

Application Tips

Tool	• Whenever possible, select an end mill with the largest diameter, shortest flute length, and shortest overall length for the best rigidity • Long flute tools are not intended for pocketing, slotting, or heavy profiling – limit Rw to .02D • High Performance tools minimize cycle time and extend tool life
Tool Holders	• Holders with adequate gripping pressure and TIR are required • Stub holders or zero length collet style holders are recommended for heavy stock removal • When using solid holders, hand ground screw flats are not recommended
Workpiece	• Secure clamping of the workpiece will reduce chatter and deflection
Machine	• Spindle must be in optimum condition for precise TIR and maximum tool life • Sufficient horsepower is required to perform at recommended speeds and feeds • Reduce rates for low power machines to prevent workpiece and / or tool damage
Coolant	• Avoid re-milling chips through use of air blast or liquid coolant as necessary • Maintain clean coolant with appropriate concentration • General recommendations: –Water Soluble Oil or Air Blast: Tool Steels, Mold & Die Steels, Carbon or Alloy Steels –Water Soluble Oil: Stainless Steels, Titanium, High Temperature Alloys, Non-Ferrous Alloys
Methods	• Climb milling is generally preferred • Attention to programming details, tool holders, TIR, balance, fixturing, etc. improve cutting tool performance and extend tool life