

M5B90 aluminium cutter Face milling

The challenge

Aluminium is a notoriously difficult material to cut, and using conventional milling cutters often results in poor quality finish and burring. These cutters also require lengthy set-up processes and are limited by irregular tool wear, shortened tool life and long cycle times.

The solution: M5B90 – a new type of face milling cutter

Stable and burr-free face milling

M5B90 is more like a rotary broach than a milling tool. It comprises a single custom-made tool containing several standard inserts. It is this unique axial and radial positioning of the inserts which allows chips to be cut efficiently without any burring.

Burring is often unavoidable with conventional milling cutters due to the depth of cut. M5B90 inserts each remove only the depth of cut per insert, which is effectively a radial step of 1/100 mm. Due to this minute stock removal with each insert, M5B90 results in burr-free milling.



The unique radial and axial positioning of M5B90 inserts. Shown is a custom-made design with nine inserts and one wiper.



Each radial step is minute resulting in no chips forming and consequently no burring.

Advantages of M5B90



Outstanding surface finish

M5B90 includes only a small number of inserts, one of which is a wiper. This wiper works differently to the cutting inserts and ensures excellent surface quality on every cut, even at high feed rates.

High feed

As the M5B90 cutter body is custom-made to your specifications and the standard inserts are fixed, no adjustment or indexing is needed. M5B90 arrives ready to use without requiring any set-up. This means higher feed rate, shorter cycle times and greater productivity.

Greatly extended tool life

The unique positioning of the M5B90 inserts into the tip seat delivers a broaching-like effect during operations, resulting in burr-free milling. This prevents uneven tool wear and leads to a much superior tool life, even at high feed rates.

MQL coolant

M5B90 is suitable for both minimum quantity lubrication and flood applications, making it both an environmental and costefficient choice.

Low weight cutter body

M5B90 is constructed with either a steel body or an aluminium and steel body to meet hard-wearing, yet low weight requirements.

Customer case

A Spanish manufacturer of cylinder heads for passenger car engines asked Sandvik Coromant for help. The machining process was unstable and the manufacturer had problems with burr. Another problem was the unpredictable insert tool life, which depended on the cartridge adjustments that differed slightly from set-up to set-up.

Challenge

Provide a stable and burr-free machining process with predictable insert tool life.

Solution

M5B90 offered a smooth finishing operation with predictable wear and no burr.

Only very thin chips are produced by the cutter, which are easily removed during the cutting process. This avoids damage to the component face.

	Existing cutter	M5B90	
Number of teeth, Z _n	16	9	15 000
Cutting speed, v _c m/min (ft/min)	3140 (10.302)	3800 (12.467)	+15 000
Spindle speed, <i>n</i> r/min	5000	6000	Components!
Feed rate, v _f mm/min (in/min)	8280 (326)	9000 (354)	
Depth of cut, a _p mm (inch)	0.5 (0.02)	0.5 (0.02)	
Tool life	30000 components on average	45000 components on average	



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