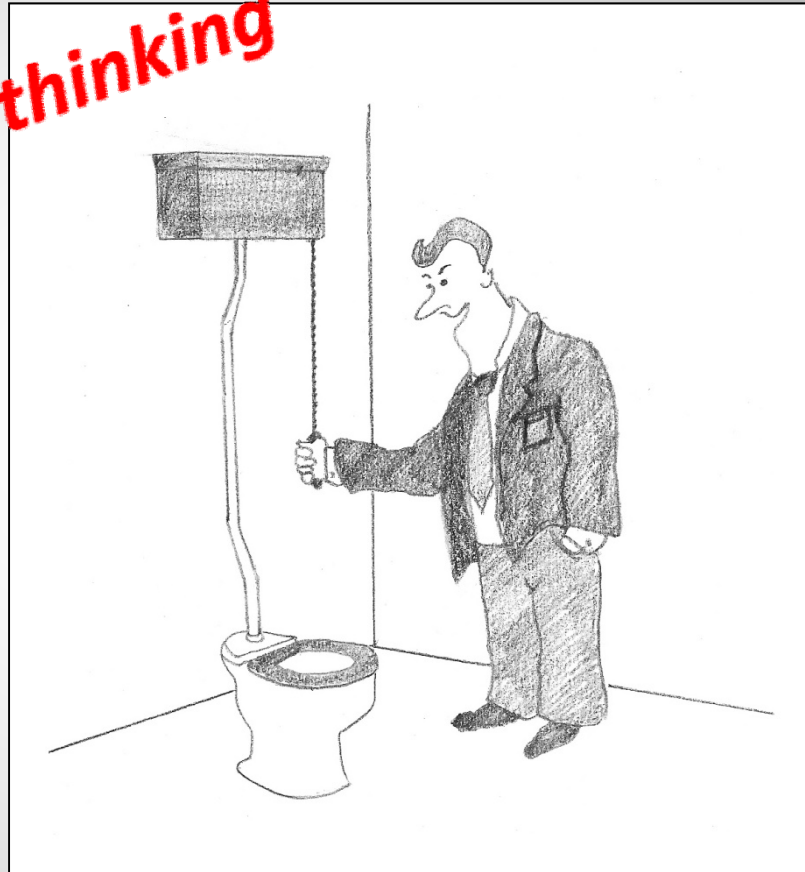


# An Industrial Systematic Approach to Achieving the $\mu\text{m}$ by Mechanical Engineering

Arthur Turner

# The Secrets for Success in Micro Machining

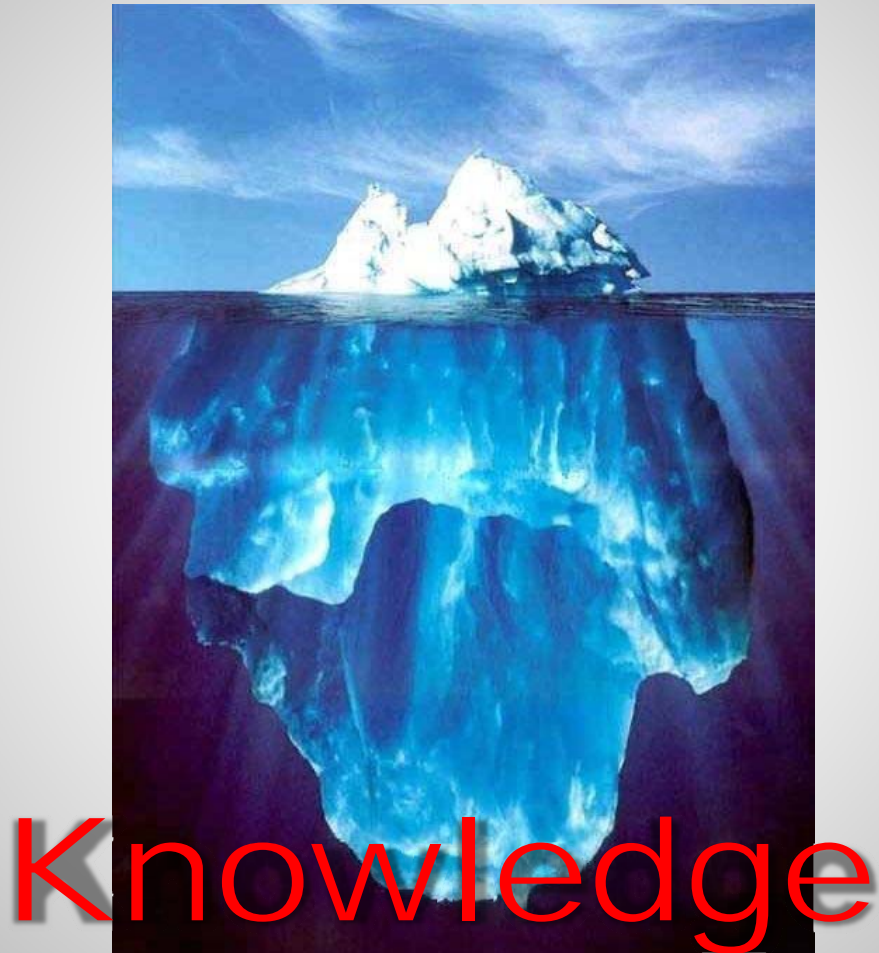
*Flush away your old thinking*



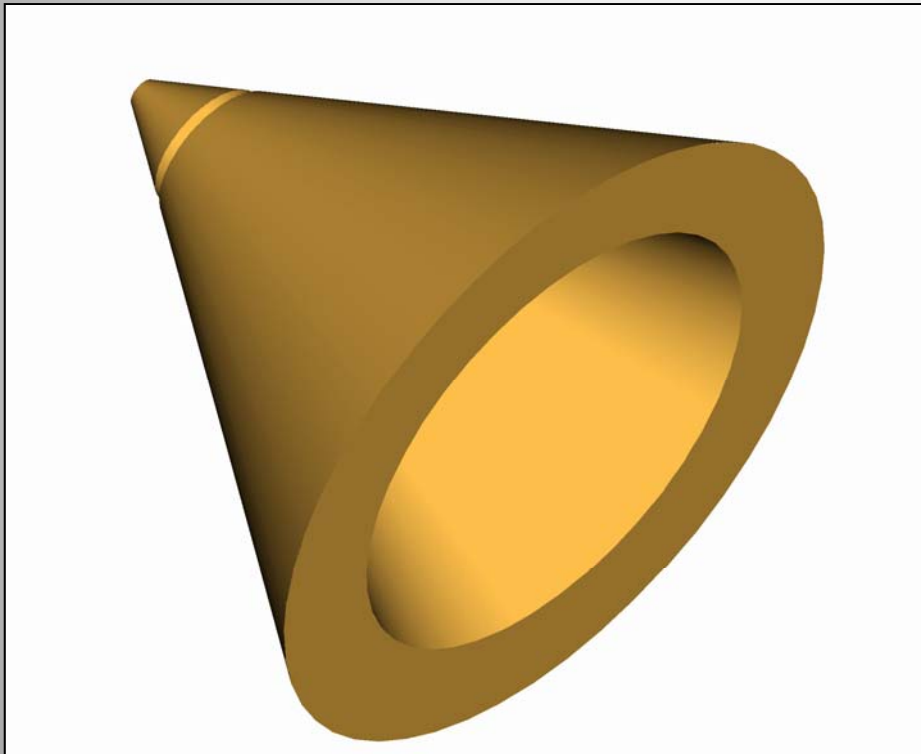
**No Secrets**

just plain common sense and sound engineering practice

Here we are



# Looks interesting...



Height 1.50 mm

Base Diameter 1.60 mm

Tip Diameter .05 mm

Wall thickness .012 mm

# Factors Influencing Precision:

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# Process Influences

Metrology      CMM capabilities – vision systems or tactile ?



Accurate to 2 or 3  $\mu\text{m}$  ?

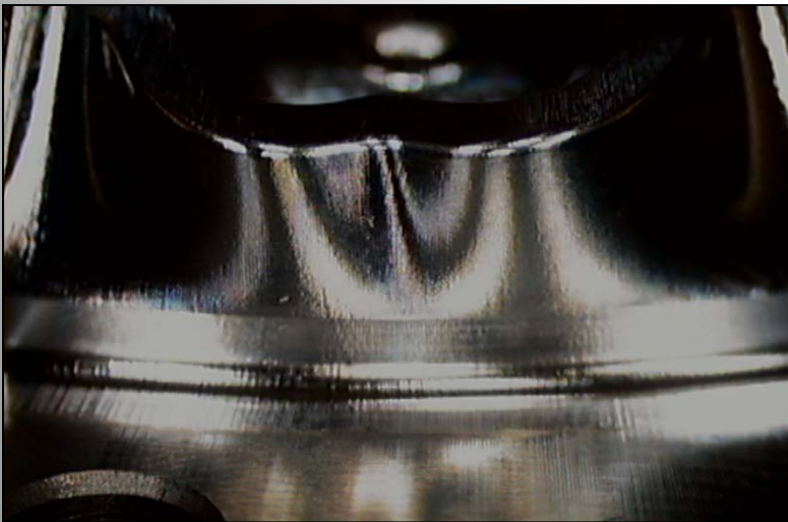
Accurate to 250 nm



# Process Influences

CAD /CAM cutter paths to produce the correct surface finish

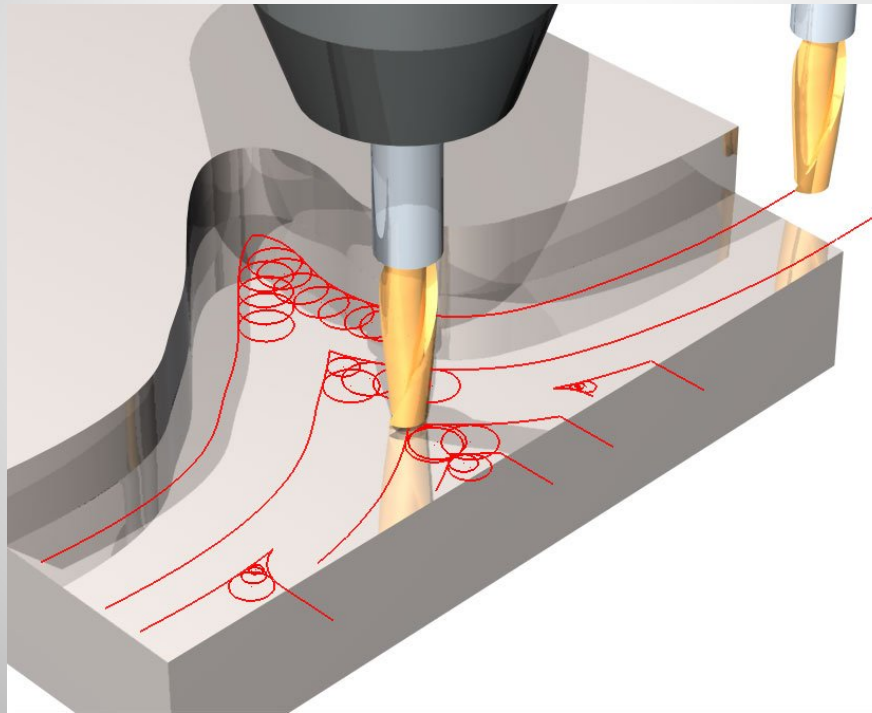
Example: tooth mould





# Process Influences

- CAD / CAM Machining strategy to enable small diameter cutters to be used without breaking





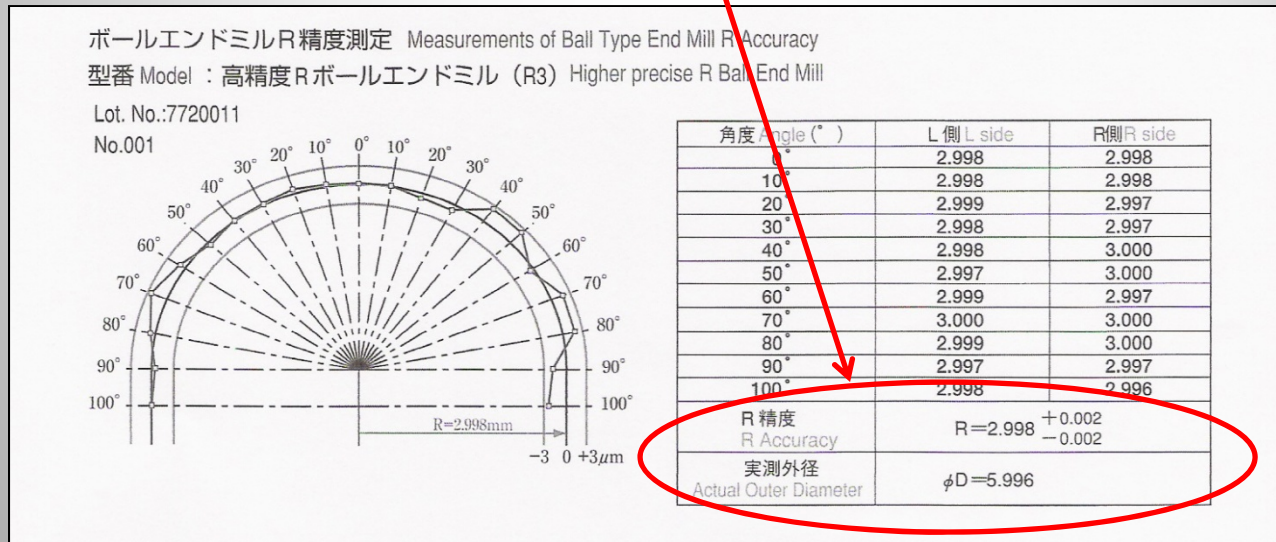
# Process Influences

## Cutting Tools

Material	HSS	Carbide	CBN	Diamond
Tolerance	diameter	from .005 to .050 mm		
	radius	from .002 to .020 mm		
	shank	from .005 to .050 mm		

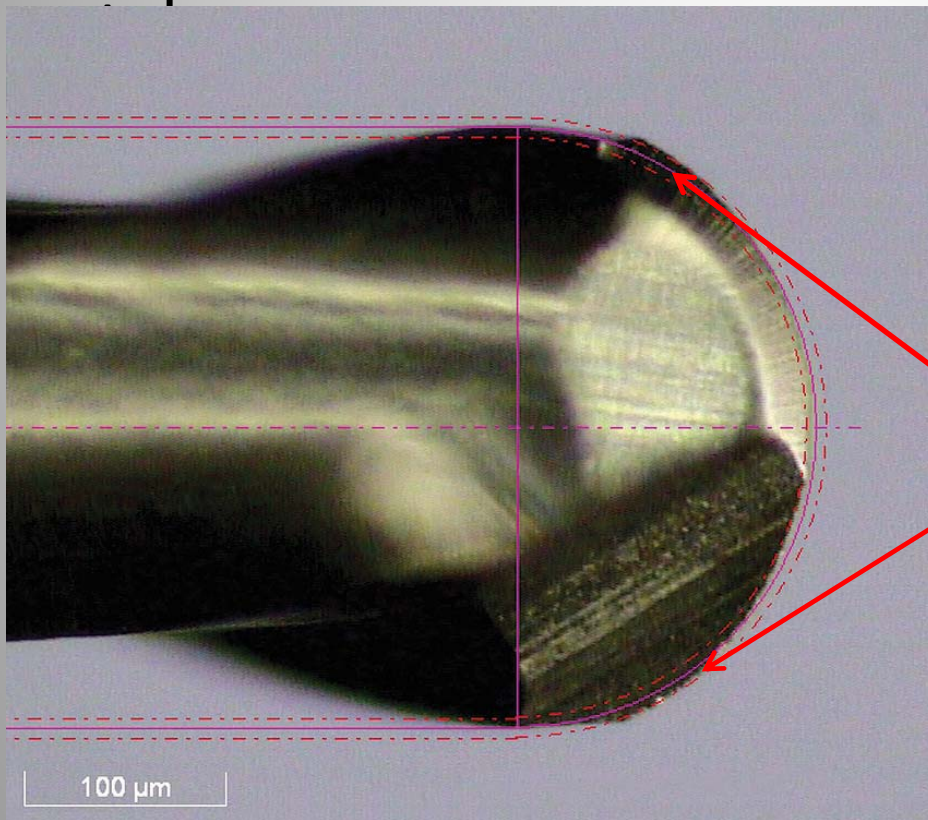
# Process Influences

Cutting Tools      Accuracy of form and guarantee of tolerance



# Tool Geometry -Milling Influences

New ballnose endmill with  $\pm 0.005$  mm radius



Radius out of  
tolerance

# Process Influences

Tool holders

EX/ESX Collet chuck



Collet chuck



Heat shrink system



Zero-fit chuck



# Process Influences

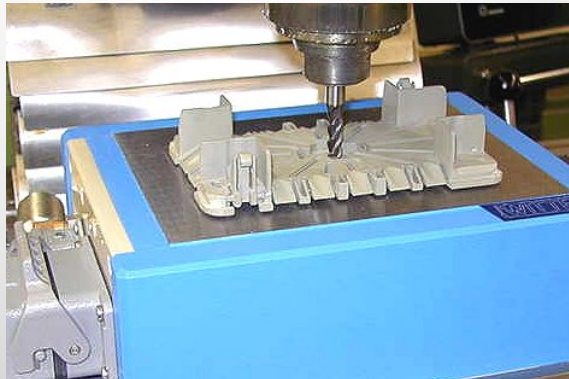
Workpiece clamping

Micro vices & clamps

Resin, wax

Ice chucks

Vacuum chucks





# Process Influences

Workpiece Cooling or Lubrication Systems

Minimum Lubrication

Air Blow

Spray Mist

Volume Systems

Cold Air

Flood Coolant

Dielectric Systems

*Temperature  
Controlled*

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# Correct machine for the job

Machine

Rigidity of build

Not influenced by heat or vibrations

Spindle concentricity

Finesse of movement

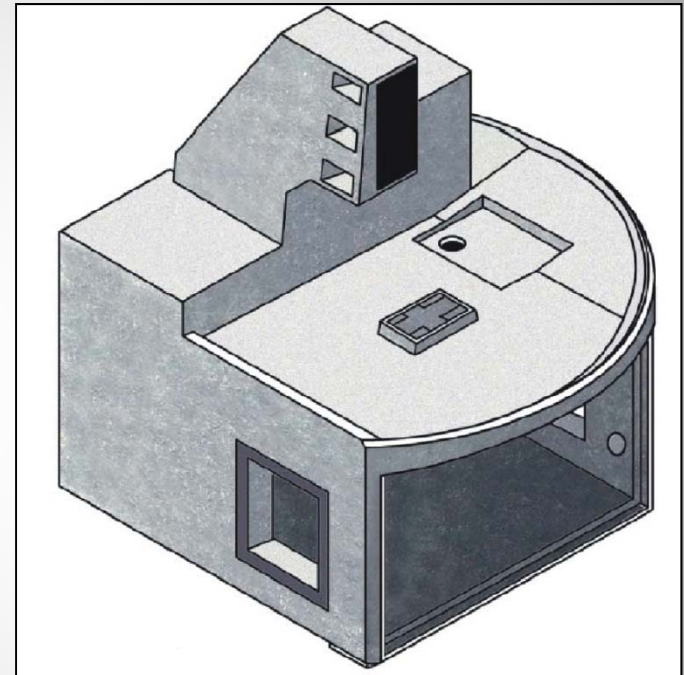
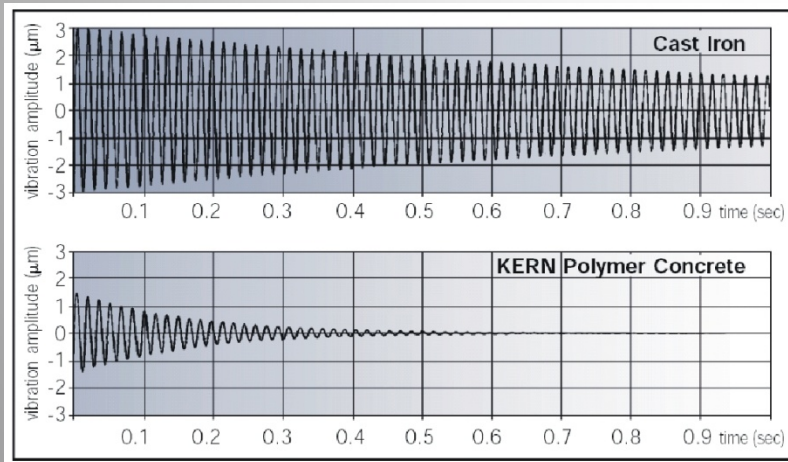
The control is up to the job

# Machine Influences

Rigid design

Resistance to thermal growth

Vibration dampening



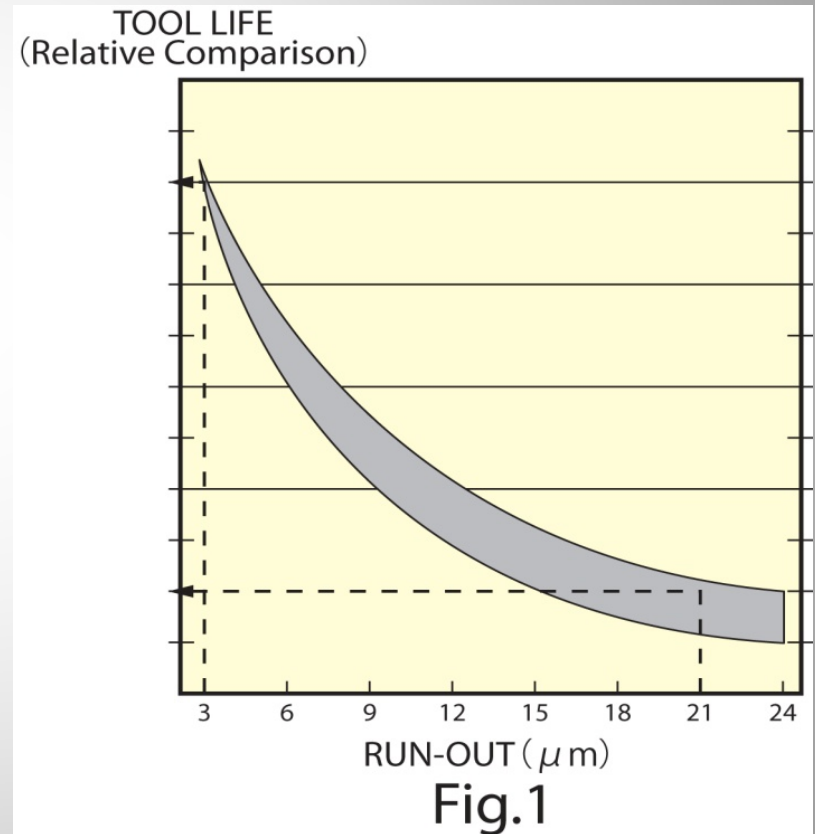
Polymer Concrete  
or Granite bed

# Machine Influences- Spindle

Is your spindle concentricity good enough?

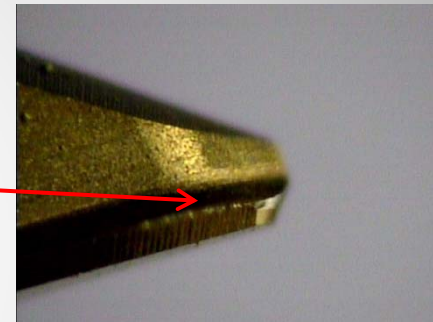
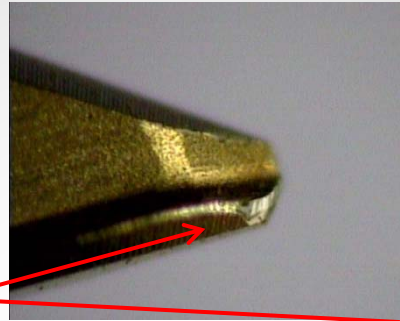
Two simple checks

- Clock the inside of the spindle nose
- Use a test bar to measure run-out

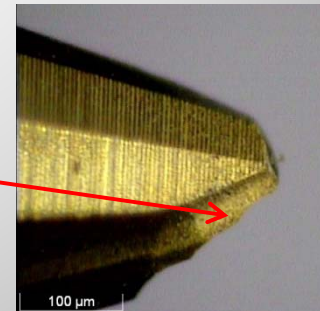
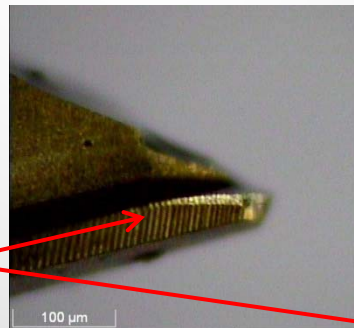


# Machine Influences- Spindle

Tool not running  
concentrically shown  
by uneven wear



Tool not running  
concentrically shown  
by tool breakage



# Machine Influences

## Spindle concentricity

Planfläche Spindelwelle / Quill shaft face end A1 ( $\leq 1\mu\text{m}$ )	1	$[\mu\text{m}]$
Konus / Taper R1	1	$[\mu\text{m}]$
Am Messdorn 100 mm / Top of test arbor 100 mm R2 ( $\leq 4\mu\text{m}$ )	2	$[\mu\text{m}]$

**Prüfbericht / Final Inspection Report SD4084-S0002**

☒ Neumontage / New Spindle ☐ Reparatur / Spindle renewal Datum / Date: 29.05.2007

Kunde / Customer: KERN Serial-No.: 0777

Max. Drehzahl / Max. Speed: 50000 [1/min] Kabellänge / Cable length: 100 [cm]

Auslaufzeit / Running down time (Max  $\rightarrow$  0): [sec]

Elektrische Sicherheitsprüfung / Electrical security check: ☒ OK Stecker / Plug: Harting EMV 5 + 20 Signalstecker 12-pol.

Leerlaufstrom / No load current: 1,90 [A] Stecker / Plug: Distanz Spindelscheibe / Distance spindle disc: 0,19 [mm]

Sensor Test (1-2-3-4): ☒ OK Spannkraft / Clamping force: 4000 [N]

Werkzeugwechsel / Tool change: ☒ OK

Kühlmitteldurchfluss / Coolant flow: 5,58 [L/min] bei / at: 0,51 [MPa]

max. Temperatur Gehäuse / max. Temperature housing: T1: 25 [°C] T2: 25 [°C]

Position der Temperatursensoren siehe Grafik rechts / Position of temperature sensors see drawing on the right

Temperatur / Temperature: Lager vorn / Bearing front: 30,09 [°C] Stator: 51,44 [°C]

Schwinggeschwindigkeit / Vibration velocity: V1: 0,8 [mm/s] V2: 0,5 [mm/s]

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Bemerkungen / Remark: Produktions-Auftrag / Production-N: 05714

Montiert von / Assembled by: Deutscher, Uwe Geprüft von / Checked by: Deutscher, Uwe

erstellt / issued: 20.01.2004 R. Schmitz Revision / Datum / Date: Name: Änderung / Change:

Spindle run-out causes:

1. Tool breakage
2. Excessive tool wear
3. Poor surface finish
4. Inaccuracy of component

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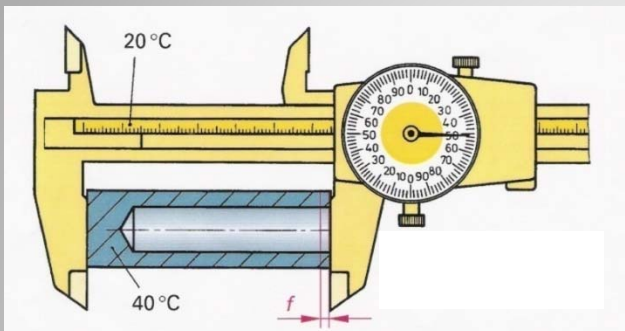
Management

Operator

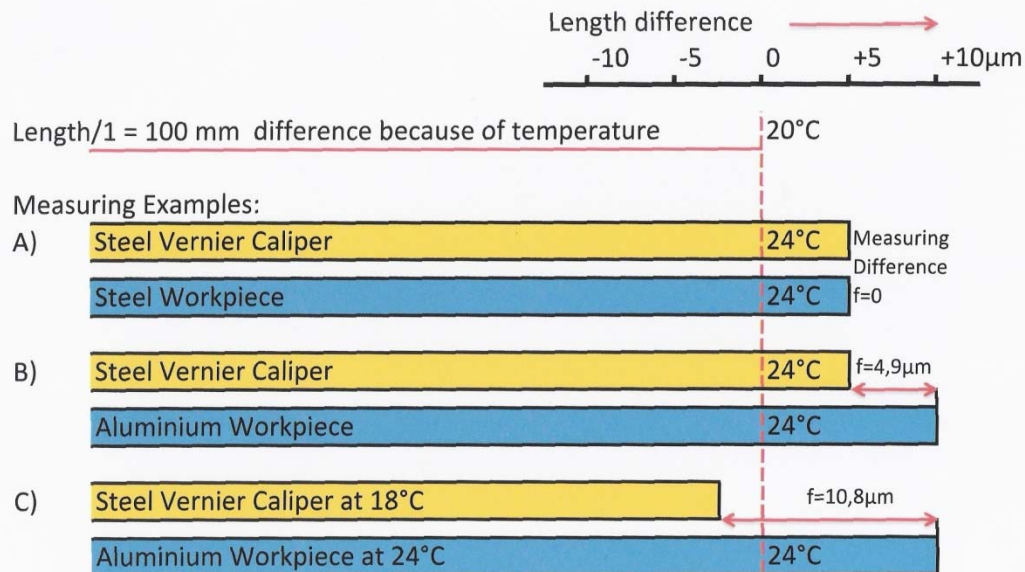
Designer



# Environmental Influences

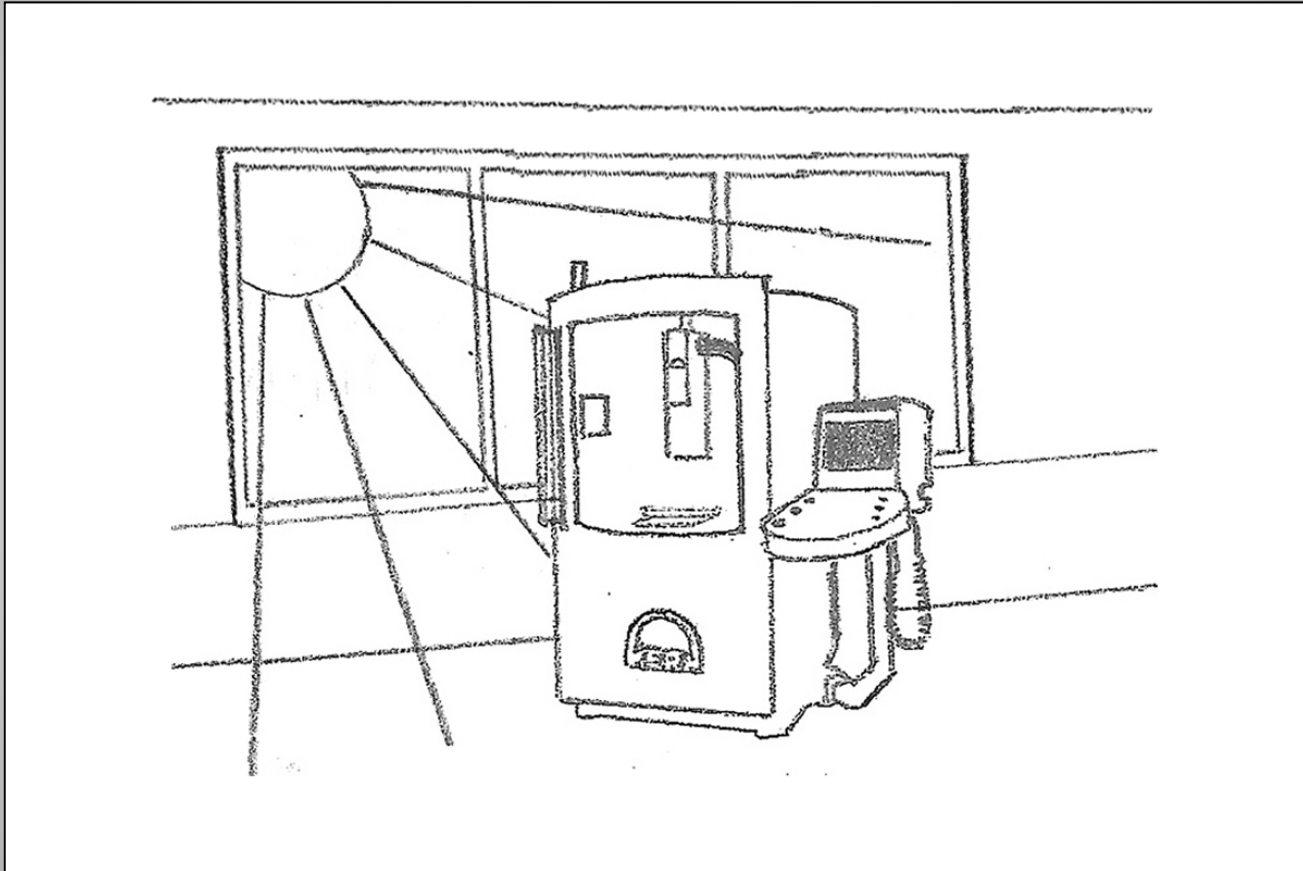


Influences of temperature  
with different materials

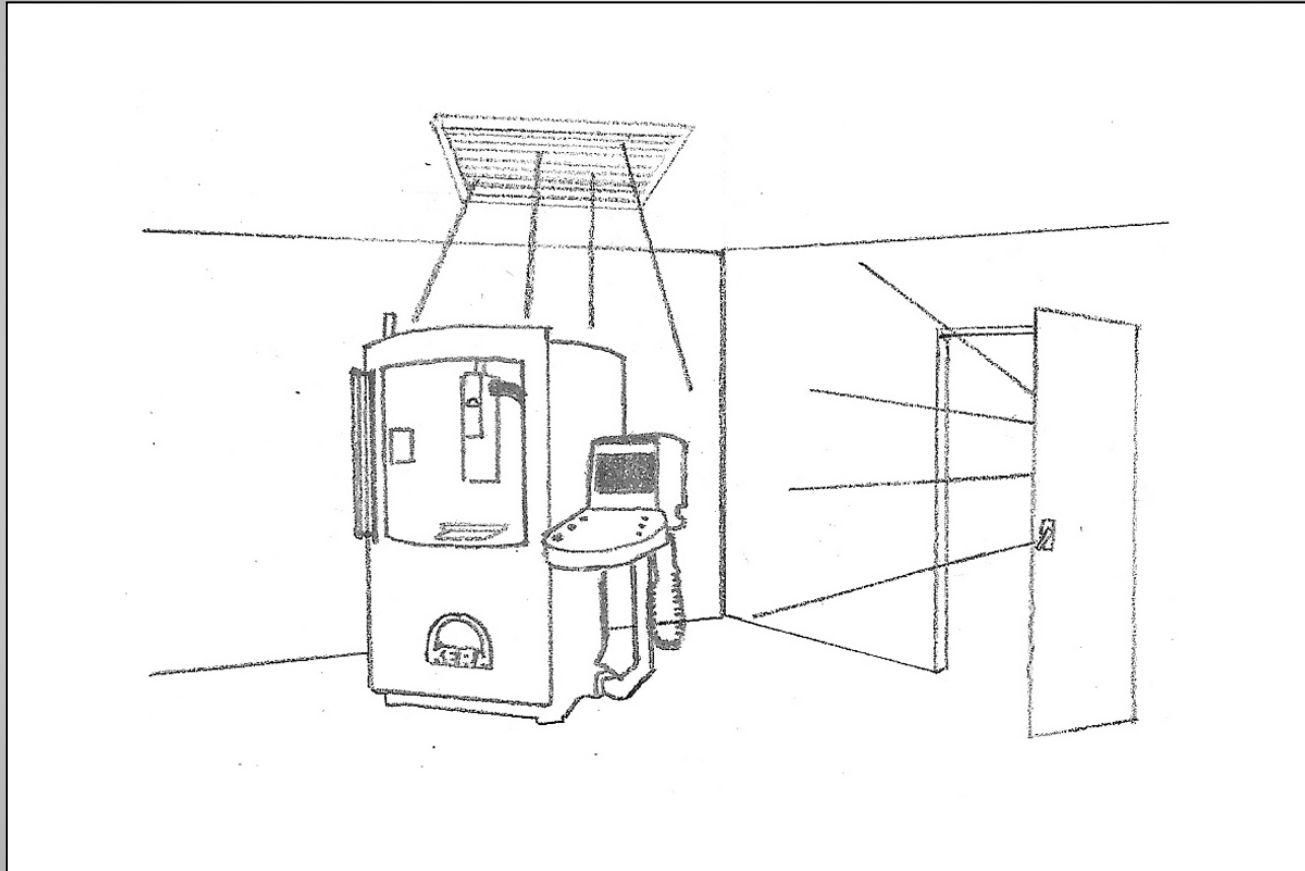




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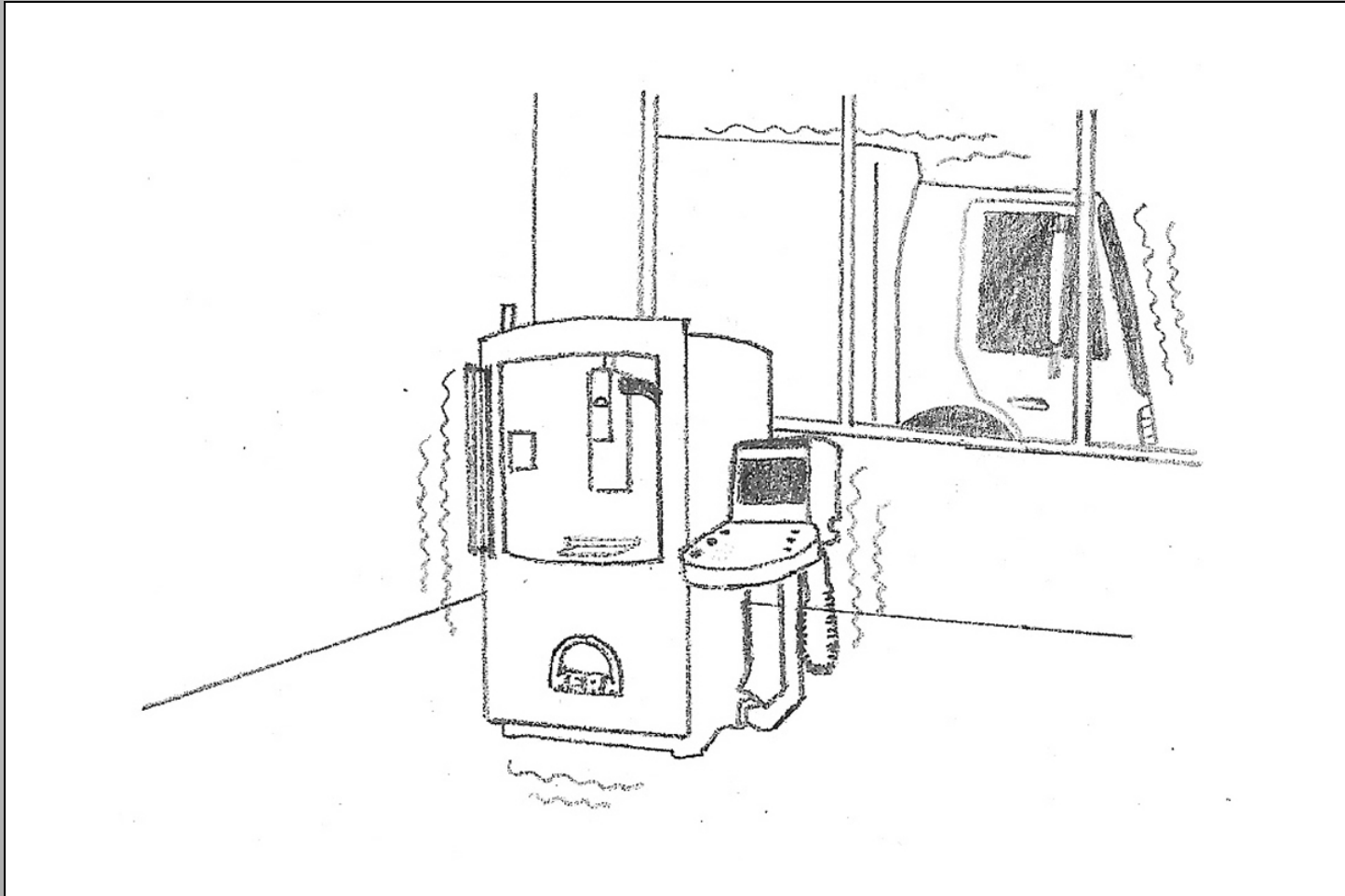


# Environmental Influences

Not next to a heating system or under targeted air conditioning



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# Human Influences

## Management

- Organisational skills
- Understanding of what is required (Totally)

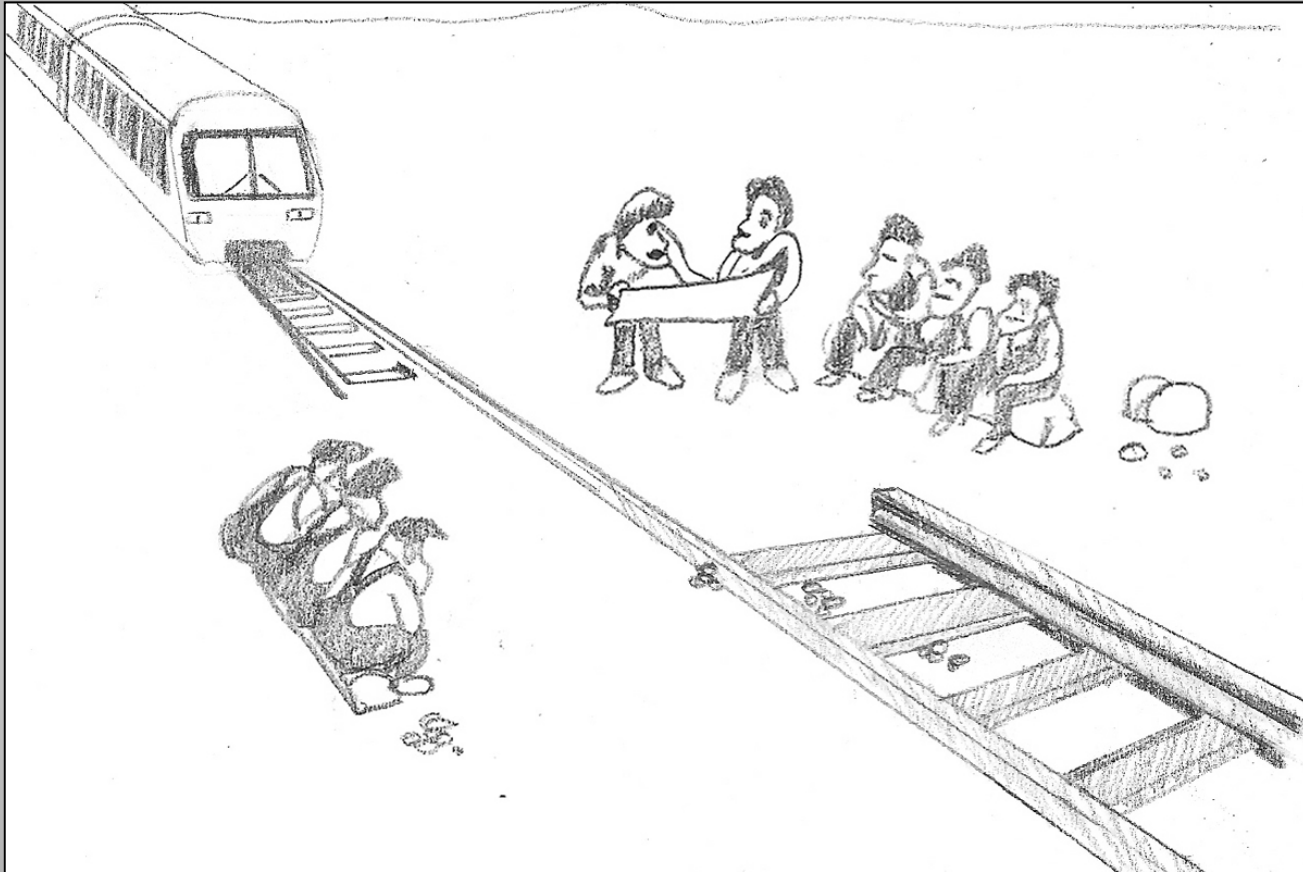
## Operator

- Skills
- Passion for the challenge of the job

## Designer

- Understanding of the machining process and the available machines and tools
- Realistic designs

# Human Influences



Poor communications



# What's the next job?

How well do you know your manufacturing environment?

Do you use .002 mm dial indicators?

Check

Temperature range in your workshop Maximum to Minimum

Temperature range of the coolant systems used

Accuracy of the measuring machine

Diameter tolerance on endmills and drills

Concentricity of machine spindles and cutting tool holding systems

With Thanks to the following



***Thank you***

***Any Questions ?***