smoothing tolerance
 When rounding a 90deg corner, assuming
 That the min angle P227 is less than 90deg

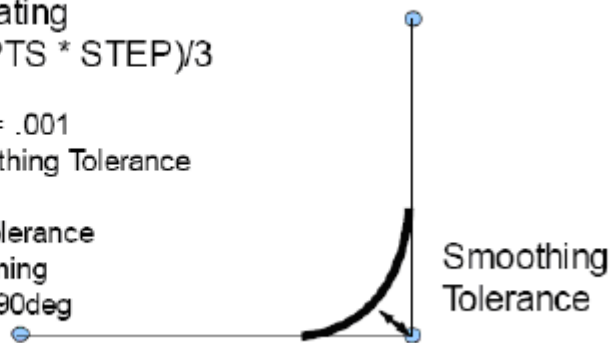
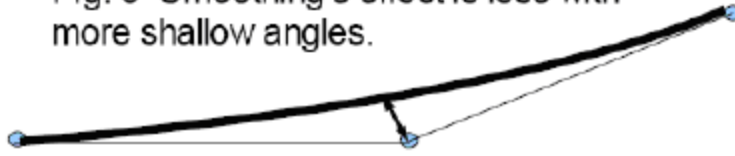


Fig. 3 Smoothing's effect is less with more shallow angles.



2. P230 Curve Feedrate multiplier Arcs and Corners

Low values produce lower feedrates in curves.

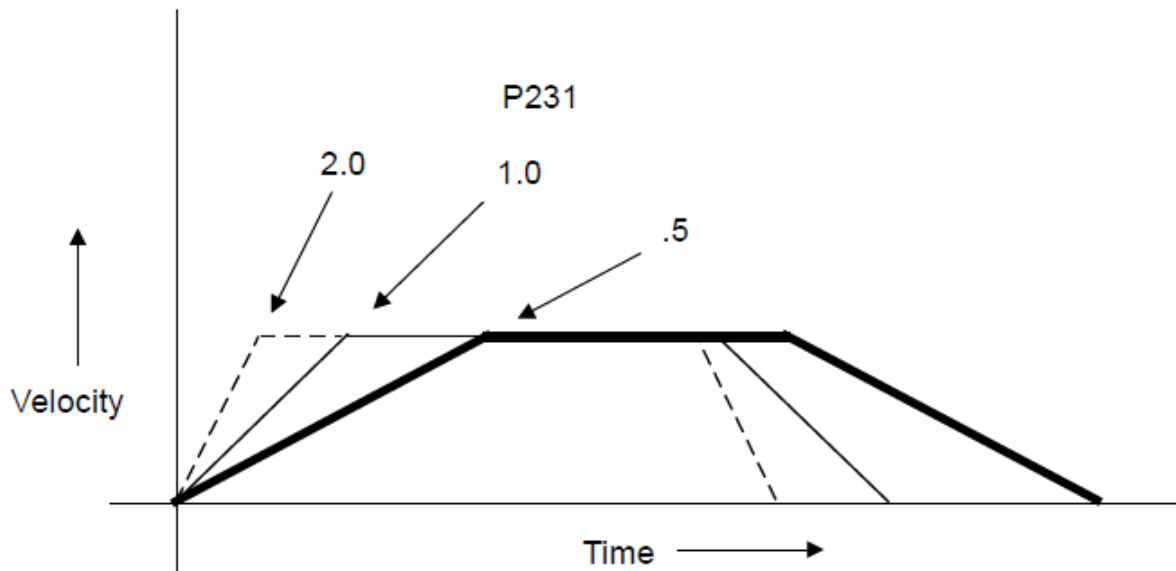
Fig. 4a: P230 determines speed around curves and arcs



Tighter arcs produce lower feedrates

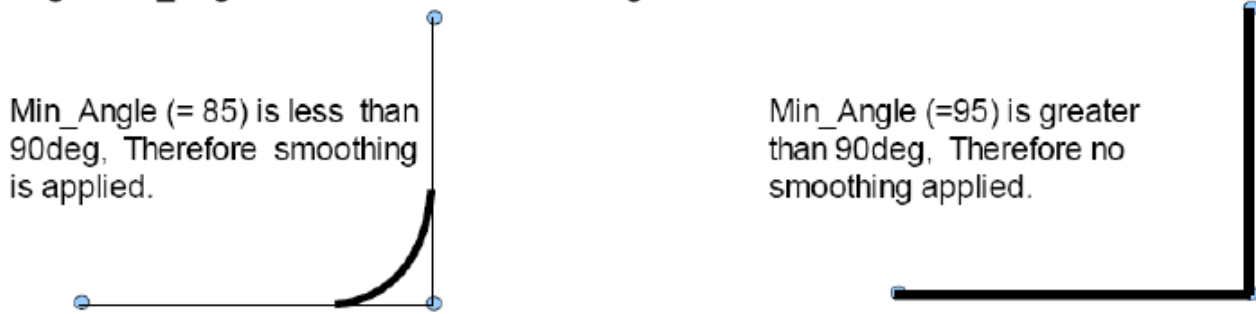
3. P231 Acceleration Multiplier

Fig. 4b: Lower values produce lower accelerations.



4. **Min_Angle (P227)** defines the minimum angle to apply Smoothing to. All angles below the minimum angle will be sharp. For example if Min Angle is set to 95deg then all angles less than 95 right angle (including 90deg) corners will be sharp (not smoothed).

Fig. 5 Min_Angle allows or inhibits smoothing

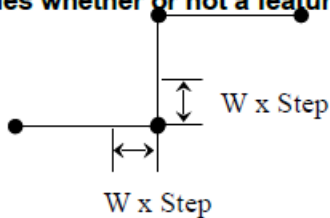


5. Feature width W (P226)

W and Min_Angle work together to determine which angles will be "sharp" (not be smoothed). For example a Gcode file may contain small spikes, double backs or zig zags of less 1mm that may be causing unwanted slowdowns in an otherwise high speed stretch of toolpath. Given a STEP (P222) = .25mm , setting W (P226)= 4 (4*.25=1mm) should reduce or eliminate decelerations across the problem toolpath. W does not itself smooth the offending data, that's the job of Smoothing (controlled by NBpts and STEP), but W does allow you to minimize slowdowns caused by small features, which is very helpful for running smooth thru jagged CAD CAM generated G code.

Fig 6. W determines whether or not a feature is significant

Feature is larger than W x Step



This feature is significant. Therefore, if the feature's angles are less than Min_Angle (P227) they will be shapened. Otherwise, smoothing will be applied.

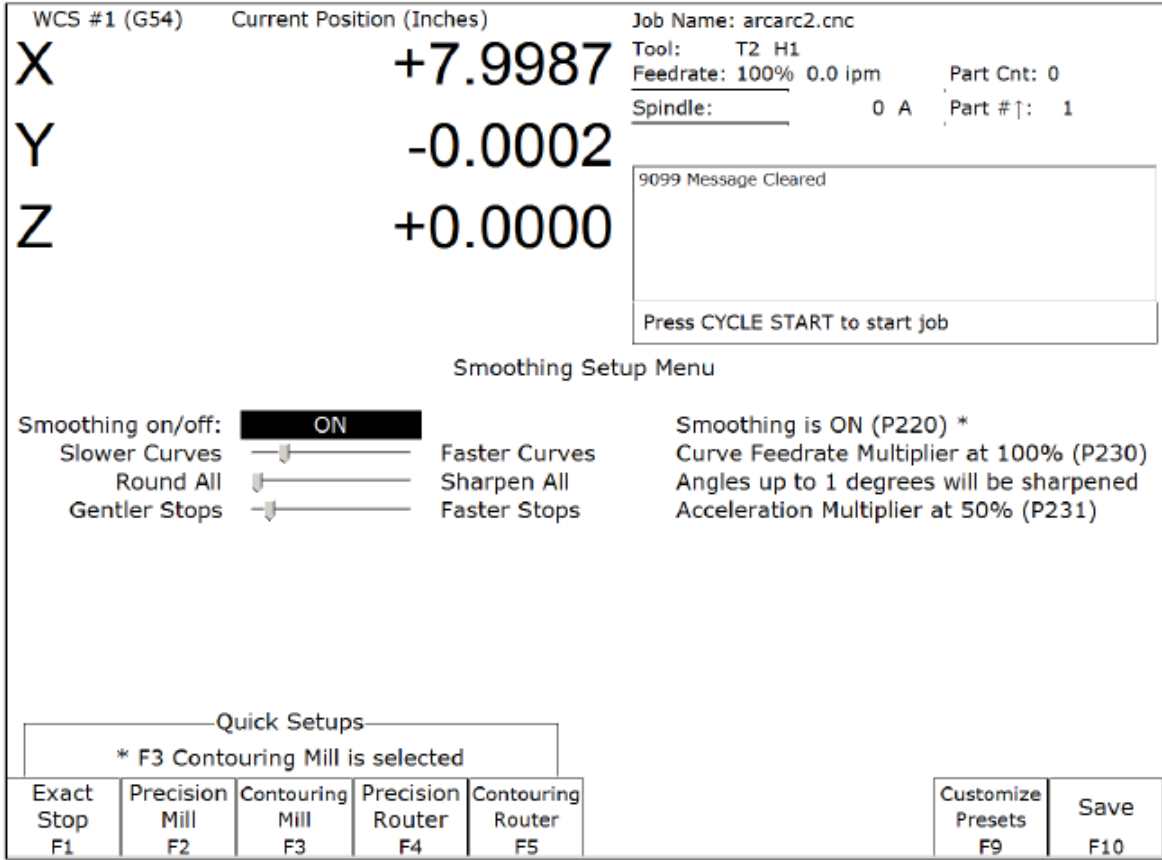
Feature is smaller than W x Step



Because this feature is considered insignificant, smoothing will be applied over it.

15.9 Smoothing Setup Menu

Pressing **F8** — **Smoothing Setup** from the Setup menu will bring up the Smoothing Setup Menu. The Smoothing Setup Menu provides a simplified way of choosing parameters for the Smoothing module. Smoothing is especially useful in controlling and minimizing the amount of banging a machine experiences as it proceeds along the toolpath. Smoothing is also able to (optionally) round part geometry, allowing for faster feedrates around corners.



F1 will turn off Smoothing. The other quick setup keys F2-F8 (if displayed) will turn on Smoothing and activate a smoothing preset profile by setting [Parameter 220](#) to 1 and copying preset values from the selected preset into parameters 221-231.

By default the following 4 presets are provided:

F2 — **Precision Mill** chooses Smoothing with settings for high precision work on a Mill.

F3 — **Contouring Mill** chooses Smoothing with settings for a Mill, with looser tolerances for rounded geometry.

F4 — **Precision Router** chooses Smoothing with settings for precision work on a Router.

F5 — **Contouring Router** chooses Smoothing with settings for a Router, with looser tolerances for smooth geometry.

Presets can be modified, added, or removed by pressing F9 – Customize Presets which will give you access to the menu described in the next section.

15.10 Custom Smoothing Presets Menu

Pressing **F9** — **Customize Presets** from the Smoothing Setup menu will bring up the screen that allows you to customize the Quick Setups keys that appear in the Smoothing Setup menu.

Chapter 16

CNC Software Messages

16.1 CNC Software Startup Errors and Messages

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
|-------|---|---|--|
| 102 | Error initializing CPU...cannot continue. | Error sending a hex file program to the motion control card. | Inspect MPU11 connection, or fix missing or corrupted hex file. Contact Dealer |
| 103 | Error sending setup | Error sending the current setup parameters to the motion control card. | Inspect MPU11 connection, or fix missing or corrupted hex file. Contact Dealer |
| 104 | Error sending PID setup | Error sending the current PID setup parameters to the motion control card. | Inspect MPU11 connection, or fix missing or corrupted hex file. Contact Dealer |
| 105 | mpu.plc file read error..cannot continue | Error sending the current PLC program to the motion control card. | Install or recompile PLC program. Contact dealer |
| 106 | The PC clock appears to be wrong | Error while reading the temperature file. The time on the PC internal clock is earlier than the time recorded in a previously stored file | |
| 199 | CNC started | CNC control software has started. | |

16.2 Messages Issued Upon Exit From CNC Software

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
|-------|---|--|--|
| 201 | Exiting CNC due to a known error (ACORN only) | MPU11 not responding, or mpu11.hex, mpu.plc is missing or damaged. | Check for possible software corruption. Contact dealer |
| 202 | Exiting CNC due to a math error | A floating-point math error occurred. Possible corruption of cnc.tem, cncm.job, or cncm.wcs. | Delete corrupted files and reboot software. Contact dealer |

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|---------------|
| 204 | Exiting CNC...Normal Exit | CNC control software is shutting down normally. | |
| 222 | Autotune run | Autotune has been run. | |

16.3 Messages and Prompts in the Operator **Status Window** Status Messages

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 301 | Stopped | A job has ended normally or the operator has aborted the job. | |
| 302 | Moving... | Motors are moving while a CNC program is running. | |
| 303 | Paused... | Motion is paused while a CNC program is running (FEED HOLD) | |
| 304 | MDI... | CNC software running in MDI mode | |
| 305 | Processing... | CNC software running in a mode other than MDI | |
| 306 | Job Finished. | Normal end of CNC program | |
| 307 | Operator abort: job canceled | ESC or CYCLE CANCEL pressed. Job is cancelled. | |
| 308 | Waiting for input #NN | M100 or M101 executing. Program will continue once specified input opens or closes. | |
| 309 | Waiting for CYCLE START button | M0, M1, M100/75, or Block Mode is executed. | Press Cycle Start |
| 310 | Waiting for output #NN | M100 or M101 executing. Program will continue once specified output opens or closes. | |
| 311 | Waiting for memory #NN | M100 or M101 executing. Program will continue once specified memory bit changes to the correct state. | |
| 312 | Waiting for PLC operation (Mnn) | PLC program not clearing PLC operation in progress | |
| 313 | Waiting for dwell time | G4 executing. Program waits for specified dwell time then continues. | |
| 314 | Waiting for system #NN | M100 or M101 executing. Program will continue once specified PLC system variable changes to the correct state. | |
| 315 | Searching... | Run/search in progress | |
| 317 | Waiting for automatic tool change | mfunc6.mac executing | |
| 318 | Operator Abort probing cancelled | ESC or CYCLE CANCEL pressed while doing a probing move | |
| 319 | Probing cycle cancelled | probing cycle was cancelled | |
| 320 | Probe stuck | probe is stuck, or probe hit an object when it wasn't expecting contact. | |

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
|--------------|--|--|---------------|
| 322 | Stall: probing cancelled | probing was cancelled because of a stall | |
| 323 | Stall: job cancelled | job was cancelled because of a stall | |
| 324 | Limit: probing cancelled | probing was cancelled because of a limit error | |
| 325 | Limit: job cancelled | job was cancelled because of a limit error | |
| 326 | Fault: probing cancelled | probing was cancelled because of a fault | |
| 327 | Fault: job cancelled | job was cancelled because of a fault | |
| 328 | Cutter comp error: job cancelled | job was cancelled because of a cutter comp error | |
| 329 | Invalid parameter: job cancelled | job was cancelled because of an invalid parameter | |
| 330 | Canned cycle error: job cancelled | job was cancelled because of a canned cycle error | |
| 332 | Search Failed | Run/Search was unable to find the requested G-code line | |
| 334 | Locating position to resume job... | Run/Search is locating the job continuation point in the program | |
| 335 | Emergency Stop Released | Emergency Stop Button has been released | |
| 336 | Digitize cancelled | ESC or CYCLE CANCEL pressed during digitizing | |
| 337 | Digitize complete | A digitizing routine ran to completion | |
| 338 | Job Cancelled | ESC or CYCLE CANCEL pressed during job run | |
| 339 | Jogging... | An axis jog key is pressed and machine is moving the corresponding axis | |
| 340 | Limit (#-) cleared | A previously tripped limit switch is now in the "untripped" position | |
| 341 | Probing Cycle Finished | A probing cycle ran to completion | |
| 342 | Waiting for motion to stop | PC is waiting for the MPU11 to complete motion | |
| 343 | Waiting for stop reason reset | PC is waiting for the MPU11 to reset the stop reason (as part of the PC/MPU11 communications handshake). | |
| 344 | Feedrate modified due to spindle | The effective feedrate has been lowered because the spindle is spinning slower than the threshold percentage of the commanded spindle speed. (The threshold percent is specified in P149.) | |
| 345 | Waiting for spindle to get up to speed | Job progress is paused until the actual spindle speed reaches the threshold percentage of the commanded spindle speed. (The threshold percentage is specified in P149.) | |
| 346 | Waiting for spindle direction | Job progress is paused until the spindle turns the commanded direction. | |

16.4 Abnormal Stops (Faults)

Abnormal stops are detected in the following order: PLC, servo drive, spindle drive, lube, ESTOP. This means that if both the servo drive and the spindle drive have faulted, the servo drive fault message would appear.

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
|-------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 401 | PLC failure detected | MPU11 stopped with PLC failure bit set. Job cancelled. | Check PLC fibers and PLC logic power. |
| 404 | Spindle drive fault detected | MPU11 stopped with spindle drive fault bit set. Job cancelled. | Check inverter for fault or reset spindle contactor OCR, then cycle EMERGENCY STOP |
| 405 | Lubricant level low | MPU11 stopped with low lube fault bit set. Current job will finish but nothing will work after that. | Add lube or check low lube switch wiring then cycle EMERGENCY STOP |
| 406 | Emergency Stop detected | MPU11 stopped with no fault bits set. Job cancelled. | Release Estop |
| 407 | limit (#--) tripped | MPU11 stopped with limit switch tripped. Job cancelled. | Clear limit switch |
| 408 | Programmed action timer expired | M103 time expired before M104 encountered. Job cancelled. | Find out why timer expired before specified action was completed. |
| 409 | - axis lag | <p>Lag Distance (Allowable Following Error) is detected on any axis for more than 1.5 seconds.</p> <p>All axis motion is stopped and the CNC program is aborted. The probable causes of this error are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The machine is doing a very heavy cut. 2. The maximum rates or the acceleration values for the motors are set too high. 3. The motors are undersized for the application | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the problem is occasional heavy cuts, slowing down the cutting feedrate can solve the problem. 2. If the problem only occurs on high speed moves then either the maximum speed or the acceleration is set too high. Lower the values in the Motor Setup screen or run Autotune again to determine new values. 3. If there are persistent lag errors in normal operations, this indicates that the motors are too weak to handle the required loads. Increase the gear ratios or get more powerful motors. |

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
|-------|-----------------------|---|--|
| 410 | - axis position error | <p>A position error > 0.25 inches is detected on any axis. All axis motion is stopped, power to the motors is released (all servo drive commands cease) and the CNC program is aborted.</p> <p>The probable causes of this error are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The motor is wired up backwards. 2. Noise is getting into the system via the motor cables (the line integrity has been violated). 3. An encoder error occurred. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Try to slow jog the motor and watch the DRO position. If the position on the DRO goes opposite the direction indicated on the jog button, then the motor is wired up backwards. Change the motor wiring. 2. Check the motor cabling paying particular attention to the ground connections. Replace the cable if it is damaged or repair the motor connections. 3. Jog the motor awhile, at the maximum rate, using the fast jog buttons. (Check the fast jog rate in the motor jog parameters screen to make sure it is set equal to the maximum motor rate.) If the motor seems to jump around rather than accelerate and decelerate smoothly then you are probably fighting an encoder error. Swap the motor with one from another axis and see if the error follows the motor. If it stays with the axis, replace the MPU11. If it follows the motor, replace the motor cable. If the problem still persists, replace the motor and encoder. |

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
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| 411 | _ axis full power without motion | <p>90% Power (PID Output > 115) is applied to any axis and no motion >0.0005 inches is detected, for more than the time specified in parameter 61 (default .5 sec.). All axis motion is stopped and the CNC program is aborted.</p> <p>The probable causes of this error are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One of the axes is against a physical stop. 2. The servo drive has shutdown due to a limit switch input. 3. The Z home switch is the same as the Z + limit switch. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the axis has run into a physical stop, use the slow jog mode to move the axis away from the stop. Determine and set software travel limits to stop machine before in runs into the hard stops. 2. If the axis is not on a physical stop, check for a tripped limit switch. If it is then the software is commanding a move into the switch but the hardware is shutting the move down. Go to the motor setup screen and enter the limit switch input number if applicable. 3. Make sure the switch input is not unstable or noisy. If it is then replace the switch. If the problem persists it may be necessary to create separate home and limit switch inputs. <p>Use slow jog to move opposite the direction causing the error and clear all limit switches. Jog toward the direction causing the error, if no motion occurs then a servo drive failure is indicated.</p> |
| 412 | _ axis encoder differential error | An error condition was detected in the differential signal levels for this axis encoder. May indicate a loose or severed encoder cable or a bad encoder. This will stop all motion and cancel the job. | Reconnect/replace encoder or encoder cable. |
| 417 | Abnormal end of job | Job ended without reason. | |
| 418 | Search Line or Block not found | Requested search input data not found in loaded CNC file. | Type in correct data or load correct job. |

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
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| 419 | Search line in embedded sub-program | Requested search line is found, but is part of an embedded/extracted subprogram | Use another line number |
| 420 | - axis motor overheating | CNC software estimates that a motor has reached the warning temperature (set in Parameter 29). Motor is overheating or the temperature file is corrupted. Job will be cancelled. | Contact dealer. Determine what's causing motor to overheat or delete cnc.tem file and reboot. |
| 421 | Motor(s) too hot: job canceled | CNC software estimates that one or more motors have reached the limit temperature (set in Parameter 30). Will not be able to run until motor cools down. | Contact dealer. Determine what's causing motor to overheat or delete cnc.tem file and reboot. |
| 422 | Check Jog Panel cable | Jog panel failure or loose cable. | Reconnect jog panel cable. |
| 428 | Check MPG cable | MPG failure, loose cable, or was turned off. | Reconnect MPG cable and turn axis selector knob to an axis. |
| 434 | - idling too high: Releasing power | Axis is not moving and no job is running but axis has stopped against some abnormal resistance. Power is released to motors. | Run an autotune to adjust motor settings. |
| 435 | - axis runaway: Check motor wiring | Motor was in a runaway fault condition. Power to motor will automatically be shut off. | Check motor wiring |
| 436 | Servo drive shutdown | <p>"This error message is produced by hardware detection of a physical error.</p> <p>The servo drive hardware generates this error message if it detects either an overcurrent or overvoltage condition. The particular hardware condition is reflected on the servo drive LED's. Once the servo drive detects this error condition it stops all motion and removes power to the motors. The hardware indicates the presence of this condition to the CNC software via the servo drive fault input to the PLC."</p> | On DC systems check status of the servo drive LED's and check fibers 4&5. If this message is displayed on an AC system check P178 bit 4 is set. |
| 437 | Servo power removed | <p>Axis was moving more than 300 RPM while power was supposed to be off.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motor may be wired backwards. 2. May be a shorted servo drive. 3. Axis motion is canceled but motor continues to move due to inertia, which is probably caused by an unbalanced axis. <p>Power to motors is released.</p> | Check motor wiring, servo drive, or look at Kg value in PID and make sure it's not above +/- 5. |
| 438 | Spindle slave position error | The slaved axis moved too far in the wrong direction during a spindle-slaved move (such as in rigid tapping). Job is cancelled. | Check parameter 34 for wrong sign in front of encoder counts. |

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| 439 | - axis servo drive data output error | Logic power failure or loss of communication from the drive to the MPU11. | Is logic LED on? Check fiber optic cables to drive. For SD1 drives, make sure bus cables are shielded and are as short as possible. Power unit down and check drive connections. |
| 441 | - axis overvoltage | Input power has gone higher than 340VDC and will shutdown the drive and removes power. The motor brake will engage for 5 seconds in this condition. | Check input voltage is below 340VDC. If not, incoming VAC needs lowered. |
| 442 | - axis undervoltage | Drive input power is less than 80 VDC. | Check supply voltage. |
| 443 | - axis commutation encoder bad | Control detected invalid commutation zone value | <p>Preform a motor Move Sync in the Drive Menu. A Zero (0) or Seven (7) is an invalid zone. Check for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wiring problem in the encoder cable or motor end cap (broken encoder wires). 2. Encoder cable shield connected at motor end, when it shouldn't be. 3. Bad encoder. 4. Motor power cable shields not connected. 5. Drive not grounded properly. |
| 444 | - axis overtemperature detected | Drive overtemp sensor tripped. No motor power. | The drive is being run at over capacity or the cooling fan is either not functioning or its air flow is blocked. |
| 445 | - axis overcurrent detected | Overcurrent detected on an axis. No motor power. | Try to jog the axis. The drive will reset the current limit and try to move the motor. If the error comes back, check for a short in the motor output. |
| 446 | - axis servo drive data input failure | Communication Checksum error. No motor power. | Check fiber optic cables. Verify continuity between drive chassis, ground strip and Earth ground. |

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| 447 | - axis (#) bad index pulse detected | Noise picked up by encoder cable or misaligned encoder. No motor power. | Remove noise or align the encoder. |
| 449 | Manual movement detected in restricted area | Unexpected movement of manual axis detected when Z axis summing is active. | Physically lock the Z axis manual quill. |
| 450 | Voltage brake applied | Overvoltage condition was detected. Electronic braking was applied by offloading excess voltage to dropping resistors. | Usually this error condition is innocuous even if this message occurs every once in a while in a job. However, if this message occurs in a continuous stream, contact your dealer. |
| 451 | Current brake applied | Overcurrent spike was detected on the drive. | Usually this error condition is innocuous even if this message occurs every once in a while in a job. However, if this message occurs too often, it may mean you need a higher current drive. But, if this message appears in a continuous stream, something is seriously wrong, and you should hit E-Stop to cut power to the drive and then contact your dealer. |
| 452 | PC Receive Data Error | A fatal communication error occurred between the MPU and PC. The error was detected on the PC side. | Restart the software to clear the error. If this error occurs often there may be an issue with the network configuration or the Ethernet cable. |
| 453 | CPU Receive Data Error | A fatal communication error occurred between the MPU and PC. The error was detected on the MPU11 side | Restart the software to clear the error. If this error occurs often there may be an issue with the network configuration or the Ethernet cable. |
| 453 | Jogging while probe detected | The probe was in the tripped state while a jog key was pressed. | |
| 454 | axis scale encoder differential error | An error condition was detected in the differential signal levels for this axis scale encoder. May indicate a loose or severed encoder cable or a bad encoder. This will stop all motion and cancel the job. | Reconnect/replace scale encoder or scale encoder cable. |
| 455 | axis encoder quadrature error | The axis encoder skipped a transition state on its count-up/count-down sequence. May indicate a bad encoder or a loose or severed encoder cable. This will stop all motion and cancel the job. | Reconnect/replace encoder or encoder cable. |

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| 456 | axis scale encoder quadrature error | The scale encoder skipped a transition state on its count-up/count-down sequence. May indicate a bad encoder or a loose or severed encoder cable. This will stop all motion and cancel the job. | Reconnect/replace scale encoder or scale encoder cable. |
| 457 | Unable to find home | A commanded move was seeking either an index pulse or a hard stop, but neither was found. | Reconnect/replace encoder or encoder cable if move was seeking an index pulse. Check that hard stop was not broken off nor overrun. |
| 459 | TT1 or Probe is not connected | A Tool Measure operation aborted because the required TT1 or Probe is not connected. | Check TT1 or Probe wiring and plug. |
| 460 | TT1 and Probe are both connected | A Tool Measure operation aborted because both a TT1 and Probe were connected. | Make sure TT1 and Probe are not plugged in at the same time. Also check wiring. |
| 461 | Spindle axis is not set | An operation aborted because the spindle axis parameter (P35) has an incorrect value. | Contact dealer. |
| 462 | Triangular Rotary Axis Out of Range | A triangular rotary axis (on a tilt table or articulated head machine) is at a position which is out of range for angular calculation. | Contact dealer. |
| 470 | brake wattage exceeded | The brake wattage was exceeded on the indicated ACDC drive. | Contact dealer. |
| 487 | Invalid tilt table parameters | One or more values in the tilt table configuration is incorrect. | Contact dealer. |

16.5 CNC Syntax Errors

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
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| 501 | Invalid character on line NNNNN | Invalid character on CNC line. Job cancelled. | Remove character from program. |
| 502 | Invalid G code on line NNNNN | Invalid G code encountered on CNC line. Job cancelled. | Correct invalid G-code. |
| 503 | Invalid M function on line NNNNN | Invalid M function encountered on CNC line. Job cancelled. | Correct invalid M-code. |
| 504 | Invalid parameter on line NNNNN | Invalid or missing number after letter. Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 505 | Invalid value on line NNNNN | Value out of range (T, H, D). Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 506 | Only 1 M code per line | More than one M code appears on the line. Job cancelled. | Move 2nd M-code to next line. |
| 507 | No closing quote | The closing quotation mark (") is missing. Job cancelled. | Add quotation. |
| 508 | Macro nesting too deep | Macro nesting limit exceeded on attempt to invoke a subroutine. Job cancelled. | Create a second program. |
| 509 | Option not available | Attempt to access a locked software option. Job cancelled. | Contact Dealer. |
| 510 | Too many macro arg's | Too many arguments were given in a G65 macro. Job cancelled. | Correct number of arguments. |

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
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| 511 | Missing parameter | A parameter is required or expected but not found. Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 513 | Expected “=” | Error in expression to left of “=”, missing “=”, or orphaned parameter. Job cancelled. | Correct equation. |
| 514 | Empty expression | The expression contains no operands. Job cancelled. | Correct expression. |
| 515 | Syntax error in expression | Illegal character in number, variable or function. Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 516 | Unmatched bracket (parenthesis) | Brackets or parentheses are paired improperly or misplaced. Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 517 | Evaluation stack overflow | Brackets or parentheses are nested too deeply. Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 518 | Undefined variable | The variable name does not exist. Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 519 | Too many variables | The space allotted for user-defined variables has been exceeded. Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 520 | Invalid variable name | The variable name contains an illegal character. Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 521 | Divide by zero | Attempt to divide by zero. Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 522 | Domain error | Imaginary number would result (square root of a negative number). Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 523 | Invalid value in assignment | Attempt to assign an illegal value to a system variable. Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 524 | Variable is read-only | Attempt to assign a value to a read-only system variable. Job cancelled. | Correct program. |
| 525 | Missing P value | P parameter is expected but is missing | Correct program. |
| 526 | M22x Missing initial variable | M224 or M225 was not immediately followed by a #variable reference. | See M224 and M225 |
| 527 | M22x initial variable parse error | M224 or M225 was immediately followed by an invalid #variable reference. | Correct program. |
| 528 | M225 String variable not allowed | M225 was immediately followed by a string #variable (which is invalid). Only numeric variables are allowed here. | Correct program. |
| 529 | M225 invalid variable | The #variable specified after the M225 was not valid, or not readable due to a machine error. | Correct program. |
| 530 | M224 invalid variable | The #variable specified after the M224 was read-only, or not writeable due to a machine error. | Correct program. |
| 531 | M22x missing initial quote | The beginning of the quoted (") format string was not found or was in the wrong place on the G-code line. | See M200 , M223 , M224 or M225 |
| 532 | M22x missing end quote | The format string did not end with a quote (") | See M200 , M223 , M224 or M225 |
| 533 | M22x embedded quote not allowed | The format string contained a quote (") in the middle of it. | See M200 , M223 , M224 or M225 |
| 534 | M22x character limit exceeded | The format string was too long | Correct program. |
| 535 | M22x invalid format string | The format string contained invalid format codes | Correct program. |

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
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| 536 | M22x missing format specifier | The format code was missing the its specifier | Correct program. |
| 537 | M22x Missing Argument | A format code was specified in the format string, but its corresponding #variable argument was missing | Correct program. |
| 538 | M22x argument parse error | A format code was specified in the format string, but its corresponding #variable argument had a syntax error | Correct program. |
| 539 | M22x variable type mismatch | A string format code was specified in the format string, but its corresponding #variable argument was numeric OR a numeric format code was specified in the format string, but its corresponding #variable argument was a string | Correct program. |
| 540 | M22x variable cannot be read | A format code was specified in the format string, but its corresponding #variable argument was invalid or there was a machine error when accessing it. | Correct program. |
| 542 | M22x character limit exceeded | The resultant formatted string after all the format codes were processed was too long. | Correct program. |
| 543 | Missing L parameter | L code was missing | Correct program. |
| 544 | Too many axes | More than 1 axis was specified with M128, OR the Simultaneous Contouring feature is not enabled. Without the Simultaneous Contouring feature, a maximum of 3 axes are allowed per G-code line. | Specify fewer axes on the G-code line OR Contact Dealer for information about obtaining the Simultaneous Contouring feature. |
| 545 | Value out of range | Parse error occurred because value was out of range | Correct the value |
| 547 | Move by counts not allowed | Cutter comp (G41/G42) was on when M128 was specified | Issue G40 (Cutter comp off) before issuing M128 |
| 548 | String too long | A quoted string was too long (usually a file name was longer than its allowed limit). | Shorten the file name. |
| 549 | Line too long | A line in a G/M-code program is too long (more than 1023 characters). | Shorten the line. |
| 550 | Invalid L parameter | The value associated with the L code is invalid | Give the correct value. |
| 551 | Invalid R value | The value associated with the R code is invalid | Give the correct value. |
| 552 | File encryption error | Error while parsing encrypted G-code file. | |

16.6 Cutter Compensation Errors

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
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| 601 | Error: no compensation in MDI | G41 or G42 entered in MDI. MDI is not canceled, but cutter compensation does NOT go into effect. Remainder of line processed. | Do not use G41 or G42 in MDI. |
| 603 | Arc as first uncomp. move on line NNNNN | Arc specified as first move after end of compensation (G40). Job cancelled. | First move after G40 must be a linear move. |
| 604 | Plane must be XY on line NNNNN | Cutter compensation started with YZ or ZX plane selected. Job cancelled. | Remove cutter comp. for YZ or ZX plane moves, option is not available. |
| 605 | Canned cycle not allowed on line NNNNN | Canned cycle attempted during compensation. Job cancelled. | Do not use cutter comp. with canned cycles. |
| 606 | G53 not allowed on line NNNNN | G53 attempted during compensation. Job cancelled. | Choose a different work coordinate. |
| 607 | Set home not allowed on line NNNNN | M26 attempted during compensation. Job cancelled. | Do not use M26 with cutter comp. |
| 608 | Ref. point move not allowed on line NNNNN | G28, G29, or G30 attempted during compensation. Job cancelled. | Do not use return points with cutter comp. |

16.7 Parameter Setting Errors

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
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| 701 | G10 error: no R-value on line NNNNN | G10 used with no R-value. Job cancelled. | Input an R-value. |
| 702 | G10 error: invalid D on line NNNNN | Job cancelled (D0 cannot be set; it is always zero). | Change D to a valid value. |
| 703 | G10 error: invalid H on line NNNNN | G10 H0 Rxx specified. Job canceled (H0 cannot be set; it is always zero). | Change H to a valid value. |
| 704 | G10 error: invalid P on line NNNNN | G10 used with unknown P value. Job cancelled. | Change P to a valid value. |
| 705 | G10 error: No D, H, or P on line NNNNN | G10 used without D, H, or P to assign value. Job cancelled. | Add appropriate D, H, or P value. |

16.8 Canned Cycle Errors

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
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| 801 | Error: No R point on line NNNNN | No R-value specified. Job cancelled. | Add an R-point. |
| 802 | Error: Q = 0 on line NNNNN | Q value of 0 specified (Q used for G73 and G83 only). Job cancelled. | Insert a Q non-zero value. |
| 803 | Error: No Z point on line NNNNN | No Z value specified for canned cycle. Job cancelled. | Add a Z-value. |

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| 804 | Error: Ggg invalid on line NNNNN (gg = 76, 86, 87, 88) | Unimplemented canned cycle requested. Job cancelled. | Change to a valid G-code. |
| 805 | Error: No Q value on line NNNNN | Q value not specified for G73 or G83. Job cancelled. | Insert a Q-value. |
| 806 | Error: No P value on line NNNNN | P value (dwell time) not specified for G82 or G89. Job cancelled. | Add a P-value. |
| 807 | Error: Cannot execute G_ when axis B is rotated | On an Articulated Head machine with TWCS feature enabled, a non-compound canned cycle (such as G73, G74, G76, G80, G81, G82, G83, G84, G85, G89) was issued on a WCS that was set to TWCS=No while the spindle head was tilted (i.e. rotary B axis was not 0). Job cancelled. | Either move B to 0 or issue the compound canned cycle version of the erroneous G-code such as G173, G174, G176, G181, G182, G183, G184, G185, G189. |

16.9 Miscellaneous Errors / Messages

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
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| 901 | Ref. point invalid on line NNNNN | G30 with invalid P value (must be 1 or 2). Job cancelled. | Change P-value to a 1 or 2. |
| 902 | No prior G28 or G30 on line NNNNN | G29 with no preceding G28 or G30. | Add a G29 or G30. |
| 903 | Warning: No coordinates for G92 on line NNNNN | G92 with no axis coordinates to set. Remainder of line processed; job continues. | Add coordinates. |
| 905 | Warning: 0 radius arc on line NNNNN | Arc move was specified with a zero radius. Move is done as a linear move; job continues. | Specify a radius. |
| 906 | Warning: unknown arc on line NNNNN | Position of arc move could not be determined from parameters (e.g. G91 G2 X0 Y0 R1). Move is done as a linear move; job continues. | Correct program. |
| 907 | _ axis travel exceeded on line NNNNN | Software travel limit would be exceeded by the requested move. Job cancelled. | Check program, part zero or tool offset. |
| 909 | Program too long: job canceled | Attempt to run a job over 1MB in length, without the unlimited program size option. Job cancelled. | Contact Dealer or break up program. |
| 910 | No subroutines in MDI | Specified O9100 - O9999 in MDI, which would begin an embedded subprogram. MDI cancelled. | |
| 911 | Illegal recursion | Attempt to execute a subprogram or macro that calls itself, either directly or indirectly. Job cancelled. | Call correct subprogram. |
| 913 | Could not open file filename.ext | Attempt to call a subprogram or macro, but the subprogram file does not exist. Job cancelled. | Make sure file name is correct and is in the nfiles directory. |

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| 915 | DSP window retry sN fN rN | DSP window checking failed, move will be repeated unless the maximum retries have been reached, s = number of successes, f = number of failures, r = number of times the maximum retry value has been reached | |
| 916 | Unexpected probe contact | probed tripped when a cycle did not expected contact | |
| 917 | Invalid tilt lookup table | The tilt lookup table file (tilt.tab) has an invalid format or if it is not found | |
| 918 | Probe unable to detect surface | Probe travelled maximum distance without contact, dsp window checking failed, or probe repeatability failed. | |
| 919 | DSP window failed maximum retries | DSP probe reached the maximum retry limit without a successful window | |
| 920 | Unable to clear obstacle | Probing cycle failed to clear an obstacle | |
| 921 | Unable to determine corner | Probing cycle failed to find corner (inside and outside corner) | |
| 922 | Out of memory | problem allocating memory | |
| 923 | Error: Z home not set | Z home is not set | |
| 924 | File read error | Problem reading the job file, this error occurs if the file was opened successfully but there was an error while reading the file. | |
| 925 | Error reading job file | same as above at a different place in the code | |
| 926 | Failed to locate job continuation position | Job continuation from the Run Menu failed. | Do a Run/Search |
| 927 | Too many subprogram calls | Nesting level of subprograms is too high. I.e. a subprogram calls another subprogram which calls another subprogram, which calls another subprogram, etc. . . | |
| 928 | Error Loading Log Configuration file... Using defaults | There was an error while loading the log configuration file. Default settings will be used. | |
| 929 | Log Level set to -- | The logging level parameter (P140) has been changed. | |
| 930 | Log Level Configuration file not found... Creating new configuration. | The log level configuration file was not found. A default file will be created. | |
| 932 | Error during Tool Check | A general error condition occurred when the Tool Check key was pressed. | |
| 933 | Log file initialized | There was an error in trimming the log file, or the log file did not exist, so a new log file has been created. | |
| 934 | Warning: Excess precision truncated | A CNC program is using axis positioning precision greater than what is displayed, and therefore the actual commanded positions are truncated. This happens when the Simultaneous Contouring feature was not enabled. This feature must be enabled for the extra precision to be acknowledged. | Contact Dealer for information about obtaining the Simultaneous Contouring feature. |

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| 935 | _ axis (#) scale disabled | A scale is enabled for this axis but compensation was disabled. Scale compensation is disabled at initial power up, configuration changes, and during homing moves. | Home the machine. |
| 935 | Probe failed reset retries | Probe failed to reset after 3 tries. The probing operation may have been started too close to the surface. | Move probe further away from surface and do probing operation again. If this continues to fail persistently, call dealer. |
| 936 | _ axis (#) scale enabled | A scale is enabled for this axis and compensation was enabled. This happens after homing the axis. | Not Applicable |
| 936 | Probe failed to reset | Probe failed to reset. The probing operation may have been started too close to the surface. | Move probe further away from surface and do probing operation again. If this continues to fail persistently, call dealer. |
| 944 | MPU requested resend | The MPU requested a resend | Status Message |
| 945 | PC requested resend | The PC requested a resend | Status Message |
| 946 | PC resending | The PC is resending | Status Message |
| 947 | PC received data out of order | The PC needed to reorder data received from the MPU | Status Message |
| 948 | PC packet error | The PC received bad data from the MPU and will try to recover by requesting a resend. | Status Message |
| 949 | Drive map does not match hardware | One or more of the drive mapping parameters 300-307 is misconfigured | Contact Dealer. |

16.10 Scaling/Mirroring Errors

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect | Action |
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| 1001 | Invalid scaling parameter on line NNNNN | Invalid parameter specified (I, J, K, P). Job cancelled. | Remove or change invalid parameter. |
| 1002 | Invalid scaling center on line NNNNN | Invalid parameter specified (X, Y, Z). Job cancelled. | Remove or change invalid parameter. |
| 1003 | G-code not allowed when scaling on line NNNNN | G28/G29/G30/G92 is not allowed when scaling or mirroring is turned on. Job cancelled. | Move G-code to appropriate line. |
| 1004 | Turn scaling off before rescaling | Tried to rescale while scaling is turned on. Job cancelled. | Turn scaling off, then rescale. |
| 1005 | Cannot scale arcs with different scale factors | Scaling factors of the arc axes are different. Job cancelled. | Correct scaling factors, or separate scaling operations. |

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| 1100-1199 | Custom messages defined in cncxmsg.txt. Please contact your dealer if you have any questions regarding a particular message. This style of message should be replaced with plcmmsg.txt format on MPU11 systems. | | |

16.11 Configuration Modification Messages

| Error | Message | Cause & Effect |
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| 111 | -- modified: -- → -- | An axis configuration parameter was modified. |
| 444 | -- modified: -- → -- | A servo drive configuration parameter was modified. |
| 555 | -- modified: -- → -- | A PID configuration parameter was modified. |
| 556 | Axis converted: → -- | A PID configuration parameter was converted. |
| 777 | -- modified: -- → -- | An axis configuration parameter was modified. |
| 888 | G30 Z modified: → -- | Z coordinate of Secondary Reference Point was modified. |
| 999 | Parm # modified: → -- | A machine parameter was modified. |