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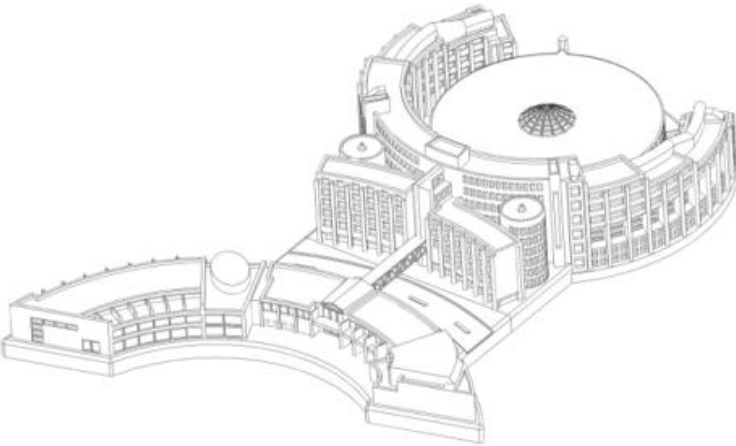
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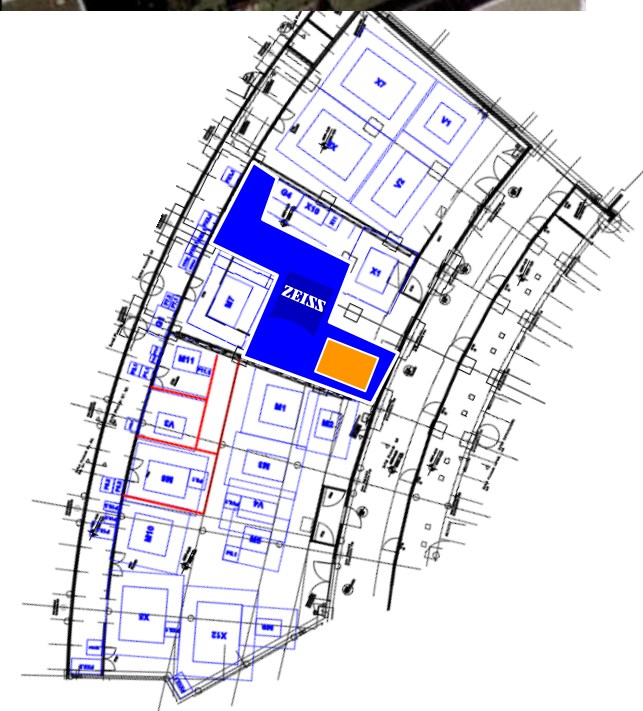
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- 20 scientific staff, 2 technicians
- 50 - 60 student assistants
- 11 machine tools for micro-manufacturing
- 10 measurement devices for micro-manufacturing applications





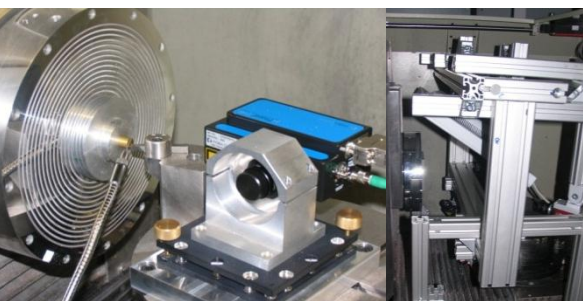
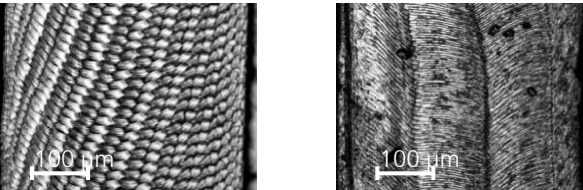
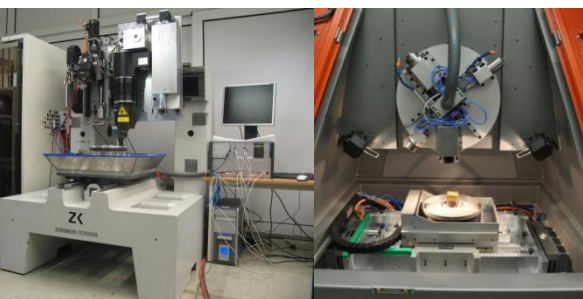
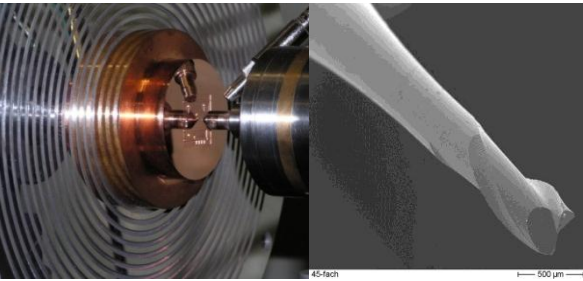
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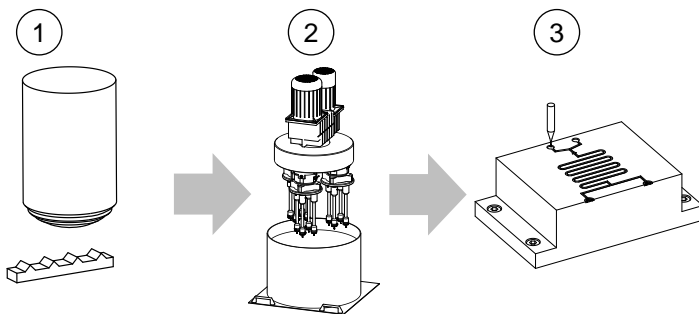
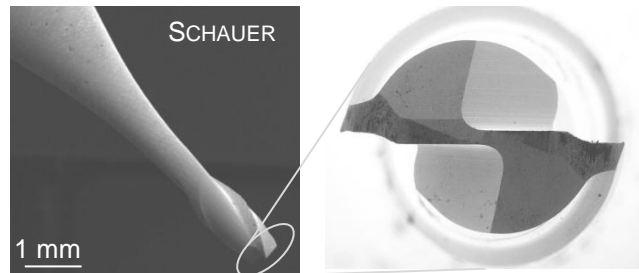
- High precision laboratory ($20^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0,5^{\circ}\text{C}$)
 - HP-machining (micro milling and micro grinding)
 - Electro-discharge machining (EDM)
 - Laser ablation
- Ultra-precision laboratory ($20^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0,1^{\circ}\text{C}$)
 - UP-machining
 - Zeiss application center
 - measurement devices for micro production
- Process development laboratory
 - Coating technologies
 - Development and assembly of prototypes
 - small test stands



Micro Production Technology

- Development and investigation of micro-manufacturing processes
 - Micro milling
 - EDM
 - Ultra precision drilling and milling
- Development and improvement of tools
- Development of new machine tool concepts for micro-manufacturing processes
- Optimization of micro production processes and development of process chains
- Integration of measurement devices in machine tools for micro-manufacturing processes





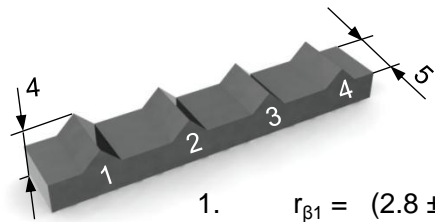
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RISSE, K.: Einflüsse von Werkzeugdurchmesser und Schneidkantenverrundung beim Bohren mit Wendelbohrern in Stahl. Berichte aus der Produktionstechnik Hrsg.: KLOCKE, F. Aachen: Shaker Verlag, 2006.

Cutting Edge Preparation of Micro Milling Tools

- Micro milling with tool diameters of $D \leq 1$ mm can be used for the production of precision components e.g. for die and mould fabrication.
- After the optimization of the tool geometry by SCHAUER tool wear is usually the main reason for the failure of cemented carbide micro end mills.
- The wear behavior leads to unpredictable tool life and quality of the workpieces.
- An approach to improve the tool wear performance is a defined cutting edge preparation as shown by RISSE with small drilling tools ($D = 1$ mm).
- For the optimization of micro milling tools knowledge in the following areas is necessary:

- (1) Measurement of cutting edge geometries
- (2) Influence of the parameters and lapping media in the preparation pro.
- (3) Influence of the cutting edge geometrie in the milling process



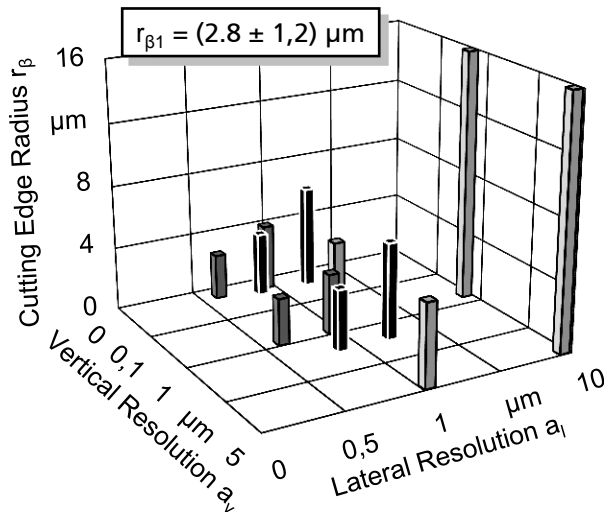
1. $r_{\beta 1} = (2.8 \pm 1.2) \mu\text{m}$
2. $r_{\beta 2} = (9.6 \pm 0.6) \mu\text{m}$
3. $r_{\beta 3} = (21.3 \pm 0.5) \mu\text{m}$
4. $r_{\beta 4} = (33.6 \pm 0.5) \mu\text{m}$

Settings:

Exposure H: 500 lx μs
 Contrast K: 0,3
 Light Source: 100 %
 Gain: 100 %
 Polarization: off

Edges Measuring Module:

Number of Profiles: 20
 Measurement Range: 100 %



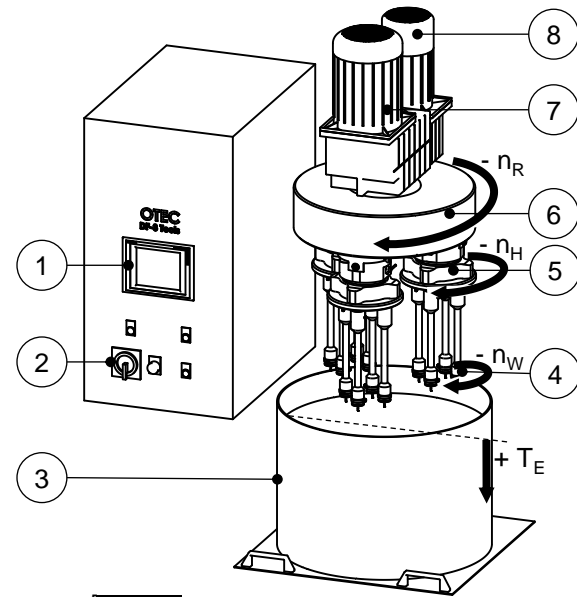
Measurement of Cutting Edge Geometries

- Production (IPK) and calibration (METAS) of a test standard.
- Based on a comparison of measuring devices, the system InfinitFocus of the company Alicona was selected:
 - Small systematic errors and measurement uncertainty even at radii $r_{\beta} < 10 \mu\text{m}$.
 - Short measurement times and good operability.
- Analysis of the measurement settings:
 - The resolution and the location of the measurement object have a significant influence on the measurement result.
- Definition of a measurement strategy and transfer to micro milling tools.

DF 3 Tools

OTEC Präzisionsfinish GmbH, Straubenhardt, Germany

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (1) Machine Control, | (5) Holder of the Workpiece Holders, |
| (2) Main Switch, | (6) Rotor, |
| (3) Working Container, | (7) Main Drive, |
| (4) Workpiece Holders, | (8) Second Drive |

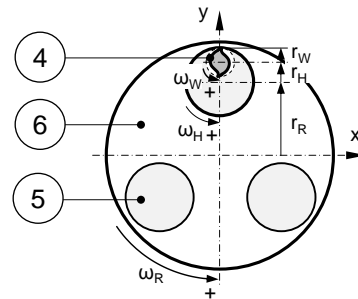


$$v_{res} = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$$

$$v_x = -r_R \omega_R \sin(\omega_R t) - r_H(\omega_R + \omega_H) \sin(t(\omega_R + \omega_H)) \\ - r_W(\omega_R + \omega_H + \omega_W) \sin(t(\omega_R + \omega_H + \omega_W))$$

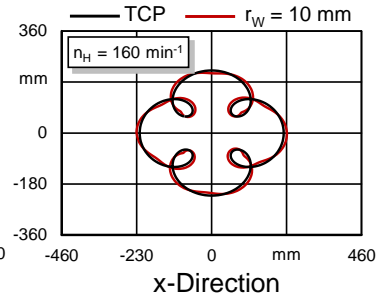
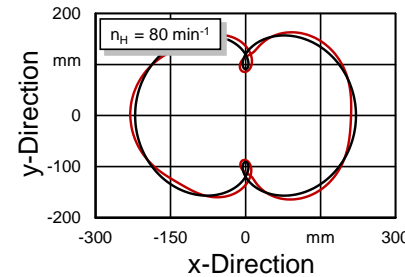
$$v_y = r_R \omega_R \cos(\omega_R t) + r_H(\omega_R + \omega_H) \cos(t(\omega_R + \omega_H)) \\ + r_W(\omega_R + \omega_H + \omega_W) \cos(t(\omega_R + \omega_H + \omega_W))$$

Cutting Edge Preparation



Parameters:

$$\eta_R = 40 \text{ min}^{-1} \\ DR_R = -1 \\ DR_H = -1$$



- Immersed tumbling is an appropriate process for the cutting edge preparation.
- The workpieces are fixed on holders and immersed in an abrasive lapping medium.
- The material removal is the result of the relative movement between the workpiece and the abrasive lapping medium.
- The material removal mechanisms are mainly caused by ploughing and furrowing due to impacts and rolling of the abrasive grains on the workpiece surface.

Process:
Immersed
Tumbling

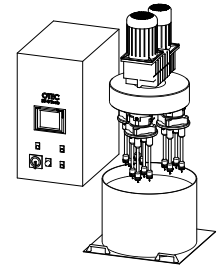
Process Parameters:

$n_R = 40 \text{ min}^{-1}$
 $n_H = 80 \text{ min}^{-1}$
 $T_E = 100 \text{ mm}$
 $i_W = 1$

Workpiece:
Two Flute End Mills
Cemented Carbide
No Coating
Diameter $D = 1 \text{ mm}$

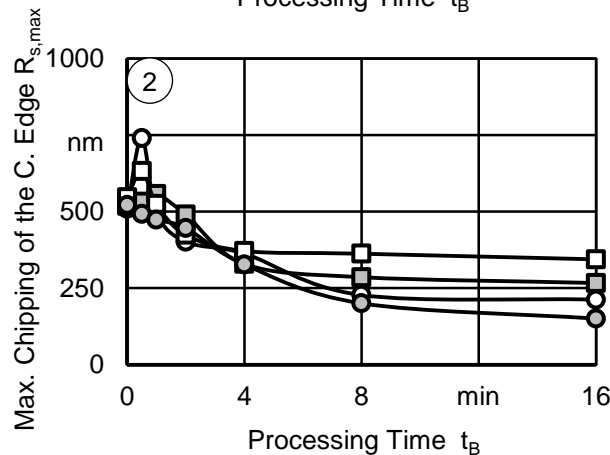
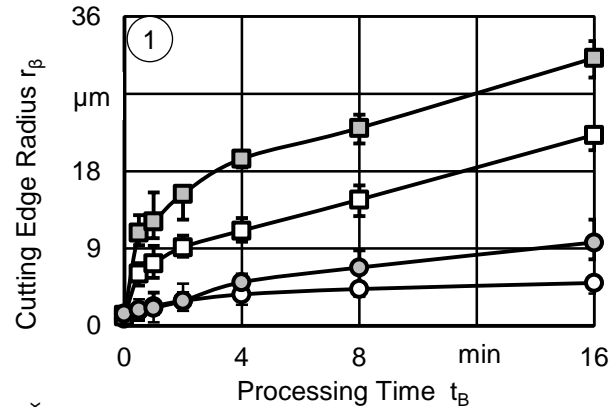
Lapping Medium:

■ QZ 0.5-0.8
□ HSC 1/300
● H 4/400
○ M 4/400

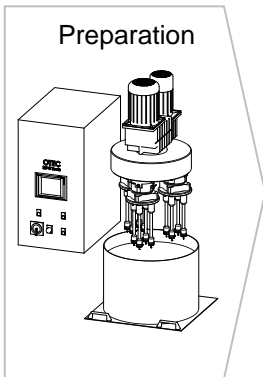
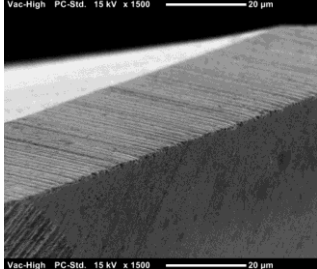
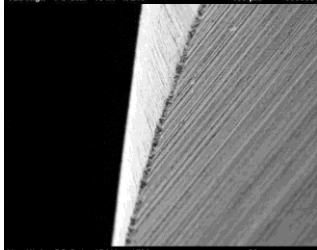
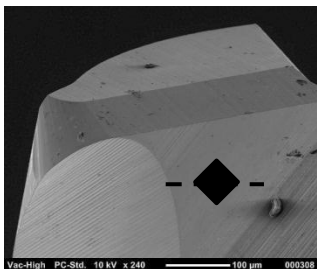


Cutting Edge Preparation

- The highest cutting edge radii r_β could be reached using of the lapping medium QZ 0.5-0.8.
- Very low and smooth radii r_β could be manufactured using the lapping media H 4/400 and M 4/400.
- For example, when using the lapping medium H 4/400 the cutting edge radius r_β is $r_\beta = 5.1 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ after a processing time of $t_B = 4 \text{ min}$.
- The investigations showed that the processing time t_B is mainly responsible for the size of the cutting edge radius r_β .
- The choice of the lapping medium determines the chipping of the cutting edge R_s .



Unprepared:
 $r_\beta = 2 \pm 1.2 \mu\text{m}$
 $R_{s,\text{max}} = 0.5 \pm 0.1 \mu\text{m}$



Process:
 Immersed Tumbling

Process Parameters:

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 $n_H = 40 \text{ min}^{-1}$
 $i_W = 1$

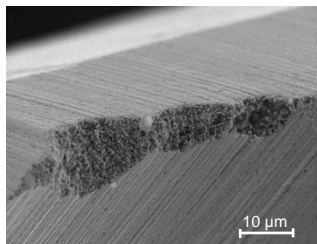
Workpiece:

Two Flute End Mills
 Cemented Carbide
 No Coating
 Diameter $D = 1 \text{ mm}$

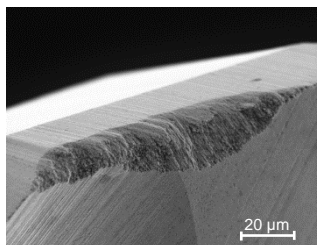
Cutting Edge Preparation

Processing Time: $t_B = 0.5 \text{ min}$ $T_E = 70 \text{ mm, DR} = +$	Processing Time: $t_B = 4 \text{ min}$ $T_E = 70 \text{ mm, DR} = +$	Processing Time: $t_B = 12 \text{ min}$ $T_E = 100 \text{ mm, DR} = -$	Processing Time: $t_B = 18 \text{ min}$ $T_E = 100 \text{ mm, DR} = -$
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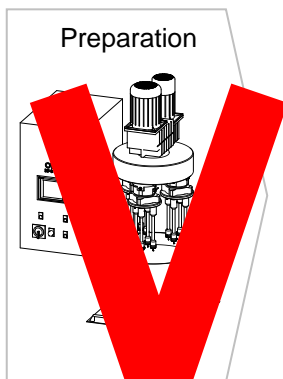
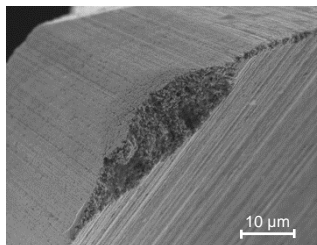
Minor cutting edge



Minor cutting edge



Corner



Process:
Immerse

Process parameters:

$n_R = \dots \text{min}^{-1}$

$n_H = \dots \text{min}^{-1}$

$i_W = \dots$

Workpiece:

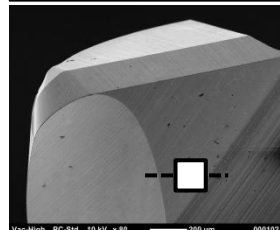
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Cemented Carbide

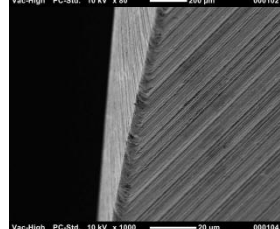
No Coating

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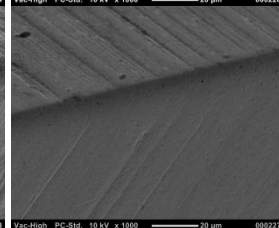
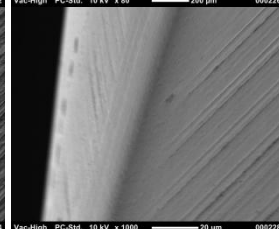
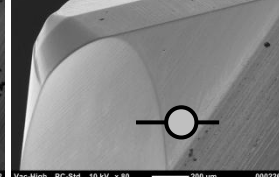
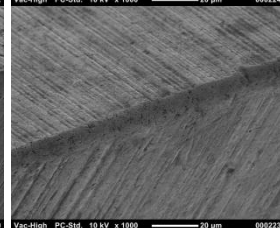
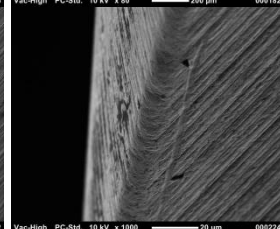
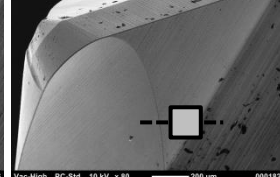
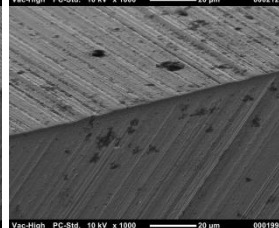
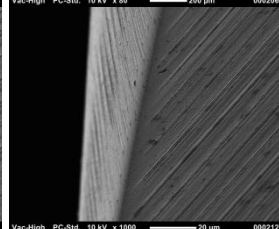
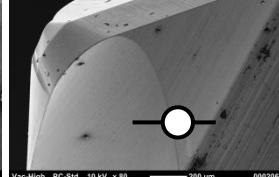
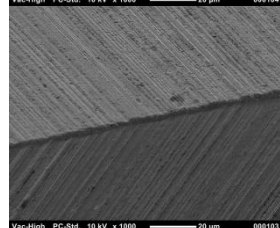
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Major cutting edge



Minor cutting edge



Cutting Edge Preparation

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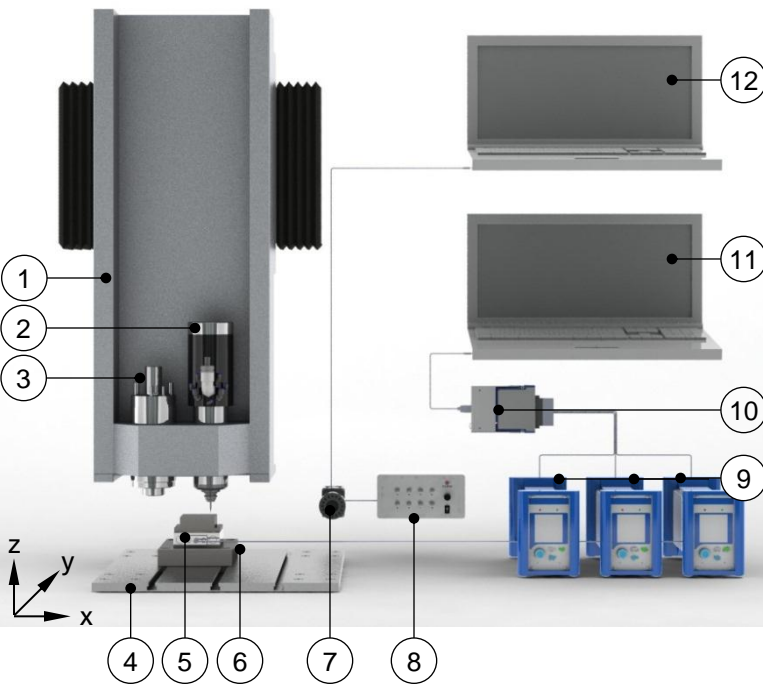
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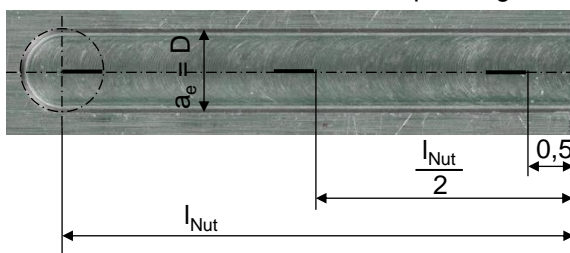
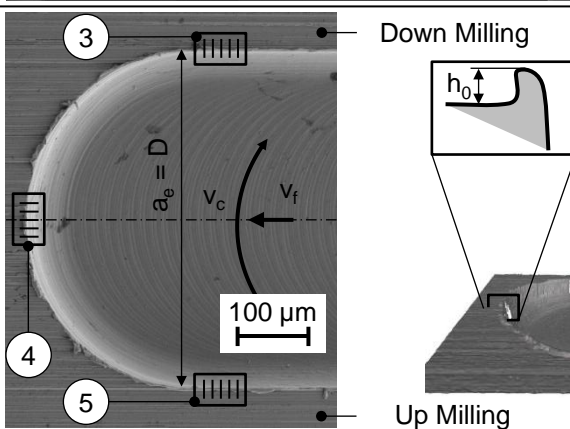
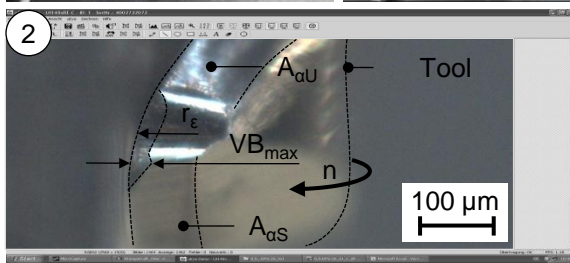
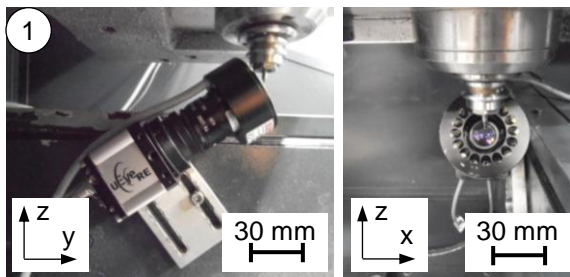
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Micro Milling with Different Cutting Edge Geometries – Experimental Setup



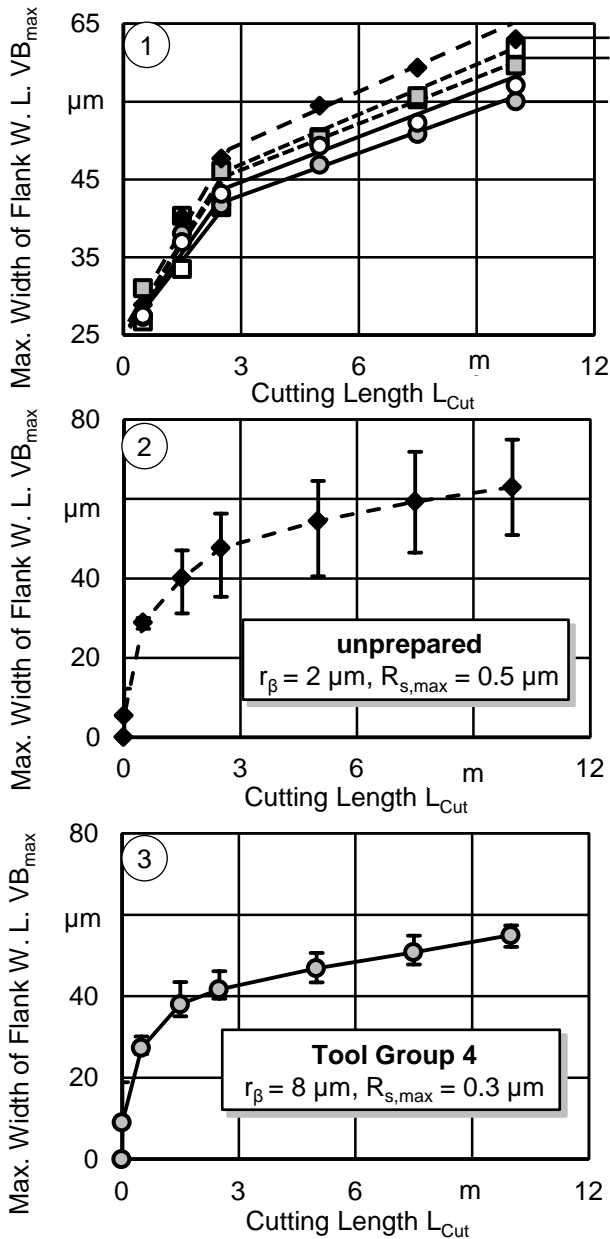
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| (1) Headstock, | (7) Camera System, |
| (2) Spindle No. 1, | (8) Light Control, |
| (3) Spindle No. 2, | (9) Charge Amplifier, |
| (4) Machine Table, | (10) A/D-Converter, |
| (5) 3-Component Dynamometer, | (11) Force Measurement Computer, |
| (6) Interface, | (12) Wear Measurement Computer |

- **Milling experiments:**
Wissner Gamma 303 High Performance
 - Two spindles: $50000 \leq n \leq 150000 \text{ U min}^{-1}$; $10000 \leq n \leq 60000 \text{ U min}^{-1}$
 - Position accuracy: $2 \text{ } \mu\text{m} / 350 \text{ mm}$
- **Camera system for direct detection of tool wear:**
 μ -Eye Camera and Pentax lens
 - The system provides the possibility to capture the cutting edge and to measure the width of flank wear land VB without unclamping the tools
- **Piezoelectric dynamometer for the indirect tool condition assessment:**
Kistler MiniDyn Type 9256C2
 - High dynamic force measurement (100 kHz) $-250 \text{ N} \leq F \leq 250 \text{ N}$

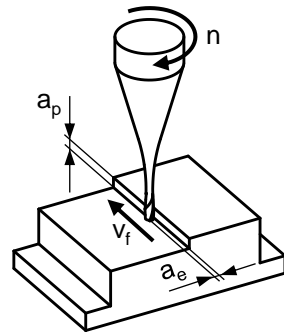


Micro Milling with Different Cutting Edge Geometries – Evaluation of the Experiments

- Maximum width of flank wear land VB_{max}
 - Detection of the flank wear land at fixed intervals in the machine by the integrated camera system
 - Detecting of the flank wear land at the end of the experiments with an optical measuring device from Alicona
 - Measuring the width of flank wear land VB using an image processing program
- Workpiece quality: Burr height and surface roughness
 - Optical measurement of the burr height h_0 at three measuring positions by Alicona InfiniteFocus
 - 3 measurement positions with 5 profiles each
 - Tactile roughness measurement by Hommel Nanoscan 855
 - 3 measuring positions with 3 repetitions



Micro Milling with Different Cutting Edge Geometries – Wear



Process:
Micro Milling

Process Parameters:
 $n = 31800 \text{ min}^{-1}$
 $v_c = 100 \text{ m min}^{-1}$
 $f_z = 15 \mu m$
 $a_p = 100 \mu m$
 $a_e = 100 \mu m$

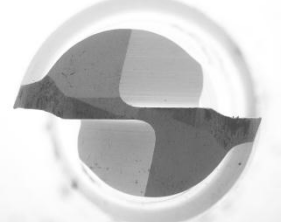

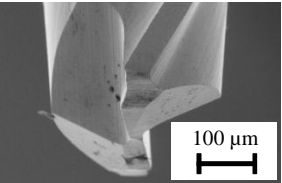
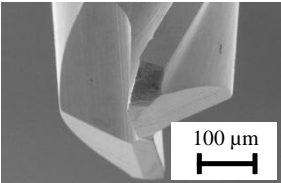
Tools:
Two Flute End Mills
Cemented Carbide
No Coating
Diameter $D = 1 \text{ mm}$

Workpiece Material:
M261, BÖHLER
HV 10 = 267 kN mm^{-2}

unp. —◆— $r_\beta = 2 \mu m$, $R_{s,max} = 0.5 \mu m$
T. 1 —□— $r_\beta = 4 \mu m$, $R_{s,max} = 0.4 \mu m$
T. 2 —○— $r_\beta = 4 \mu m$, $R_{s,max} = 0.3 \mu m$
T. 3 —■— $r_\beta = 8 \mu m$, $R_{s,max} = 0.4 \mu m$
T. 4 —●— $r_\beta = 8 \mu m$, $R_{s,max} = 0.3 \mu m$

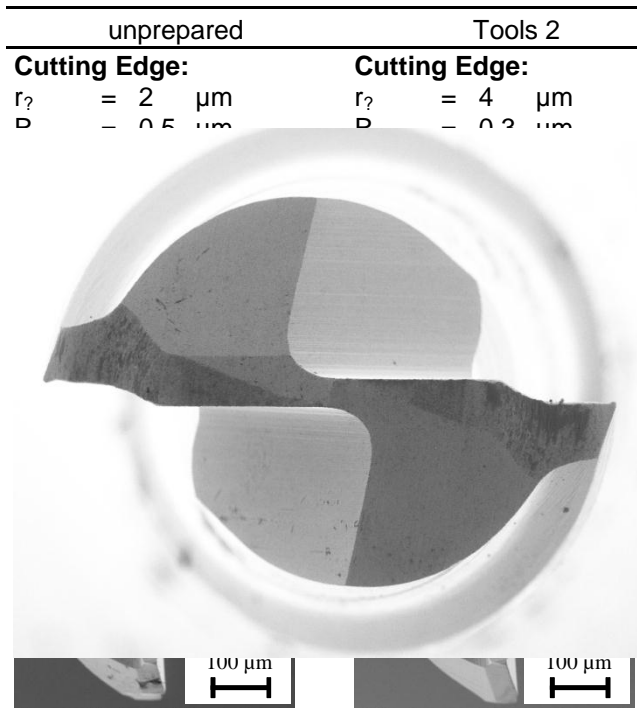
- Overall the end mills of the group T. 4 showed the lowest maximum width of flank wear land VB_{max} .
 - Reduction of wear by 14 % (max. 30,5 %)
 - Decrease of the tool wear variance up to 92 %
- The results show that the chipping of the cutting edge R_s has a greater influence in comparison to the size of the cutting edge radius r_β .

Micro Milling with Different Cutting Edge Geometries – Wear

unprepared	Tools 2
Cutting Edge:	Cutting Edge:
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$R_{s,max} = 0.5 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$	$R_{s,max} = 0.3 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
Process Parameters:	Process Parameters:
$f_z = 5.9 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$	$f_z = 5.9 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
$v_c = 40 \text{ m min}^{-1}$	$v_c = 40 \text{ m min}^{-1}$
Width of Flank Wear:	Width of Flank Wear:
$VB_{max} = 71 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$	$VB_{max} = 68 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
	
	

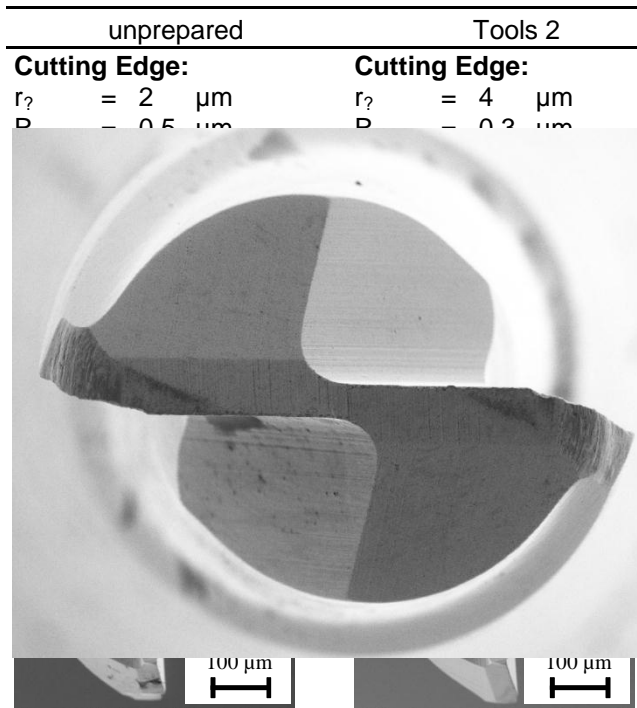
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- The end mills which were machined by immersed tumbling showed no crater wear after the same cutting length L_{Cut} .

Micro Milling with Different Cutting Edge Geometries – Wear



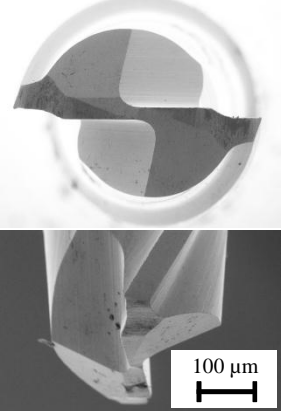
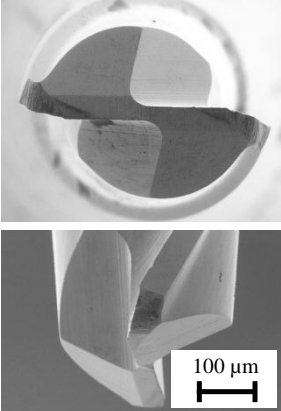
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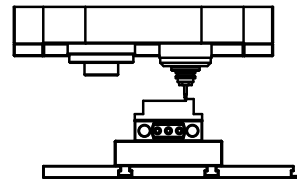
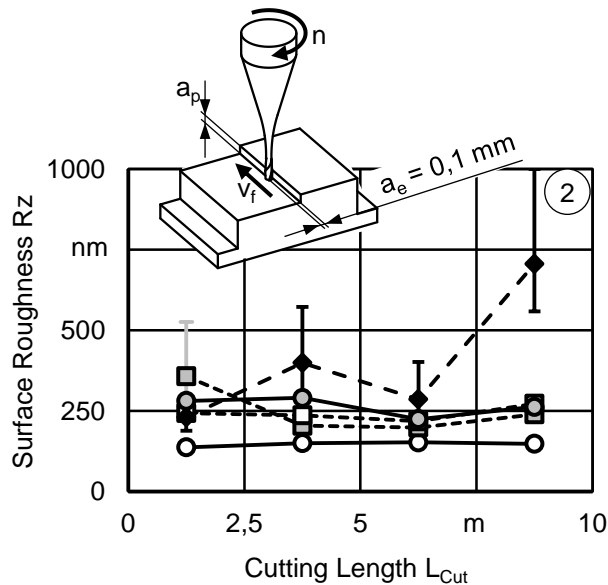
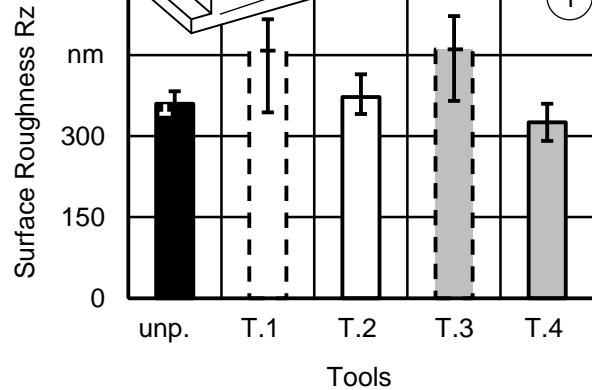
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Micro Milling with Different Cutting Edge Geometries – Wear

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Cutting Edge: $r_2 = 2 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ $R_{s,max} = 0.5 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ Process Parameters: $f_z = 5.9 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ $v_c = 40 \text{ m min}^{-1}$ Width of Flank Wear: $VB_{max} = 71 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$	Cutting Edge: $r_2 = 4 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ $R_{s,max} = 0.3 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ Process Parameters: $f_z = 5.9 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ $v_c = 40 \text{ m min}^{-1}$ Width of Flank Wear: $VB_{max} = 68 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
	

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Micro Milling with Different Cutting Edge Geometries – Surface Roughness



Process:
Micro Milling

Process Parameters:
 $n = 31800 \text{ min}^{-1}$
 $v_c = 100 \text{ m min}^{-1}$
 $f_z = 15 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
 $a_p = 100 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$

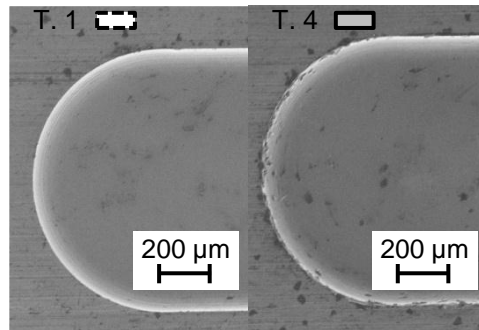
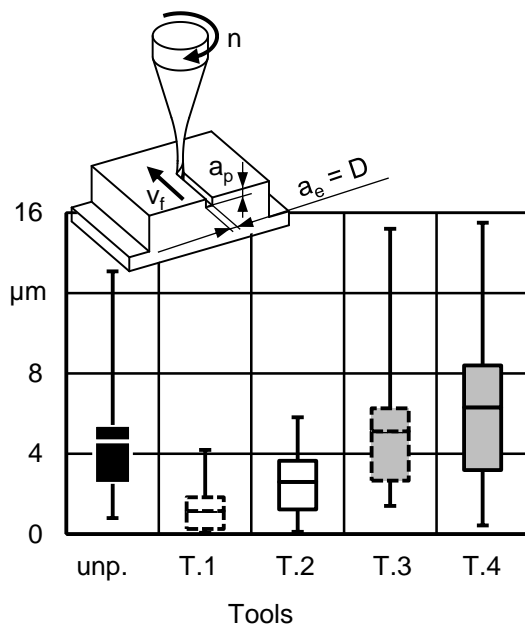
Tools:
 Two Flute End Mills
 Cemented Carbide
 No Coating
 Diameter $D = 1 \text{ mm}$

Workpiece Material:
 M261, BÖHLER
 $HV_{10} = 267 \text{ kN mm}^{-2}$

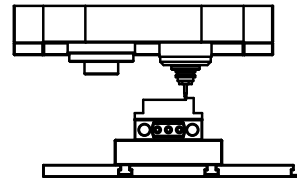
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unp.	$r_\beta = 2 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$	$R_{s,max} = 0,5 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$		
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T. 3	$r_\beta = 8 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$	$R_{s,max} = 0,4 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$		
T. 4	$r_\beta = 8 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$	$R_{s,max} = 0,3 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$		

- The increase of the cutting edge radius r_β does not results in an increase of the surface roughness R_z when "smooth" cutting edges are used.
- Consistent results are achieved with prepared tools through a cutting length of $L_{Cut} = 10 \text{ m}$.
 - Tool group 2 showed the lowest surface roughness R_z .

Burr Height h_0



Micro Milling with Different Cutting Edge Geometries – Burr Height



Process:
Micro Milling

Process Parameters:
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 $f_z = 15 \text{ μm}$
 $a_p = 100 \text{ μm}$

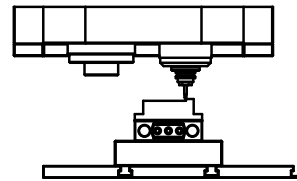
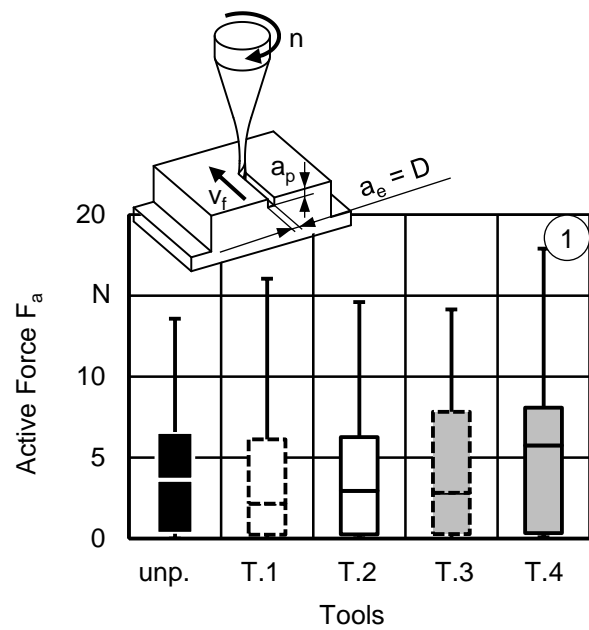
Tools:
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 Cemented Carbide
 No Coating
 Diameter $D = 1 \text{ mm}$

Workpiece Material:
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T. 3	$r_\beta = 8 \text{ μm}$,	$R_{s,max} = 0,4 \text{ μm}$	
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- A reduction of the chipping of the cutting edge R_s has caused an increase of the burr height h_0 of 30% in the experiments.
- When using the prepared tools an increase of the cutting edge radius r_β has led to a significant increase of the burr height h_0 .

Micro Milling with Different Cutting Edge Geometries – Active Force



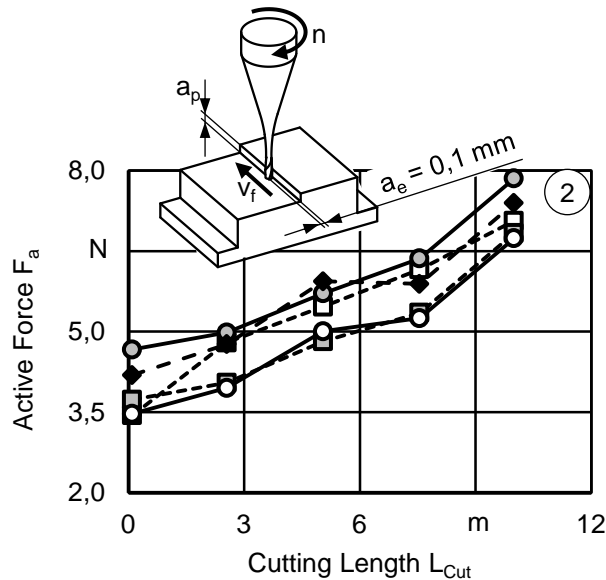
Process:
Micro Milling

Process Parameters:
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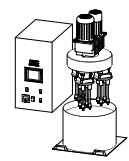
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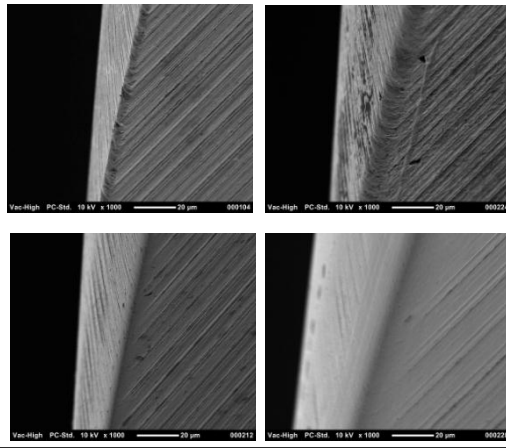
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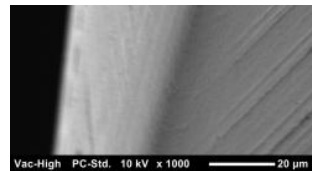
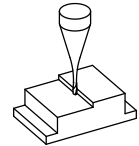
- Higher edge radii r_β lead to higher active forces F_a .
 - Increased resistance to penetration of the cutting edge into the workpiece material.
- Rougher cutting edges result in lower active forces F_a .
 - Reduced surface contact and friction force portions.
- No significantly increased tool strain by a cutting edge preparation.



Lapping Medium

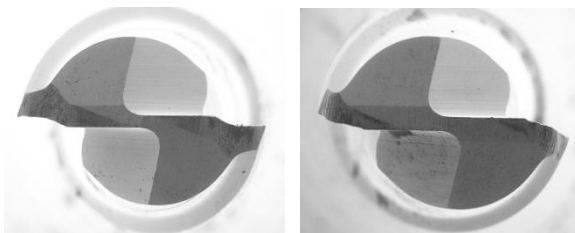


Processing Time t_B



Tool Group 4:

$r_\beta = 8 \pm 1,2 \mu\text{m}$
 $R_{s,\text{max}} = 0,3 \pm 0,1 \mu\text{m}$



Conclusion

■ Immersed tumbling:

- The processing time t_B is mainly responsible for the size of the cutting edge radius r_β and the lapping medium defines the chipping of the edge R_s .
- Cutting edge radii in the range of $4.0 \mu\text{m} \leq r_\beta \leq 31.2 \mu\text{m}$ with a maximum chipping of the cutting edge in the range of $0.3 \mu\text{m} \leq R_{s,\text{max}} \leq 0.4 \mu\text{m}$ were manufactured.

■ Milling experiments:

- End mills with a cutting edge radius of $r_\beta = 8 \mu\text{m}$ and a maximum chipping of the cutting edge $R_{s,\text{max}} = 0.3 \mu\text{m}$ showed overall the lowest maximum width of flank wear land VB_{max} .
- In comparison to unprepared end mills the maximum width of flank wear land VB_{max} could be reduced by 14 % and the variance of the results could be reduced up to 92 %.
- The tools which were prepared by immersed tumbling showed no tendency for crater wear.

Thank you for your attention



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