

# Experimental Determination of Optimum Exchanged Diameter in Internal Grinding

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**Abstract** — This paper introduces an experimental study to determine optimum exchanged diameter in the internal grinding process. In the study, a cost structure for internal grinding was given. In the cost structure, the influences of grinding process parameters including the wheel life, the total dressing depth, the radial grinding wheel wear per dress, and the initial grinding wheel diameter on the exchanged grinding wheel diameter were taken into account. The influences of cost components, including the machine tool hourly rate and the grinding wheel cost, were investigated. Based on the cost structure, the setup, and the experiment's procedure to determine the optimum exchanged diameter were given. From the results of the experiment, the optimum exchanged grinding wheel diameter was found. Grinding with the optimum exchanged diameter, both the grinding cost and grinding time can be reduced considerably.

**Keywords** — Grinding process, internal grinding, grinding, cost optimization

## I. INTRODUCTION

The grinding process and the internal grinding process are the most commonly finishing machining, used for precision sharp, high-quality surface productions. Consequently, the optimization of the grinding process has been subjected to many studies. Until now, a lot of studies have been done for optimization in external cylindrical grinding [1, 2, 3, 4, and 5] or surface grinding [6, 7, and 8]. For the internal grinding process, studies on this topic have been done on off-line optimization for effective determination of the wheel life [9], on online-optimization for optimizing the process and dressing parameters to reduce the grinding time [10], on adaptive process control to increase the efficiency in internal grinding [11] or for determining the optimum exchanged grinding wheel diameter [12].

This paper introduces an experimental work to determine optimum exchanged grinding wheel diameter when the internal grinding tool steel 9CrSi. The optimum exchanged diameter of the grinding wheel for reducing both the grinding cost and grinding time was proposed from the work results.

## II. THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

In internal grinding, the single manufacturing cost per piece  $C_{sin}$  can be calculated as follows:

$$C_{sin} = t_s \cdot C_{mt,h} + C_{gw,p} \quad (1)$$

Where,

$C_{mt,h}$  - Machine tool hourly rate (USD/h) including wages, overhead, and cost of maintenance, etc.;

$C_{gw,p}$  - Grinding wheel cost per workpiece (USD/workpiece);  $C_{gw,p}$  can be calculated by:

$$C_{gw,p} = C_{gw} / n_{p,w} \quad (2)$$

in which,  $C_{gw}$  is the cost of an internal grinding wheel (USD/piece);  $n_{p,w}$  is the total number of workpieces ground by a grinding wheel, and it can be determined by [13]:

$$n_{p,w} = (d_{s,0} - d_{s,e}) \cdot n_{p,d} / [2(\delta_{rs} + a_{ed,ges})] \quad (3)$$

Where  $d_{s,0}$  is the initial grinding wheel diameter (mm);  $d_{s,e}$  is exchanged grinding wheel diameter (mm);  $\delta_{rs}$  is the radial grinding wheel wear per dress (mm/dress);  $a_{ed,ges}$  is total depth of dressing cut (mm);  $n_{p,d}$  is a number of workpieces per dress and is given by:

$$n_{p,d} = t_w / t_c \quad (4)$$

In which,  $t_w$  is wheel life (h) and  $t_c$  is grinding time (h). In internal grinding, the grinding time can be expressed as:

$$t_c = l_w \cdot a_{e,tot} / (v_{fa} \cdot f_r) \quad (5)$$

Where  $a_{e,tot}$  is the total depth of cut (mm),  $l_w$  is the length of a workpiece (mm),  $v_{fa}$  is axial feed speed (mm/min), and  $f_r$  is radial wheel feed (mm/double stroke).

$t_s$  - Manufacturing time includes auxiliary time (h); in the internal grinding process, the manufacturing time can be express as:

$$t_s = t_c + t_{lu} + t_{sp} + t_{d,p} + t_{cw,p} \quad (6)$$

Where,  $t_{lu}$  -time for loading and unloading workpiece (h);  $t_{sp}$  - spark-out time (h);  $t_{d,p}$  -dressing time per piece (h):



$$t_{d,p} = t_d / n_{p,d} \quad (7)$$

With  $t_d$  is dressing time (h); Substituting (4) into (7) we have:

$$t_{d,p} = t_d \cdot t_g / t_w \quad (8)$$

$t_{cw,p}$  is time for changing a grinding wheel per workpiece (h);  $t_{cw,p}$  can be calculated as:

$$t_{cw,p} = t_{cw} / n_{p,w} \quad (9)$$

With  $t_{cw}$  is time for changing the grinding wheel (h).

Substituting (3) into (9), we have

$$t_{cw,p} = 2t_{cw} (\delta_{rs} + a_{ed,ges}) / [n_{p,d} (d_{s,0} - d_{s,e})] \quad (10)$$

$t_c$  - grinding time (h); in internal cylindrical grinding, the grinding time can be calculated as [15]:

$$t_c = \frac{l_w \cdot a_{e,tot}}{v_{fa} \cdot v_{fr}} \quad (11)$$

### III. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND PROCEDURE

#### A. Experimental setup

- Grinding machine MACHT-701 (Fig. 1);
- Grinding wheel 19A 120L 8 ASI T S 1A, Size 23x25x8 (Japan);
- Diamond dresser DKB3E002110;
- Workpiece material: 9CrSi (Fig. 2);
- Workpiece dimensions  $\phi 25 \times \phi 36 \times 22$  (mm<sup>3</sup>);
- Total depth of dressing cut: 0.15 (mm) including for medium finish 4 times 0.03 (mm); for fine finish 3 times 0.01 (mm) and 2 times with the depth of dressing cut equals zero;
- Grinding regimes (based on [12]): the grinding wheel speed  $n_w = 12.000$  (rpm.); the work feed  $v_f = 150$  (rpm.); the axial feed speed  $v_{fa} = 70$  (mm/min.); the radial wheel feed  $f_r = 0.0025$  (mm/double stroke);

From the above analysis, to determine the cost of the internal grinding process, it is required to conduct experiments to determine the parameters mentioned, such as the grinding time, the wheel life, the number of workpieces per dress...



Fig. 1: Grinding machine



Fig. 2: Workpieces

#### B. Experimental procedure

The experiment was conducted as follows: Grinding at 5 values of grinding wheel diameters, including  $\phi 20$ ,  $\phi 18$ ,  $\phi 16$ ,  $\phi 15$ , and  $\phi 13$ . Before grinding, dressing with the above regime was carried out. The grinding time, the dressing time, and the time for loading and unloading workpiece were determined in the experiment. To find the wheel life, with each grinding wheel diameter value, the grinding time was taken longer than the wheel life. Also, after grinding, the measurement of the surface roughness was performed. The wheel life is determined based on the surface roughness measurement results for comparing with the requirement.

### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

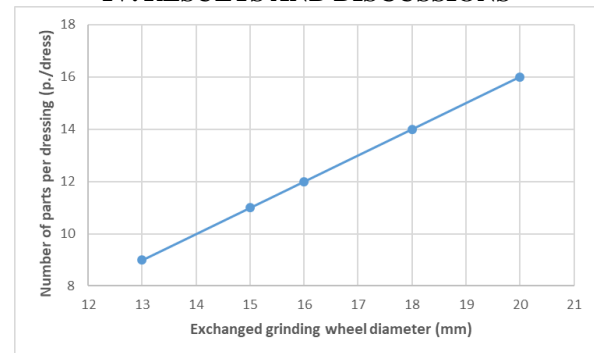


Fig. 3: Number of parts per dressing

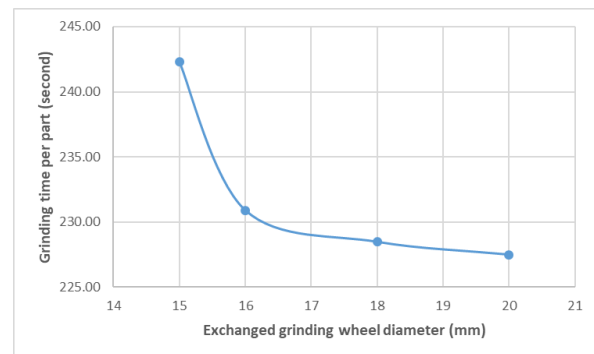


Fig. 4: Grinding time versus exchanged grinding wheel diameter

Fig. 3 shows the relation between the exchanged grinding wheel diameter and the average number of parts per dressing. From Fig. 3, it is clear that the number of parts per dressing depends significantly on the initial grinding wheel diameter. That means the wheel life depends on the exchanged grinding wheel diameter. Fig. 4 presents the relationship between the exchanged diameter and grinding time. It was found that when the exchanged grinding wheel diameter goes up, the grinding time goes down.

The relation between the exchanged diameter and the grinding cost per part was shown in Fig. 5. It was noticed that the grinding cost depends on the exchanged grinding wheel diameter. In addition, there is an optimum value of the exchanged diameter at which the grinding cost gets minimum (Fig. 5). Interestingly, the optimum diameter was much larger than the traditionally exchanged diameter. In this work, the optimum diameter was about 15.3 mm (Fig. 5), while the traditionally exchanged diameter was 13 mm. In addition, with the optimum diameter, the grinding cost per piece was 0.3215 (USD/p.) when it was 0.355 (USD/p.) with the traditionally exchanged diameter (13 mm). Consequently, in this case, grinding with an optimum diameter can reduce the grinding cost for:

$$\frac{(0.355 - 0.3215) \cdot 100}{0.355} = 9.44\%$$

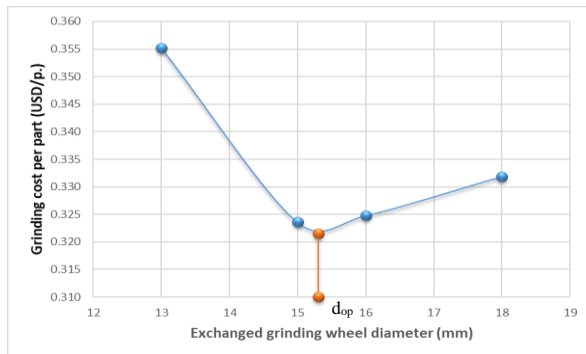


Fig. 5: Grinding cost versus exchanged grinding wheel diameter

## V. CONCLUSIONS

An experimental study on the optimization of internal grinding was performed. In the study, the cost structures for the internal grinding process were analyzed. An experiment was set up to determine the optimum exchanged diameter to get the minimum

grinding cost. The effects of exchanged diameter on the grinding process results, such as the wheel life, the grinding time, and the grinding cost, were calculated from the experiment results. Also, the value of the optimum exchanged diameter was found. Grinding with this optimum diameter can save a lot of grinding costs.

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