

Technical Information

Troubleshooting - Application problems with new taps

Problem

Possible causes

Solution

1 Thread produced is too large



- incorrect tap, tap geometry not suitable for the application
- tapping size hole too small
- alignment error of tapping size hole or position
- machine spindle axially restricted
- cold welding at the flank of the tap
- lead of tap unsatisfactory due to insufficient thread depth
- cutting speed too high
- insufficient lubrication or coolant supply
- tolerance specification on tap does not correspond to specifications on drawing and/or thread gauge

- apply correct tap for the material to be machined
- observe tapping size hole table in the technical section. Note different tapping size hole diameters for fluteless taps.
- - check for correct tool clamping
- - apply floating tap holder
- - check core drill
- - use mechanical feed
- - apply tension/compression tap chuck
- - apply new tap
- - apply coated tap
- - optimize lubrication
- - tap with forced feed
- - apply tap with modified lead
- - reduce cutting speed
- - improve lubrication
- ensure sufficient and suitable coolant supply and check concentration
- apply correct tap for required tolerances

2 Thread axially miscut



- spiral-fluted taps, corresponding to our design, are applied with too much pressure for initial tapping
- initial tapping pressure too low for taps with spiral point corresponding to our form "B"

- with spiral-fluted taps only light pressure required for initial tapping. The tap should immediately be applied within the tension/compression range
- taps with spiral point or left hand spiral require higher axial pressure. Ensure tap operates within the tension/compression range

3 Thread produced is too small



- tolerance specification on tap does not correspond to specifications on drawing and/or thread gauge
- incorrect tap
- tap does not cut accurately (thread plug gauge)
- machine spindle is axially too rigid

- apply correct tap for required tolerance
- apply correct tap for the material to be machined
- avoid strong axial forces during the cutting process
- apply tension/compression chuck

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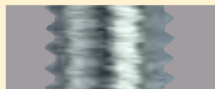
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4 Thread surface not according to requirements



- cutting edge geometry not suitable for the application
- cutting speed too high
- insufficient coolant (concentration and supply)
- chip congestion
- tapping size hole too small
- with tough, hard materials loading on tool too much or pitch too steep
- built-up edge
- cold welding

- apply "correct" tap for the material to be machined
- - reduce cutting speed
- - optimize lubrication
- ensure suitable coolant and sufficient volume
- apply suitable tap type
- observe tapping size hole diameter specifications to DIN 336 or respective standards. Observe table for fluteless taps
- apply hand tap sets
- apply coated tap
- improve coolant supply

5 Tool life insufficient

- surface hardening of tapping size hole
- reasons listed under: "thread surface not according to requirements"
- chip congestion

- - check drill (cutting edge) for wear
- - heat or surface treatment following thread production
- reasons listed under: thread surface "not according to requirements"
- apply correct tap

6 Tool breakage during advance or return



- tapping size hole too small
- teeth of chamfer lead overloaded
- tap hits bottom of tapping size hole
- - lack of or incorrect chamfer of tapping size hole
- - position or angle error of tapping size hole
- - tool hardness not suitable for the application
- - cutting edge geometry not suitable for the application

- observe tapping size hole dia. acc. to DIN 336 or respective standards
- - longer chamfer lead (blind or through hole)
- - increase no. of teeth of chamfer lead by increasing no. of flutes
- - apply tap sets
- - check hole depth
- - apply tension/compression tap chuck
- - correct chamfer angle of tapping size hole
- - ensure correct tool clamping
- - apply floating tap holder
- - check core drill
- apply suitable tap for the individual application