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# LOGICAL EXTENSION

Several years ago, ISCAR launched a unique and innovative LOGIQ product line – a campaign that brought new families of cutting tools to the world market. These families were designed to address challenges in metalworking industries, from increasing productivity to finding cost-effective indexable alternatives to small-in-diameter solid carbide tools.

Today, ISCAR introduces NEOLOGIQ, a logical extension to the previous campaign comprising of an entire range of advanced products and technological solutions for metal cutting tools – a quantum leap in the field.

### What are the main targets of the NEO product lines?

ISCAR believes that NEOLOGIQ provides the answers to typical questions that modern metalworking faces today due to the latest changes in technology. Today, we are witnessing serious upheaval with far-reaching effects on manufacturing.

A distinct course for electric and hybrid cars will lead to a gradual abandonment of traditional cars with an internal combustion engine and a lot of parts that need to be machined.

A rise of accurate metal shaping methods, such as precision investment casting, precision forging, and 3D printing, which are all capable of shaping a part very close to its final profile, significantly diminishes the stock that is traditionally intended for chip-removal processes. A logical result of this is the considerably reduced share of machining operations in a part manufacturing cycle and this trend is already noticeable in the market today. Does it mean that a few good metalworking shops, factories, or even whole branches will abandon machining? Of course not, but the requirements for machining operations in engineering processes will be changed. The role of productive and accurate cutting with a small allowance at high speeds and feeds will substantially grow, and metalworking industries will require a wide range of suitable tools that are expected to be more precise and durable.

Digitized manufacturing, which is dictated by INDUSTRY 4.0 momentum, has its own demand and expects a new level of a cutting tool "intellect" to be suitable for smart manufacturing.



NEOLOGIQ products. An intelligent tool to expand machining boundaries.

In preparing for the upcoming changes, ISCAR considers NEOLOGIQ as the next logical step to the cutting tool for the smart factory. 'Machining with no Boundaries' is the motto of ISCAR's NEOLOGIQ products.

How do we overstep the customary boundaries of metal cutting? A short overview of some of the new products will help you understand how this is viewed by ISCAR.

### Logical Milling

High feed milling (HFM), also referred to as fast feed milling, is considered a commonly used effective method for rough machining both complex and plane surfaces. ISCAR has an extremely wide range of HFM products to meet the requirements of a customer. However, even in this niche of products, there is place for new innovations.

LOGIQ4FEED, a family of high feed milling cutters carrying specific bone-shaped inserts, was enriched by new tools with greater insert sizes. These new tools have several features that substantially improve performance in high feed milling, especially when machining big cavities and pockets in steel parts.

Another HFM product that provides the customer with a reasonable cost saving solution is NEOFEED, a family of mills with square, double-sided inserts. This insert has 8 indexable cutting edges to use on cemented carbide and a dovetail-shaped insert pocket that ensures reliable mounting to withstand heavy loads to enable higher cutting data and increased productivity.



NEOFEED high feed milling cutter carries cost-effective inserts with 8 cutting edges.

The progress in 5-axis machining and CAD/CAM systems opens new horizons for machining 3D surfaces using barrel-shaped endmills. Although such endmills are still not common in the metalworking industry, advanced accurate metal shaping methods will dramatically increase the demand for these barrel-shaped endmills. Therefore, the development of effective "cutting barrels" is one of ISCAR's highest priorities. In the NEOLOGIQ product range, the barrel-shaped endmills are represented by two configurations: a solid carbide design and a MULTI-MASTER head. Combining MULTI-MASTER advantages with the precise barrel profile of a cutting-edge will result in a cost-effective and sustainable solution for finishing complex-shape surfaces by milling with minimum machining stock.

The MULTI-MASTER family has expanded the boundaries of its product range by introducing a new threaded connection size, T21, which enables increasing the nominal diameter of an exchangeable endmill head to 32 mm (1.25").

### Intelligent Turning

In internal turning, a boring bar is the main factor of tool rigidity. A large bar overhang to diameter ratio leads to the tool deflection and vibrations; and is the bane of machining accuracy and surface finish. WHISPERLINE, a family of anti-vibration boring bars, was developed to exceed the ratio bounds. These bars have a specially designed built-in absorber and a



Anti-vibration boring bars WHISPERLINE enable stable cutting with the overhang up to fourteen diameters.

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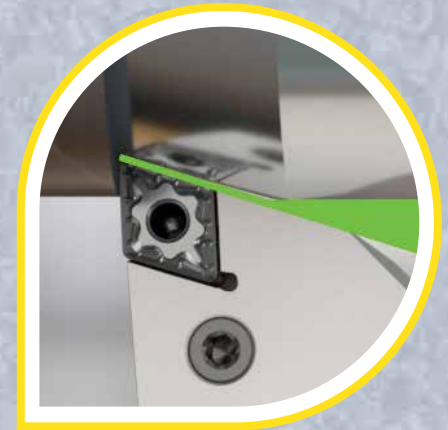
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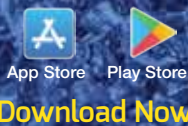
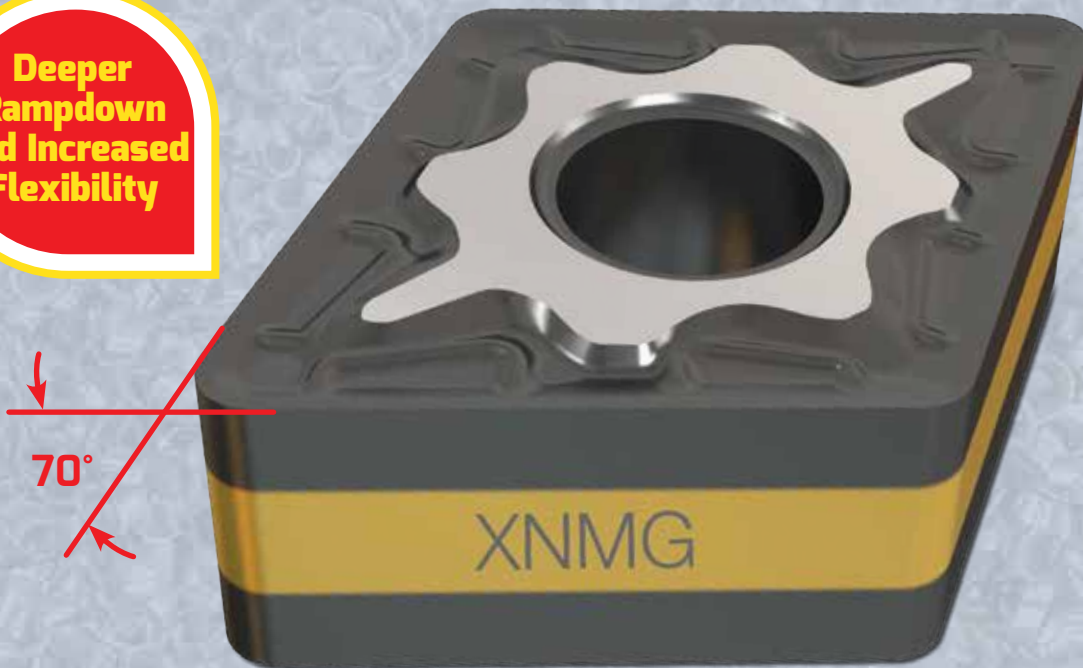
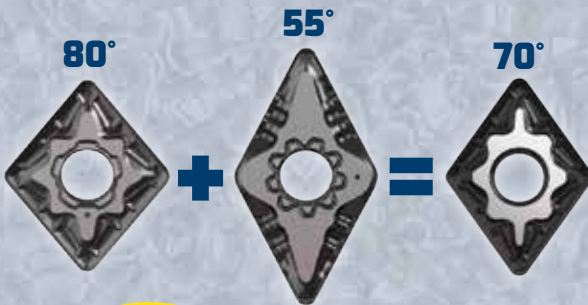
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vibration-dampening mechanism that enables stable cutting with an overhang of up to 14 diameters.

WHISPERLINE bars are important elements of the new versatile modular system NEOMODU, providing a rich variety of assembly options for turning tools. A combination of different system units such as shanks, anti-vibration capsules, and interchangeable heads with indexable carbide inserts result in a tool assembly, which is maximally customized to a specific application. The shanks may be cylindrical, square, or with a polygon taper interface in accordance with ISO 26623 standard.

Speaking of new turning products, one cannot pass the XNMG insert. It is a beneficial combination of two famous ISO rhombic insert shapes: CNMG and DNMG inserts with 80° and 55° including angles. This intelligent integration resulted in the XNMG 70° angle insert that features improved clearance and ramping angles, when compared to the CNMG, and strengthened cutting corners against DNMG. The advantages of the new insert are visible in efficient multi-directional turning applications. The cartridges carrying insert XNMG, which are intended for mounting on NEOMODU units, are available as well.

### Competent Parting

ISCAR began its leadership with just parting tools. That is why every company's innovation in parting gains special interest.

Adapters and holders occupy a prominent place among ISCAR's NEOLOGIQ parting products. The concept of the LOGIQFGRIP family is based on a 4-pocket adapter that is clamped in a reinforced tool block. High rigidity of such an assembly in combination with an inner high-pressure coolant supply (HPC) option facilitates productive cutting with extremely high feed rates.



*A JETCROWN accessory provides pinpointed high-pressure coolant, maximizing productivity in parting.*

In parting, one of the secrets to success is well-directed high-pressure cooling. If an adaptor has no HPC channels, mounting a specially designed crown-shaped accessory pushes the boundaries of application limits and enables effective pinpointed coolant flow to the active cutting edge of an insert.

Growing capabilities of modern multitasking machines and turning centers pushed the common boundaries of cutting strategies. Particularly, they brought the method of efficient

turning along Y-axis. In quite a few cases, it is a worthy alternative to the traditional X-axis machining. In Y-axis turning, the dissipation of cutting force components is more favorable, and the main load is directed to a holder. The cutting process becomes more stable, and this facilitates increasing cutting data to improve productivity. Therefore, providing appropriate cutting tools for turning operations along the Y-axis is one of the central points of NEOLOGIQ.

LOGIQYGRIP, a new Y-axis parting modular system enables vibration-free machining with high-efficiency. A wide range of exchangeable TAGPAD-T adapters for inserts ensures the exceptional versatility of the system.

### Efficient Holemaking

One of the more impressive product lines introduced in the LOGIQ campaign is LOGIQCHAM, a family of drills with replaceable carbide heads and three cutting edges, providing an effective tool for significantly increasing productivity for drilling depths up to five drill diameters.

In drilling, especially in drilling deep holes, efficient chip evacuation is extremely important. It is not enough to optimize chip control by an advanced design of the head geometry. The flute shape should ensure seamless chip flow. Undoubtedly, the need to organize three grooves weakens the body: when comparing a two-helical-flute drill of the same diameter, the three-flute body is less rigid. When the depth grows, longitudinal vibrations may occur, and this reduces tool life and adversely affects the accuracy and roughness of a machined hole. It was the decrease in stiffness that determined the barrier for the drilling depth and limiting it by five diameters maximum.

A new design of the three-flute drill body is based on a variable flute helix angle. Such a concept considerably improves the dynamic behavior of the drill and results in expanding the drilling depth boundaries: the maximum depth can now reach eight diameters.

The metalworking community faces new challenges and must find the shortest way to get out of the maze. ISCAR believes that new innovative solutions, which take machining to a whole new level, can become the new "Ariadne's thread". NEOLOGIQ, a logic of development for a new range of tools, has expanded the boundaries of intelligent machining.



*Helical flutes with variable helix angle in a LOGIQCAM drill body improve the dynamic behavior of the drill and increase the drilling depth to eight drill diameters.*

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## MODUGRIP MODULAR GRIP CARTRIDGES: NEW MODULAR ADAPTERS FOR PARTING AND GROOVING

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With no set up time due to the high edge location repeatability after adapter indexing and less downtime as a damaged pocket can be replaced while retaining the shank, MODUGRIP offers a complete economical solution. In addition, the absence of any under head protrusion means that the system can be used with most types of machine.

MODUGRIP can be considered as the most compact system in the market today, as other standard systems feature larger tool head dimensions.

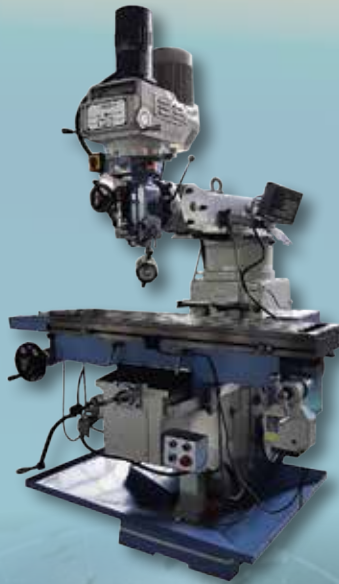


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# HWACHEON XXL CNC LATHES FOR HIGH PRECISION IN HEAVY-DUTY MACHINING

The machining of long and several tons of heavy parts is particularly demanding when at the same time high precision and tightest tolerances are required. It is not only the technical competence of the machine operator that is important, the turning center must also be able to comply with the high demands of the machining process for large, accurate and heavy workpieces. In order to be able to produce even small and smallest batch sizes economically and precisely, Hyss Metallbearbeitung in Lennestadt, Germany, for many years has been counting on large turning centers from Hwacheon, a South Korean machine tool manufacturer.



Hyss Metallverarbeitung produces large and heavy turned parts in small batch sizes on its XL lathes.



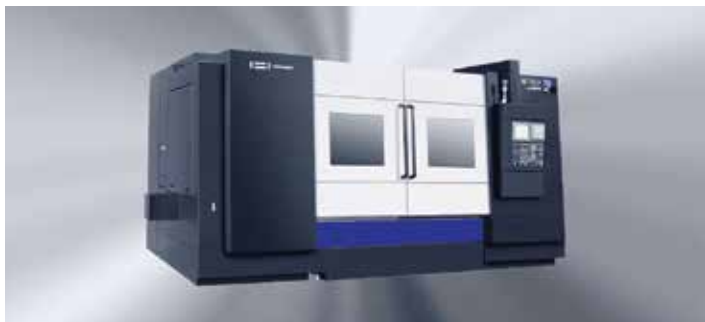
Gerhard Hyss (right) and his son Steffen (left) invested in the extremely robust and precise turn-mill center Hi-TECH 850L YMC.

The contract manufacturer specializes in turning of large and heavy parts, up to 8 tons, 1,100 mm in diameter and 3,500 mm in length. These are often one-off productions or small series in small quantities.

While in 1982 Gerhard Hyss started his business with two partners and the production of small turned parts, they envisaged manufacturing larger parts and decided to invest in machines for processing maximum diameters of 550 mm and peak weights of 1.5 tons. "This allowed us to expand our range of services and gain new market segments," explains Hyss.

"The concept worked, and more and more orders for large precision turned parts were received. Eventually, the previously available production area reached its capacity limits and subsequently a new production facility was built in 1999 at the current location. The new halls offered space for even larger machines and thus also for machining larger and heavier workpieces.

### First lathe from Hwacheon – Hi-TECH 700



With the rigid Hi-TECH 700 from Hwacheon, workpieces up to a diameter of 700 mm and a turning length of 2,000 mm can be processed.

At the Metav exhibition in Düsseldorf, Gerhard Hyss spotted the Hwacheon Hi-TECH 700, a horizontal turning center for heavy-duty machining, which offers an extremely rigid spindle design. The high-precision cylindrical roller bearings and the particularly impact-resistant angular roller bearings of the headstock are specially designed for tough and hard turning operations. Torques of up to 3,071 Nm at 115 rpm can be achieved via the integrated gearbox. Hyss was fascinated with this extremely stable and qualitatively well-processed lathe in XL format and decided to buy his first Korean machine: "With the Hi-TECH 700, new doors opened for us. Now we were able to machine parts up to a diameter of 700 mm and a turning length of 2,000 mm and achieve more flexibility and speed in production," he says.

With the new machine, more new orders came for even larger workpieces. The company had found its niche market and at the same time acquired a reputation as a specialist in the manufacture of large parts for the engineering industry. In the period that followed, the order backlog continued to grow, so another Hi-TECH 700 was purchased to adjust the production capacity.

### New opportunities



While space available for storing raw material was no longer sufficient, an additional hall was added. At the same time, the contract manufacturer received more and more inquiries for larger size turned parts with integrated milling work. Therefore, the procurement of a turning-milling center was planned.

Steffen Hyss, son of the company founder and co-managing director, saw the Hi-TECH 850L YMC turning and milling center at the opening of the new Hwacheon European headquarters in Bochum. With this XXL machine, workpieces up to eight tons and diameters of up to 920 mm



can be precisely machined up to a turning length of 3,500 mm. In addition to classic turning tasks, milling work can also be carried out in one setup in combination with an additional Y axis. This increases precision of machined parts, because clamping errors that can occur when changing from the turning to the milling machine are excluded. Hyss was so impressed with the Hi-TECH 850L YMC that the company decided to buy the machine.

### Extremely rigid machine bed and flat guide ways



The spindle, tailstock and extremely rigid machine bed of the Hwacheon Hi-TECH 850L YMC are designed for large, heavy workpieces. The machine bed is bevelled by 45 degrees for optimal heat management.

This prevents excessive heating of the workpiece and machine, while ensuring high precision.

The stable and robust machine has a particularly rigid monolithic machine bed with a weight of 23.5 tons, which is manufactured in Hwacheon's own foundry. For optimal heat management, it is bevelled by 45 degrees so that hot chips can be reliably removed. This means that the machine and workpiece are not excessively heated, even during roughing operations with a large amount of chips. All flat guides of the machine are hand scraped and polished. Especially with this time-consuming work process, the manufacturer's more than 75 years of mechanical engineering experience become clear. The flat guides have significantly lower vibrations even for heavy-duty machining tasks and thus ensure greater stability for greater precision and longer tool life.

Thanks to the massive design of the extra wide turret with a width of 250 mm, even large boring bars up to a diameter of 100 mm and a turning length of 1,000 mm can be clamped. The four-stage main spindle gear offers exceptionally high torque, especially in the lower speed range. The bearings are lubricated and cooled using the oil cooling system specially developed by Hwacheon. The temperature of the four-stage gear is continuously regulated in order to minimize thermal expansion, while ensuring accuracy during long operating times and heavy machining. With a drive power of 45 kW, the machine achieves a maximum torque of 6,873 Nm.

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## Key Features of Horizontal Turning Center Hi-TECH 750

Following the Hwacheon principle, key functions come as standard and are included at no extra cost, such as the precision main spindle including an oil-jet lubrication system for bearings including a high capacity oil cooling and filter unit

The machine is supplied with a powerful direct main drive and gear box (no belt drive) featuring up to 45Kw and up to 6,560Nm torque, subject to the CNC control system selected.

Other key features are a high capacity milling drive system up to 11.3Kw and 215Nm torque plus a 280mm wide turret disk, including twelve (12) stations with BMT 85 tooling holder as standard.

The programmable built-in tailstock which provides not only a very rigid and solid support to even the most heavy workpieces, compensates automatically for the growth and shrinking rate of a warming and cooling workpiece.



Available spindle bore sizes are diameter 132mm or 185mm, resulting in a bar size of 116 or 164mm, respectively, while big bore versions will follow suit.

The Hi-TECH 750 horizontal turning center features not only a simple slant bed design but a trapezoidal-designed machine bed. The strong and dynamic tailstock is mounted at the slant bed section of the machine and so is the optionally available steady rest base for hydraulic as well as standard manual steady rest versions. The unit for X – Z and Y-axis is mounted on a solid flat-bed design to ensure highest stability and accuracy at all times and conditions.



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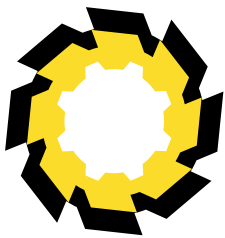
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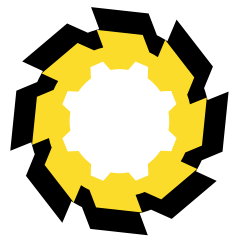


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# TONGTAI TMS SERIES FROM PBS

By Alroy Savides

**In January 2019 Tongtai turned 50 years old and with that comes a push towards the future. Tongtai has released several new machines in the last two years including VMCs with turning functionality (VMT-200), 5 Axis VMCs with additive hybrid technology (AMH-350) as well as Ultra-sonic machining solutions (VU-5).**

Tongtai always has and will continue to provide the *best productivity vs cost ratio* solutions to its customers. With the ability to supply single function CNCs all the way through to mass production turnkey systems, Tongtai is the ideal partner for any manufacturing organization.

With this in mind and following requests from customers, the decision was made to introduce a B-axis head multi-tasking CNC lathe.

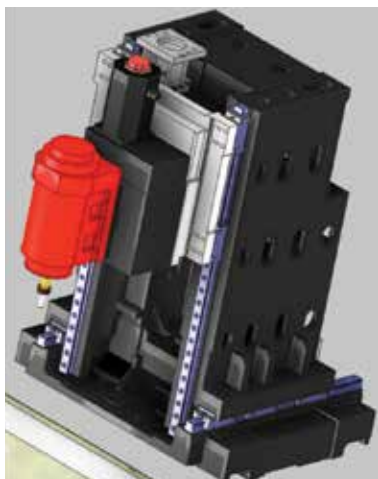
When comparing to competitors, Tongtai has focused on overall larger diameters with longer length capacities.

Tongtai TMS Series mill/turn machines are available in 4 different models, each with 3 different configurations with up to 9 axes. The standard **TMS** machine has a main spindle with programmable tailstock, while the **TMS-S** has a sub-spindle in place of the tailstock, and the **TMS-ST** features both a sub-spindle and a lower turning turret. Maximum turning diameter is 660mm with bed lengths up to 2000mm.



The TMS Series consists of the TMS-2000 (8" chuck, 51" bar), TMS-2500 (10" chuck, 76" bar capacity), TMS-3000 (12" chuck, 76" bar capacity) and TMS-3800 (15" chuck, 89" bar capacity).

With such a large working envelope and machine options, the target workpieces and industries include aerospace, prototyping, medical, automotive, tooling and medium to mass production.

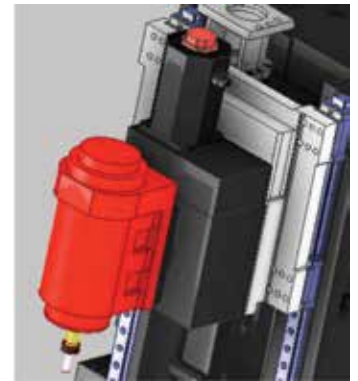


TMS Series machines feature a one piece 75° mono-block slant bed that permits free flow of chips as well as easy access to the spindles and cutting tools. A true linear (perpendicular) Y-axis simplifies programming. Roller-type linear guideways in all axes and large-diameter pre-tensioned ballscrews provide precise position accuracy. The machines are made of Meehanite cast iron for rigidity and vibration dampening.

Both main and sub-spindles feature dual-wound built-in motors with electronic high/

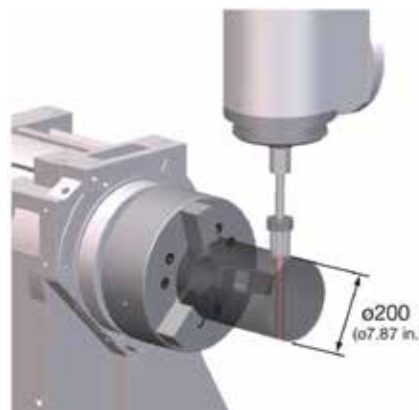
low gears. Both spindles have a full Cs axis (0.001°) with braking system. Three-piece Hirth couplings rigidly lock the spindles in place in 1° increments for heavy milling and high accuracy. Spindle power ranges from 26kW on the TMS-2000 to 60kW on the TMS-3800. Both main and sub-spindles are liquid cooled for thermal stability.

The B-axis milling spindle has a zero-backlash roller gear drive with high-speed rotation of 33.3 rpm and ±120° of movement from the vertical position. It features a rigid 3-piece coupling to lock the spindle in place for heavy turning and can be indexed in 15° increments.



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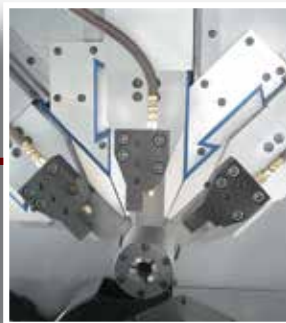
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The Harrison Alpha XS is a 2-axis manual/CNC lathe designed for fast, high-quality repeatability, accuracy and surface finish to exacting toolroom accuracy standards, which significantly reduces component production costs.

Commenting upon the machine acquisition, Medley Precision Engineering's Production Manager Mr Stuart Solomon says: "It's the best machine we have in the factory. This is because it is remarkably easy to program as it has its own Alphaslink system that can be programmed on the laptop and I can draw parts and send them straight into the machine."

The Alpha XS lathe benefits from the ultra-high speed FANUC CNC control along with Harrison's own developed Alphaslink software. This software makes the Alpha ideal for new and experienced operators alike.

The flat-bed CNC lathe retains a conventional element and



discussing this, Solomon says: "We often do low quantities of work and this machine can be up and cutting in a matter of minutes and this is a big bonus for our business."

Highlighting other features that make the Harrison Alpha lathe the 'best' machine on the shop-floor at Medley, Solomon continues: "The machine has never caused us any issues or problems, so support isn't a factor we've needed to be concerned about. It's a very solid machine that is well built and extremely reliable. We are often cutting difficult materials like super duplex and the Alpha XS generates an excellent surface finish, something that is a credit to the build quality of the machine. It's an extremely flexible and versatile machine and there isn't anything I wouldn't feel comfortable putting on the Alpha."

The Alpha ranges are backed up by some very attractive low-cost finance and lease options on the XS and the 3-axis XC ranges, which can all be built in a wide variety of sizes, with XS bed lengths up to a maximum of 6 metres. Alpha XS and XC lathes are not only fitted with a wealth of standard features but also have a list of options available to suit every turning application.

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The Siemens 828D control with Shopturn has a well-earned reputation for being highly user-friendly and intuitive, ensuring that operators can



cut quickly and easily with very little training. However, the Shopturn system is also powerful enough for more advanced CNC users to output maximum productivity quickly.

The Colchester MultiTurn lathe has been designed specifically for CNC users looking for increased versatility on one-off and small batch production, first time CNC buyers and jobbing shops looking for real programming simplicity and education and training establishments needing a real lathe with step-by-step simplicity

600 UK offer 6 Colchester MultiTurn models, starting with the compact MultiTurn 1000, which has a 330mm swing over bed, a 7.5kW motor, outputting spindle speeds of 3500 rpm, right through to the heavyweight MultiTurn 6000, which has a massive 760mm swing over bed and an 18.5kW motor giving spindle speeds of up to 1400 rpm.

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The SN71C is a universal centre lathe designed for piece and small-lot production for turning workpieces of bigger dimensions. It is suitable for maintenance and repair divisions as well. A wide range of operational speeds and its unique execution ensure high stability in material machining.

Designed for easy maintenance and a long lifetime, the SN71C offers low operating costs, an easy and ergonomic control plus high turning precision. Added to these features, there are various versions with a wide range of optional accessories available, which include digital read-outs, quick-change tool posts, steady – and follow rests, rolling contact bearings for steadies, micrometric stops, taper turning attachments, faceplates and chucks.

Grey cast iron is used during construction of the machine guaranteeing minimization of vibrations throughout the machining process, while hardened bed guide ways provide long lifetime and constant accuracy of machining.



Hand scraping has been applied for high precision during machining.



Universal centre lathes belong to the most requested products of production portfolio from TRENS SK. Since half of the twentieth century they were known under the brand TOS and are still fulfilling the highest customers' requirements. Thanks to persistent quality and sustaining development TRENS SK ranks among the leading producers of universal centre lathes in worldwide.



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The machine features travels of 1,060 x 520 x 610 mm and comes with a table size of 1,160 x 520 mm. Supplied with a machine net weight of 5,900 kg the VC1052 can accommodate a maximum table load of 650 kg.

While featuring a spindle speed of 12,000 rpm and motor power of 7.5/11 kW, the Takumi VC1052 provides a magazine capacity for 24 tools. Rapids are 36 x 36 x 24 m/min.

Providing a perfect combination of fast cutting and high stability, the machine is designed and built for mould machining with pre-tensioned ballscrews minimizing thermal growth and improving accuracy.



An ergonomically designed table simplifies setup, while the swivelling control panel optimizes floor space utilization.

A robust, precision-machined casting, hand-scraped contact areas and an integrated wash-down chip management system add to the highlights of the Takumi VC1052.

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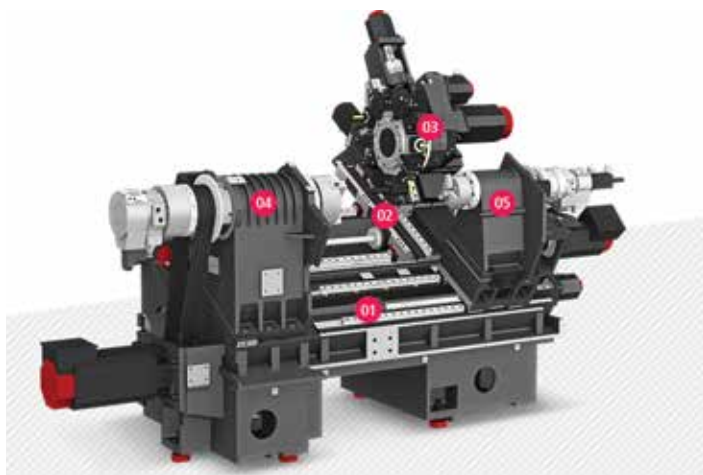
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## 01 Optimal Structural Analysis



Structural analysis was applied when designing the machine enhancing the tool post body, while reducing the machine's height in order to maintain the bed's dynamic rigidity even during heavy-duty cutting.

## 02 High-speed Roller LM Guideway

Linear roller guideways are used in SE-SY Series reducing non-cutting time, while achieving high-rigidity.

In order to eliminate thermal growth and increase accuracy, all axes are driven by high precision double anchored ballscrews.

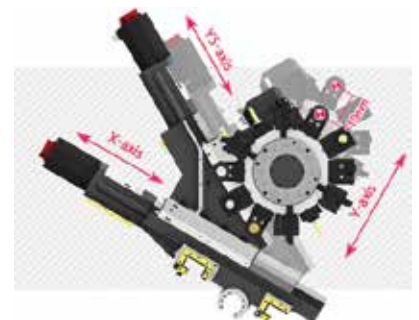
The rapid traverse rate for X/Y/Z/B is 30/10/36/15 m/min with a travel distance of X/Y/Z/B of 210/110/560/560 mm.



## 03 Wedge Type Y-axis Structure

The SE-SY Series is designed with a wedge type Y-axis that is transferred by the simultaneous operation of the Ys-axis and the X-axis. In addition, excellent rigidity promotes superb quality when heavy-duty cutting.

Y-axis rapids are 10 m/min with a Y-axis travel range of 110 (±55) mm.



## 04 High-precision main spindle for Heavy-duty Cutting and High Quality



The main spindle is designed with the same structure often found in larger sized machines. The combination of double cylindrical roller bearings and angular contact ball bearings leads to excellent heavy duty cutting performance.

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# HURCO CNC LATHE – CONSIDERATIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

By Michael Cope, Senior Applications Engineer & Product Specialist at Hurco Companies, Inc.

When purchasing a CNC lathe, there are several questions that you need to ask yourself before you begin the process. Some of these questions will be quite obvious: How much axis travel do I need? What size chuck should I look for? How many tool stations are on the turret? What is the spindle bore size, etc.? However, there are other specifications that are just as important, but not always so obvious: What is the maximum swing distance that my work will require? What is the maximum turning diameter necessary for my family of parts? What kind of spindle horsepower and torque will my type of work consume? The first set of questions above is relatively easy to answer, but the second group requires a better understanding of lathes in general.

I am often amazed at the number of highly skilled CNC machinists and operators who can accomplish almost anything on a milling machine, but who are very uneasy and intimidated around a lathe because they don't really understand the meaning of basic lathe terminology. That is the purpose of this article. I will try to clarify the meaning and benefit of a few of the "not-so-obvious" features that exist on a typical lathe spec sheet, and attempt to clarify their definition and explain why they might be an important consideration when purchasing a CNC lathe.

**Maximum Turning Diameter:** This simply indicates the largest size of part that can be turned on the machine – using standard length tooling – without interference or collision with guarding or other machine components.



With the X-axis retracted all the way positive, what size of part can be turned safely, as it relates to X-axis travels of the machine tool. For example: if you are looking at a machine with a max turning diameter of 16", and the

parts that you run on a regular basis are 15" in diameter or larger, then you would probably want to look at a machine with a larger maximum turning diameter.

Even though, in our example above, the part would technically "fit" in this case, you must realize that you are running on the very edge of the envelope, and if you had to hang a tool out of the turret farther than normal – for one reason or another – you would likely NOT have enough X-axis travel to accommodate the part.

**Maximum Swing:** Refers to the largest diameter part that can be spun in the chuck without mechanical interference with guarding, cross-slide, or other machine components located near the chucking area. Depending on the style and design of the machine tool in question, this value could be larger than the maximum turning diameter mentioned above, however this does NOT mean that you can turn a part larger than that specified in the maximum turning diameter specification.

**Horsepower & Torque:** Horsepower and torque are obvious considerations when purchasing a new machine, but their necessity may not be so obvious in all cases. If you are running work such as castings and forgings,



drilling large diameter holes in steel, or generally turning features on large diameter parts, then horsepower and torque are going to be very important to you, and you should be certain that the machine in question has enough for your application. However, if you are more focused on high production or general turning of small to medium sized parts, then spindle RPM may become more important than power in your case.

Just as we have seen in the milling arena over the past several years, high-speed machining is quickly making its way into turning as well. As the technology of turning tooling is advancing, and through the tool coolant options are more prevalent, the principles of cutting shallower but faster are becoming more common. Spindle speed, rapid traverse, and maximum programmable feed rates become much more important than sheer horsepower and torque.

**Maximum Turning Length:** Very similar to the maximum turning diameter, this specification indicates the longest part that can be turned based on the mechanical limitations and axis travels of the machine tool. Keep in mind – the effective maximum turning length, for a particular part, can be less than specified by the use of larger or deeper chucks, or tooling that sticks out from the face of the turret farther than what is considered "normal". In both cases you would be introducing the possibility for mechanical interferences – which would restrict the length of the part that could be machined, even though the physical travels and limits of the machine have not been changed.

## Bed design

Now let's discuss the ins and outs of the two main bed designs – the true slant bed and the flatbed "flying wedge" configurations.

First we will dive into the *true slant bed* design. Unlike the flatbed *flying wedge* design – where the *slant* is achieved by the addition of a bolt-on wedge that is mounted on the cross slide – the true slant bed machine casting is manufactured with the slant built in. This not only offers more rigidity and thermal stability, but also proves to give the casting more overall mass, and means you have a much heavier machine with a smaller footprint. Typically the true slant bed design is offered in one of two slant angles, 30 degree and 45 degree, but there are also some 60 degree models available.



There are many advantages to the true slant bed design, and it is probably the most common configuration in modern CNC lathes. One of the most well-known and obvious advantages to the true slant bed is better chip evacuation. As the chips are created during the machining process, they are immediately washed down toward the chip bed by gravity and the

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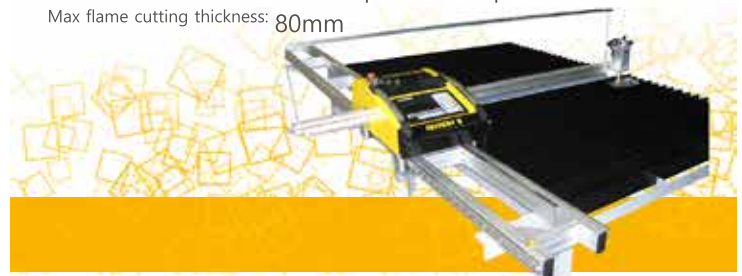
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normal flow of the coolant. This keeps chips from accumulating on flat surfaces, which not only helps control the chips in high volume production applications, but can also aid in prolonging the overall life of a machine – by reducing undue wear on the ways and other moving parts.

Another advantage to the true slant design is larger X-axis travels. Unlike the flatbed lathes where guide rail length is limited to the horizontal depth of the casting, the true slant bed design allows for longer X-axis rails. Just like in a square box, the straight sides of the box are one specific length, but the angular distance from one corner to the other is much longer. The same is true for the slant bed casting design which obviously means a larger part capacity in a smaller machine footprint. Although the *flying wedge* design, with the bolt-on slant, can also offer some increased X-axis travels over traditional flatbed machines, it can also magnify the lack of rigidity that is present in the bolt-on approach. You just cannot substitute for a sturdy casting design.

Thermal dynamics are also a big consideration in any machining process. The angular configuration of the base casting, and extended X-axis guideways, also offer better rigidity and part accuracies. Since the linear rails are longer, the base saddle casting that carries the turret can also be longer, providing a much sturdier base of support for the turret. And as the machine components begin to heat-up during the machining process, the headstock, tailstock and cross slide will all begin to grow along the same 30, 45, or 60 degree plane as the X-axis – unlike the flatbed *flying wedge* design, where the X-axis is mounted on a slant, but the rest of the machine components are mounted on the horizontal flatbed plane.



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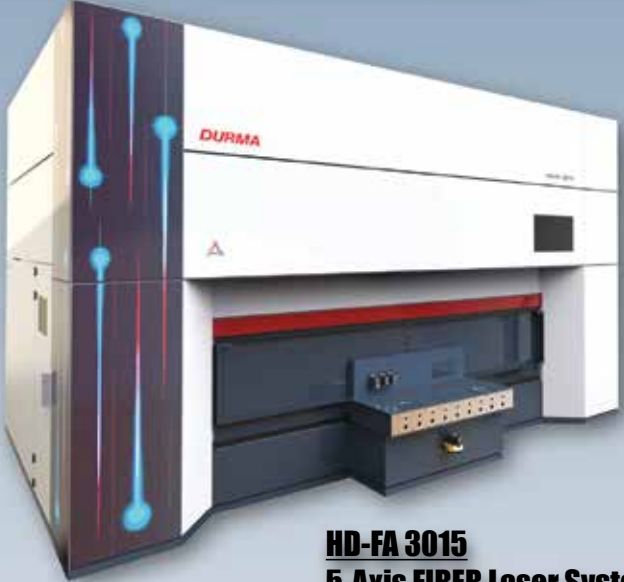
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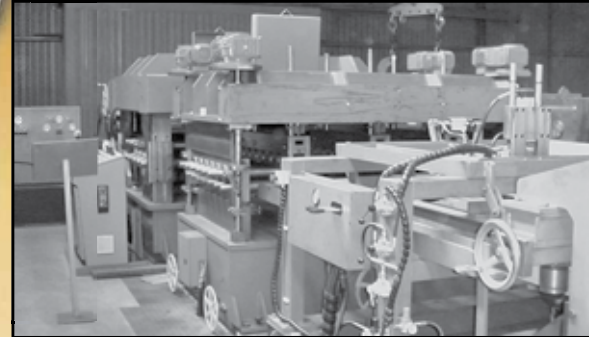
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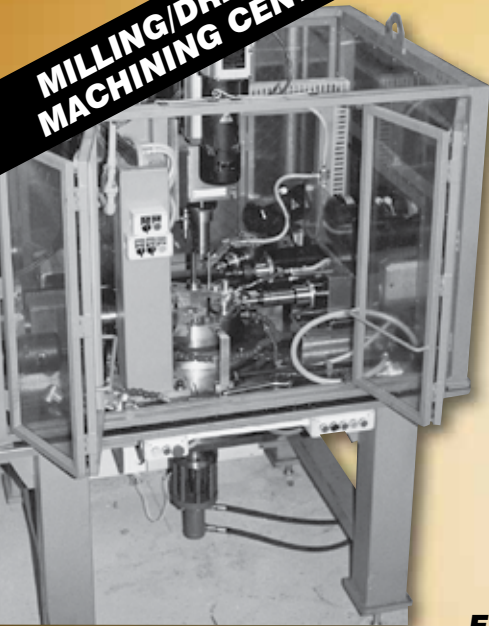
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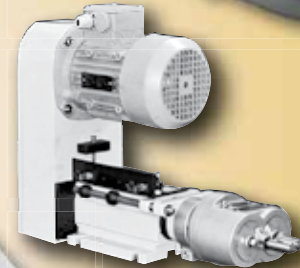


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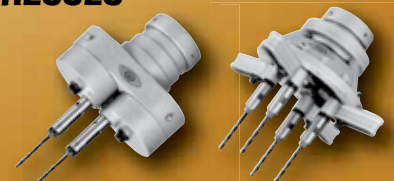
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