

**CAUTION: HOT CHIPS!**

The chips produced by ceramic insert tools can be very *HOT!* Remember, your hands are closer to the cutting edge when using miniature machine tools, so use caution.

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**INSERTED TIP CERAMIC TOOL HOLDER****P/N 2265****WARNING**

Ceramic cutting tips may chip or fragment in use. Always use machine guards, protective clothing and safety glasses to prevent burns or other injury to body or eyes from flying particles or chips. Grinding produces hazardous dust. To avoid adverse health effects, use adequate ventilation and read Material Safety Data Sheet for applicable carbide grade first.

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**Use of the Sherline ceramic tool holder**

The 3/8" IC Negative Rake Ceramic Indexable Holder will bring a lot of enjoyment to your machining, particularly if you choose to turn hard or abrasive materials such as tool steel and hardened steel pins or cast iron. The indexable ceramic insert sits on the tool holder at a 5° negative angle. This gives the sides of the cutter clearance even though the insert has square sides. By having square sides, both the top and bottom of the insert can be used as cutting edges. This gives you a total of six cutting edges on each insert. Though not inexpensive, when you consider the alternative to ceramic is diamond or PCBN, which cost \$70.00 to \$90.00 for one insert with one cutting edge, and here you are getting six cutting tools in one, it is really a pretty good deal.

Remember that ceramic cutting tools are very hard and brittle. To ensure longer insert life and better results we have a few recommendations.

- 1) Good ceramic performance depends on using a good holder. It must be rigid and held with the least amount of overhang. The insert pocket must be clean and free of any damage.
- 2) The material you are cutting must be held as rigid as possible. Any vibration in the part will lead to a bad finish and premature insert wear. Try not to extend the part out past the chuck or collet by more than 1-½ times the diameter of the part. For example, if you were to turn a ¼" hard pin to a smaller diameter,  $1.5 \times .250 = .375$ . Therefore the ¼" pin should not extend beyond the chuck by more than .375".
- 3) Ceramic inserts will NOT do interrupted cuts! Don't even try. If you try to turn a shaft that has a keyway or spline, as soon as the insert gets to the relieved part of the shaft it will start to chip.
- 4) Coolants (oil or water) are not recommended. They tend to cause thermal cracking in the insert.
- 5) Because you will be turning hardened material at a

high rate of speed without coolant, the chips will come off red hot and can ignite other chips that are allowed to collect or "bird nest" around the tool. Use a chip brush to remove chips from the work area often so they don't build up into a combustible pile.

6) Because this is a negative rake tool, it is important to have your tool on center. Above center will result in a poor or impossible cut and poor finish. Below center will cause the part to try and climb up on top of the insert.

7) Because this is a negative rake tool and you are cutting hard material, the smaller the diameter that you are turning, the more the part will flex away from the tool. We recommend that you cut into and out of the part. This is what is meant by "turning in and out." Turn your part feeding towards the headstock, then stop and feed back out with the crossslide at the same setting. You will notice that the insert will take a skim cut on the way out because there is less pressure on the part. This will also alleviate some of your taper problems.

**Feeds and Speeds:**

The SFM (Surface Feet per Minute) factor which is used to calculate your spindle speed will range from 300 to 1200 depending on the type and hardness of the material that you are cutting. What you will find is that your maximum spindle speed will be dictated more by the rigidity of your setup than by the material or rpm range of your machine. There are charts available that list the SFM value for most metals.

**Example:**

Material: ¼" hardened steel pin is 30-50 Rockwell.

Roughing SFM: is 500-800.

Spindle Speed Calculation:  $SS = (SFM \times 3.82)$  divided by the diameter or  $500 \times 3.82 \div .25 = 7640$

With the given SFM the spindle speed could range from 7640 rpm to 12,224 rpm. (NOTE: Spindle speeds higher than 2800 rpm will require the use of the optional P/N 4335 10,000 RPM pulley set on a Sherline machine.)

You will most likely get chatter at the higher rpms and be forced to lower your spindle speed.

On the next page is the application data for your insert. We recommend that you start near the upper third of the speed range, and near the lower third of the feed range.

Karl Rohlin, Shop Foreman  
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## Application Data

Material	Application	Speed/SFM <sup>1</sup>	Feed/IPR <sup>2</sup>	DOC <sup>3</sup> /Inches
High Temp Alloys	Rough	300 – 500	.003 - .006	.050
	Finish	400 – 600	.003 - .006	<.050
Carbon Alloy Steels 20 – 30 Rockwell C	Rough	800 – 1500	.005 - .010	.050
	Finish	1000 – 1600	.003 - .012	<.050
Hardened Steels 30 – 50 Rockwell C	Rough	500 – 800	.004 - .008	.050
	Finish	600 – 1000	.003 - .010	<.050
Hardened Steel and Chilled Iron 50 – 60 Rockwell C	Rough	200 – 400	.002 - .006	.050
	Finish	300 – 600	.002 - .006	<.050
Grey Cast Iron 140-260 BHN	Rough	500 – 1200	.005 - .012	.050
	Finish	500 – 1600	.005 - .012	<.050
Nodular Cast iron 150 – 300 BHN	Rough	500- 1000	.004 - .012	.050
	Finish	500 – 1400	.004 - .012	<.050.

<sup>1</sup>SFM = Surface Feet per Minute

<sup>2</sup>IPR = Inches Per Revolution

<sup>3</sup>DOC = Depth of Cut

The holder is manufactured from 12L14 Steel which is case hardened and black oxide coated.

### PARTS LISTING, P/N 2265 CERAMIC INSERT HOLDER

22655	3/8" Ceramic Insert Tool holder
22656	Ceramic Insert Clamp
22657	5-40 x 1/2 SHCS
22658	#5 Washer
40570	3/32" Hex driver
2266	Replacement Ceramic Insert (TNG222 T00325 [Q32 grade])