

CUTTER GRINDING AND OTHER TOOL GRINDER OPERATIONS

CHAPTER 1

Introduction to Sharpening High-Speed Steel and Cast Alloy Multi-Tooth Cutters

In general, it may be said that the working efficiency of a cutter is largely determined by the keenness of its cutting edges. Consequently, it is important to sharpen a cutter at the first signs of dullness. Not only does a dull cutter leave a poorly finished surface, but also the continued use of such a cutter leaves it in a condition necessitating the grinding away of a considerable portion of the teeth to restore the cutting edges. When the cutter is maintained in good working condition by frequent sharpening, it is certain to be cutting rapidly and effectively at all times. Furthermore, when such a cutter does need resharpening, it is necessary to grind the teeth only a very small amount to restore its keen cutting edges.

Cutters and reamers are usually ground on tool and cutter grinding machines. The universal type of cutter grinder, as the name implies, can be set up for a variety of grinding operations, including light cylindrical, surface and internal grinding, as well as for sharpening cutters of all kinds.

I. GRINDING WHEELS RECOMMENDED

The grade of a standard grinding wheel used for sharpening cutters must be in the soft range to insure a free cutting action and to avoid drawing the temper of the cutting edge. At the same time, if the wheel is too soft, its rapid wear makes it difficult to keep the cutter a true cylinder or to produce a keen edge.

In general, for most tool grinding work, an aluminum oxide (46 or 60 GRIT), medium soft grade (J-L), structure spacing number 5 to 8, vitrified bonded wheel (ALLAWS 4,500 to 6,500 s.f.p.m.) is recommended in various shapes. K. O. Lee Company wheels that fall in this range are: Cup — CV4NH60, CV4NM60; Saucer — SV6GH60, SV6GM60; Straight or Plain — PV6GH60, PV5FH60, PV7GM60, PV8GM60. Wheel marking, from left to right: first letter — shape of wheel; second letter — bond type; next number — size of wheel O.D.; third letter — wheel hole size; fourth letter — wheel thickness; last number — grit size.

When grinding carbide cutters, it is advisable to use a diamond cup wheel, although Silicon Carbide wheels may be successfully used where wheel wear is not a large factor in holding size. Example of this type of wheel is the K. O. Lee RV6NH100 recessed straight wheel used with the B945 Tilting Table Attachment.

Where desired, newer types of wheels, such as those made from cubic boron nitride, may improve results on high-speed steel cutters. They give a grinding action comparable to diamond wheels and do not break down as quickly as aluminum oxide wheels.

Cylindrical grinding can be accomplished with the above straight wheels. Generally, even for relatively soft steels, wheel grades approaching "L" or "K" and structure spacing near number 8 will be found desirable. If desired results are not obtained with the standard wheel, try wheels which approximate these specifications having the same material composition. With soft steel, the grit may be dropped to 54

for best results. The main factors to be considered are the material being ground, size of work, amount of stock to be removed, and the finish desired. The harder the material, the softer the wheel required. The larger the work diameter, the coarser and softer the wheel. The amount of stock removal and the finish will determine the grain size economical for the job. Light feed of the material to the wheel permits the use of finer and softer wheels.

For sharpening Fellows Gear Shaper cutters, slightly finer grit wheels, approximately 80 grit, should be used. A complete list of wheels to use for sharpening various types of cutters is not included, as many handbooks listing complete grinding wheel recommendations are available from the manufacturer.

Dry grinding is generally recommended for most high-speed steel cutter sharpening operations because experience has shown that satisfactory results are readily obtained in this way, and the operations are such that wet grinding causes inconvenience to the operator. When wet grinding, use sufficient supply of coolant to keep the work from overheating. In wet cylindrical grinding, slightly harder wheels may be used.

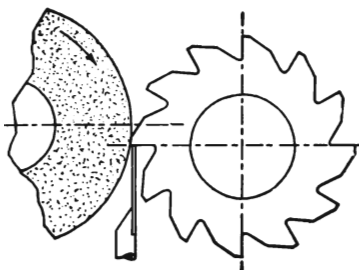


Figure 11—Showing method of grinding with wheel rotating off cutting edge.

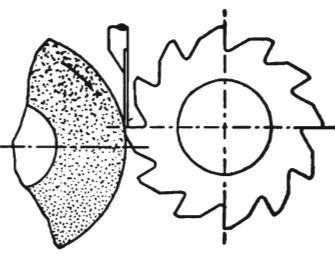


Figure 12—Showing method of grinding with wheel rotating onto cutting edge.

II. DIRECTION OF WHEEL ROTATION

Cutters and reamers may be ground with the grinding wheel rotation either off or toward the cutting edge as shown in Figures 11 and 12.

If the wheel is run off or away from the cutting edge as shown in Figure 11, the wheel holds the cutter against the toothrest. As this is the safer method, it is more commonly used. This setup may be reversed, if so desired, cutting edge facing up, toothrest pointing down, and wheel running counterclockwise. It has the objection, however, of throwing up a burr on the cutting edge of the tooth which should be oilstoned off. Furthermore, there is some danger of burning the tooth at the cutting edge.

If the cutter is ground by rotating the wheel onto the cutting edge as shown in Figure 12, there is less tendency to burn the tooth, and a keener cutting edge, free from burr, is possible. Care must be taken, however, to hold the cutter firmly against the toothrest, as otherwise the rotation of the wheel will carry the tooth into the wheel and cause it to be ground away.

While straight wheels are shown in Figures 11 and 12, the same comments regarding direction of grinding wheel rotation apply to the use of cup wheels.

III. RELIEF ANGLE (CLEARANCE)

A. Relief Angle:

Relief may be defined as the amount of stock removed from the teeth behind the cutting edge to permit the teeth to cut freely and to clear the material after the cutting edge has done its work.

It is important that the relief angle be correct. If it is insufficient, the teeth will have a dragging cut, while if it is too great, the teeth will wear rapidly and the cutter is likely to chatter. Too much relief, however, is less objectionable than too little, as under the former condition, the cutter will function, while under the latter, it may not cut accurately.

The proper relief angle depends upon a number of factors, principally the type and diameter of the cutter and the hardness of the material to be machined. For example, cutters employed on soft materials like brass can stand more relief than those employed on steel or cast iron. Likewise, the relief must be greater for small cutters than for large ones. For these reasons, it is generally agreed that the correct relief angle for a given cutter must be determined by experience. Once the relief angle (AS WELL AS CUTTING SPEED AND FEED) that gives the best results on a certain operation has been determined, it should be recorded for future reference.

The general ranges of relief angles for typical tools and work materials are shown in the table below.

Cutter	Tool Material	Work Material		
		Steel	Cast Iron	Nonferrous and Nonmetallics
Peripheral or O.D. Cutting Edge	High Speed Steel	5° to 10°	5° to 10°	7° to 12°
	Cast Alloy	4° to 6°	4° to 6°	5° to 10°
	Cemented Carbides	4° to 6°	4° to 6°	5° to 10°
Side or End Cutting Edges	All	1° to 4°	1° to 4°	2° to 7°

*Smaller diameter cutters require larger relief angles.

B. Width of Land:

The land, which is the narrow surface immediately behind the cutting edge that is ground to the relief angle, should be about $\frac{1}{32}$ inch to $\frac{1}{16}$ inch wide, depending upon the type and size of the cutter. As a result of repeated grinding, the land may become so wide as to cause the heel of the tooth to drag on the work. To control the width of the land, a clearance or secondary angle, usually double the relief or primary angle, is ground as shown in Figure 13.

Relief on New Cutter

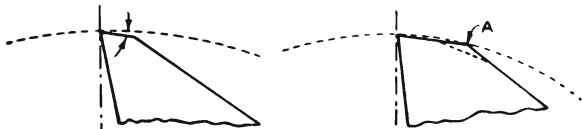


Figure 13—Width of land increases with repeated sharpenings, causing interference at A. Grind clearance angle as shown by dotted line to control width of land.

The relief on the end teeth of end mills should be about 3 degrees to 5 degrees. On formed milling cutters or involute gear cutters, relief does not have to be considered in resharping because the teeth are so formed that when they are ground radially on the face, the relief remains the same.

C. Determining the Relief Angle:

The relief angle is determined by the setting of the grinding wheel, the cutter and the tooth rest. Either a straight wheel or a cup wheel may be used. If the lands on the cutter teeth are narrow, a straight wheel is frequently used. If the lands are wide, a cup wheel should be used. See Figure 14. It is possible to use a straight wheel on wide lands by swiveling the wheel head about 1 degree from the zero line so that the cut approaches a straight line.

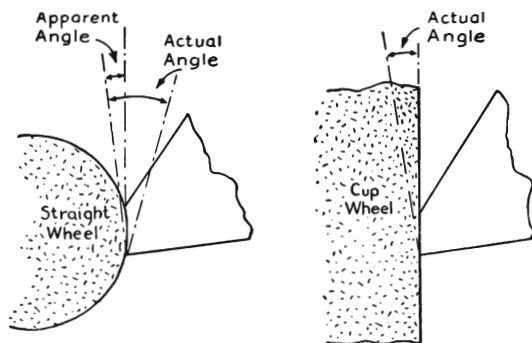


Figure 14—Showing effect of wheel shape on relief angle.

The general procedure in determining the setting for the relief angle is to bring the center of the wheel and the work, as well as the end of the toothrest blade, all on the same plane, and then to raise or lower the wheelhead the proper distance to give the desired relief angle. When a straight wheel is used, this distance varies with the diameter of the wheel. When a cup wheel is used, the distance varies with the diameter of the cutter.

On the B6060 and B6062 series cutter grinding machines, the tilting wheelhead unit is provided with a dial graduated in degrees for quickly setting the angle of a cup wheel face to the exact relief angle desired. With this feature, when a cup wheel is used, it is not necessary to go through the procedure of bringing the center of the wheel and the work onto exactly the same horizontal plane. After tilting the wheelhead to the desired degree, simply adjust the toothrest to the same height as the center of the work (BY MICROMETER, OR SMALL MOVEMENT OF WHEELHEAD). The toothrest may be located on the wheelhead or the table, depending on the nature of the setup. If this tilting feature is not available, the toothrest setting for the relief angle must be obtained either from the tables, pages 104-108, or by the following methods and calculations.

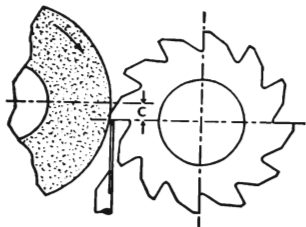


Figure 15—Developing the relief angle when using a straight wheel.

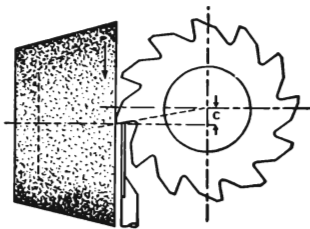


Figure 16—Developing the relief angle when using a cup wheel.

1. **Setting the Toothrest, Using a Straight Wheel** (SEE TABLE I, PAGE 104, FOR CLEARANCE ANGLE SETTING.)

Figure 15 illustrates a milling cutter being ground with a straight wheel. The distance C between the center lines of the wheel and cutter varies with the relief angle. The method of producing the desired relief angle, when using a straight wheel, is as follows:

- Bring the center of the wheel and the work onto the same plane.
- Fasten the toothrest to the table of the machine and adjust the toothrest to the same height as the center of the work, using a height gauge.
- Raise (or lower, depending upon the direction of wheel rotation) the wheelhead the proper distance by means of the graduated hand wheel. The distance to raise or lower the wheelhead when using a straight wheel may be calculated as follows: Multiply the relief angle in degrees by the diameter of the wheel in inches, and this product by the constant .0087.

Sample solution for determining the distance to raise or lower the wheelhead for a 7 degree relief angle, using a straight wheel 6 inches diameter: $C = 7 \text{ degrees} \times 6 \text{ inches} \times .0087 = .365 \text{ inches}$.

2. **Setting the Toothrest, Using a Cup Wheel, (NON-TILT HEAD GRINDERS):** (SEE TABLE II, PAGE 105, FOR CLEARANCE ANGLE CHART SETTINGS.)

Figure 16 shows a cup wheel being used for sharpening a cutter. The procedure for producing the desired relief angle of a spiral milling cutter, for example, is obtained as follows:

- Fasten the toothrest to the wheelhead and align the toothrest and center of the cutter on the same plane, using a height gauge.
- Raise or lower the wheelhead with the toothrest the required distance. To calculate the distance when using a cup wheel, multiply the required relief angle by the diameter of the cutter in inches and this product by the constant .0087.

Sample solution for determining the distance to raise or lower the wheelhead beyond the center of a cutter 3 inches in diameter, in order to produce a relief angle of 5 degrees using a cup wheel 4 inches in diameter: $C = 5 \text{ degrees} \times 3 \text{ inches} \times .0087 = .130 \text{ inches}$.

NOTE: If the cutter grinder is equipped with a tilting wheelhead, this is simply set to the desired relief angle, as read on the machine scale, but the toothrest blade end and the center of the cutter are left on the same plane.

IV. TYPICAL SET-UPS FOR SHARPENING CUTTERS

To give the reader a general idea of the methods commonly employed in the setting up and sharpening of cutters, the following pages give a number of typical cutters together with brief descriptions of the grinding procedures employed in each case. Unless otherwise specified, a cup wheel is assumed for all set-ups.

From the standpoint of design and method of sharpening, cutters may be classified into two general groups.

- A. The first consists of cutters which are sharpened on the periphery or sides, by grinding the relief angle behind the cutting edge of the tooth. Included in this group are plain milling cutters (STRAIGHT AND HELICAL TEETH), staggered tooth cutters, side milling cutters, face milling cutters, end mills, angular cutters, slitting saws, and reamers.

1. **PLAIN (HELICAL) MILLING CUTTERS** (SEE PAGE 36 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF TYPICAL SET-UP.)

The cutter is mounted on an arbor which is supported between centers and set sufficiently below the center of the wheel spindle to produce the desired relief. On tilting wheelhead cutter grinders, the wheelhead equipped with cup wheel, is tilted the desired amount of relief in degrees.

The toothrest must be mounted on the wheelhead and adjusted so that it has a complete bearing on the tooth to be ground at the point of grinding contact. With the cutter held against the toothrest by light hand pressure, the cutter is traversed across the wheel face, either by moving the table or by sliding the cutter on a cutter bar. For safety and accuracy, we recommend mounting the cutter in a fixed position on an arbor, moving the cutter relative to the wheel by means of table traverse.

In sharpening any type of plain milling cutter, the greatest difficulty lies in keeping the peripheral cutting edges radially equal. A cutter out of truth cuts with a constant pounding action. If the wheel wear during the sharpening operation is equalized, it follows that the cutter is kept cylindrical. This equalization is achieved by grinding around the entire cutter, then revolving it 180 degrees, starting anew on a tooth just opposite the original starting point, taking another light cut all the way around the cutter. This method is repeated, taking light cuts until the cutter has been sharpened sufficiently.

A straight wheel can also be used for grinding plain cutters. A cup wheel, however, has the advantage of producing a straight angle or relief back of the cutting edge. To prevent the opposite side of the cup wheel from striking the cutter, the wheelhead should be swiveled slightly from the zero line in the horizontal plane.

Some tool rooms have found that cutters for use on steel and cast iron will cut with less chatter and stand up longer between regrinds if they are first ground cylindrically and then backed off to leave a land from .005" to .010" wide at the cutting edge.

2. **STAGGERED TOOTH MILLING CUTTERS** (SEE PAGE 41 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A TYPICAL SET-UP.)

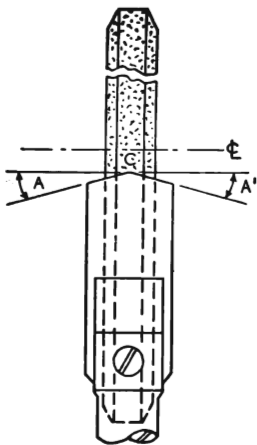


Figure 17—Shape of blade of tooth rest for sharpening staggered tooth milling cutters.

Staggered tooth milling cutters, having alternately right and left-hand spiral teeth may be sharpened at one setup by using a toothrest with the top of the blade either rounded or shaped with a double angle (INVERTED V). The operation is similar to grinding a plain spiral mill, with the cutter mounted on an arbor between centers and the toothrest fastened to the wheelhead. Relief may be generated directly by tilting the wheelhead as in III-C above.

The blade of the special toothrest shown in Figure 17 is ground to coincide with the right and left spiral angles of the cutter teeth. The high point (c) of the toothrest must be located in the center of the cutting edge (FACE) of the wheel. The wheelhead is raised sufficiently to give the desired relief.

The cutter is traversed across the wheel with the spiral edge of the toothrest resting on the corresponding edge of the toothrest. In grinding the next tooth, having the alternate spiral, the cutter is traversed in the opposite direction, using the other edge of the toothrest. Best results will be obtained if the face of either the straight wheel or cup wheel is beveled to about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide at the periphery, or the cutting edge.

3. **SIDE MILLING CUTTERS** (SEE PAGE 40 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A TYPICAL SET-UP.)

The cutter is mounted on a stub arbor and locked into the self-locking taper in the universal workhead. The cutter may also be mounted on a straight arbor and held between centers. The toothrest is usually fastened to the workhead or table.

While the setup illustrated shows the use of a cup wheel and tilting wheelhead, a straight wheel can also be used, in which case the cutter arbor is set in a horizontal position and the wheelhead raised, or lowered, to produce the required side tooth relief. The peripheral teeth of side milling cutters are sharpened in exactly the same manner as previously described for plain cutters. If the cutter is helical, the toothrest assembly is mounted on the wheelhead.

4. **FACE MILLING CUTTERS** (SEE PAGE 43 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIFIC SET-UP.)

Special machines of suitably heavy construction are available for sharpening large face milling cutters. However, if they are not too large, they can be sharpened on a universal tool and cutter grinder. They should be mounted on a tapered shank supported in the workhead spindle in the same manner as they are supported on the milling machine. The operations involved in sharpening a face milling cutter are similar to those in sharpening a shell end mill and include grinding the periphery, face, and corners of the blades. For cast iron, the peripheral relief angle should be about 4 degrees; for soft steel, about 6 degrees. A secondary clearance may be ground to leave a land $\frac{1}{8}$ inch to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide.

The same relief angles are used for the face edges which, for rough milling, should have a land about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide, with the remaining portion of the edge ground off at an angle of about 3 degrees toward the center of the cutter. Finish milling is a thin shearing operation, and for best results, the face of the cutter should be ground off at an angle of 1 degree to 2 degrees to give it a slight lead into the work. The corners of the blades are usually ground at 45 degrees bevel by swiveling the workhead or table, and are left $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide.

After grinding, the cutter should be carefully checked on the face with a dial indicator. If the cutter has been properly ground, taking light finishing cuts of not more than one half thousandth inch per pass, tooth height should be uniform.

5. **END MILLS** (SEE PAGE 38 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIFIC SET-UP. SEE CHAPTER 14, PART V, PAGE 92 FOR DESCRIPTION OF END MILL GRINDING WITH AN AIR-BEARING WORKHEAD.)

End mills with shanks are supported in the universal workhead or in the combination attachment, and are ground with the same spiral action as described for plain milling cutters. If the end mill is the shell type, it must first be mounted on a suitable arbor. In sharpening the end teeth, the workhead is usually swiveled horizontally about one-half degree from the zero line so as to grind the teeth slightly low in the center of the mill and thus prevent dragging. The workhead is then swiveled in the vertical plane to give the desired relief (OR THE WHEELHEAD IS TILTED).

6. **ANGULAR CUTTERS** (SEE PAGE 42 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIFIC SET-UP.)

An angular cutter may be considered as made up of a number of plain milling cutters of different diameters. When any cutter with a cup wheel is ground on a conventional tool and cutter grinder, the relief angle is determined from the diameter of the cutter. It follows that this method would lead to difficulties when applied to angular cutters because of the variation in the diameter of the cutter along the cutting edge. For this reason, the O.D. of a saucer wheel is commonly used.

On a tilthead cutter grinder, a cup wheel can be used without need of "trial and error" tactics, and the relief angle is constant for the full tooth length.

On all non-tilthead grinders, the cutter is mounted on an arbor and supported in a universal workhead, which is then swiveled to the angle of the cutter. It may also be mounted between centers on an arbor, with table swiveled. The toothrest is fastened to the swivel table or wheelhead and adjusted against the tooth to be ground, on center with the cutter. The wheelhead is then raised or lowered (OR MICROMETER ADJUSTED) to give the desired relief. The cutter is held against the toothrest by hand as it is traversed against the wheel edge. Chapter 7 of Section Five discusses the set-up when using a saucer wheel to generate a constant clearance angle.

7. **METAL CUTTING SAWS** (SEE PAGE 84 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIFIC SET-UP.)

Small saws are ground in essentially the same manner as milling cutters — usually with a 5 degree relief angle. On very small saws, the angle may

advantageously be increased to about 7 degrees while on larger saws, around 10 inches in diameter, for example, it should be reduced to about 3 degrees. To minimize the effect of wheel wear, a light finishing cut should be taken completely around the saw.

Except in the case of very small saws, the same grit and grade of cutting wheels may be used as for sharpening milling cutters.

While a straight wheel or a cup wheel can be used, some machinists prefer to grind these saws with the narrow periphery of a dish wheel to avoid overheating and possibly burning the teeth. For certain smaller saws, a straight wheel formed to a "V" of approximately 60 degrees will suffice not only to create the proper rake (IF ANY) on the teeth, but also to produce a sharp cutting edge while maintaining necessary flute depth and secondary clearance for all teeth in succession. Small saws may be ganged. Large metal cutting saws are generally sharpened on special, automatic saw sharpeners. If such a machine is not available, the saws can still be sharpened on a tool and cutter grinder with the aid of a special fixture, such as the B988 illustrated on page 102. In this case, they are mounted horizontally with special stiffening plates and toothrest to index on the tooth being ground. In the case of high-speed steel saws, to offset the effect of wheel wear, divide the saw into quarters and start grinding on a new quarter with each complete rotation of the saw.

8. **CHUCKING REAMERS** (SEE PAGE 67 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIFIC SET-UP.)

There appears to be no standard method of sharpening reamers. In the case of machine or chucking reamers of the solid type, the size obviously is lost as soon as the periphery is touched with a grinding wheel. Inasmuch as most of the cutting is done by the entering corners of the blades, it is common practice to sharpen such reamers by simply grinding the lead or front bevel, usually at an angle of 45 degrees.

When the straight cutting edges become dull to the point of requiring sharpening, the reamer is ground cylindrically to the next smaller size. The cutting edges are then "backed off", leaving a primary land from a few thousandths to about $\frac{1}{32}$ inch wide depending upon the material being reamed and the size of the reamer. The reamer will be found to cut better if it is left with a back taper of about .0005 inch per inch sloped down to the shank.

Before resharpening chucking reamers of the expansion or adjustable type are adjusted outward a small amount. They are then ground cylindrically with a straight wheel to the exact size desired, with the reamer supported between centers. The cutting edges are then "backed off" in a conventional manner for milling cutters, leaving a primary land (MARGIN) of the proper width for the material being reamed.

For steel, the best results are generally obtained with a primary land from .005 inch to .008 inch wide. For cast iron, a slightly wider land, about $\frac{1}{16}$ inch, may be used. For nonferrous metals like brass and soft bronze, the land should be reduced to a "white line", no more than .002 inch wide.

9. **HAND REAMERS** (SEE PAGES 65-67 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIFIC SET-UP.)

Except in the smaller sizes, the majority of hand reamers in use today are of the expansion or adjustable type. The usual procedure in sharpening such a reamer is to "set out" the blades a sufficient amount, grind it

cylindrically to the exact size desired, and then "back off" the teeth so as to leave practically a sharp cutting edge, the land being no more than a few thousandths of an inch wide. A few light strokes along the cutting edges (FACES) with an oilstone will remove any slight burr produced in grinding.

If the reamer is provided with a front pilot and is ground between centers, the center supporting the expansion plug end should be adjustable so that the pilot surface can be centered with an indicator before grinding.

Hand reamers are always ground with a taper or lead at the front portion of the blades to allow it to enter the hole freely and without chattering. The amount of lead depends on the amount of material to be removed and is generally about $\frac{1}{16}$ inch per foot (OBTAINED BY ADJUSTING THE SWIVEL TABLE OF THE GRINDING MACHINE) and approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in length for reamers up to 2 inches in diameter, and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in length for larger sizes.

10. **TAPER REAMERS** (SEE PAGE 67 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIFIC SET-UP.)

Taper reamers must be ground with great care in order to maintain the correct taper and the diameter. The toothrest is fastened to the wheelhead and the finger is adjusted to support the tooth being ground. The swivel table is adjusted to the required taper per foot, as indicated on the graduated scale at the end of the grinder table.

The relief angle will depend on the material to be cut and the size of the reamer. Tables for relief of reamers are given in Section Seven of the manual and should be taken as only approximations for most reamers. On the tilting wheelhead cutter grinder, the relief setting is made by simply tipping the wheelhead to the angle desired. Trial cuts should be taken with a sharpened taper reamer, and the reamer hole tested for truth with a standard plug before using the reamer.

In some tool rooms, taper reamers are sharpened by grinding cylindrically and then "backing off" the teeth, leaving a land a few thousandths of an inch wide, as in grinding straight reamers. This method insures uniform tooth height, which is important if the reamer is to cut without chattering and leave a smooth finish.

- B. The second general group consists of cutters which are sharpened by grinding the front, radial cutting faces of the teeth so as not to alter their profile. This group includes formed cutters, Fellows, and Involute gear cutters, hobs, and forming tools.

1. **FORMED CUTTERS** (SEE PAGE 48 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIFIC SET-UP.)

Formed cutters are ground radially on the cutting face with a saucer wheel. Various methods are employed for controlling the spacing of the teeth.

For most set-ups, the cutter is revolved until the face of a tooth just touches the cutting face of the grinding wheel. Previously, the wheel face and the center of the radial tooth cutter must have been brought into the same vertical plane. The toothrest is then adjusted against the back of the tooth to be ground.

Some form cutters are made with a forward rake or undercut tooth. In sharpening these, care must be taken to offset the wheel face so as to maintain the original rake angle. The amount of this offset, measured on

a horizontal plane, is usually stamped on the cutter in thousandths of an inch.

The cutter is passed across the wheel face with a steady motion, using the hand traverse. During the grinding, the crossfeed must not be changed as this would change the radial line of the cutter face. Instead, the cutter is given a slight forward rotation toward the wheel by slightly advancing the micrometer toothrest. If the cutter is badly worn and there is much grinding to be done, compensation for wheel wear can be made by resetting the wheel radially just previous to a light finishing cut. To insure correct spacing of the teeth using this method, it is advisable to first grind the backs of the teeth, especially on a new cutter.

2. **FELLOWS GEAR SHAPER CUTTERS** (SEE PAGE 53 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIFIC SET-UP.)

The cutter is supported on a face plate and tapered stud mounted in the universal workhead which is swiveled horizontally to an angle of 5 degrees, representing the rake of the cutter. After grinding, the accuracy of the cutter angle should be checked with a gauge to be sure it is exactly 5 degrees.

3. **HOBS** (SEE PAGE 51 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIFIC SET-UP.)

Like formed cutters, the teeth of hobs are made with uniform relief and are sharpened by grinding radially on the faces of the teeth, using the beveled side of a saucer wheel, or a "B" face straight wheel. See wheel shapes, page 110. The most important precaution to be observed in setting up for this operation is to line up the cutting face of the wheel with the center of the hob. Also, after each cut, the hob should be revolved toward the wheel for taking additional cuts, and not adjusted to the wheel by means of the machine crossfeed.

In the actual sharpening operation, whether it is done on a tool and cutter grinding machine or on a special hob grinder provided with automatic work spindle indexing arrangement, care must be taken to remove the same amount of stock from each tooth. It can readily be seen that if some teeth are ground back more than others, those which are left high will have all the work to do, resulting in irregular cutting action which will affect the accuracy and finish of the teeth produced.

Hobs of average size are ground successfully with standard cutter sharpening wheels, usually saucer shaped. For larger hobs, wheels which are of slightly less friable aluminum oxide are recommended.

4. **FORMING TOOLS** (SEE PAGE 92 FOR ILLUSTRATION AND DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIFIC SET-UP.)

Most forming tools are used in lathes and are created in the tool room by tool design engineers for a special application. If they are of slab type, they will be created by surface grinding activity and ground to measurement or to a predetermined template outline on an optical viewing screen. See Chapter 14, page 92, for application of this task to a K. O. Lee tool grinder.

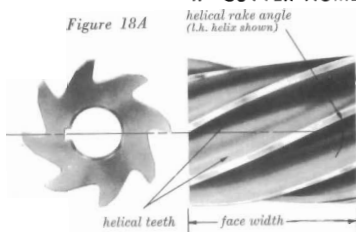
If the forming tool is circular, it must be placed on an arbor between centers and cutting face ground with any existing radial relief, as in the case of formed cutters. These cutters are created by cylindrical grinding—usually with a pre-formed straight wheel.

CHAPTER 2

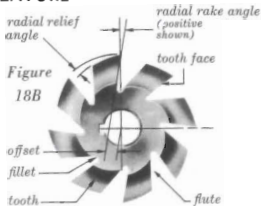
Cutter Nomenclature and Measurement

I. CUTTER NOMENCLATURE

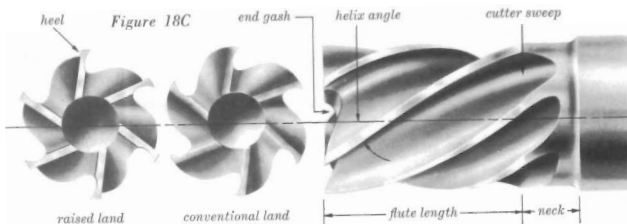
Figure 18A



SOLID HELICAL
PLAIN MILLING CUTTER



SOLID FORM
RELIEVED MILLING CUTTER



END MILL

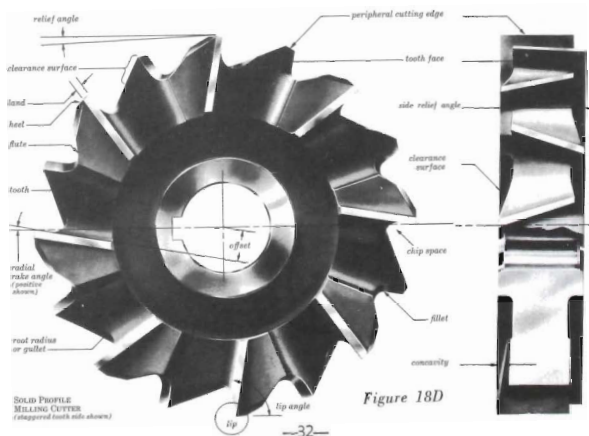


Figure 18D

SOLID PROFILE
MILLING CUTTER
(enlarged tooth side shown)

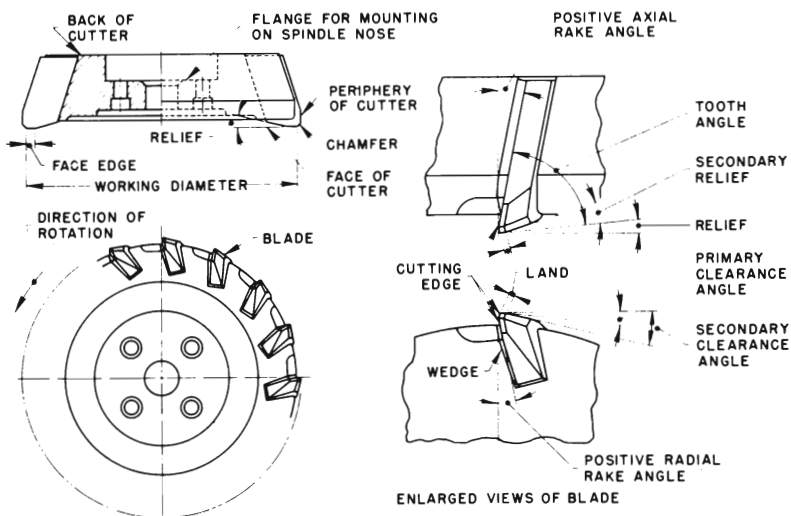


Figure 18E—Nomenclature of a Face Milling Cutter

HAND TAPS

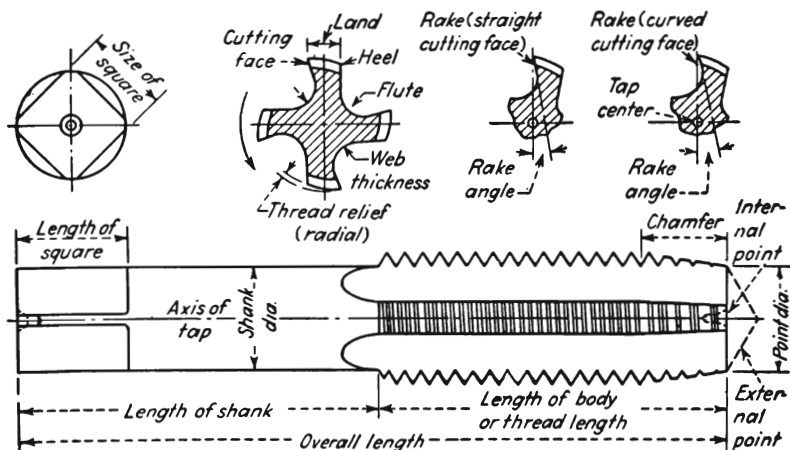
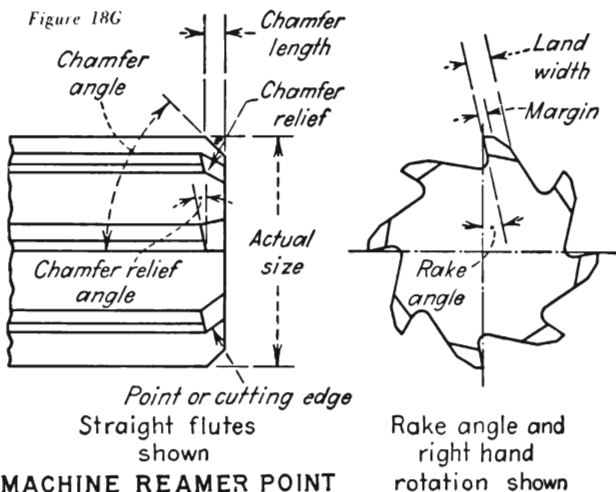
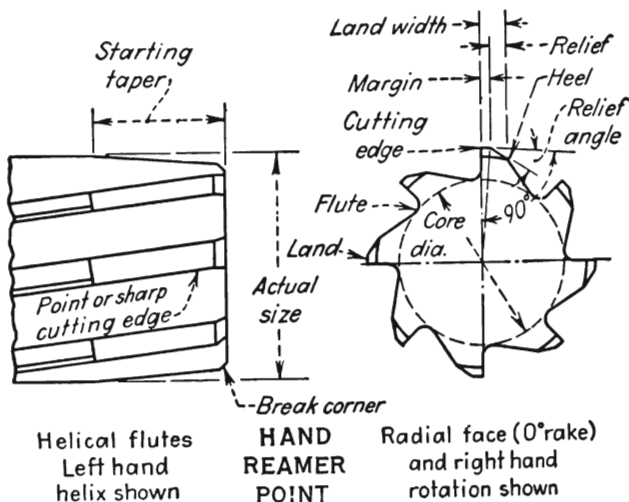


Figure 18F—Sketch illustrating tap terms, as employed in Taps—Cut and Ground Threads, American Standard B5.4-1948.

REAMER NOMENCLATURE



MACHINE REAMER POINT



II. CUTTER RUNOUT TOLERANCES

- A. Periodically check the runout of straight arbors used to hold cutters. Do this also for workhead spindles and their workholding adapters. Use a .0001 inch dial indicator. If it shows more than .0005 inch runout at any point on the workholding device, locate the source of the trouble before mounting the cutter.
- B. Cutters usually run as true when mounted on a tool and cutter grinder as they do in a milling machine. Only when the machinist has found the workholding fixture tending to hold inaccurately, is it necessary to use a dial indicator to check runout prior to grinding.
- C. After sharpening, it is usually assumed that the final light cut has left the cutter with no more runout than .0005 inch. However, in the case of carbide multi-tooth cutters it is advisable to use a dial indicator to check the cutter for no more runout than given in the table below:

Cutter Diameter	Roughing Cuts		Finishing Cuts	
	Cutting Face	Periphery and Chamfer	Cutting Face	Periphery and Chamfer
Up to 12"	.001"	.002"	.0005"	.0015"
12" to 16"	.0015"	.003"	.00075"	.002"
Over 16"	.002"	.004"	.001"	.0025"

III. WHEN TO SHARPEN A CUTTER

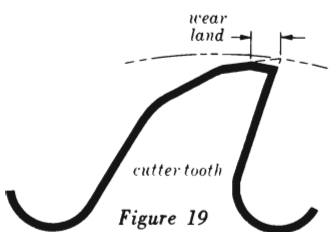


Figure 19

Because of the many variables involved in milling cutter usage, it is impossible to give exact conditions of wear which will signal the time to resharpen a cutter. The indicator used most often is a visual check of the "wear land" (Figure 19) which occurs just back of the cutting edge on a milling cutter. Depending on the type of cutter, material being machined, etc., the wear allowed may be from a few thousandths to $\frac{1}{16}$ inch. Other methods of determining sharpening frequency are: a predetermined time period,

depending on the number of production pieces machined; at a point where product quality begins to be unacceptable from the standpoint of finish, dimension, etc.; when an increase in power is required, noise generated, or heat occurs.

IV. CUTTER INSPECTION AFTER SHARPENING

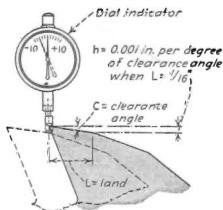


Figure 19A

The main item to inspect on a cutter just sharpened is the clearance angle just back of cutting edges. Experienced machinists will seldom have to check these angles, but there may be conditions under which the clearance tolerances demand actual measurement. This is done with a hand operated clearance angle gauge or by means of a dial indicator. The following is a standard formula for the use of a dial indicator to check the amount of drop from cutting edge back of the end of a given primary clearance or relief land (Figure 19A).

For each $\frac{1}{16}$ inch width of land, each degree of clearance is approximately equivalent to .001 inch on a dial indicator. For any width of land, the clearance C in degrees = $57.32h/L$, where h = indicator reading and L = width of land in inches.

CHAPTER 3

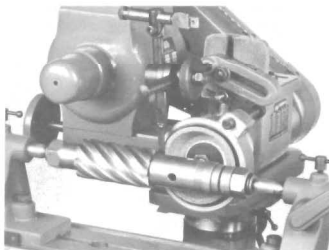
Plain Milling Cutters**I. SET-UP PREPARATION**

PHOTO 20

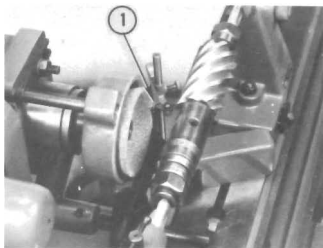


PHOTO 21

- A. Mount a cup wheel on the wheel arbor attached to spindle, or directly to the motor shaft arbor. If the wheel is already mounted on a collet, mount this assembly directly to quill nose at the opposite end from drive pulley. Install in a provisional position the wheel guard bracket and guard.
- B. Mount the cutter on a straight arbor and place the arbor between two tailstocks mounted to the machine in the approximate position shown in Photo 20. Adjust the right-hand tailstock for the necessary spring tension and then remove the arbor.
- C. Start the wheelhead motor and dress the inside of wheel to a 20 to 30 degree angle relative to the wheel face. Leave the cutting edge of wheel approximately $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in width. Stop the spindle.

II. SET-UP FOR CLEARANCE ANGLE

- A. Swing the wheelhead (spindle) around counterclockwise to a position of 89 degrees so that cutter may be traversed across the face of the wheel (left to right) without touching its opposite side. Tighten the wheelhead to column.
- B. **For non-tilthead grinders**, place the toothrest on the wheelhead in a vertical position over the left side of the wheel face with blade end on the approximate center of wheel (SEE PHOTO 20). Mount the arbor with cutter between the tailstocks. Some red marking may be applied to the top of the toothrest blade, and a cutter tooth traversed over this to determine the point of contact. Adjust the toothrest blade so that the spot where red is removed is centered on the wheel edge, and so that the blade is no further than about .004 inch from the wheel. Using a height gauge, find the center height of the cutter or tailstock and place the blade end of the toothrest on exactly the same horizontal plane. Photo 21 shows the use of the gauge with the diamond shaped swivel plate (1) contacting the cutter tooth from above, and the toothrest from below. These contacts are reversed if the toothrest is placed over the wheel as in Photo 20. Consult Table No. 11, page 105, for the correct amount to raise (OR LOWER, IF TOOTHREST IS SET FROM BELOW AND CUTTER ENDS REVERSED) the wheelhead in order to generate the desired clearance for the primary relief. (Page 20 shows below center toothrest location.)

- C. **For tilthead grinders**, adjust the quill swivel bracket to the desired primary clearance angle. Mount the toothrest assembly from below the wheel on the quill housing bracket as shown in Photo 22 so that the end of the blade is approximately at the center of the cup wheel on the left side; set it at the same angle as the wheel face. Some red marking may be applied to the end of the toothrest blade, and a cutter tooth may be traversed over this to determine the point of contact. Adjust the toothrest blade so that the spot where red is removed is centered on the wheel edge, and so that the blade is no further than about .004 inch from the wheel. As explained in 11-B above, place the center height gauge on the table, and raise or lower the wheelhead until the blade end of the toothrest is on the same horizontal plane as the center of the cutter or tailstocks (Photo 21).

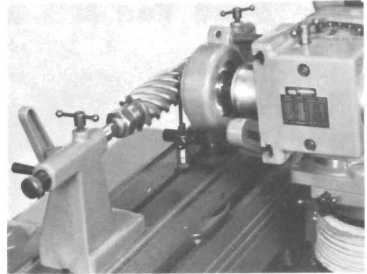


PHOTO 22

III. SHARPENING PROCESS

- A. Position a tooth of the cutter against the toothrest blade and traverse the table the full length of the cutter. In most cases, the cutter will be held by means of the workholding arbor with the left hand, and the table traversed with the right. Set a table stop for the exact length of table movement that it takes to pass the cutter tooth just beyond the wheel cutting edge, but not so far as to allow the cutter to fall off the toothrest blade.
- B. Start the wheelhead motor and proceed as above, lightly touching one tooth for its full length. Then rotate the cutter 180 degrees and grind on the opposite tooth. Check these two teeth for taper with micrometers or indicators. If taper is present, adjust the swivel table adjustment screws at the right side of table. Continue this general procedure until no taper results.
- C. Continue to grind all teeth in succession until they appear sharp. To assure roundness, start grinding a different tooth after each full revolution of the cutter.
- D. Secondary Clearance:
 1. **For tilthead grinders**, adjust the quill swivel bracket to the desired secondary clearance angle. Raise the column of the machine (the entire wheelhead) until the point of contact on the toothrest is again on center with the cutter. Grind the secondary clearance angle on all the cutter teeth in the same manner as for the primary clearance, but only to a degree which leaves the primary land between $\frac{1}{32}$ and $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch in width.
 2. **For non-tilthead grinders**, leave the toothrest in the same position as for grinding the primary clearance, but raise (or lower) the wheelhead the required amount for the secondary clearance to equal that existing on the cutter. Consult table 11, page 105 if a specific secondary clearance is indicated. Grind all secondary clearance angles as above, leaving the required primary land width. (Page 20 shows below center toothrest location.)
- E. Stop wheelhead motor and remove cutter for final inspection. Most small and medium cutters should not have more than .0005 inch run-out on the periphery.

CHAPTER 4

Shell End Mill and Other End Mills**I. SET-UP PREPARATIONS**

The set-up for the periphery is the same as for a Plain Milling Cutter except that the cutter is held in a workhead with an adaptor arbor or collet rather than being held between centers. See Chapter 3, page 36. The K. O. Lee air-bearing workhead for grinding end mills is described in Chapter 14, page 92.

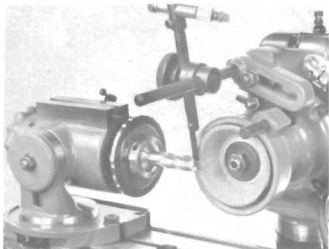


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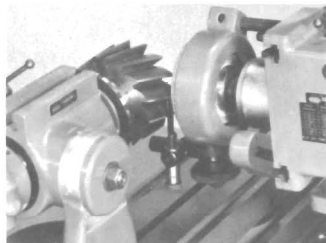


PHOTO 24

II. SETTING THE CLEARANCE ANGLE

- A. **For non-tilthead grinders**, the cutter is most easily sharpened with the cutting edge facing up at the point of contact with the wheel (Photo 23), and the workhead such as B942, placed at the left end of the table. This method is recommended for right-hand end mills. If the cutter is a left-hand end mill, then the workhead should be placed toward the right side of the table, working from the right side of the wheel, with the toothrest in both cases being attached to the bracket over the wheel. (Page 20 shows below center toothrest location.)
- B. **For tilthead grinders**, the toothrest will generally be held from below the cup wheel, and the workhead will be placed at the right or left side of the table, depending on the rotation of the cutter (right or left hand).

III. SHARPENING PROCESS PERIPHERY

- A. Repeat the same peripheral grinding sequence as described in Chapter 3, the cutter being cammed on the rigid toothrest.
- B. When using a workhead such as the B942, set a stop on the table to limit the travel of the workhead toward the wheel. This stop will prevent the cutter tooth from sliding off the toothrest. When the machine is operated from the front, the right hand usually moves the table travel while the left hand holds the workhead hand-nut, indexing or camming the tooth flute against the toothrest. If the end mill is left hand, or if the toothrest is from below the wheel, the reverse usage of hands will be necessary. See Photo 24.

IV. GRINDING THE FACE AND CHAMFER**A. Using a Non-Tilthead Grinder:**

- 1. Assuming the cutter has a chamfer (corner angle), locate the center of the chamfer of a tooth face with a pencil, and put this point on the same horizontal plane as that of the center of the cutter by means of the height

gauge. Lock the workhead spindle with the spindle in the horizontal zero degree position.

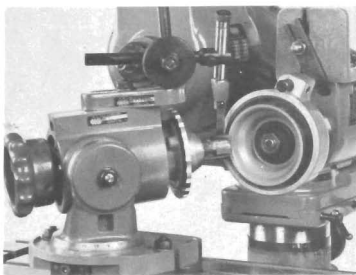


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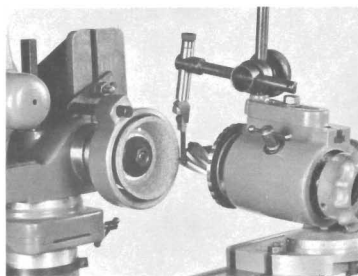


PHOTO 26

- 2 Mount the toothrest assembly on top of the workhead in a position as shown in Photo 25, if the cutter edge to be sharpened is facing up. Or, the toothrest may be set on the table, pointed upwards at the tooth edge, if the latter is to be faced downward at the point of grinding. Use the micrometer toothrest with spring-loaded rest, positioning the blade as close to the end and edge of the tooth flute as possible. The blade must be able to spring outward when the cutter is rotated for sharpening the next tooth.
- 3 Rotate the workhead laterally to the desired chamfer angle and lock, positioned on the table relative to the wheel as shown in Photo 25.
- 4 Loosen the vertical swivel of the workhead and tilt it up (or down), as shown, to produce the desired primary clearance, then tighten.
- 5 Grind the primary clearance on all teeth. Without moving the toothrest, repeat the above process for the secondary clearance by further tilt of the workhead. Grind the secondary clearance to where the primary land is $\frac{1}{8}$ inch to $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in width.
- 6 To sharpen the face (ENDS) of the teeth, first use the height gauge to put a tooth in the same horizontal plane as the center of the mill. Lock the workhead spindle. Create a toothrest set-up similar to A-2 above, only working from the right side of the wheel if cutter edge is to face up at the point of contact. If the cutter edge is to face down at the point of contact, the toothrest will be set on the table, pointed upward at the left front edge of the tooth flute. In the latter case, complete step 8 below first.
- 7 Swivel the workhead in the horizontal plane so that the face of a tooth will parallel the table travel, thus maintaining the radial cutting land relief toward the center of the cutter. This is usually on the order of several degrees slope toward the center of the mill. Lock the lower swivel.
- 8 Loosen the vertical swivel of the workhead, tilt it to the desired primary clearance angle, and lock. Photo 25 shows this operation, with the workhead at a compound angle with the swivel table to achieve the necessary distance from the workhead to the wheel.
- 9 Begin grinding the primary clearance, checking tooth initially for proper

- bearing from front to rear. If teeth lands show a taper, make small adjustments on the table swivel.
10. After the teeth appear sharp, loosen the workhead vertical swivel and adjust the workhead tilt to the desired secondary clearance angle, then lock. Grind the secondary clearance as in (9) above until each tooth has a primary land of no more than $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in width.
 11. If it is desirable to grind a heel on the face of the mill, reset the workhead to the primary clearance angle tilt, swivel the workhead in the horizontal plane to a setting of 87 degrees, lock, and grind the face on all teeth until the length of the primary is no longer than about $\frac{1}{16}$ inch.
 12. If the end mill is too long so that when installed in the conventional workhead it does not permit room between its end and the wheel, the swivel table on the grinder may be moved off its bed rests at its ends and swiveled to some convenient angle which allows the workhead to clear the wheel sufficiently. Simply set this angle used on the swivel table as a correction factor on the horizontal swivel of the workhead.
- B. **Using a Tilthead Grinder:**
- Repeat all steps in IV-A above as necessary, only wherever the instructions call for tilting the workhead, instead tilt the wheelhead for the desired primary or secondary clearance, leaving the workhead set at 0 degrees in the vertical plane. Note the tilting wheelhead in Photo 24.

CHAPTER 5

Straight Tooth Side Milling Cutter**I. SET-UP PREPARATION FOR PERIPHERY**

Refer to Chapter 3-1, page 36 for initial instructions on position of the cutter, how it is held, the wheel used, etc. If the cutter teeth have no helix, the toothrest should be mounted on the table for fastest indexing of teeth across the wheel. Each tooth is held firmly against the toothrest blade and each ground in succession, using the same principles described in Chapter 3 and Chapter 4.

II. SET-UP FOR CLEARANCE ANGLE AND THE SHARPENING PROCESS

Refer to Chapter 3 for information on clearance angles when the toothrest is mounted on the wheelhead. When the toothrest is mounted on the table, place a tooth on the toothrest blade and then place the end of the blade at the same center height with the center of the cutter by using height gauge. Rotate cutter tooth downwards by means of the micrometer adjustment to create necessary clearance. Engage cutter with wheel and sharpen as described in Chapter 3. See Photo 27.

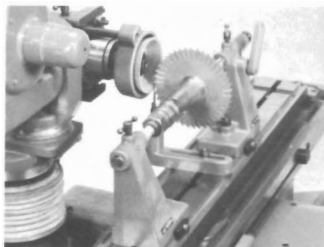


PHOTO 27

III. SET-UP FOR SHARPENING THE SIDE TEETH

The set-up is similar to that of grinding the face (teeth ends) of a shell end mill (SEE CHAPTER 3). Place the cutter in a universal workhead. Sides of the teeth should be ground with at least .001 inch back taper on the primary clearance so that the teeth are larger at the periphery of the cutter. Repeat this process for both sides of the cutter.

CHAPTER 6

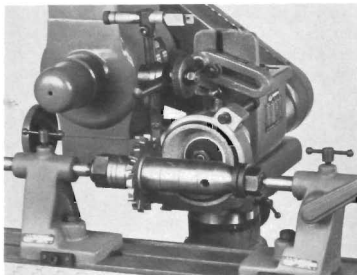
Stagger Tooth Cutter

PHOTO 28

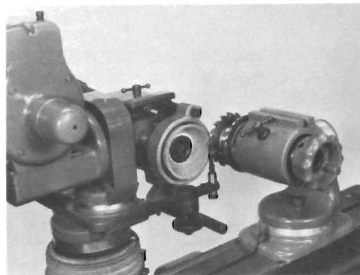


PHOTO 29

I. SET-UP PREPARATION FOR PERIPHERY

Refer to Chapter 3-1, page 36, for the initial procedure in holding the cutter, for the wheel used, etc. Refer to Photo 28 for approximate location of the cutter on the machine and the cutter relative to the wheel. The toothrest should be placed on the wheelhead at the approximate wheel center and the high point of its blade brought on center with the center of the cutter. If an inverted "V" blade is used, the angle from horizontal should be at least a 5 degree slope on either side greater than the cutter helix. (Page 20 shows below center toothrest location.)

II. CLEARANCE ANGLE PROCEDURE AND SHARPENING PROCESS

- A. Refer to Chapter 3, for information on clearance angle generation. Leave a very slight gap between the cutter periphery and the wheel when setting the clearance. Move the table enough to take the cutter off the rest. Regardless of whether the toothrest is placed from above the wheel or from below, follow the procedure listed in B through E below.
- B. Start wheelhead motor. Move the table and cutter until one tooth lightly contacts the taper or curved portion of the toothrest blade somewhat before its high point while firmly holding the cutter against the blade. When the cutter edge is opposite the wheel edge, advance the crossfeed enough to make slight contact with the wheel and continue the pass with the tooth until off the high point of the blade, off the wheel edge, toward the inside of the cup wheel. At this point, return on the same tooth until off the wheel edge (outside the cup wheel) to insure that the full length of the tooth was ground.
- C. Rotate the cutter 180 degrees, select a tooth with appropriate helix direction, and repeat the same process, but traverse all the way off the toothrest blade on the inside of the wheel. Rotate the cutter to the next tooth (with the opposite helix direction) and traverse back in the opposite direction.
- D. Stop the wheel and check the two cutter teeth just ground for comparative tooth height with a dial indicator. If there is over .0005 of an inch difference,

slightly loosen the Hand-Nut on the BA940 toothrest that holds the toothrest cross arm and blade rigid, and move the cross arm and blade slightly toward the high tooth, reclamping the Hand-Nut. Grind the next two teeth and check them again. When height is within tolerance, continue to sharpen the primary relief on all teeth until they appear sharp.

- E. Grind the secondary clearance, as explained in Chapter 3, but with the following modification. Since the stagger tooth cutter has differing axial rake angles for each helix direction, it is necessary to grind one set of teeth completely, then the other. Select a tooth and mark its center with a pencil, using the height gauge. Place the mark on the centerline level of the cutter. Rotate the cutter above or below this mark for desired secondary clearance by wheel-head movement, or move the toothrest by using a micrometer toothrest, its blade positioned against the same tooth. Swivel the table 2 to 5 degrees depending on the axial rake. The wheelhead should be in horizontal position (zero degree tilt).
- F. If it is necessary to grind the side teeth (to reduce cutter width, for example), place the cutter on an adapting arbor and mount it in a universal workhead. The set-up and procedure are similar to grinding the side teeth of a straight-tooth milling cutter, or the face of a shell end mill (see pages 38 or 44). Refer to Photo 29. Teeth are leveled with a gauge; then the workhead spindle is locked. Mount the toothrest assembly on either the workhead or the table, using the spring-loaded micrometer blade. Grind one set of teeth at one setting (primary and secondary); then reverse the cutter on the arbor and grind the other set. By means of the swivel table, place about $\frac{1}{2}$ degree back taper on the primary clearance to create a larger cutter width at the periphery of cutter.

CHAPTER 7

Angular Cutters

I. PREPARATION FOR SHARPENING THE PERIPHERY (SEE PHOTO 30 AND 31)

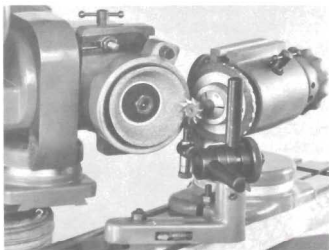


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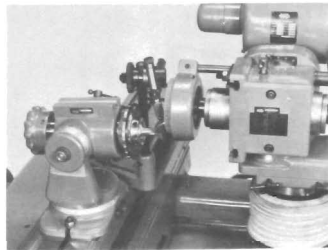


PHOTO 31

- A. The set-up for sharpening an arbor-mounted angular cutter is the same as that for sharpening the periphery of a plain milling cutter, except that the table

must be swiveled the angle equivalent to that between the cutting edges and the axis of the cutter. See Chapter 3, I and II. If the angular cutter is to be shank mounted in a workhead, the set-up is identical to that of a shell end mill, except that the table or workhead must be swiveled in the horizontal plane to the angle of the cutter. See Chapter 4, I and II. The toothrest is mounted on either the wheelhead or the table.

- B. With some shank-mounted cutters, interference between the shank and the flared cup wheel used in the above set-ups will prevent sharpening the full length of the teeth. When this interference occurs, substitute the following set-up, which also produces a constant clearance angle.

II. SET-UP FOR SHARPENING THE PERIPHERY WITH A SAUCER WHEEL

- A. Mount a saucer wheel on a spindle collet or arbor opposite the belt-driven end of the spindle, and mount the appropriate wheel guard. Start the wheelhead motor and dress off the periphery of the wheel to a width of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch with a diamond dresser. Stop the wheel.
- B. After placing the axis of the spindle parallel with the table travel, tighten the wheelhead swivels. Mount the universal toothrest assembly on the table or workhead from above or below the cutter, depending on whether the cutter edge faces up or down at the point of contact with the wheel. With the use of the height gauge, place the blade end of the toothrest on centerline with the cutter center just back of the cutter O.D., on one tooth. Also place the centerline of the cutter on the same horizontal plane as the centerline of the wheel. Set the index dial of the wheelhead handwheel to 0.
- C. Lower or raise the wheelhead the required amount according to Table I, page 104, in order to generate the desired clearance angle.
- D. With the cutter teeth set parallel to the table travel (as in I-A above) and the cutter held against the toothrest, traverse a tooth by the periphery of the wheel to the left or right of the wheel to a point where the wheel edge just avoids the shank of the cutter. At this point, set a table stop to limit further travel in this direction.
- E. Start the wheelhead motor and proceed to grind the primary and secondary clearance on all teeth as in the chapters mentioned above.
- F. Sharpening the face and chamfer is done as described for end mills in Chapter 4, IV, using a cup wheel (see Photo 31).

CHAPTER 8

Face Mills

Face mills up to 14 inches in diameter may be sharpened on machine model series BA900 or B2000 by use of a raising block under the workhead, while standard workhead height allows for sharpening cutters up to 12 inches in diameter. The B6000 series machine models allow face mills up to 16 inches in diameter to be ground without the addition of raising blocks. Face mills of no larger diameter than 10 inches may be mounted and sharpened on the B300 series machines.

The following is the operations procedure for sharpening a 12-inch diameter face mill with inserted carbide blades with cutter edges having an end relief of 2 de-

grees toward the cutter center; with a chamfer of 60 degrees from parallel with the axis of cutter; with simulated peripheral cutting edges; all cutting edges having only one relief angle of 5 degrees (for chamfer and face). Instructions are for non-tilthead grinders unless otherwise noted.

I. SHARPENING THE CUTTER FACE

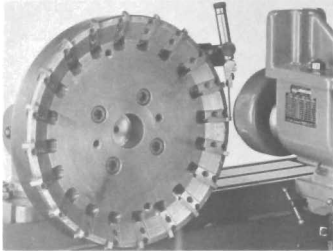


PHOTO 32

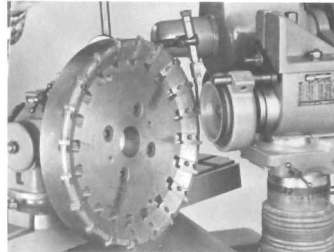


PHOTO 33

A. Set-up Preparation:

1. Place a diamond flared cup wheel or other suitable wheel on the wheel collet or mounting arbor and attach it to the spindle. Select the proper wheel speed by use of the correct pulleys and belt. Place the axis of the wheel at a 90-degree angle (OR AT AN 89-DEGREE ANGLE IF CLEARANCE IS NEEDED ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF WHEEL) to the table travel of the machine and with the use of the height gauge, place the wheel center at the same height as the workhead center (centers of tailstocks may be used as a gauge for the height of the workhead).
2. Place large, sensitive workhead at the far right of the swivel table with its base about 3 inches in from the end. Align the workhead base with the table T-slot by tightening the base plate clamp bar assembly to the outer edge of the table with the hex socket screw. Tighten the two base plate T-slot bolts. Turn the correct workhead spindle taper toward the rear of the machine (see Photo 32) by loosening the swivel stud nut on its base and rotating the workhead until the index mark lies at 90 degrees. Tighten the swivel stud nut. Loosen the upper swivel nut on the workhead, tilt the workhead up or down to obtain the desired primary clearance angle back of the cutter faces (5 degrees in this instance), and tighten the upper swivel. **NOTE:** The B992 workhead must be tilted upward on all machines; the B9092 may be tilted either up or down. (See photo 33).
3. Place the cutter with its milling machine arbor in the workhead and tighten the draw-bolt assembly. Care must be taken to keep taper surfaces clean and un-nicked. Loosen the clamp bar holding the swivel table at the right side of the machine and use the table adjusting screw to advance the table inward at the right so that the pointer at the left side of the table shows 2 degrees. It may be necessary to loosen slightly the center swivel friction locking screw of this table. Tighten the clamp bar.

B. Toothrest and Clearance Angle Settings:

1. **Non-tilthead grinders:** Prior to setting the toothrest, adjust the workhead upward to the necessary primary clearance angle. The base of the universal toothrest may be clamped on top of the workhead or on the top of the swivel table, depending on the size of the cutter and the position of its blades. The position recommended for ease of set-up, as shown in Photo 32, is with the toothrest blade pointed down onto a cutter blade face which is facing up at the point of contact for grinding the relief. Using the height gauge, adjust the toothrest blade onto the face of one blade so that the blade is at the approximate center of the wheel and the periphery of the cutter face is at the same height as the center of the cutter. Use the micrometer with spring-loaded blade as shown in the photo and adjust it to hold the cutter from rotating up at the point of grinding, and so that it will not be touched by the wheel. The toothrest blade must be free to spring aside when the mill is rotated in order to bring the next blade into grinding position. Under same conditions, it may be possible to set the toothrest from below the wheel, as shown in Photo 33 (photo shows periphery being sharpened.). (Page 20 shows below center toothrest location.)

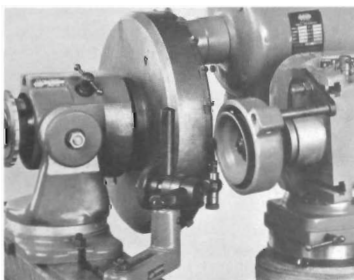


PHOTO 34

2. **Tilthead Grinders:** Mount the universal toothrest base on the table as shown in Photo 34, and then position the toothrest blade to the approximate center of the wheel at the wheel edge (EITHER SIDE DEPENDING ON CUTTER ROTATION AND SET-UP) so that it will not touch the wheel. Care must be taken to see that the toothrest will allow other blades of the cutter to clear the wheel during the sharpening process. Center the cutter blade edge to be ground with the cutter center, as described in B-1 above. Loosen the swivel wheelhead bracket screws, tilt the wheelhead to the desired primary clearance angle, and tighten.
 3. If the cutter has teeth with significant radial rake, mount the toothrest on the wheelhead. Modify steps 1 and 2 above accordingly.
- C. Grinding Procedure:
1. Engage the table transmission to the greatest reduction and traverse the table to the left (or right) to a point where a blade cutter face will pass beyond the wheel edge toward the center of the wheel. Set a stop at the right (or left) end of the table to limit further travel in this direction.

2. Install the wheel guard in a position that will not contact the mill when traversed for grinding and that allows visual observation.
3. When the toothrest is fixed on the column as in part B-3 above, traverse the table in the same manner as in C-1. The cutter blade is passed over it to the left (or right) up to a fixed stop which keeps the cutter on the toothrest, but past the wheel edge.
4. Advance the crossfeed of the machine to a point where one of the blades about $\frac{1}{16}$ inch from the wheel edge and start the grinding wheel, being certain that the wheel periphery is rotating in a direction that will drive the cutter blade against the toothrest.
5. Standing at the front of the machine (OR SIDE, IF THE MACHINE HAS BACK OPERATED CONTROLS) and holding the cutter face against the toothrest, continue to move the crossfeed in slowly until the wheel has just contacted the blade at some point on its clearance. Begin to traverse the table slowly to the left (or right) until the stop is reached; then return until the blade has passed to the right of the wheel edge. Rotate the mill so as to bring a new blade into contact with the toothrest (IN PHOTO 32, THIS IS COUNTERCLOCKWISE FACING THE REAR OF THE CUTTER FROM THE MACHINE FRONT). Use a red marking pencil and mark the tooth just ground. Continue the above operation for each inserted blade. When the red-marked tooth appears again on the toothrest, examine all blades to see if the wheel has contacted all of them equally. Advance the crossfeed no more than .001 inch and proceed to sharpen all the blades again, repeating process until the cutting edges appear to be sharp. No light will reflect from a sharp edge.

II. SHARPENING THE CHAMFER (SEE PHOTO 36)

- A. Set-up preparation assumes steps 1, 1 and 2 are completed. Without moving the face mill in the workhead or the workhead relative to the table and without changing the clearance angle setting for the blade cutter faces, swivel the upper table to the desired chamfer angle (60 DEGREES IN THIS INSTANCE) relative to the subtable. Tighten the center friction lock screw on the swivel table.

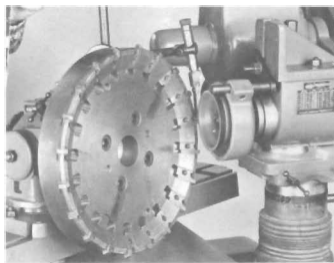


PHOTO 36

- B. Toothrest and Clearance Angle Setting:
1. **Non-tilthead grinders:** Re-adjust the toothrest so that the micrometer can be used to obtain final clearance adjustments if desired. In most cases, chamfer clearances can be produced by merely matching visually the existing clearances with the vertical surface of the wheel edge. The clearance angle setting for the cutter faces will approximate this chamfer clearance angle when new blades are being ground, by simply grinding at the desired chamfer angle until the chamfer clearance surface meets the cutter face and periphery clearance surfaces. If exact corner clearances are necessary, see Table V, page 107.

2. **Tilthead grinders:** Instead of tilting the workhead, place the workhead axis level with the table, and adjust it for the necessary chamfer angle. Take chamfer clearance directly from the tilt of the wheelhead by the visual method, or from the corner clearance table on page 108.
- C. Grinding Procedure:
1. The wheelhead may have to be raised slightly to allow the rear portion of the upper swivel table to clear under the bottom of the dovetail slide of the wheelhead. Adjust the wheel guard as necessary.
 2. Proceed to sharpen the chamfer by the steps indicated in Part I-C. The left side of the cup wheel will be used in the set-up shown, necessitating a stop set on the table at the left side to limit maximum travel to the right. In the set-up shown in Photo 36, the wheel will be operated in a clockwise direction. Under some conditions, it may be advisable to advance the crossfeed of the machine out to a point where the base of the workhead can be placed more directly over the center of the swivel table for maximum stability.

III. SHARPENING THE PERIPHERY OF THE CUTTER (BLADES PARALLEL OR APPROXIMATELY PARALLEL TO THE CUTTER AXIS) (SEE PHOTO 33)

- A. Set-up Preparation:
1. Completion of the foregoing procedure for sharpening the faces and chamfer clearance surfaces is assumed to be complete.
 2. Move the base of the workhead in approximately 10 inches from the right side of the swivel table. Place the axis of the workhead (and cutter) at a 90 degree angle relative to the swivel table and lock. Return the workhead to the level or 0 degree setting for the vertical swivel. Turn the swivel table to a 90 degree angle relative to the subtable and lock.
- B. Toothrest and Clearance Angle Settings:
1. Place the toothrest base on the workhead or table top (depending on the cutter size) and adjust the micrometer blade end to hold the cutter blade from above the wheel, or from below if space permits and the cutter edges are to face down at the wheel contact point. **NOTE:** Some face mills have a marked helix angle of the peripheral edges relative to the cutter axis. In this situation, the toothrest must be placed on the wheelhead in a fixed position over (OR UNDER) the wheel, and the cutter peripheral faces traversed relative to this rest to obtain a uniform clearance land. The grinding process is the same then as described in the chapter on stagger tooth cutters. (Page 20 shows below center toothrest location.)
 2. It may be necessary to work on the lower left (OR RIGHT) portion of the grinding wheel in order to clear the wheel with the other cutter blades or the toothrest mechanism, as shown in Photo 33. It is advisable to keep heavy cutters well centered over the grinder subtable.
 3. After placing the cutter blade face at the same height as the workhead center, obtain the amount to raise (OR LOWER) the toothrest micrometer from the clearance Table II, page 105, to give the desired clearance angle.
 4. Note on Secondary Clearance Angles: If the cutter has this feature, follow

the steps in set-up procedure given in parts I, II, and III for primary clearance. Match the secondary clearance angles on the cutter or use the suggested clearance from table V, on page 107. The toothrest may have to be adjusted, the workhead tilted one way or the other farther (IN THE VERTICAL PLANE), or, when the machines have a tilting wheel-head, the wheelhead tilted farther than the primary angle setting. Sufficient grinding is accomplished in order to reduce the primary land to about $\frac{1}{16}$ or $\frac{1}{32}$ inch in width.

C. Grinding Procedure:

The process duplicates that given in parts I and II for the face and chamfer clearance lands, except as noted in B-1 above.

CHAPTER 9

Form Relieved Cutters

Form relieved cutters are sharpened by grinding the teeth faces as pictured in Photos 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42. Figure 37A shows the correct and incorrect way to

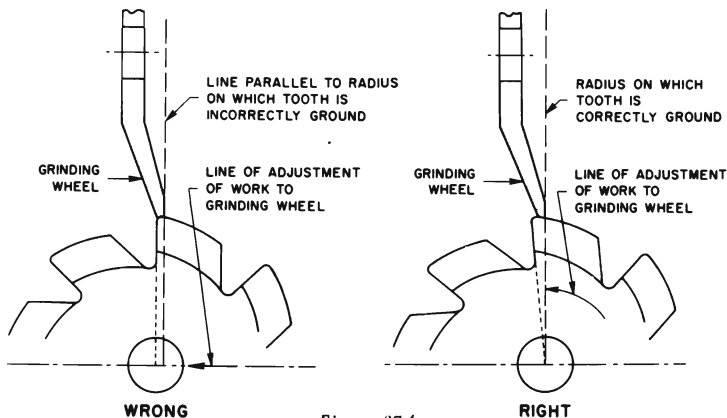


Figure 37A

sharpen these cutters. On K. O. Lee grinders, the usual method of grinding these cutters is to place them between centers, sharpening them with a saucer wheel. Certain formed cutters, such as Fellows gear shaper cutters, are sharpened by rotating them in with a motorized workhead. This process is described at the end of the chapter. New form relieved cutters should have the backs of the teeth ground prior to using these surfaces for indexing with a toothrest. This is done for the purpose of creating indexing points on the cutter teeth which are equally distant from the center of the cutter as well as to provide teeth backs which are parallel with any axial helix that may exist on long cutters. From the foregoing, it can be seen that

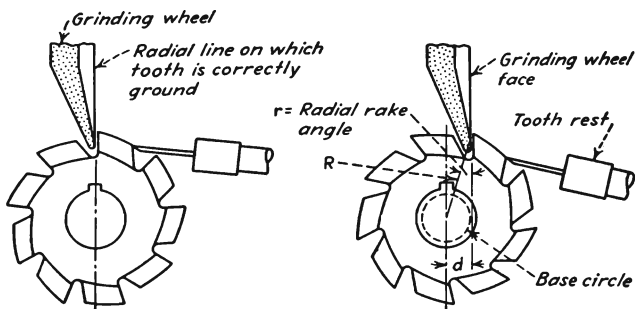


Figure 37B—Form-relieved cutters are face-sharpened only.

grinding the teeth backs is one of the important factors in producing uniform tooth height which insures the successful operation of these cutters.

Formed cutters may have no radial rake or may have positive undercut or negative rake. They may have axial rake (HELIX) with no radial rake or have both in combination.

I. GENERAL SET-UP FOR GRINDING FORMED CUTTERS WITH "ZERO RAKE"

If the cutter is new, follow Step A below, and then proceed to page 52 for final details on grinding teeth backs.

- A. Referring to Photo 37, mount a saucer wheel on the wheel arbor as shown and place the wheel spindle or motor shaft at a right angle to the grinder table. The wheel O.D. should be checked for thickness to make sure that it will fit into the flute gullets. Some dressing of the wheel edges may be necessary. Mount a wheel guard as shown, and raise the wheelhead so as to put the bottom of the wheel even with the center height of the tailstocks, which are mounted as shown in the photo. The flat face of the wheel should face the front of the grinder.
- B. Move the crossfeed so as to bring the centerline of the tailstock centers directly in the same vertical plane as the flat face of the saucer wheel. Use the point of the tailstock centers to check this alignment. After this is done, set the machine crossfeed index dial to 0, as this will be the "zero rake" position for the cutter face.
- C. Move the crossfeed out far enough to allow the cutter to be placed between centers. **(COUNT THE NUMBER OF HANDWHEEL REVOLUTIONS, IF MORE THAN ONE).** It is also possible to move the table to one side of the wheel when mounting the arbor or to raise the wheel above the tailstocks as shown and mount the cutter which has been placed on a straight arbor. The teeth faces on top are pointed toward the rear of the grinder.

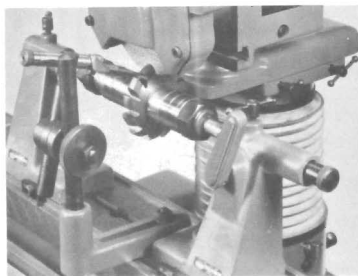


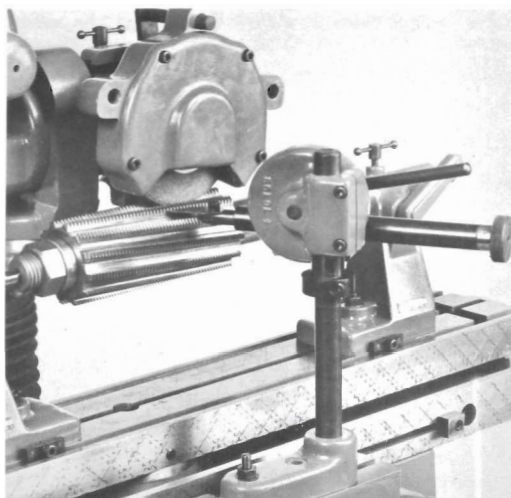
PHOTO 37

- D. Mount the universal toothrest on the grinder table, as shown in Photo 37 and using the micrometer with the spring loaded blade, place it near the back of the tooth to be ground and lock the hand-nut temporarily. Now reposition the machine crossfeed in to a point where the original 0 point was reached. Do not go beyond this point on the crossfeed. Adjust the wheelhead vertically so that the periphery of the wheel fits near to the bottom of the flute gullet. If for some reason the 0 crossfeed position does not allow the face of the tooth to align flush with the wheel face, there are two possible courses of action:
1. The cutter may have been improperly ground before. This will mean that the crossfeed of the machine will have to be adjusted to allow for whatever rake does exist.
 2. If the absolute zero rake is to be maintained, then the wheel will have to be raised to a point where surface grinding activity can be undertaken to grind away the rake that does exist.
- E. With a tooth face held against the face of the wheel, adjust the toothrest blade against the back of the tooth high enough so that it can spring upward and clear the next tooth when the cutter is indexed. Also, check to see that there is some adjustment left in the micrometer screw so the cutter may be advanced into the wheel as the sharpening proceeds. Tighten the swivel joints and screws of the toothrest mechanism firmly.
- F. Move the crossfeed out (**AWAY FROM THE WHEEL FACE**) slightly and traverse the table to determine the length of stroke for passing the cutter under the wheel. The lowest point on the wheel should be passed completely by the flute gullet. Set a table stop to limit the table travel in one direction. Start the wheel motor with the cutter to one side and begin a trial run around the cutter teeth, passing each in succession under the wheel. Continue this process while advancing the crossfeed to the 0 point on its dial. From this point on, all advancement of the cutter faces into the wheel will be accomplished by adjusting the toothrest micrometer small amounts. This process rotates the cutter about its axis, thus preserving the radial rake (IF ANY) on the cutter. During the sharpening process, be sure to hold the cutter firmly back against the toothrest blade.
- G. The actual grinding process is change dslightly if large amount (on the order of .020 inch) of stock must be removed in order to create a sharp cutting edge. In this situation, the grinding wheel should be raised just above the tooth face after step E. Eliminate step F and traverse the table back and forth holding the cutter firmly against the toothrest blade and at the same time periodically lowering the wheelhead. This results in a surface grinding action which will cut into the tooth from the top and quickly wear away the excess tooth stock.
- H. On the last pass, take a light cut and cover all teeth with this final setting of the micrometer. After grinding is completed, the concentricity of the cutter should be within .0005 inch when checked on the arbor between centers.

II. GRINDING A FORMED CUTTER WITH AXIAL RAKE OR HELIX

Repeat all steps above except A and B which are modified as follows: Instead of leaving the grinding wheel spindle or motor shaft at a right angle with the table, rotate either one of the swivels of the wheelhead the number of degrees required by the axial rake. This must be done only after placing the wheel face in the vertical plane with the centerline of the tailstocks. If this angle is not known or

stated on the cutter, place the cutter between the tailstocks and align the face of the wheel with the axial rake of the tooth face during step C.



NOTE: CUTTERS WITH A LONG AXIAL RAKE (HELIX): Most hobs have some axial helix. Photo shows the set-up when it is necessary to slide the formed cutters along a fixed toothrest. The B1070 spiral grinding fixture is the ideal way to grind these cutters on a K. O. Lee grinder as shown in photo. Cutters are traversed in the same manner as other spiral milling cutters. Work from left to right (and then back) for the initial traverse by the wheel. Set the wide rest blade to precede the wheel cutting edge somewhat as this will allow the cutter tooth face to cam on the blade prior to striking the wheel. Use the micrometer of B1070 to advance the hob teeth into the wheel. **In order for the wheel to contact the spiral tooth on a tangent line only, it is necessary to use the angular side of the saucer wheel. Place the angular face toward the front of the machine so that its bottom peripheral edge is in line with the centerline of the tailstocks. The alignment of this face is facilitated by tilting the wheelhead (when possible) to place this bevelled side of the saucer wheel in the vertical plane.** See more B1070 information on page 53.

III. GRINDING A FORMED CUTTER WITH RADIAL RAKE

- A. Repeat all steps in part I, except C which should be modified as follows:
1. Before attempting to move the machine crossfeed from its position which leaves the tailstock centers in alignment with that of the wheel face, check the cutter side to see if it is stamped with the amount of "off-set" in the horizontal plane which will create the desired rake. Move the crossfeed in (POSITIVE "UNDERCUT" RAKE) the required number of thousandths of an inch. Now reset the machine crossfeed dial to zero to be able to return to this correct rake setting.
 2. If the cutter is not stamped with the amount of horizontal off-set from

*NOTE: on B360, BA960, B2060 Series, it is easier to mount toothrest if B955PC Dovetail Clamp is used.

the center of the cutter, continue with step C by moving the crossfeed until it is possible to mount the cutter with its arbor between centers. Visually align the face of a tooth with that of the wheel until they are in the same vertical plane. At this point, reset the crossfeed index dial to zero.

3. Continue with step D without further adjustment of the crossfeed except for the initial trial run as explained in step F of I.

IV. GRINDING A FORMED CUTTER WITH BOTH AXIAL AND RADIAL RAKE

Follow all steps in part I above modifying steps B and C in succession as explained in parts II and III.

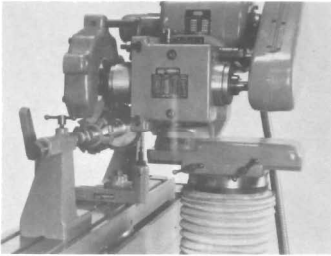


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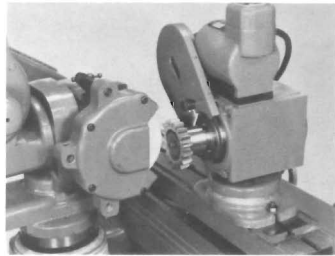


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V. GRINDING THE BACK OF THE TEETH ON FORMED CUTTERS

- A. Follow the procedures established in part I with the following exceptions: In step B, make any adjustment for axial rake that is necessary as described in part II. In step C, mount the cutter so that the tooth back to be ground faces toward the rear of the machine allowing it to be aligned with the vertical plane of the wheel. See Photo 41. This will create a set-up so that in step D the toothrest will index (hold) on the accurate ground **FACE of the tooth**. After alignment, set the crossfeed index dial at zero.
- B. In general follow the same procedure as given in I, E, and F. Do not make any adjustments for radial rake on the crossfeed. While holding each tooth firmly against the toothrest, grind the backs of all teeth in succession until they appear uniform. Use a final light cut without attempting to "spark out."

VI. SHARPENING A FELLOWS GEAR SHAPER CUTTER

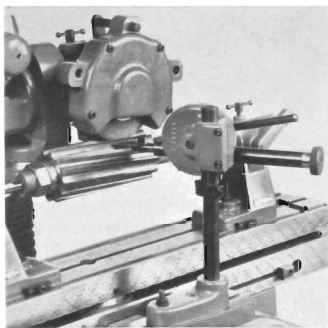
This cutter, being a formed type with cutting action perpendicular to the peripheral gear form, must be sharpened on its face or cutting side by means of cylindrical grinding.

- A. Place the cutter on a stub arbor (such as a K. O. Lee shell end mill and cutter arbor) in a motorized workhead, and place the workhead on the table in relation to the wheel as shown in Photo 42. Set the workhead spindle speed for low R.P.M. Mount a straight grinding wheel on the grinder spindle and place the

spindle parallel to the grinder table. Select the necessary pulleys and belt to achieve the correct S.F.P.M.

- B. Position the axis of the workhead spindle at 85 degrees to the table travel, as shown in the photo. This will duplicate the original 5 degree rake of the cutter. The workhead spindle should be set to 0 in the vertical plane. Move the table far enough to the right to bring the periphery of the wheel near the edge of the arbor washer. Set the left end table stop to limit further travel to the right.
- C. Move the table far enough to the left to allow the dresser to be placed on the table. True and dress the wheel. This should be done prior to rough grinding and once again prior to a final finishing pass, if the cutter was so dull as to necessitate heavy stock removal. Roughing cuts should be no more than .002 inch, while finishing cuts should be as low as .0001 inch.
- D. Start the wheel motor in the "forward" direction and start the workhead spindle in the "reverse" direction. The cutter and wheel, rotating at angles to each other, must move in opposite directions. Move the cutter with the crossfeed to a point where it contacts the wheel, while moving the cutter face back and forth with table traverse. When no dull cutting edges show on periodic inspection, take the finishing light pass.
- E. Remove the cutter from the arbor and workhead and check the face rake angle.

NOTE: If the B1070 Spiral Grinding Fixture has been purchased the following general setups as to fixture, cutter and toothrest location will be applicable. Procedure for use of the Micrometer Toothrest is the same as discussed in Section II and III of this chapter.



B1070 SPIRAL GRINDING FIXTURE

Wide finger blade rests against rear of formed cutter flute, and has micrometer adjustment graduated .001", making it possible to roll cutter without moving machine crossfeed. Unit has a height setting collar for fast swing away from work. Adapts to all K. O. Lee grinders (except B300) produced after 1960, without drilling, with standard B670T T-slot block.

CHAPTER 10

Grinding Cutters with Spherical Ends or Corner Radii

INTRODUCTION TO THE FIXTURE

(LETTER DESIGNATIONS REFER TO PHOTOS 43, 44, and 45; NUMBERS ARE FROM FIGURE 45A.)

The K. O. Lee Radial Grinding Fixture is a precision bearing instrument for generating convex or concave radii on cutting tools. By means of its own crossfeed (A) and longitudinal (B) feed screws which control the corresponding Lower Slide (35) and Upper Slide (52), work held in various fixtures can be positioned ahead or back of the Pivot Point Vertical Axis of the fixture in order to grind pre-determined convex or concave radii. This pivotal axis is identified by the vertical edge of the knife Center Gauge (see Photo 43) or intersecting surfaces of the "V" Center Gauge wheel either is positioned in the self-locking taper of the Pivot Stud (49) after removal of the Cap for Center Gauge (40). The feed screw dials are graduated in thousands — .050 inch to a revolution of the handwheel—and are adjustable for desired 0 settings. Since the Saddle (50), on which the fixture bearing rests pivots around a vertical axis on a horizontal plane, it is possible to tilt by means of Adjusting Screw (4) the whole fixture back away from the wheel a fixed number of degrees for the purpose of setting clearance directly on the end of a cutter. The extent of the circumference of radius that can be generated is unlimited as the Fixture Turn Table (41) can be swiveled 360 degrees (RELATIVE TO THE SADDLE) about the Pivot Point Vertical Axis when the Table Adjusting Screws (E) are removed. The Turn Table (41) is calibrated in degrees. The Upper Slide and Lower Slide of the fixture can be locked by tightening their Gib Lock Screws (D). A Lever Arm (F) is provided to tilt the fixture further away from the wheel during the grinding process to allow indexing of the cutter or observation of grinding results.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Three typical set-ups using the Radial Grinding Fixture are presented below to acquaint the operator with its great versatility. Set-up photos show the radial fixture on the B6062 model grinder; however, it can be mounted on any of the other K. O. Lee grinders. When it is mounted on the B300 or B360 grinder series, no cutter larger than 4 inches in diameter should be mounted on either the BA985 or the BA986 fixture. The BA985 fixture will mount cutters up to 12 inches in diameter on machine of model size BA900 and larger, however the maximum diameter for these machines is reduced to 9½ inches when the BA986 fixture is in use.

I GRINDING A CORNER RADIUS USING BA985 RADIAL GRINDING FIXTURE

- A. Mount the BA985 fixture in approximately the center of the table, with spring-loaded locking screws and nuts (NUMBERS 42, 43 and 38) facing to the rear of the table slide, as shown in Photo 46. Secure the fixture to the table with two A657 T-slot bolts. Mount either a flared cup wheel or straight wheel at the left end of the spindle. Grind against a small edge on the face of a cup wheel; grind on the periphery of a straight wheel.
- B. Remove the Cap for the Center Gauge (40) and install the knife Gauge

RADIAL GRINDING FIXTURES

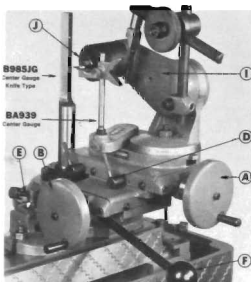


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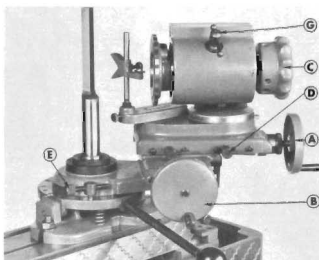
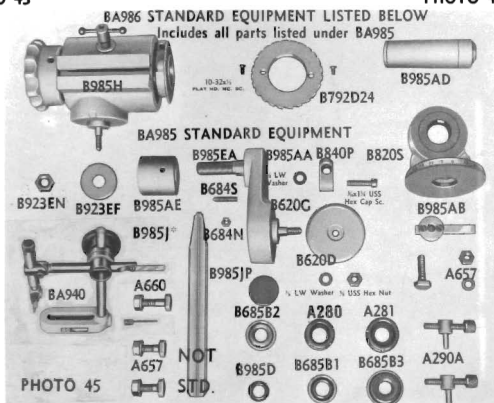


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BA985 RADIAL GRINDING FIXTURE STANDARD EQUIPMENT

A280 Friction Collar, **A281** Friction Collar, **A290A** Table Adjusting Screw, **A657**, **A660** T-Slot Bolts, **B620D** Back Plate **B620G** Swivel Stud, **B684N** Nut, **B684S** Diamond Screw, **B685B1** 1/2" Cutter Bushing, **B685B2** 1" Cutter Bushing, **B685B3** 1 1/4" Cutter Bushing, **B820S** Swivel, **B840P** Swivel Block, **B923EF** Keyed Wheel Flange, **B923EN** Special Nut, **B9490** Tooth Rest, **B985AA** Swinging Arm, **B985AB** Swivel Index Bar, **B985AE** Diamond Holder, **B985D** Guide Bushing, **B985EA** Stud 3/4", ***B985J** (optional) Center Gauge, **B985JP** Cap, (**B9A39** Center Height Gauge, **B985JG** Center Gauge, Knife Type, are shown in **B9A85** photo under left.) Net Weight 5 lbs.

BA986 RADIAL GRINDING FIXTURE STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Includes all equipment listed for BA985 Model and the following: B792D24 Index Disc, B985AD Diamond Holding Arbor, B985H Housing and Spindle Assembly.

AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT

792D Index Discs 4, 6, 8, 20, 24, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 48, 52, 54, 56 divisions available.
8941 Colllet Fixture, **8641C** Colllets for 8941 Fixture. Available sizes: $\frac{3}{16}$ " to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by 64ths, $\frac{3}{16}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " by 64ths. **8641K** Straight Sleeves. Available sizes: $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", $1\frac{1}{4}$ ", $1\frac{1}{8}$ " and $1\frac{1}{16}$ ". **8642K** No. 1 B & S Adaptor with Standard Milling Machine Taper Socket for holding B & S Cam Lock Tapers. Available in taper Nos. 10, 20 and 30. **8642T** Adaptor Sleeves. Available sizes: Morse 1, 2, 3 and 4; B & S 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10. **8844E** 6" 4-Jaw Independent Chuck mounted on No. 11 B & S Arbor. **8944** Adjustable 6-Jaw Chuck mounted on No. 11 B & S Arbor. **8946** 4" 3-Jaw Universal Chuck mounted on No. 11 B & S Arbor.

BA985 AND BA986 RADIAL GRINDING FIXTURES

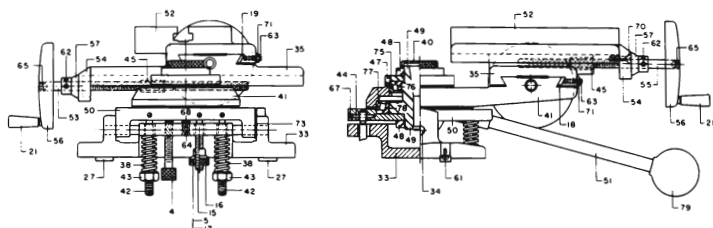
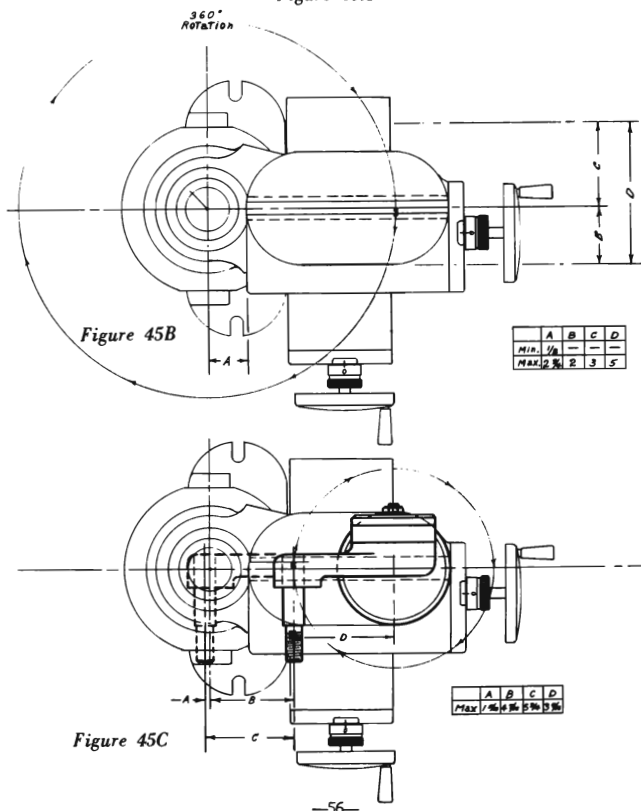
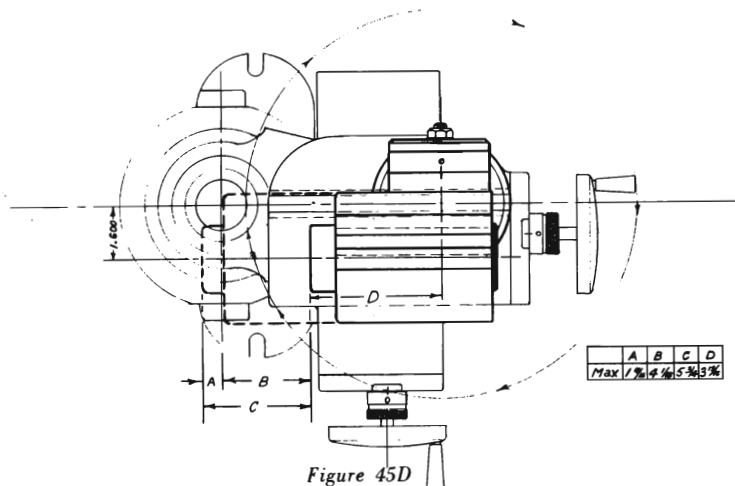


Figure 45A





(B985J)C) if the cutter has no corner radii, or install the optional 'V' Gauge (B985J) if it already has corner radii. The crossfeed of the machine should be out far enough from the wheel so that the Gauge stands in front of the cup wheel or straight wheel.

- C. Mount the cutter with peripheral cutting edges facing up as shown in Photo 46, or down if space permits a toothrest set-up from below. Mount the Swinging Arm (I) and lower swivel (H) on the fixture Upper Slide so that the cutter teeth, when mounted on the 3/4 inch Stud (J), will be just short of the Pivot Axis. Lock the swivels and tighten the cutter on the Stud with the appropriate size of Friction Collar and Washer (B923EF) and Nut (B923EN) so that it can just be rotated about the Stud.

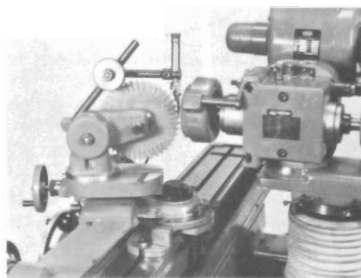
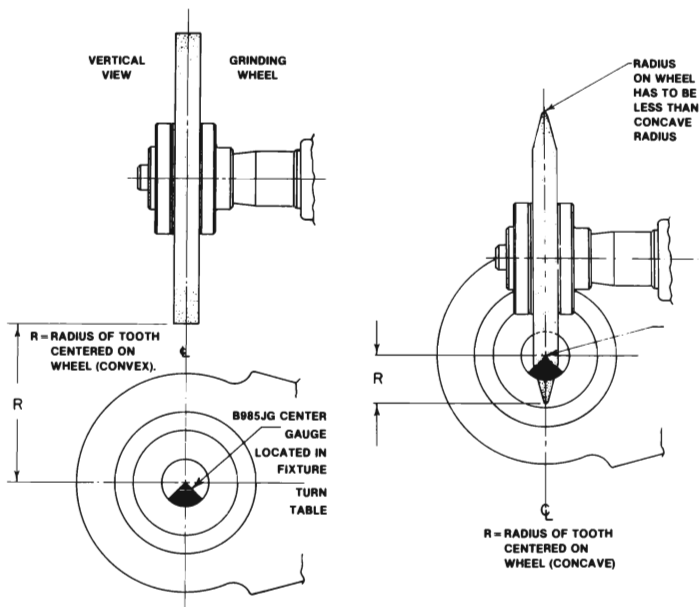


PHOTO 46

- D. Mount the Universal Toothrest (BA940), shown in Photo 46, if cutter edge faces up at the point of grinding. Use the B620G Swivel Stud as shown. Use the spring-loaded micrometer so that the cutter can be rotated to bring a new tooth on centerline with the cutter center by placing the BA939 Height Gauge on the Upper Slide as shown in Photo 43.

On tilthead grinders, the clearance for both the periphery and side may be taken directly by tilting the wheelhead if the clearance is to be common. If more clearance is needed on the periphery than on the side teeth, create slide clearance by tilting the fixture Saddle (50) the desired amount for side teeth (**FIXTURE IS CALIBRATED IN 5 DEGREE INCREMENTS**), but add an



additional amount for the periphery by checking the amount to rotate the cutter about its Stud mount from Tables 1 and 2 on pages 11 and 12. In the latter situation, the wheelhead tilt should be set at 0 degrees.

When the fixture is employed on a non-tilthead grinder, equal clearance for the side and periphery can be taken by tilting the fixture Saddle. Unequal clearance should be handled as explained above.

- E. Insert the B985JG center gauge so that the flat of its "V" is positioned toward the peripheral edge of the grinding wheel. Line up the center of the wheel face and tooth radius with the center line of the center gauge, lightly touching a feeler gauge placed between the center gauge and the wheel. **NOTE:** Never touch the grinding wheel against the center gauge. Use a known size feeler gauge such as shim stock, for which crossfeed dial can be compensated.
- F. Set the desired radius by moving the machine crossfeed handwheel (not the fixture slide), thus locating the fixture point axis the correct distance from the wheel. A concave radius can only be set by removing the center gauge first. Eliminate backlash in the machine crossfeed when setting the radius distance by making the final adjustment of the machine saddle toward the wheel. Saddle lock may be lightly applied, but always verify the final radius distance.

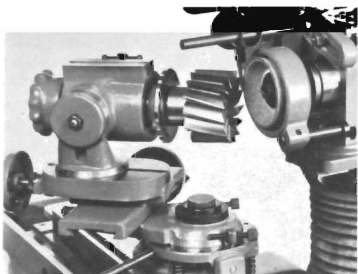


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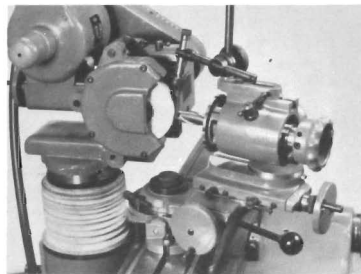


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- G. After the correct radius is established, use the slides of the fixture to blend the radius to the cutter. Usually the upper slide handwheel "A" will be used to feed the cutter into the wheel for stock removal. The crossfeed of the grinder must not be moved, as this will change the radius. See diagram page 5.
- H. Proceed with grinding as in IV-D, 4, 5.
- I. If the cutter has a steep helix or if for some other reason it is desirable to attach the toothrest to the wheelhead of the grinder (see Photo 47), the above set-up will still apply. Lever (F) can still be used to back the cutter tooth away from the wheel in order to index the cutter for the next tooth to be ground without moving the machine crossfeed. The grinding wheel rotation should be in the direction that holds the tooth against the toothrest. During the grinding process, it may be necessary to compensate for wheel wear by slight movement of the machine crossfeed.
- J. Repeat the above steps for the radii on the left corners, working from the left edge of the wheel.

II. GRINDING A CORNER RADIUS USING BA986 RADIAL GRINDING FIXTURE

EXAMPLE: Generating a radius on the flute ends of a spiral end mill.

- A. Initial set-up is accomplished as follows:
1. Mount the fixture on the grinder table as in A-1, and 2, with the Upper Slide (52) set parallel with the grinder table and the Saddle (50) set at 0 degrees tilt.
 2. By means of the B820S swivel, place the B985H Housing and Spindle Assembly on the fixture Upper Slide in a convenient position and lock temporarily with a "T" slot bolt. Install the cutter shank into the Spindle Assembly by means of the B941 Collet Fixture and an appropriately sized B641C 5C Collet, if possible. For cutters with straight shanks larger than 1 inch, B641K straight sleeve adaptors can be used to mount the cutter in the spindle. If the cutter has a tapered shank, use a B642T taper adapter sleeve.
 3. Locate the Spindle Assembly and cutter up to just short of the Center Gauge and lock the lateral swivel at 90 degrees and the vertical swivel at 0 degrees.

- B. If the cutter helix is not too steep or the radius too large, mount the Universal Toothrest on the fixture in the manner described in I-D, except that the base of the BA940 toothrest will be placed on top of the B985H Housing and Spindle Assembly or on the Table of the fixture similar to the set-up in Photo 46. The teeth cutting edges will be faced up at the point of contact with the wheel, as in Photo 47, and the spindle lock (G) tightened with one tooth against the blade. If the cutter has a very steep helix and the radius to be ground is rather large, it may be necessary for the toothrest to be attached to the wheelhead, because in this position the flute end will be in a position to follow the toothrest blade (**BY ROTATION OF THE SPINDLE ASSEMBLY**) when the fixture is rotated about the Pivot Point Vertical Axis. In either case, if equal clearance is to be taken on both the periphery and the face of the cutter, set the toothrest by means of the Height Gauge so that the tooth face edge is on center with that of the Spindle Assembly.
1. For equal clearance on the periphery and the face, set the clearance for the tooth indexed by turning the Table Adjusting Screw (4) in a right-hand direction, reading the degrees on the dial of the fixture base.
 2. If less clearance is desired for the end or face of the cutter than for the periphery, the cutter may be rotated by adjusting the micrometer toothrest enough to equal the **ADDITIONAL** amount of clearance desired over that already taken on the fixture itself. (See I-D). If the toothrest is on the wheelhead, the cutter may also be rotated up by simply raising the wheelhead the required amount.
 3. On tilthead grinders it is possible to create the necessary clearance on the radius by tilting the wheelhead. If the toothrest is mounted on this type of head (see Photo 47), then all the clearance must be of a common angle, and the blade end should be on center with the cutter center.
- C. Continue the set-up by positioning the cutter edges against the Center Gauge, as in I-E, so that the lines drawn along the face and the peripheral edges of the cutter intersect the Pivot Point Vertical Axis of the Gauge.
- D. Remove the Gauge and move the machine crossfeed handwheel as described in I-F in order to relocate the Pivot Point Vertical Axis relative to the cutter to produce the desired convex or concave radius. Grind the cutter as described in the same section.
- E. If the toothrest has been placed on the wheelhead, read I-G.
- F. Always sharpen the periphery of a milling cutter, if necessary, prior to creating the radius. This may be done as described in Part III.

III. USE OF THE RADIAL GRINDING FIXTURE FOR SHARPENING THE PERIPHERY OF A HELICAL CUTTER

- A. When using the BA986 fixture, holding a cutter with a helix as in Photo 47, position the B985H Spindle perpendicular to the axis of the grinding wheel spindle (**PARALLEL WITH THE MOVEMENT OF THE MACHINE TABLE**). This is done by putting its swivel base on the 90 degree setting, locking the swivel, and then swinging the fixture counterclockwise to a point that will align the Upper Slide of the fixture with the grinding machine table. Stops (E) are then set to hold the fixture rigidly in this position. It will be neces-

sary to use a dial indicator on the mounted cutter or on a test arbor mounted in the B985H in order to determine parallelism with the table travel.

- B. Locate the toothrest on the right edge of the cup wheel (OPPOSITE TO THE POSITION AS SHOWN IN PHOTO 47) and attach to the wheelhead.
 - 1. **On non-tilthead grinders**, put the toothrest blade end on center with the B985H spindle center or cutter center. Consult table II, page 12, for amount to raise the wheelhead.
 - 2. **On tilthead grinders**, tilt the wheelhead to the desired clearance angle and then place the toothrest on the wheelhead, blade end on center with the cutter center.
- C. Proceed to sharpen the periphery as described in the chapter on end mills.

IV. SHARPENING OR CREATING BALL END MILLS* (EXPLANATION IS FOR RIGHT-HAND END MILLS)

- A. Mount the cutter as described in II-A and shown in Photo 48.
- B. Position the cutter relative to the fixture Pivot Point Vertical Axis as described in I-E through I-G.
- C. A ball end mill will necessitate mounting the toothrest on the wheelhead as shown in Photo 47, thus allowing the helical flutes to follow the fixed blade. The blade must be shaped to allow it into the narrow ends of the flutes. In order to clear other teeth than the one being ground, the use of a straight wheel will usually be necessary. Place the blade at the middle of the wheel width. With a straight wheel, all clearance will be generated by the periphery of the wheel when a micrometer toothrest blade is placed over the wheel and on center with it. Determine the amount to raise the blade (**BY MICROMETER**) from Table I, page 11. Finally, raise or lower the wheelhead to position the toothrest blade at the cutter center. When a straight wheel is used, no additional clearance need be taken on the fixture or its Spindle Assembly. Place the end of the mill in relation to the toothrest so that one flute catches the blade but does not touch the wheel. Experimentally rotate the fixture through an arc of 90 degrees counterclockwise while holding the fixture spindle hand-wheel (C) with clockwise pressure. The ball end mill flute should follow around the toothrest blade without binding or bending the blade. Set fixture stops (E) for a swing of slightly less than 90 degrees counterclockwise from center. Center the cutter on the toothrest and set the machine table stops to keep it from moving right or left.

*Fixture may be difficult or impossible to use with end mills smaller than $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter and/or those with very steep helix.

- D. Sharpening Process:

NOTE: This infeed process can be used for any cutter whose radii are already formed and whose radius can be centered on either one of the fixture slides; this one slide becomes the only infeed moving the work relative to the wheel.

- 1. With the center axis line of the cutter directly in line with the high point of the toothrest blade, move the crossfeed in slowly until the cutter end just avoids the wheel.
- 2. Start the wheelhead motor, and with the cutter axis perpendicular to the

wheel periphery, lightly advance the machine crossfeed while holding the cutter against the toothrest with the handwheel (C). When the first sparks appear, stop the machine crossfeed and slowly rotate the fixture and the Spindle Assembly to follow one spiral flute through its arc swing to the left until the fixture stop is contacted.

3. Use the fixture tilting lever (F) to move the cutter away from the toothrest for examination of the grind. If the tooth land has been contacted uniformly, rotate the Spindle Assembly until the flute 180 degrees opposite the one just ground is available, and after returning the fixture to the center starting position, slowly release the lever until the new flute land contacts the wheel. At this point, immediately begin to rotate the fixture through its arc swing again, always holding the flute face firmly against the toothrest. After the first acceptable contact of the first flute with the wheel, the machine crossfeed must not be moved as doing so will destroy the true radius now established between the Pivot Point Vertical Axis and the periphery of the wheel.
4. After the first acceptable contact with the two flutes 180 degrees opposite each other on the cutter, all additional teeth should be contacted. At this point, infed the fixture handwheel (A) .001 inch, sharpening all teeth prior to the next infed on the fixture.
5. All flutes should be round ground, finishing with a final light cut on the primary land. If a secondary clearance appears necessary, it is produced by further adjustment of the micrometer toothrest above the wheel center and a consequent lowering of the wheelhead to put the blade on center with that of the cutter. At the end of the flutes, it will be necessary to finish gashing by a hand operation.

V. OTHER USES OF THE RADIAL GRINDING FIXTURE

A. Forming Radii on the Grinding Wheel:

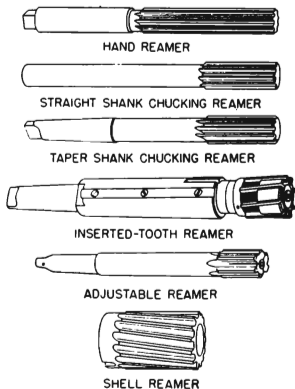
1. The diamond nib can be installed on either the Diamond Holder (B985AE), which is in turn installed on the Stud (J) of the BA985 Fixture, or it can be put into the B985AD Diamond Holding Arbor, which is in turn seated into the taper of the B985H Spindle Assembly.
2. Mount the Center Gauge into the fixture Pivot Stud (49).
3. Using the fixture Upper Slide and Lower Slide, bring the diamond point to the exact Pivot Point Vertical Axis of the fixture. Remove the Gauge and replace the Cap.
4. Raise or lower the wheelhead of the grinder until the diamond point is at the wheel spindle center. The diamond point should also be centered in the middle of the wheel width if the radius is to be centered on the wheel periphery.
5. Using **EITHER** the fixture Upper Slide **OR** its Lower Slide, position the diamond point beyond the Pivot Point of the fixture if a concave radius is desired in the wheel, or position the diamond point back of the Pivot Point to create a convex radius. Do not attempt to use both of the fixture handwheels to reposition the diamond point relative to the Pivot Point.
6. Using fixture stops (E), set the required arc swing of the fixture.

7. Begin to form the wheel with the diamond by advancing the machine crossfeed while swinging the fixture through a predetermined arc. It will often be possible to measure the amount of total infeed of the nib into the wheel by means of the machine crossfeed dial. Measure the amount of the radius after the point strikes the wheel (**FOR A CONCAVE RADIUS**), or after the Gauge edge contacts the wheel (**FOR A CONVEX RADIUS**).
 8. If the convex radius is to be tangent to the side and periphery, it will be necessary to measure the radius distance in from the wheel side and set the grinder table stops.
 9. If optical observation is involved, no measuring of crossfeed on the machine will be necessary as infeed into the wheel will take place until the formed radius conforms to the template on the observation scope.
- B. Radius work on the corners of face mills up to approximately 10 inches diameter can be accomplished on the radial grinding fixture with the addition of the B992 Workhead mounted on the fixture Upper Slide. This workhead, having a standard taper of 50MM, may be adapted to 40MM taper or to B & S No. 11 taper.
- C. Form tools and chip breakers can be held by the B989 Universal Workholding Fixture which can be mounted on the radial fixture Upper Slide.

CHAPTER 11

Reamers

A reamer is a cutting tool combining economy and accuracy for enlarging holes to a required diameter. Reamers cut their way into holes with their leading edges and produce a smooth finish while cutting to size.

REAMER TYPES**Figure 49A**

Most reamers fall into the following general categories: hand reamers, straight shanked and taper shanked machine or chucking reamers, adjustable or expansion reamers, inserted tooth reamers, and shell reamers. Figure 49A shows the general types of reamers. Reamers may have tapered flutes for tapered holes and may also have spiral flutes, straight or tapered in size.

With the exception of grinding the chamfer or leading taper, all solid reamers are reduced in size when their blades are ground on the periphery. With these reamers, when the peripheral cutting land has become dull at the cutting edge or where other reasons dictate, a cup wheel is used and the reamer is reduced to the next smaller usable size. Since most dullness occurs at the lead cutting edges, most sharpening consists of grinding only the chamfer or lead taper.

In many instances, especially with expansion or inserted tooth reamers, it is desirable to cylindrically grind the periphery and then "back-off" a secondary cutting clearance or relief land behind the circular land, leaving a narrow non-relieved convex land or "margin" just in front of this relief. Refer to Chapter 2 in this section for the general construction of reamers and their nomenclature.

Most clearance angles are critical on reamers, and it is therefore advisable to consult the reamer clearance charts (see tables III and IV, pages 106, 107) for the correct amount to raise or lower the wheelhead or micrometer toothrest. For this reason, the tilting wheelhead should not be used for grinding the lead taper or the periphery of these tools as the tilting degree scale cannot be read with sufficient accuracy. The table is a standard one used in many handbooks, but it should be understood that it is an approximation, as desirable margin widths and clearance may vary from the table with different materials to be reamed, the amount of material to be reamed, the size of the hole, and the manner in which the reamer is to be used. **NOTE:** Most manufacturers would probably agree with the .006 inch recommended as a margin for hand reamers for steel. It is possible, however, that the margin could go up to about .015 inch for some larger reamers of this class. If cylindrically ground, the margin width left after the cutting or secondary clearance is equivalent to the "Primary Clearance Angle" shown. The "Secondary Clearance Angle" is the only one applied in this case. When considering the margin widths recommended for other metals, some manufacturers claim the margin can go up to 50 percent over the table recommendations for cast iron

and approximately 50 percent lower for stainless steel and Monel Metals. They may also recommend considerably narrower margins for soft metals such as bronze, brass, aluminum, magnesium, etc., on the order of .002 inch maximum. The apprentice or student is advised to duplicate the margin and clearance angle known to exist on the reamer when new.

I. GRINDING A HAND REAMER USED WITH STEEL

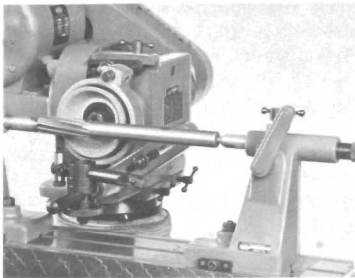


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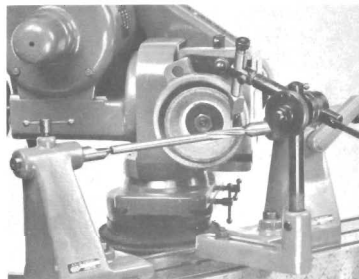


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A. Set-up Preparation:

1. Hand reamers are made in both solid and expandable forms. If adjustable, set out the blades up to .005 inch prior to mounting the reamer between tailstock centers.
2. If the reamer is to be used for finishing and an extremely smooth finish is desired, it should be cylindrically ground first in a conventional manner to obtain uniform size of all blades and to produce the long lasting convex margin between the cutting edges and the secondary relief. In this situation, the cylindrical margin becomes the "primary" relief. Consult Chapter 13 of this section for general instructions on cylindrical grinding. Continue to check the diameter of the reamer with a micrometer during the grinding process. When the reamer is to be used for large stock removal or just enlarging holes, a flat relief produced by a cup wheel is preferred because of its keener cutting edge. Obtain clearance angle settings from Table III or IV, pages 106 or 107.
3. Mount the flared cup wheel at the left end of the spindle, turn the wheel-head spindle to 91 degrees, and mount the cup wheel guard as shown in Photo 49. Dress the face of the wheel with the rotary wheel dresser to an angle of about 20 degrees and a cutting edge of about $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in width.
4. Create a tailstock set-up similar to Photo 49, if the periphery of the flutes is to be ground. Create a set-up similar to Photo 50 if only the chamfer or lead taper is to be sharpened. In the latter case with a steep helix on the reamer, it may be necessary to put the toothrest on the wheelhead as shown in Photo 50. However, most of the time the universal toothrest should be attached to the table of the grinder to achieve accuracy and ease of operation.

B. Sharpening the Straight Periphery or Back Taper:

1. Assuming the above set-up conditions and that it is desired to grind with

only a cup wheel, check the portion of the teeth back of the chamfer or lead taper for any built-in back taper. This may be done with a hand micrometer, since "feel" will reveal tapers of .001 inch per inch or less. Set the reamer in place between the centers and locate a toothrest on the machine wheelhead (from above or below the wheel) and the blade on center with the center of the reamer. Adjust the swivel table to equal the known or desired taper on the reamer. If it is not possible to measure the small taper accurately, a guess will have to be made and the adjustments made when grinding the primary clearance or margin. The back taper is usually on the order of .001 inch per inch, but it may go as high as about .020 inch per inch, especially if it is not started immediately after the chamfer or lead taper.

2. Using the short adjustable micrometer with a rounded blade as shown in Photo 49 (or by raising or lowering the wheelhead), consult the clearance table mentioned above and "roll" the reamer up or down the required amount, depending on the position of the rest.
 3. Start the grinding wheel motor and traverse the reamer while firmly contacting the toothrest. Care must be taken not to remove so much metal as to lose the final desired reamer diameter just back of the chamfer or lead table. It is desirable to contact the wheel very lightly with one tooth held firmly against the rest and then to grind the entire peripheral length of this tooth prior to checking or going to the next tooth. As each tooth margin is ground, it is necessary to continually check the diameter of the reamer. If a sizeable margin of .006 inch or larger must be left, it may not be necessary to use the secondary clearance. If a secondary clearance is needed to reduce the width of the margin created by sharpening, adjust the wheelhead or toothrest by the reamer table values and grind the secondary in the same manner as the primary land.
- C. Sharpening the Lead Taper:
1. Sharpen the lead cutting taper by shifting swivel table to the desired taper, usually on the order of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch taper per foot. The length of the taper varies greatly with the length of the reamer, but it may cover as much as one-third of the total flute length. This taper starts immediately back of the lead chamfer if present.
- D. Sharpening the Chamfer:
1. The swivel table is usually set at 45 degrees, but the existing chamfer should be followed.
 2. Consult the reamer clearance tables for "Rose Chucking Reamers for Steel". Place reamer chamfer face on center with the center of the reamer by means of the toothrest, which is placed on the grinder table. Raise or lower the toothrest (or the wheelhead) the amount necessary for the angle desired. Grind the chamfer, holding the reamer firmly against the toothrest, by traversing the table while advancing the crossfeed. No secondary clearance is placed on the chamfer. **NOTE:** It may be faster to merely align the land width of the existing chamfer with the face of the grinding wheel in order to obtain an adequate chamfer relief. If the grinder has a tilting wheelhead, it is equally fast to center a tooth horizontally on the chamfer face with a rest and then tilt the wheelhead to the desired clearance angle.

II. GRINDING A HAND REAMER USED WITH CAST IRON, STAINLESS STEEL, AND MONEL METALS

Generally there will be a few exceptions to the above procedure for hand reamers for steel. The major difference will be final margin width left (primary relief) on the reamer front leading taper and the remainder of the blades back from this taper. As stated in the introduction, this figure can vary approximately from .012 inch for cast iron up to .038 inch for the Monel Metals depending on the size of the reamer and the specific metal involved.

III. GRINDING A HAND REAMER USED WITH SOFT METALS

The procedure will be the same as in Part I, except that the primary relief land is reduced to a "hair line" of no more than .002 inch for best results in most instances. This can be achieved by grinding the primary relief as suggested in the Table and then grinding a sufficient secondary clearance to reduce the primary land to the desired width. Experience will tell the correct margin to leave for the material being reamed.

IV. GRINDING A MACHINE OR CHUCKING REAMER FOR STEEL, CAST IRON, MONEL METALS, AND OTHER SOFT METALS

- A. The general grinding sequence is the same as discussed in Part I. Whenever possible (AND ESPECIALLY FOR USE WITH STEEL) it is desirable to cylindrically grind the margin of the reamer. These reamers, as is true with most reamers, have some amount of back taper. (See Part I, B above.) Chucking reamers usually cut with the front chamfer, but a few cut with a slight lead taper. These portions of the reamer showing wear first need to be sharpened more often.
1. Fluted Chucking Reamers: These reamers have either straight or tapered shanks, spiral or straight flutes, and are primarily used in turret lathes and screw machines for light metal removal. They have a gradual leading chamfer or taper, and the relief back of the cutting edge (rear point of chamfer) extends the full length of the land. Reproduce the lead taper when sharpening after grinding the relief on the periphery back of the cutting edge. Observe any back taper that may be present.
 2. Rose Chucking Reamers: Reamers of this class are used in the same machines as fluted chucking reamers, but they are designed for larger amounts of metal removal and thus do all of their cutting on the end chamfer, which is usually 45 degrees. If necessary, they should be cylindrically ground back of the chamfer with a back taper of not more than .001 inch per inch. There is no relief on the lands back of the chamfer. Use the reamer clearance tables and sharpen the 45 degree chamfer with the recommended clearance angle. (See Part I-D and refer to Photo 50).
- B. Observe the margin requirements where applicable as described in sections I, II and III of this chapter for the different types of metals which are to be machined.

V. GRINDING A STRAIGHT OR HELICAL FLUTE TAPER REAMER

- A. Taper reamers are sharpened leaving a very narrow or hair line margin. This margin requirement usually demands the use of a cup wheel and should not exceed .003 inch for the largest reamers. Use the clearance table for reamers.
- B. Use the same general procedure for sharpening as given in Part I above. The set-up is shown in Photo 51. The taper should be checked after grinding the first tooth even though the swivel table has been adjusted to the correct

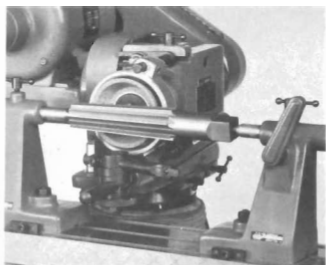


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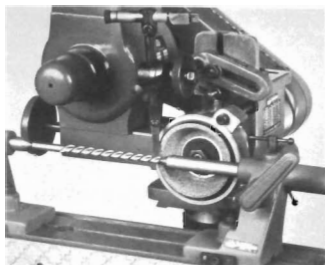


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taper. This may be done by micrometer O.D. measurement or actual use of the reamer in a hole, by checking the hole reamed with a plug gauge.

- C. When grinding a helical flute taper reamer, it is necessary to mount the universal toothrest on the wheelhead, as in Photo 51 or 52. Use the plain cross arm holder and rounded blade as shown. Hold the tooth being ground firmly against the toothrest blade and traverse the table while rotating the reamer.

NOTE: A long center (Part No. B921RCL, Photo 52 is available to assist in sharpening long narrow reamers.

VI. CARBIDE REAMERS

- A. The chamfer on carbide reamers should be ground before much wear is apparent. Usually sharpening consists of grinding the 45 degree chamfer with adequate relief. Consult the clearance tables for Rose Reamers. Table IV, page 107, gives the suggested peripheral relief angles for carbide using a cup wheel when the primary relief is to be ground. Occasionally, the radial faces of the blades near the cutting chamfer will need polishing to remove built-up metal. Cylindrical grinding of the peripheral lands is done only when absolutely necessary, as these reamers are usually made with circular ground lands on the periphery.
- B. Grind the peripheral lands by means of a thin diamond straight wheel. 220 grit, resinoid bond is suggested. The set-up is described in Chapter 13 on cylindrical grinding. Observe the following modifications.
 - 1. Dull edges of the circular land (MARGIN) cause the reamer to be forced through the hole without cutting properly — creating dimensional error. Land width is important and will vary with the metal to be cut. Table IV, page 107, gives the suggested circular land widths for different materials. After circular grinding, back off a secondary land using the general clearance suggestions in the reamer tables leaving a land width as stated in Table IV.
 - 2. Where these reamers are to be guided through bushings, sharpen the chamfer only and grind the body of the reamer .0002 inch to .0004 inch under the cutting diameter with no relief on the circular lands.
 - 3. Under some conditions when machining soft materials, a short ($\frac{1}{8}$ INCH MAXIMUM) 45 degree chamfer with a lead taper of 2 degrees (FROM $\frac{1}{8}$ INCH TO $\frac{1}{4}$ INCH LONG) should be used for best results. A secondary clearance is not necessary on the short lead taper.
- C. If the reamer is expandable and has been damaged, set the blades out sufficiently, and cylindrically grind it to the correct size.

CHAPTER 12

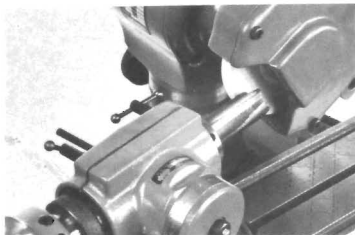
Taps**Sharpening a standard tap.**

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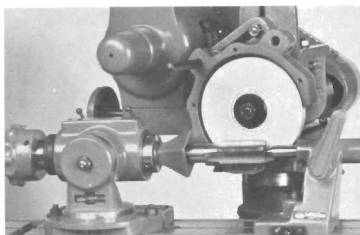
**Sharpening a 2½" tap.**

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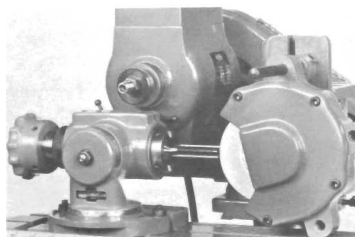
**Salvaging a broken tap.**

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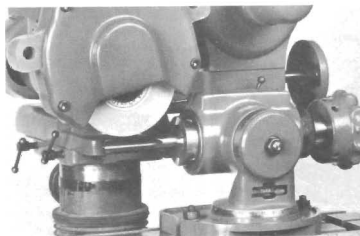
**Grinding the flute of a tap.**

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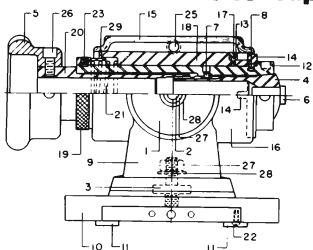
INTRODUCTION TO THE FIXTURE

The K. O. Lee B947 Tap Grinding Fixture is designed to accommodate taps from No. 0 size to 2½ inches in diameter, two to six flutes, with available components. It is adaptable to any make of tool grinder and can be mounted on a surface grinding machine as well. The fixture has a horizontal and vertical swivel, graduated in degrees—90 degrees either side of center. The base swivel will allow 360 degree rotation, while the vertical plane swivel has a maximum swivel of 30 degrees either side of the center.

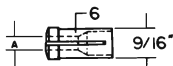
The fixture will sharpen taps, salvage broken taps, and reform taps for a specific requirement relative to the grinding of tap flutes, chamfer, and its clearance.

The fixture is designed with positive lift cams, appropriately stamped for the specific tap sizes and number of tap flutes each cam will serve. Index discs are easily identified and are selected to provide the number of lifts required to correspond to the number of flutes on the tap. With simple selection of the proper lift cam and index discs components, the spindle action of the Tap Grinding Fixture is positive and ideal for the taps. The collets (B641C) used with this fixture are standard 5C collets, which can be utilized for other K. O. LEE FIXTURES.

B947 Tap Grinding Fixture

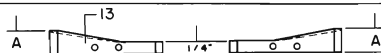


Index No.	Part No.	Quan. Req.	Description
1	B620D	1	Back Plate
2	B620G	1	Swivel Stud
3	B620R	1	Base Stud



Index No.	Part No.	Quan. Req.	A Size	Description
6	B647B6	1	.140	Bushing—Taps 0 to 6
6	B647B8	1	.168	Bushing—Taps 7 and 8
6	B647B10	1	.194	Bushing—Taps 9 and 10
6	B647B12	1	.220	Bushing—Tap 12
6	B647B $\frac{1}{2}$	1	.255	Bushing—Tap $\frac{1}{2}$
6	B647B $\frac{3}{4}$	1	.318	Bushing—Tap $\frac{3}{4}$
6	B647B $\frac{7}{8}$	1	.381	Bushing—Tap $\frac{7}{8}$

Index No.	Part No.	Quan. Req.	Description
7	B647KS	1	Key for Collet
8	B647KT	1	Key for Index Disc
9	B820S	1	Swivel



Right Hand Lift Cam

Index No.	Part No.	Description	A Size
13	B947C2	Flute 0 to 12 Tap	.275
13	B947C2	Flute 12 and over Tap	.355
13	B947C3	to 6 Flute 0 to 12 Tap	.281
13	B947C3	to 6 Flute 12 to $\frac{1}{2}$ Tap	.375
13	B947C3	to 6 Flute $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ Tap	.468
13	B947C3	to 6 Flute $\frac{3}{4}$ and over Tap	.562



Index No.	Part No.	Quan. Req.	Description
14	B947D2	1	Index Disc (2 Flute)
14	B947D3	1	Index Disc (3 Flute)
14	B947D4	1	Index Disc (4 Flute)
14	B947D5	1	Index Disc (5 Flute)
14	B947D6	1	Index Disc (6 Flute)
15	B947F	1	Pin
16	B947H	1	Housing

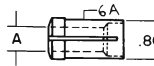
STANDARD EQUIPMENT

B641C	$\frac{1}{4}$ Collet	B647H $\frac{1}{2}$	Bushing—Tap $\frac{1}{2}$
B647B8	Bushing—Taps 7 and 8	B947C2	Flute 0 to 12 Tap
B647B10	Bushing—Taps 9 and 10	B947C2	Flute 12 and over Tap
B647B12	Bushing—Tap 12	B947C3	to 6 Flute 0 to 12 Tap
B647B $\frac{1}{2}$	Bushing—Tap $\frac{1}{2}$	B947C3	to 6 Flute 12 to $\frac{1}{2}$ Tap
B647B $\frac{3}{4}$	Bushing—Tap $\frac{3}{4}$	B947C3	to 6 Flute $\frac{1}{2}$ and over Tap
B647B $\frac{7}{8}$	Bushing—Tap $\frac{7}{8}$	B947C3	to 6 Flute $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{7}{8}$ Tap
B647B $\frac{1}{4}$	Bushing—Tap $\frac{1}{4}$	B947D2	Index Disc (2 Flute)
B647B $\frac{3}{8}$	Bushing—Tap $\frac{3}{8}$	B947D3	Index Disc (3 Flute)
B647B $\frac{1}{2}$	Bushing—Tap $\frac{1}{2}$	B947D4	Index Disc (4 Flute)

AVAILABLE ACCESSORIES

B641C800	.800" Collet to fit 1" Tap	B947C2	Flute 0 to 12 Tap
B647F	Bushings for B641C800	B947C2	Flute 12 and over Tap
	Collet to fit $\frac{1}{4}$ ", $\frac{3}{8}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ " Taps	B947C3	to 6 Flute 0 to 12 Tap
B647B	Bushing Taps 0 to 6 incl.	B947C3	to 6 Flute 12 to $\frac{1}{2}$ Tap
B647P	Driver for Taps over 1"	B947C3	to 6 Flute $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ Tap
A261C	Spring Center, B821 or B922R	B947D5	Index Disc (5 Flute)
	Tail Stock must be used with B647P.	B947D6	Index Disc (6 Flute)

Index No.	Part No.	Quan. Req.	Description
4	B641C	1	Collet $\frac{1}{4}$ "
4	B641C800		.800" Collet to Fit 1" Tap
5	B641H	1	Hand Nut



Index No.	Part No.	Quan. Req.	A Size	Description
6	B647B $\frac{1}{4}$	1	.323	Bushing—Tap $\frac{1}{4}$
6	B647B $\frac{1}{2}$	1	.367	Bushing—Tap $\frac{1}{2}$
6	B647B $\frac{3}{4}$	1	.429	Bushing—Tap $\frac{3}{4}$
6	B647B $\frac{7}{8}$	1	.480	Bushing—Tap $\frac{7}{8}$
6A	B647F $\frac{1}{4}$.542		Bushing for B641C800 Collet
6A	B647F $\frac{1}{2}$.590		Bushing for B641C800 Collet
6A	B647F $\frac{3}{4}$.697		Bushing for B641C800 Collet

Index No.	Part No.	Quan. Req.	Description
10	B942B	1	Base
11	B942T	4	T-Slot Block
12	B947A	1	Collet Adapter

Left Hand Lift Cam

Index No.	Part No.	Description	A Size
13	B947C2	Flute 0 to 12 Tap	.275
13	B947C2	Flute 12 and over Tap	.355
13	B947C3	to 6 Flute 0 to 12 Tap	.281
13	B947C3	to 6 Flute 12 to $\frac{1}{2}$ Tap	.375
13	B947C3	to 6 Flute $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ Tap	.468
13	B947C3	to 6 Flute $\frac{3}{4}$ and over Tap	.562

Index No.	Part No.	Quan. Req.	Description
17	B947R	2	Cam Retainer Pin
18	B947S	1	Spindle
19	B947T	1	Thrust Collar
20	B947W	1	Draw Tube
21	B947Y	1	Coil Spring
22	6-32x $\frac{1}{2}$	4	S. T. Round Head Screw (N.P.)
23	$\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ SAE	1	Socket Set Screw
25	$\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ SAE	1	Hex Socket Cap Screw
26	$\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ USS	1	Hex Socket Cap Screw
27	$\frac{1}{4}$ USS	2	Hex Nut (H)
28	$\frac{1}{4}$ Std.	2	Lock Washer (L.B.)
29	RR-275	1	Spirolon—Internal

Figure 53A

I. SHARPENING STANDARD TAPS UP TO 1 INCH DIAMETER

- A. Equipment and Accessories required (see Figure 53A):
B947 Tap Grinding Fixture; B641C $\frac{3}{4}$ inch collet (STANDARD 5C — STANDARD EQUIPMENT); B647B Bushings to fit taps No. 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, and sizes $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, $\frac{7}{8}$ inch, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch (STANDARD EQUIPMENT); B647B Bushing to fit taps No. 0 to 6 (AVAILABLE ACCESSORY); B947C Six Lift Cams for R. H. Thread Taps (STANDARD EQUIPMENT) listed by flute range and tap rise; B947CL Six Lift Cams for L. H. Thread Taps (AVAILABLE ACCESSORY); B947D Two, Three, and Four Flute Index Discs (STANDARD EQUIPMENT); B947D Five and Six Flute Index Discs (AVAILABLE ACCESSORY); B651C800 .800 inch Collet for 1 inch taps (AVAILABLE ACCESSORY); B647F Bushings for B641C800 Collet, to fit $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch, and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch size taps (AVAILABLE ACCESSORY).
- B. Mount the B947 Fixture on the left end of the grinder table as shown in Photo 53. (INDEX NUMBERS ARE FROM FIGURE 53A.) Mount a 6 inch straight wheel (80 GRIT) and wheel guard as shown.
- C. Swivel the tap grinder fixture base Swivel (**No. 9**), and thus the spindle, to the desired chamfer angle. Angles required for 2, 4, 6, and 8 thread chamfers are approximately 17 degrees, 9 degrees, 6 degrees, and 4 degrees respectively for standard chamfer taps.
- D. Select the Index Disc for the tap size with the correct number of lifts on the Index Disc to correspond to the number of flutes on the tap. Insert into the fixture as described in step E below.
- E. Installation of the Index Disc (SEE THE INDEX NUMBERS IN FIGURE 22):
1. Unscrew the Collet Draw Tube and Handwheel from the Collet (NUMBERS 5, 20, and 4) and remove the Collet Adapter (**No. 12**), from the Spindle (**No. 18**).
 2. Remove the B947T Thrust Collar (**No. 19**) and B947Y Coil (**No. 21**) by releasing Socket Set Screw (**No. 23**).
 3. Pull out the Collet Adapter Assembly (**No. 12**) from the front end of the fixture.
 4. Remove the keyed Index Disc (**No. 14**) and install the one with the correct number of index lobes.
 5. If a different Lift Cam is needed, proceed to step F. If no different Cam is needed, omit step F and install the Collet Adapter Assembly again into the spindle in reverse order. Proceed to step G and following steps.
- F. Selection and Installation of the Cam:
1. The Cam should be selected according to tap size. All Cams are stamped indicating the number of flutes and the tap size each will serve. In addition to standard equipment cams for right-hand threaded taps, Cams are available for left-hand threaded taps.
 2. Install the Cam into the Spindle Assembly:
 - (a) Unlock the Spindle Housing by releasing the Hex Socket Cap Screw (**No. 25**).
 - (b) Pull the spindle forward from the Housing to expose the Cam.

- (c) The Cam is now free to be removed with one's fingers. Lift it up, as it is keyed to the Spindle.
 - (d) Install the correct Lift Cam and push the Spindle back into the Housing position. When the Spindle Assembly is being installed, guide the Spindle through the rear end of the Housing by lifting slightly the rear end of the Spindle Assembly. This procedure will aid in clearing the relief edge at the back of the Housing.
 - (e) Install the Collet Adapter Assembly in reverse order of step E.
 - (f) Lock the Spindle Housing temporarily and proceed to mount the tap.
- G. Inserting the Tap into the Fixture:
- 1. Select the proper size Collet Bushing (B947B), dependent on the tap size, and insert it into the B641C $\frac{3}{8}$ inch Collet. For taps over $\frac{3}{8}$ inch size a special B641C800 Collet and B647B Collet Bushings are used.
 - 2. Insert the tap shank into the Collet Bushing Assembly up to the threads of the tap, if possible.
 - 3. Lock the tap in the Collet by holding the Spindle Collet Adapter (**No. 12**) with the handle of a B628 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch Socket Wrench (standard equipment for K. O. Lee Grinders) or similar round bar and tighten the Collet Draw Tube Handwheel at the back end of the Spindle.
- H. Set the Flute Clearance by Synchronizing the Lift Cam with the Tap Radial Clearance Lands.
- 1. Turn the Collet Drawtube Handwheel in the opposite direction of the tap's cutting edge until the Spindle and its Index Disc hit the positive stop of the Lift Cam.
 - 2. Unlock the Spindle Housing by releasing the Hex Socket Cap Screw (**No. 25**).
 - 3. Turn the entire Spindle Assembly in the opposite direction from tap's leading or cutting edge so that the heel of the radial clearance land on the grinding wheel side of the table is slightly above the fixture center horizontal plane for the right-hand taps and slightly below this horizontal plane for left-hand taps (**THE SPINDLE IS ROTATED IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION TO THAT USED FOR SHARPENING**).
 - 4. Relock the Spindle Housing.
- I. Sharpening the Tap While Producing the Radial Relief on the Teeth:
- 1. Set the wheelhead spindle at 90 degrees relative to the table.
 - 2. Position the fixture and the table with the table handwheel so that the desired tap chamfer will be evenly covered by the wheel side.
 - 3. Feed the tap toward the wheel, using the grinder crossfeed, to a position just short of the wheel as shown in Photo 53.
 - 4. Rotate the tap in its cutting direction with the handwheel and continue the crossfeed approach until grinding action begins. After initial contact with all flutes, move the table aside to check for correct relief generation.
 - 5. Continue until the chamfer is produced and the tap cutting edges appear sharp. Care must be used to avoid any grinding action which will cause discoloration of the tap.

II. GRINDING TAPS OVER 1 INCH IN DIAMETER

A. Equipment:

The same equipment is required as is used for smaller taps, with the addition of the B641C .800 inch Collet, plus the following items: B647P Driver for the tap shank; A261G Spring Center or B922R Quick Release Spring Center Tailstock.

B. Set-up Procedure:

1. Insert the B641C .800 inch collet in the spindle and tighten.
2. Insert No. B647P Tap Driver in the B641C .800 inch collet and tighten.
3. Mount either a tailstock with a Spring Center or a Quick Release Spring Center Tailstock on the right-hand end of the table to receive the cutting end of the tap (see Photo 54).
4. Insert the tap. The tap shank is held in the driver while the center of the tap cutting end is held with the spring-center tailstock.
5. Proceed as with taps under 1 inch diameter, described in steps I, B to I.

III. SALVAGING BROKEN TAPS

A. Insert the broken tap in the fixture in the same way as when sharpening a tap. Tighten as in step I-G-3.

B. Procedure for Grinding:

1. Remove the Lift Cam (see Step I-F-2 for access).
2. Bring the broken end of the tap into contact with the edge of the wheel (see photo 55) and centered with the wheel center.
3. While advancing the table, rotate the tap by the fixture handwheel in the opposite direction to that in which it cuts.
4. Grind the broken end of the tap off by rotating the tap against the wheel until a smooth, square end is obtained.
5. Replace the correct Lift Cam, select the proper Index Disc, and sharpen the tap as in steps I, B to I.

IV. GRINDING THE FLUTE CUTTING FACES OF THE TAP

Occasionally it is desirable to sharpen the teeth cutting faces of the tap from where cutting begins on the chamfer back to the rear of the cutting teeth. This is similar to grinding the teeth faces on form relieved cutters. This may be accomplished with the use of the B947 fixture and a toothrest set-up. However, for taps with spiral flutes, use of a fixture such as the B942 will be necessary to achieve ease of rotation against the fixed toothrest.

A. Initial Set-up:

1. Choose a straight wheel with an appropriate diameter and width forming a radius on its periphery to approximate that of the tap's flute gullet.
2. Position the tap fixture at the left end of the grinder table and set its base swivel to 0 degrees so that its housing and spindle will be parallel with the grinder table. Insert the tap as described in step I-G and then go back to step I-E following the process as described but **remove** the

fixture lift Cam (**No. 13**) and reassemble the fixture Spindle Assembly as described in I-F. This procedure will allow the fixture Draw Tube, Collet, and Collet Adapter (all of the moving inner spindle parts) to rotate freely together in a clockwise or counterclockwise manner. Lock Screw (**No. 25**) should be tight so that the outer spindle (**No. 18**) does not move. Loosen the thrust collar (**No. 19**) just enough so that the inner spindle assembly is easily rotated.

3. Raise the wheelhead so that the bottom of the wheel is just above one of the tap gullets and centered over it in its mounted horizontal position (e.g., see Photo 56). By moving the machine crossfeed and rotating the fixture movable spindle, place the wheel radius concentric with and tangent to the gullet radius. Take care not to allow the tooth face to strike the side of the straight wheel as this will destroy the radial rake on the face of the tooth.
 4. Since the toothrest position and its use in this set-up are similar to those used in grinding a form relieved cutter, consult Chapter 9, Parts I and III in this section for the general instructions relating to this sharpening process. Photo 56 shows the general position of the fixture and tap relative to the wheel. The toothrest, placed on the table, indexes on the back side of the tooth whose flute is being ground. If the tap is spiral, it is mounted in the B942 fixture and the toothrest is fastened on the wheelhead, as in Photo 39 of Chapter 9. Once the position of the tap gullet relative to the wheel has been established, set the micrometer toothrest to hold the flute against the stationary wheel. Do not move the crossfeed after this locating process has been completed as the proper rake angle for the tap has now been set.
- B. Grind the flutes in succession. Grinding is accomplished by moving the fixture and tap relative to the wheel with the table traverse handwheel, while at the same time holding the tap flute firmly against the toothrest blade with the fixture handwheel.
1. After a trial light cut on the first flute, inspect the tap to see if the grind is uniform along the length of the tap and to see that the original rake is being maintained. Make necessary corrections, and then select a flute gullet about 180 degrees opposite to the one just ground to see if the tap is running true.
 2. After the first light cut on all the flutes, move the tap away from the wheel and rotate the tap in its cutting direction (AWAY FROM THE TOOTHREST). Next, move the micrometer toothrest a slight amount in order to advance the flute face toward the wheel. Now move the tap flute back against the toothrest blade. The index feed for the flutes per pass should be no more than .001 inch on the toothrest micrometer. Heavy cuts can set up a burr between the cutting teeth and reduce the strength of the cutting edges.
- C. Spiral Taps:
1. As stated previously, spiral tap faces must be ground with the use of a B942 workhead or similar workhead with anti-friction bearings. Large taps will require the use of a special long toothrest guide (SUCH AS THE B670RB) as well as the use of the B647B Driver and a left side tailstock.
 2. The grinding procedure is the same as described for hobs in Chapter 9 but modified by steps A and B above.

CHAPTER 13

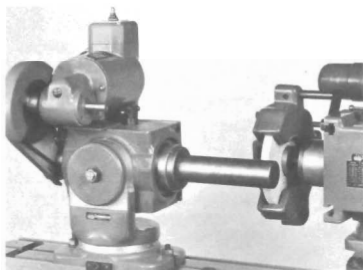
Cylindrical Grinding and Internal Grinding

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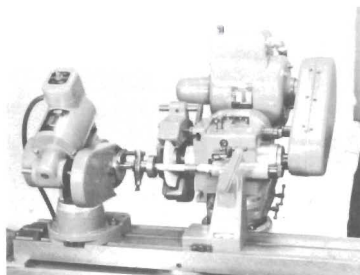


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On K. O. Lee Universal Grinders, cylindrical grinding is accomplished either by using the standard spindle with the machine or by obtaining a high-speed spindle which has the capability of mounting both Internal Diameter (I.D.) wheels and the larger wheels for Outside Diameter (O.D.) work. Machines that have been supplied with only a heavy-duty spindle will require an additional spindle capable of achieving Internal Grinding R.P.M. See Section Six, Part IV, page 103, for a complete listing of standard and available spindles for I.D. and O.D. cylindrical grinding. These belt-driven spindles in the grinder wheelhead are used in conjunction with a motorized workhead such as the B943, B2043, B6043, B9043 or B10043. In Photo 57, the workhead spindle is belt-driven. As shown in Photo 58, the belt-drive is used to turn the Drive Plate with the Dead Center Assembly seated in the taper of the workhead spindle; the spindle is locked relative to the workhead housing.

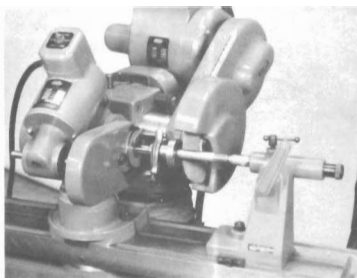


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If adequate space does not seem to be available between the workhead spindle face and the wheel, move the workhead further to the left or use the two wheel-head swivels (ABOVE AND BELOW THE DOVETAIL SLIDE) and the dovetail slide to off-set the wheelhead from the column farther to the right, thus moving the usual wheel end of the spindle also to the right. Under extreme conditions, it may be desirable to drive the spindle from the left side of the motor shaft extension allowing the wheel to be placed on the right end of the spindle. If desired, the spindle may be removed from the workhead and reversed with the usual pulley end at the left side of the head and driven from this side. On the machine models which have spindle wheel collets (arbors) on both ends, the belt-drive may remain on the right side of the spindle even when certain wheels are mounted there (Photo 59). Wheel guards can be attached to the right side of the spindle housing.

For extreme accuracy, it will be necessary to install a test arbor in the work-head or between centers to check for alignment with the table travel. If enough material is to be removed, the work may be gauged as ground and the table taper adjusted.

- G. If very heavy work is placed on the machine, it may be desirable to tighten the right-hand tailstock Lock Screw on top of the unit. Clean and examine the work centers for scoring. They must be reground if scored. Apply center oil to the work centers before placing the work or arbor into position.
- H. Start the motorized workhead in the "forward" direction and the wheel rotating in the "forward" direction; this will give opposite rotation at the point of contact. Approach the work slowly until the first contact is made. Set the crossfeed dial at 0 and begin to traverse the table with an even motion to the right and left — far enough so that only about one third of the wheel travels off the work. Traveling completely off the work produces undersized work ends; not traveling far enough off the work produces oversized work ends. The wheel may have to be slightly recess dressed on the side back from the periphery in order to avoid touching critical shoulders when the work diameter changes. No more than .0005 to .001 inch of crossfeed should be taken per traverse of the work. The amount removed per traverse by cylindrical grinding will be equal to twice the infeed taken on the crossfeed of the grinder.
- I. If the machine is equipped with coolant, use an adequate flow of this over the work at all times because it will provide more accuracy and will usually improve the final finish on the work. Excessively dirty coolant will produce a scratchy, poor finish.
- J. Wheel and work rotation speed and work traverse speed:
 - 1. The usual R.P.M. for straight wheels yields between 5500 and 6500 surface feet per minute. This S.F.P.M. is partly governed by the stated maximum wheel R.P.M. While WORK speeds from 40 to 50 S.F.P.M. cover the majority of situations, the extreme limits are about 30 for hardened steel and 100 for finishing cuts on soft material. Work traverse rate per revolution of the work is usually in a ratio of about 2/3 to 3/4 of the wheel width to one revolution of the wheel.
 - 2. At each end of the table traverse, the table should "dwell" or stop momentarily. This action prevents the jar that results if the table is instantly reversed. It also aids in holding size as the front edge of the wheel does the heaviest part of grinding and the after-edge cleans up the cut, reducing it to size. Consult the instructions on hydraulic controls, Section Four, Part III, Page 11, if the machine has a power-driven table.
- K. Plunge Grinding:
 - 1. In this process, the crossfeed is usually the only control that is used, and the work is smaller in length than the wheel face width.
 - 2. If the plunge is into work which is longer in length than the face of the wheel (OR A PROFILE DRESSED INTO THE FACE OF THE WHEEL), then the work must remain in the same longitudinal position.
 - 3. When possible in plunge grinding, oscillate the wheel slightly to prevent lines in the work.

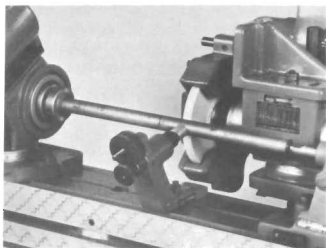


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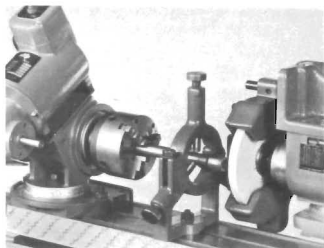


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L Special Steady Rests

- I To aid in the support of the work against the grinding wheel pressure which forces the work down and away from the wheel, one or more steady rests should be employed when grinding long, relatively thin pieces. Care must be taken not to force the work into the wheel, as such forcing will cause the work to be ground to a smaller size in the area of the steady rest than at other places.
 2. **Special steady rests, such as the BA969 Follow Rest or BA938 Steady Rest (Photos 60 and 61), are available for K. O. Lee Grinders.**
- M If grinding in recessed areas with the wheel on the left end of the spindle proves difficult due to wheelhead swivel interference, mount the wheel on the right end of the spindle as shown in Photo 59 and explained in I-C above.

II. INTERNAL CYLINDRICAL GRINDING

This type of cylindrical grinding is used to finish holes in cutters, bushings, gauges, and other machine parts. Holes may be straight, tapered, or formed relative to the axis of the work. With the exception of honing, internal grinding is the most accurate method of furnishing holes to size. The universal tool and cutter type of machine provides internal grinding capacities that will handle most requirements for the average shop or toolroom. The general method of producing the grinding action is similar to that of O.D. cylindrical operations.

On many K. O. Lee grinders, the standard spindle on the machine is capable of holding I.D. wheel-holding arbors and can achieve the necessary high R.P.M. to obtain the correct surface feet per minute. The machine wheel speed plate will usually indicate whether the machine's spindle is of this type. If the machine has only a heavy-duty spindle, an additional spindle (QUILL ASSEMBLY) must be obtained to accomplish I.D. work. Consult Section Four, Part III, Pages 13, 17 for instruction on the attachment of internal grinding wheel-holding arbors onto the spindle. The functioning of the motorized workhead is described in Section Four, Part III, Page 18, and also in this chapter, Part I. It will often be used with the three-jaw universal chuck (LOCKED INTO THE SPINDLE TAPER, SEE PHOTO 62), which is capable of holding most work pieces. Small bushings can also be held in the workhead with the aid of a collet fixture and spring collet. Consult Figure 62A of this chapter for dimensions of I.D. arbors and approximate I.D. grinding hole size and depth.

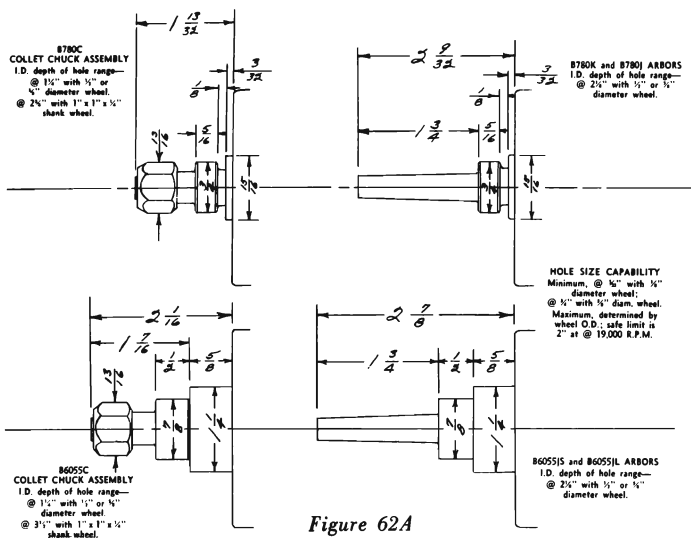


Figure 62A

EXAMPLE: Grinding a hole gauge (see Photo 62).

- Consult the wheelhead wheel-pulley chart and select the proper pulley for the motor shaft and the wheel spindle. These will depend on the R.P.M. desired for the spindle which will depend on the wheel size chosen for the job. The size of the wheel relative to the hole to be ground is not critical, but too small a wheel will affect accuracy due to wear and other factors. If grinding a 1/2 inch hole, use approximately a 3/8 inch wide wheel; if working on a 2 inch hole, use approximately a 3/4 inch wide wheel. Wheel speeds will be between 5500 and 6500 S.F.P.M. After installation of the pulleys and belt, replace the belt guard.
- Install the correct internal grinding motor arbor in the left end of the spindle, locking it securely into its internal taper or against the outside face of the spindle, depending on the spindle construction. If the arbor chosen is of the collet type, choose the wheel desired, insert the wheel shank well into the collet, and tighten. If the arbor has an internal thread for mounted wheels with threaded shank, turn the wheel shank into the end of the arbor. Test run the spindle. Check for excessive vibration. There will be a high-pitched hum which is natural.
- Mount the motorized workhead on the table at the left end. Attach the

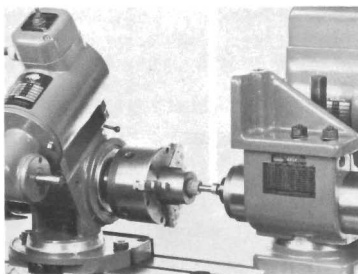


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work-mounting device into the workhead spindle. Mount the work and check its runout with an indicator. Very thin bushings may have to be held with the aid of a special bushing chuck or by end pressure to avoid distortion.

- D. Loosen the handle screws on the right side of the wheelhead dovetail slide and move the wheelhead forward enough so that there will be adequate cross-feed capability while aligning the wheel with the work hole. Tighten the dovetail handle screws and make sure all other wheelhead swivels are tight.
- E. Using the machine height gauge, put the centerline of the wheel spindle at the same height above the table as the centerline of the workhead spindle. The wheelhead spindle axis is also placed parallel to the table travel by putting the swivel(s) at 0. It is also important to align the centerline of the workhead spindle with the direction of the table travel. Put the workhead fixture base at 0 degrees and make adjustments with the table taper adjusting screws at the right end of the table. This may be done during grinding, starting with a table adjustment reading of 0, but it is more accurate to use an indicator and a test arbor in the workhead spindle before attaching the workholding device and the work.
- F. Before starting the wheel spindle or the workhead, traverse the table enough to the right to set a depth stop on the table. The wheel should not protrude from the hole more than $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of its length. When using a power table travel machine, set a stop for travels in both directions.
- G. Start the machine wheel spindle and true and dress the wheel. If the wheel is dressed on the side facing the operator, then this same side should be used to grind the work piece. Start the workhead and operate it in a direction opposite to that of the wheel at the point of grind. Move the wheel into the work hole, advance the crossfeed until contact, turn on coolant, and use the same grinding practices as explained in I and III of this chapter.

III. GRINDING RULES APPLICABLE TO CYLINDRICAL GRINDING

- A. A loaded wheel will mar the surface of the work rather than finish it. With a slow work speed, a light cut, and a hard wheel, the wheel will dull easily and become glazed. Increasing the work speed tends to make the grinding wheel act softer, and vice versa. A glazed wheel is not sharp and eventually will rub, burn, and destroy the work.
- B. A slow work speed combined with a soft wheel is better than a fast work speed and a hard wheel because there is less tendency to heat and distort the work. However, neither extreme is desirable.
- C. When grinding hard materials, use a soft wheel or increase the work speed so that the dulled grains will wear off evenly.
- D. Work of a large diameter calls for a softer wheel and slower work speed than does work of a small diameter, and vice versa.
- E. Cracks, checks, and burns caused by excessive heat generation may be due to too hard a wheel, too heavy infeed, too slow work speed, insufficient grinding fluid, a glazed or dulled wheel, or an improperly dressed wheel. Keep the wheel dressed to maintain a free cutting action. Use an adequate coolant stream at the point of contact.
- F. The table traverse should be constant and not stopped during the process of

a cut across the work. Steady movement is essential. When finish grinding, reduce the traverse speed. Experience will tell the correct traverse for the size and type of work.

- G. The revolution of the work should not be stopped until the wheel has been backed away from the work.
- H. After the first cut is taken, the work should be measured for straightness and machine setting. If the work is found to be larger at one end than at the other, the table should be swiveled sufficiently away from the wheel at the small end to correct the error.
- I. All of the human senses may be utilized to advantage by the experienced operator:
 - 1. Watch the sparks. Much can be told about the progress of the work by the sparks. When the work is turning slowly, any out-of-roundness will manifest itself by intermittent sparking. If the work is irregular in diameter at different points in its length, the condition will be shown by changes in the amount of sparking. If the sparking has been regular and suddenly becomes irregular, the fault may be that the work is over heating, the centers are dry or loose, steady rests are out of adjustment, or the wheel may have dirty or glazed spots.
 - 2. Listen. Learn to use your ears for the informative sounds given off by the wheel. Much can be determined by these sounds. During the truing and dressing of a wheel, the sound will indicate if it is out-of-round. A clicking sound might indicate a crack in the wheel. The note given off by a running wheel changes as the wheel breaks down. A wheel which is acting too hard gives off a note of high pitch, while one that is acting too soft will chatter and break down frequently. When the wheel approaches the work, it gives off a hissing sound which changes with its relative proximity to the work. By close observation of the various sounds, the operator may develop his judgment to a point where his efficiency is greatly increased.
 - 3. Feel. Use the sense of touch. An out-of-balance wheel will cause vibration. The operator's sense of touch will discover this. Work finish may be judged by touching the revolving work. Grit in the coolant may be detected by feeling.

CHAPTER 14

Special Operations and Miscellaneous Tool Grinder Set-Ups

I. CYLINDRICAL AND FACE GRINDING OF CARBIDE MILLING CUTTERS

A. Equipment Required:

1. Motorized Workhead (see Section Six, Part III, Pages 99 and 100)
2. Grinding Wheels:
 - (a) Roughing wheel for circle grinding. We recommend a 6 inch diameter silicon carbide straight or recessed wheel, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide, with a $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch bore hole (S755CL, B6062A QUILLS), or a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch bore hole (B955A, B6055A QUILLS).
 - (b) Diamond wheel for finish grinding. Grinding requirements will determine the type of grinding wheel needed (Flaring Cup, Straight or Saucer Shape). We recommend a resinoid bond diamond wheel, 150 to 180 grit, 100 concentration.
3. A double end diamond hand hone with 400 grit on one end, 500 grit on the other, vitrified bond, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch diamond depth.
4. A diamond wheel dressing stick.
5. A 10 to 20 power magnifying glass.
6. Use of the machine mounted light.

B. General Instructions:

1. Cylindrical Grinding: Cylindrical (or "circle") grinding is performed after new teeth have been brazed to the cutter body or when adjustable blades have been "set out." This operation assures that the outside diameter of the cutter will be concentric with the milling spindle and that there are no "high teeth" on the periphery of the cutter.

Cylindrical grinding operations are performed with the cutter mounted in the motorized workhead in the position as shown in Figure 57, Chapter 13. Use a silicon carbide grinding wheel, such as the K. O. Lee RV6NH100, for rough grinding the periphery. Feed the cutter against the wheel at a moderate rate. Feeding the cutter at too slow a feed rate will cause the grinding wheel to glaze, overheating the cutter, causing the carbide to crack.

2. After the cylindrical grinding operation is completed, check to see that there is sufficient clearance behind the carbide teeth to prevent the diamond wheel from grinding into the steel portion of the cutter. On inserted tooth cutters, the steel portion of the tooth should be relieved with an aluminum oxide grinding wheel. On brazed tooth cutters, the carbide teeth should project .040 inch to .060 inch beyond the outside diameter of the cutter body. Ample grinding wheel clearance should also be provided for grinding the face of the carbide tooth. When the carbide clearance land has been ground to the extent that the diamond wheel is grinding the cutter body, the teeth should be "set out" or replaced.
3. Mount the diamond wheel on a wheel collet in the manner described in

the general instructions, Section Four, Part III, Page 13 to 17. Mount the grinding wheel and collet assembly on the spindle of the machine. Check diamond cup wheels with a dial indicator to determine if there is any face "run-out." Check straight diamond wheels with a dial indicator to determine if there is any peripheral "run-out." Do not correct for run-out by truing the wheel. Face run-out on cup wheels can be corrected by scraping the back of the hub. Peripheral run-out on straight wheels can be corrected by shifting the wheel on the collet. Run-out should be reduced to .0005 inch before truing the wheel. Check the grinding wheel and collet assembly for run-out periodically during use.

After the wheel has been mounted properly and trued, it should not be removed from the collet until it is replaced.

4. Use of a mist coolant, oil based or other, is desirable during the finish grinding operations. A cutting fluid adds to wheel life, improves work finish, and prevents over-heating and cracking of carbide.
5. Use a magnifying glass to check carbide for cracks before, during, and after the grinding operation. If cracks are long, it may be more economical to replace the carbide blade rather than attempt to grind away the crack.
6. When a diamond wheel is used, be certain that the spindle speed is correct for the wheel being used. Keep stock removal and rate of table travel low. Stock removal should not exceed .0005 inch to .001 inch per pass for general purpose work or .00025 inch per pass where an exceptionally good finish is required. Table traverse should be approximately 50 inches per minute for rough grinding and between 10 to 20 inches per minute for finish grinding.
7. After grinding is complete, recheck the teeth for cracks with a magnifying glass. If any teeth are cracked, they should be replaced. Check to see that the proper clearance has been ground and that there is no interference on the cutter body. This step is especially important when grinding small-diameter milling cutters.
8. The cutting edges can be honed lightly with a diamond hand hone to break the sharp edge slightly. This procedure will help to improve cutter life.

Grinding a Carbide-Tipped Face Mill. (BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO GRIND A CARBIDE FACE MILL, READ THE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE.)

1. Cylindrically grind the periphery and chamfer with the silicon carbide grinding wheel. **NOTE:** This step applies only to cutters with newly brazed teeth and to inserted tooth cutters that have been set out or that have been fitted with new teeth.
2. Remove any recess brazing material from behind the carbide teeth that project from the cutter body. Leave the cutter in the workhead and the workhead axis parallel to the grinding table. Remove the motor and belt. Position a micrometer toothrest support behind the cutter (mounted on the table or workhead) with a round-top blade resting against the back of the top tooth. Set the wheel spindle axis perpendicular to the grinder table and mount a diamond cup wheel.
3. Create a set-up similar to grinding the faces of a form relieved cutter, as shown in Photo 63. Put the workhead (cutter) axis in the same vertical plain represented by cup wheel face. Place the peripheral cutting face of the tooth on this vertical centerline and make crossfeed adjustments (ROLL-

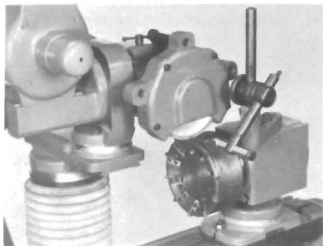


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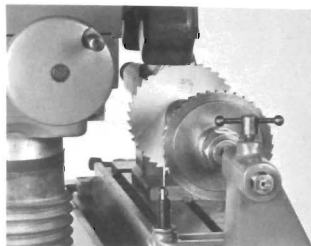


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ING THE CUTTER) to allow for the cutter's radial rake. Once this alignment is accomplished, the crossfeed is not moved during the facing operation.

4. Initially set both swivels of the workhead at 0 degrees; then place the face of the tooth parallel to the face of the grinding wheel by swivelling the workhead in the horizontal plane to the desired axial rake.
5. Grind the face of the tooth in the same manner as described for form relieved cutters in Chapter 9, using the micrometer toothrest to rotate the cutter into the wheel. Index the workhead to the next tooth. **NOTE:** Due to possible variation in thickness of carbide blades (ON INSERTED TOOTH CUTTERS) each tooth face should be ground individually. Adjust the micrometer toothrest support to permit the grinding wheel to clear the face of the next tooth. Position the grinding wheel in front of the tooth and re-adjust the toothrest until the grinding wheel "touches up" on the face of the tooth. Grind this tooth to the same micrometer setting as that of the preceding tooth. **NOTE:** After this operation is complete, the carbide teeth will be of equal thickness. This makes it possible to index the cutter from the back of the teeth (if desired) during grinding of the clearance lands.
6. After the face of each tooth has been ground, set up the machine to grind primary and secondary clearance (if necessary) back of the periphery, corner, and cutting face of the cutter. Primary clearance should be about $\frac{1}{16}$ inch wide. Follow instructions in Chapter 8, Page 43, for grinding face mills. If the cutter clearance is not known consult the general Clearance Angle Chart, Page 107, and the Tables II and VI for periphery, corner (chamfer), and face given on pages 105 and 108.
7. Remove the cutter from the workhead and check the face, corner, and periphery for concentricity. Run-out should be limited to .0005 inch for cutters up to 6 inches in diameter and .001 inch for cutters 6 inches to 12 inches in diameter. Be certain that no portion of the cutter body projects beyond the cutting edge.

II. MISCELLANEOUS CUTTERS

A. Metal Cutting Saws:

1. Mount the saw in the vertical plane on an arbor placed between centers,

as shown in Photo 64. Note that an index disc is used in conjunction with a plain toothrest in order to facilitate accurate and easy indexing of the teeth.

2. If the saw is badly worn, if a tooth is broken off, or if it is in need of gumming, grinding the face of each tooth and the gullet between that tooth and back of the preceding one is required. In many cases this will prevent the necessity of grinding a heavy primary relief. Dress a straight wheel, as shown, to a 60 degree angle (OR WHATEVER ANGLE EXISTS BETWEEN A TOOTH FACE AND THE BACK OF THE PRECEDING TOOTH). Turn the wheelhead axis 90 degrees to the table travel. Adjust the saw gullet relative to the wheel using the machine crossfeed and elevation handwheels. Once the cutter is positioned relative to the wheel, set the plain toothrest on the table and adjust the toothrest's micrometer until its blade is firmly against a convenient index disc notch. Grind the face and tooth back by table traverse action while periodically lowering the wheelhead. **NOTE:** Do not move the machine crossfeed once the cutter has been positioned relative to the 'V' dressed wheel.
3. When the gumming process has been completed, remove the wheel and place a cup wheel or straight wheel on the spindle. Use the toothrest and the index disc or the saw teeth themselves for indexing in order to create a primary land on the periphery of the saw. Be careful not to burn the teeth ends (a Saucer Wheel may be helpful in this regard). Follow the general procedures described in Chapter 5 for straight tooth side milling cutters for grinding the primary and secondary clearance lands, as applied to Photo 65. Saws used for gang slotting should be grouped together on a straight arbor and gummed or sharpened as described above.

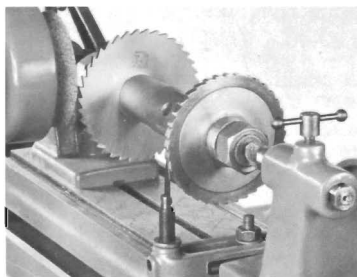


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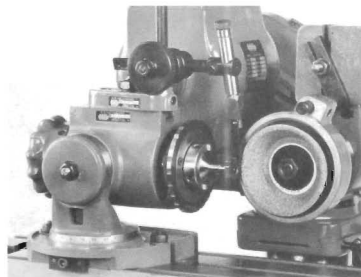


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B. T-Slot, Woodruff Keyseat, and Keyway Cutters:

1. T-slot cutters are of the stagger tooth type with alternate left and right helix. On their periphery, these cutters are sharpened in the same manner as a stagger tooth cutter except that the shank is held in a universal workhead such as the B942. The sides of the teeth are sharpened in the same manner as the face of an end mill or the sides of a side milling cutter. A saucer wheel may be necessary to reach the side teeth clearance lands between the cutter and the end of the workhead spindle. Consult Chapter 6 for details of the sharpening process.

2. Photo 66 shows the typical set-up for sharpening the periphery of a Woodruff Keyseat cutter. These cutters are sharpened only on the periphery as the sides are relieved by a slightly concave surface. The cutter shank is most easily held by a collet in a universal workhead. Grinding procedure is the same as that given for straight tooth side milling cutters in Chapter 5. In general, keyway cutters are of specific width, as are keyseat cutters, and sharpened only on the periphery.

C. Single Point Tools — **USE OF B945 TILTING TABLE FIXTURE:**

Although tools with carbide replaceable-tips are widely used nowadays, there is often need for a fixture which can be used in grinding precise relief angles on cemented carbide and high speed single point tools. The K. O. Lee B945 Tilting Table Attachment (Photo 67) makes it possible to address a silicon carbide or diamond recessed wheel at a relief angle on the end or side of a tool up to 20 degrees. The protractor can be used to guide the tool toward the wheel while maintaining a set end cutting edge angle or side cutting edge angle. The protractor also has a diamond screw nib for dressing the wheel. Figure 67A gives the nomenclature for a typical single point tool.

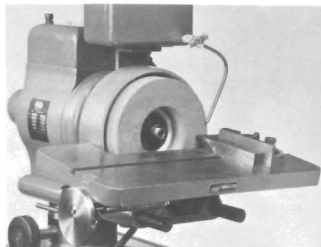


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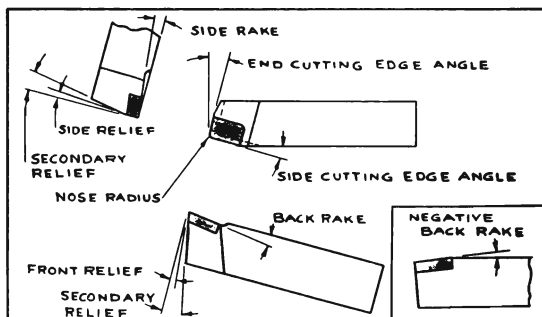


Figure 67A—Tool Angle Nomenclature

1. General Procedure for Set-up:
 - (a) Loosen the handle screw underneath the right side of the table; this allows the table to be tilted. Move the eccentric mounted wheel at the left of the table to the desired relief angle. Lock the handle screw again. Now re-adjust the whole tilting table slide mechanism toward the wheel until it is about $\frac{1}{16}$ inch from the wheel. Lock the set screws on the sliding bracket. If several angles will be used

during the set-up, allow enough room between the table and the wheel so that the table can be swiveled to greater or lesser angles without disturbing the slide bracket.

- (b) Start the wheel (RUNNING DOWN AT THE POINT OF CONTACT) and use the diamond dresser to true and dress the wheel to either an open condition (ROUGHING) or smooth condition (FINISHING). Take no more than .001 inch off the wheel per pass, but vary the speed at which the protractor is moved across the wheel.
2. Grinding Procedure: If the tool has been chipped or broken, or if it is very dull (OVER .030 INCH WEAR BELOW THE CUTTING EDGE), it should be rough ground prior to finish grinding.
 - (a) If the tool is chipped or broken, rough grind the steel shank below the carbide on an aluminum oxide wheel located elsewhere, using an off-hand method. Grind on the corner of the wheel while approximating the original relief angle. Remove the steel behind the carbide on top of the tool, if necessary, in the same manner.
 - (b) With the silicon carbide wheel dressed for rough grinding, grind a relief for the end and side. The K. O. Lee wheel provided is 100 grit which is suitable for both roughing and finishing of tools for many operations. Under some conditions, coarser grit is desirable. If only a narrow primary land is desired, grind the secondary angle first with the roughing wheel. Keep the wheel rough dressed during this operation by using the abrasive wheel dresser supplied with the machine. For this operation, use only the table as a steady rest while keeping the tool in constant motion by (i) moving it back and forth across the wheel face, (ii) rocking it, and (iii) tipping it up and down slightly. Grind the wheel running onto the tool at all times. Dry grind during this process, always allowing the tool to cool naturally. Never quench carbide in water or oil. When the worn or broken portions have been ground away, redress the wheel for the final roughing of the secondary or primary relief angle. Hold the tool with light pressure against the wheel, moving it constantly.
 - (c) The sequence for both rough and finish grinding is as follows: Grind the top face of the carbide first. Next, grind the side relief, followed by the end relief. Then grind a chip breaker back of the cutting edge if the situation calls for this. Since chip breakers require a separate tool holding device, wheel, and procedure, this subject is left for more detailed handbooks. **NOTE:** Tools may have either positive or negative back rake, or none at all. Before the top face is ground, check the side and back rake angles and set the table and protractor accordingly so that these angles will be generated when the tool is turned on its side and its face held against the wheel.
 - (d) Finish grinding is accomplished by smooth dressing the standard silicon carbide wheel or by changing the wheel to a diamond wheel of approximately 220 grit. The latter type of wheel is especially desirable for finishing tools to be used on cast iron or nonferrous metals. Keep diamond wheel clean with the use of a fine grain silicon carbide dressing stick. If coolant is used, always keep a generous supply of coolant running on a diamond wheel if possible, as this will keep the wheel clean longer and reduce the chance of cracking the carbide. Set the tilting table at a primary relief if a

secondary relief was ground first. The width of the primary land need not exceed $\frac{1}{16}$ inch. After the primary relief has been ground on the side and front end of the cutter, grind the necessary nose radius between the two lands. Hold the tool lightly and rotate it in a full arc from the side to the front while against the wheel face.

III. SALVAGING TOOLS

A. Salvaging End Mills — Using A Standard Cut-Off Wheel:

1. Mount the cutter in a standard universal workhead with the mill axis parallel to the table travel. Lock the workhead spindle. Mount a standard $6 \times \frac{1}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch cut-off wheel to the grinder spindle. Mount a wheel guard. A K. O. Lee wheel, such as the PR6AH70 (S.F.P.M. @ 6,000), can be used for this operation. Wheel bond may be shellac, rubber, or resin. Insure that there is sufficient machine crossfeed travel to pass the wheel through the mill. The swivel can be used to position the cutter axis closer to the wheel spindle. Position the wheel periphery just back of the broken tooth and center the wheel center height with that of the workhead. Start the wheel motor in the "forward" direction. Use the machine crossfeed to move the wheel through the mill as rapidly as the wheel can cut. Moving the wheel through the cutter too slowly will burn the cutter by glazing the wheel. **NOTE:** The following alternate methods may be used:
 - (a) Set the wheel spindle at 90 degrees to the table using the transmission as a means of power to pass the wheel through the end mill. In the latter case, the workhead spindle is also rotated 90 degrees relative to the table.
 - (b) Mount larger cutters or cutters which tend to heat during static cut-off in a motorized workhead at the left end of the table. Mount the wheel in the usually cylindrical grinding position. Rotate the cutter in the opposite direction to that of the wheel at the point of contact and cut rapidly through the mill.
2. If the peripheral flutes need gumming, perform this operation at this point using the method described in B-2 below.
3. Grind the teeth end clearances by the following general outline.
 - (a) Although it is usually not necessary, some end mill usage may require the center portion of the end being relieved. In this case, mount a small straight wheel or cup wheel and plunge grind the center portion of the mill to desired relief depth and diameter.
 - (b) Set the end of the mill in relation to a cup or saucer wheel as shown in Photo 68. Initially tilt the workhead up to place the desired primary clearance land on the cutter. Note that the toothrest is mounted on the workhead with the upright shaft extended through the bottom of the toothrest base. The spring-blade micrometer is used for direct indexing on the teeth faces. The outer edge of the cup wheel should have a small radius dressed on it. The wheel elevation must be located so that the O.D. of the wheel will create the desired form for the end face of the tooth following the one on which the clearance is being ground. Set a table stop to achieve the same form depth on all teeth. The wheel O.D. should extend to the mill center, if no center relief is ground. After com-

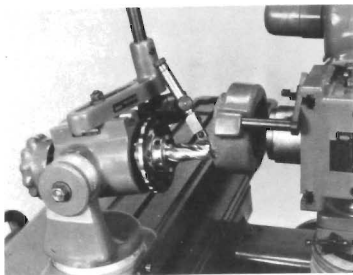


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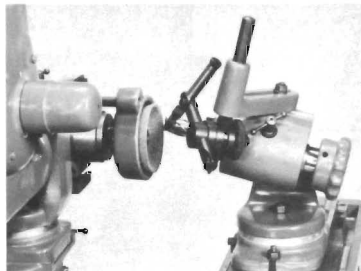


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pleting the first operation, tilt the workhead up further for the secondary or chip clearance angle. The wheelhead elevation must again be adjusted so that the O.D. of the wheel will blend in with tooth face and helix of the cutter. Grind the secondary clearance until the desired primary land width is achieved. In the photo, since the wheel is always cutting on the left side of the mill and (FACING FROM THE FRONT OF THE MACHINE), the workhead has been swivelled approximately 92 degrees counterclockwise during both primary and secondary angle settings to give end relief to the end cutting edges.

- (c) The grinding process consists of a gradual surface grinding operation in the vertical plane using the table action to move the mill end approximately one half its width across the wheel edge. Under some conditions, it may not be possible to reproduce the exact alignment of two opposite cutting edges with the use of one wheel. Further gashing along the front face of each tooth may be necessary to gain adequate chip clearance. It is not necessary for opposite cutting edges to align on a diameter line through the cutter end. The end mill will cut with these edges off-set from the diameter line. In general, take no more than .005 inch crossfeed infeed against the wheel face during rough gumming, using a light cut to finish the job.

3. Salvaging Milling Cutters:

The description of the flutting process parallels that of sharpening a form relieved cutter except for a few important steps. Refer to Figures 68B, 68C, 68D for the following explanation.

1. General Procedure for Salvaging Straight Tooth Milling Cutters:

- (a) Mount a saucer wheel with the straight side facing the rear of the grinder. Mount a wheel guard. Place the wheel axis at 90 degrees to the table, raised sufficiently to allow the bottom of the wheel to clear the cutter.
- (b) Mount the cutter on a workhead arbor or straight arbor between centers so that when the workhead or arbor is mounted on the table the cutter teeth on top face to the front of the machine.
- (c) Examine the cutter gullet radius, and then dress a somewhat smaller radius on the inside wheel O.D. edge. Position the cutter under-

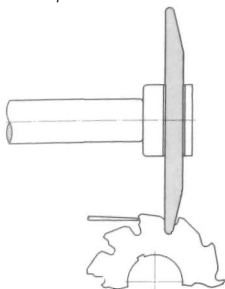


Figure 68B
*First Operation in
Salvaging a Cutter.*

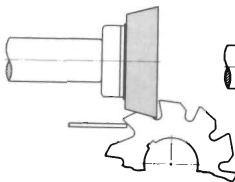


Figure 68C
*Third Operation, with a
Worn-Out Cup Wheel.*

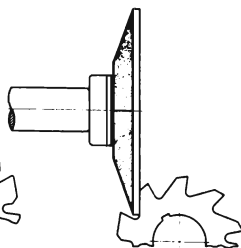


Figure 68D
*Third Operation, with a
Dish Wheel.*

neath the wheel, lower the wheel just short of the bottom of a gullet, and using the crossfeed handwheel, place the tooth face at the original rake relative to the wheel. Once the relationship of the wheel side to the tooth face has been set, do not make additional adjustments to the machine crossfeed.

- (d) Set the spring blade micrometer toothrest against a convenient tooth face, or whenever possible, use a toothrest indexing on an index disc. When indexing on the cutter, set the base of the universal toothrest on the table. Extend its crossarm under the mill and adjust the short micrometer toothrest on a tooth face approximately at the same height as the mill's center. Hold the tooth face to be ground against the wheel side while setting the rest blade on the preceeding tooth face. If it is necessary to make adjustments of the mill relative to the wheel during the grinding process, do so only with the micrometer toothrest.
 - (e) The depth of gumming depends on a number of factors, but is primarily determined by necessary chip space. This will be learned by experience. If sufficient material is available, a flute depth approximating that of a new mill of similar size should be created. Take cuts no deeper than .005 inch when lowering the wheel head. Travel rapidly across work so as not to discolor it. Remove as little material as possible on the tooth face during the gumming operation. Grind each tooth in succession.
 - (f) After sufficient flute depth has been created, mount a worn cup wheel and proceed in a similar manner to grind the backs of the teeth to a point that allows maximum chip space without weakening the tooth. (See Figure 68C.) A saucer wheel may also be used (Figure 68D).
 - (g) Make a new set-up for grinding the primary and secondary clearance angles, and grind these according to instructions in Chapter 5.
2. Helical Milling Cutters:

NOTE: The following method is recommended for occasional tool salvage

and is not intended to compete with production spiral grinders that grind by template or sine bar camming methods.

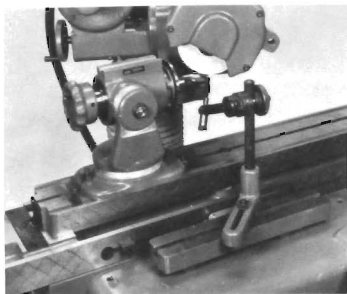


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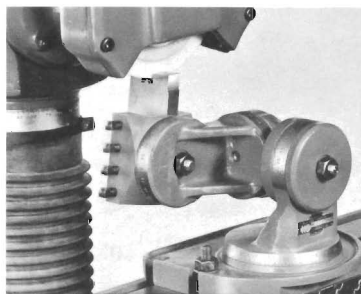


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- (a) Mount the universal workhead to the left side of the grinder as shown in Photo 69. To facilitate toothrest placement, it may be helpful to off-set toward the machine front the workhead base from the table center. Mount the cutter shank or arbor in the workhead.
- (b) Mount a straight wheel about 5 or 6 inches in diameter, such as the K. O. Lee PV5FH60 or PV7GM46. Mount a wheel guard. Since the back side of each tooth forms an angle with the tooth face, it will be necessary to dress the periphery of the wheel relative to its side at this angle. This angle is a straight line always at an angle relative to the mill's axis which is moved along the length of the flute describing a helical plane which is the tooth back. Sight along the mill's axis from the right side of the table in order to determine the approximate angle. The wheel periphery should be wide enough to cover the tooth back. Use the diamond dresser to create the angle on the wheel periphery. Use the abrasive wheel dresser or other means to dress a small radius on the wheel edge at its largest diameter side. The radius size is not important as it will break down in the fluting process, but it must assist in recreating the original gullet, radius, and rake on the tooth face. It is the curved periphery of the wheel edge that generates the radius and curved rake of the cutting face.
- (c) Place the straight wheel at an angle relative to the cutter axis which will be slightly greater than the actual cutter helix. Some experimentation is necessary to place the wheel side, corner radius, and peripheral angle so that it will correspond to the tooth face, gullet radius, and preceeding tooth back. Once the alignment of the wheel to the cutter has been made, do not move the machine crossfeed.
- (d) Since rapid lowering of the wheelhead will take place during the grinding, it is necessary to set the fixed toothrest on the front saddle surface rather than on the wheelhead. A special t-slot block (SUCH AS THE B670T SHOWN IN THE PHOTO) or other adapting plate which can hold the base of the universal toothrest is needed. Adjust the crossarm so that the fixed blade of the small micrometer rest is

approximately at the center height of the mill and contacting the tooth face just preceeding the one on top to be ground by the wheel. The tip of the blade should preceed (TO THE LEFT IN THE PHOTO) the wheel periphery at the inside in order to start camming just prior to the wheel contacting the flute end.

- (e) Run the wheel clockwise facing the wheel as it is in the photo. Make cuts no deeper than .005 inch when lowering the wheel head. Follow recommendations in 1-(e) above. Use the same grinding techniques as used when grinding form relieved cutters (See Chapter 9).
- (f) Make a new set-up for grinding the primary and secondary clearance angles, and grind these according to instructions in Chapters 3 and 4.

IV. SURFACE GRINDING OPERATIONS

Limited surface grinding can be accomplished on any tool and cutter grinder or universal grinder. Consult the general specifications of Section Six, Part I, for a listing of surface grinding capacities by model number. When surface grinding on machines with a 4 inch column, set the column lock lever so that it is just possible to lower the wheelhead with the handwheel. Because of the column construction on these grinders, surface finishes will not be as smooth as can be obtained on a machine built only for surface grinding.

- A. The B989 Universal Work Holding Fixture is the standard fixture for holding all kinds of relatively small tools on which surface grinding operations are performed. Photo 70 shows a typical set-up on a tool and cutter grinder for sharpening a slab forming tool. The fixture's four swivel joints allow the tool to be swiveled in three axes for grinding multiple angles. In general, when hogging off metal during roughing operations, do not lower the wheelhead more than .005 inch for any one pass across the work. Make sure that all wheelhead swivels are tight. Use table transmission in the most direct ratio. A more accurate work thickness is obtained by using light down feed with larger crossfeed, rather than the other way around, due to wheel break down.
- B. Magnetic Chucks:
Permanent or electric magnetic chucks for holding work are available from many suppliers. A five inch by 10 inch capacity is usually all that is desirable as machine crossfeed capacity rarely exceeds 5 inches even with spindle extensions. Chucks are available with either stationary or tilting top plates. For close work, always indicate the top of a chuck or grind test blocks to check flatness of the top plate surface relative to the machine ways.
- C. Wetwheel guards, specially adapted for surface grinding, are available from the factory upon request.

V. B982 AIR-BEARING FIXTURE FOR END MILLS AND OTHER CUTTERS

NOTE: This workholding fixture is available in two models; B982WB - model with standard sized bushing inserts for the spindle tube; B982-5C - model for use with standard 5C spring collets up to 1½" in capacity.

WARNING: Do not move the spindle tube relative to the fixture bearing housing unless the air supply is attached to the fixture and a pressure of at least 50 lbs. is turned on. Doing so will cause wear damage to the spindle and bearings.

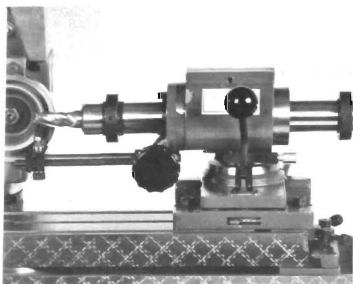
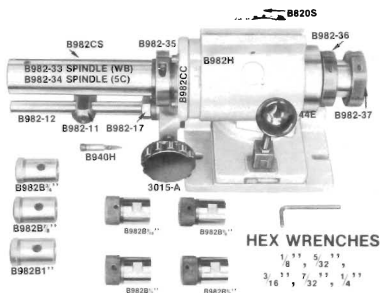


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wheel, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch to the right of the wheel edge. It is not necessary to unlock the hex nut fastening the Arm (**B982-12**) to the Toothrest Adjustment Collar before moving the arm by means of the knob (**3015-A**). The position of the machine table and the Toothrest Holder (**B982-11**) must be adjusted in order to allow sufficient spindle travel space for the length of the end mill flutes. The toothrest blade end must catch the outer face edge of a tooth and still leave clearance (ON THE ORDER OF $\frac{1}{8}$ INCH) between the rest and the wheel. Once the blade is positioned near the wheel, set the two table stops against the stop block to prevent any movement. Adjust the micrometer of the toothrest to bring the tooth face edge to the same height as the center of the fixture. Use the machine height gauge to make this measurement.

5. Set the clearance angle. To do this, rotate the Toothrest Adjustment Collar (**B982CC**) by loosening the top hex socket screw slightly with a $\frac{3}{16}$ hex wrench (the bottom two screws should be left just tight enough so that the collar can be swiveled by hand when the top one is loosened). Rotate the collar so that the cutter teeth rotate toward the wheel (clockwise facing the rear of the fixture), the required number of clearance angle degrees. The clearance angle is read directly on the scale on the periphery of the collar.
 6. An alternate method of setting the clearance is to use the method employed in Chapter 4, only using the toothrest blade. The blade can be lowered by its micrometer according to the amounts stated in Table II, rather than lowering the machine wheelhead.
 7. Set the front Index Collar (**B982-35**) and rear Stop Collar (**B982-36**) on the sliding spindle in order to limit the travel to the right or left. The $\frac{1}{8}$ inch wrench loosens these collars. Travel to the right should be just far enough to allow the cutter to escape the toothrest so as to be indexed (ROTATED) for the next tooth.
- B. Grinding Procedure:
1. Each tooth's land back of the cutting edge is rotated past the wheel edge while sliding on the fixed toothrest. The basic grinding action is the same as when the mill is mounted in a fixed spindle workhead and the table of the machine is moved in order to slide the mill past the wheel. Except in this instance, the operator moves the cutter the full length of the teeth to be ground toward the center of the wheel (past the peripheral grinding edge), by depressing the entire fixture spindle away slightly from the wheel, using the Rocker Arm and Knob (**B982-21**). Then after releasing the lever and lightly touching the wheel with the land to be ground, draw the spindle tube back to the starting position, making sure that the tooth face contacts the finger rest at all times. In other words, keep light clockwise pressure on the spindle when it is retracted during the grinding of each land. In order not to dull the cutting edges, it is best to come off from the toothrest each time a land cut has been completed, prior to indexing to the next tooth. Use the same grinding practices and visual checks described in Chapter 4. Grind a secondary clearance angle on the periphery of the mill by making an additional adjustment of the clearance angle bracket.
 2. It is possible to use the air-bearing fixture using the plain wheel method.

Keep in mind that when this method is employed, each time the Toothrest Adjustment Collar is rotated, or micrometer toothrest lowered, the wheel centerline must be relocated at the same height as that of the cutter center. (See Chapter 1, Section Five). This will usually mean lower the wheelhead a given amount.

3. Use the fixture in the same manner as a fixed spindle workhead for sharpening the ends of the teeth. To accomplish this, set the Toothrest Adjusting Collar (**B982CC**) bracket for '0' degrees rotation and tighten the Index and Stop Collars which will leave the spindle in a convenient position. Depress the Rocker Arm (**B982-21**) to the horizontal position. Turn the fixture spindle about 88 degrees from the longitudinal position, tilt the fixture end downward the required clearance angle for the teeth ends, and lock the vertical and horizontal swivels. Adjust the micrometer toothrest until a tooth edge is the same height as the center of the mill. Loosen the table stops and re-adjust them as necessary to limit table travel. Grind the teeth ends (BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CLEARANCE ANGLES) according to the instructions in Chapter 4. Cash ends by further depression of the fixture front end, or remove the mill for hand gashing.

Maintenance:

1. Do not move the spindle tube when covered with oil or dirt. Clean prior to moving, leave no oil film. Do not attempt to remove the tube, unless rust or dirt has worked into the center of the spindle.
2. Do not polish the bearings with abrasive materials. Keep the spindle tube free from knicks or scratches. Store in a clean dry place.
3. Always use an air line dryer, or water trap. Use at least 50 lbs./sq. inch air (or inert gas) pressure; 80 lbs./sq. inch is ideal.