

WEMA Zerspanungswerkzeuge GmbH

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Standard for grinding of rotationally symmetrical tools: Florian Prem (l.) and Marcel Bedus (r.) trust on the proven measuring technology from ZOLLER when measuring the cutting edge geometries of ground cutting tools.

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WEMA Zerspanungswerkzeuge GmbH in Pfaffenhofen benefits from proven and innovative optical measuring technology from ZOLLER. Above all, special tools with cutting edge geometries specifically adapted to materials require comprehensive quality assurance. Florian Prem is convinced of this. He is the third-generation Managing Director and responsible for technical development and process control at WEMA Zerspanungswerkzeuge GmbH in Pfaffenhofen, Bavaria. As Florian Prem emphasizes, it is absolutely essential to fully measure and check all

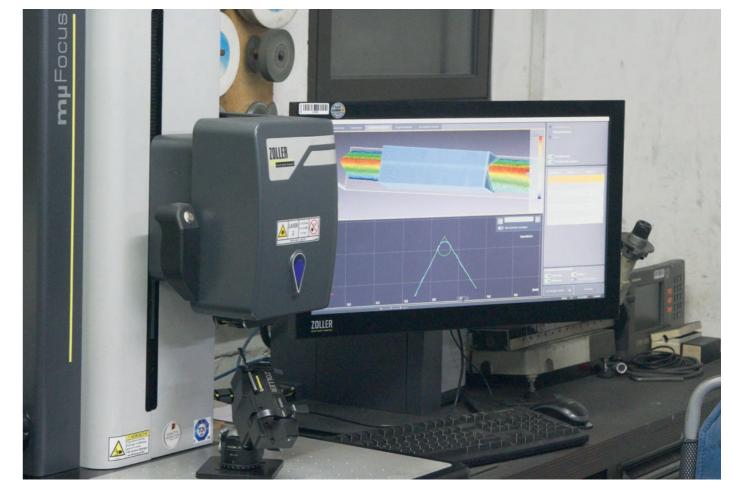
ground cutting edge geometries, especially for special tools. "This is the only way we can guarantee that the designed tools with their special cutting edges also meet the requirements placed on them. We have been able to adequately record and measure the main shapes and dimensions of the cutting edges on drills and milling tools using the measuring methods that have been standard for many years." WEMA has an inspection device from ZOLLER for this purpose, the »pomBasic«. The cutting edges of ground tools are inspected and measured using the incident

light method. In order to verify the contours and dimensions, the operator compares the geometries of the tool cutting edges on the large screen with a superimposed contour that is accurate according to CAD design and measures them with a superimposed ruler. This enables the operator to quickly and reliably determine whether the ground milling and drilling tools meet the specifications.

Precise Rounding of Cutting Edges

To ensure that the specialists only work with precisely profiled grinding wheel sets during the grinding process, WEMA uses the tried-and-tested measuring device »smartCheck« from ZOLLER. This universal measuring device uses a projection to show the contours of the dressed grinding wheels. These can then be measured and documented using the enlarged display on the color screen. According to Florian Prem, however, it is essential to supplement the proven

measuring methods. "Our customers are increasingly demanding that we round the cutting edges of ground drills and milling cutters according to individual specifications. Of course, we have to document that we meet these specifications. This is only possible with innovative technologies. That's why we invested in the measuring device »mµFocus« from ZOLLER." Florian Prem can fully justify his decision in favor of ZOLLER technology: "Comparisons of different measuring machines and processes have clearly demonstrated ZOLLER's outstanding expertise. Measuring the cutting edges is quick, easy and reliable. With us, even apprentices can already work on the measuring machine »mµFocus«." At WEMA, Thomas Gruber mainly uses the measuring machine to verify and document cutting edge rounding. He only completed his training a few months ago and now works in the post-treatment of cutting tools department. He mainly rounds high-performance drills according to individual specifications with a wide variety of



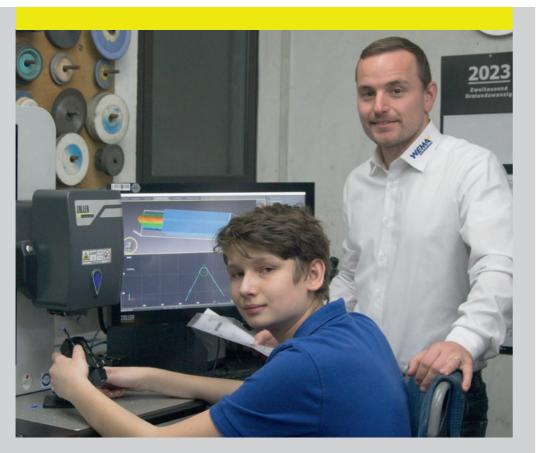
Evaluate fast and reliably: When measuring the cutting edge rounding the optical measuring device »mµFocus« from ZOLLER displays a 3D graphic on the color screen with a color-coded height profile (top) and a 2D graphic of arbitrarily selectable cross-sections, in which the geometry of the cutting edge is measured with a repeat accuracy of less than 1 µm.

Thomas Gruber (l.) and Florian Prem (r.) benefit from short measurement cycles: The measuring device »mµFocus« enables consistent quality assurance for all cutting tools ground in small series and provided with defined cutting edge fillets.

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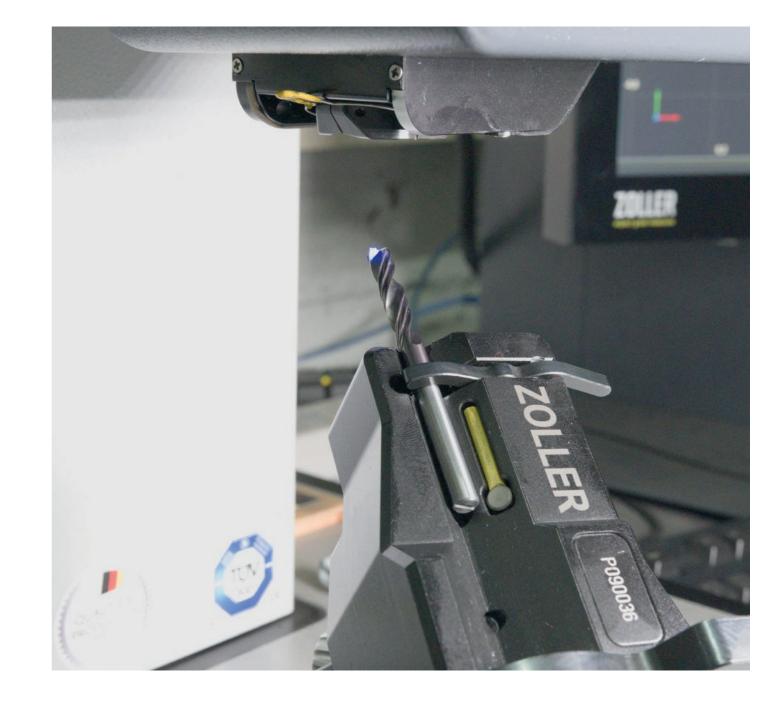
roundings. He benefits extensively from the advantages of the measuring machine »mµFocus« from ZOLLER. "Operation is extremely simple. Above all, the measuring machine requires only minimal set-up work. I can quickly and easily position the tools to be measured and focus on the cutting edge." The enlarged display of the cutting edges on the screen is particularly helpful. The fully automatic measuring process only takes about one minute. "Afterwards, just a few clicks on the touchscreen and with the mouse are enough to view, analyze and document the measurement results," explains Thomas Gruber.

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Thomas Gruber (l.), Dept. Post-Treatment of cutting tools, and Florian Prem (r.), Managing Director, at the quality inspection on the ZOLLER »mµFocus«.

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These short measuring cycles ensure that he can fully measure and document every tool he has ground. For a detailed analysis of the cutting edge rounding, the measuring device provides a freely selectable number of cross-sections over the measuring range. The rounding can be measured and verified by comparing it with a circular shape displayed on the color screen.

High-Precision Measurements

As Florian Prem says, radii between 10 and 20 µm are usually required. The measuring machine »mµFocus« from ZOLLER is able

to reliably measure radii on cutting edges with a repeat accuracy of less than 1 µm. To the advantages of quick and easy measurements on the measuring machine »mµFocus« Florian Prem adds: "We also have to meet increasingly stringent requirements when it comes to quality assurance. Whereas it used to be common and sufficient to measure every tenth or even twentieth tool, numerous manufacturing companies now demand that we measure and record every tool without exception. Of course, the simple, fast and reliable measurement on the ZOLLER measuring machine »mµFocus« is very helpful to us."

Highly accurate measurement of smallest geometries: With laser light the measuring device »mµFocus« precisely detects the cutting edge geometries even of drilling and milling tools with small diameters with a 10 x 10 mm measuring spot.

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Grinding tools process reliably:

To measure complete grinding

the proven projection measuring

device »smartCheck« from

ZOLLER at WEMA.

slide sets, Marcel Bedus uses

Another outstanding advantage emphasized by Florian Prem is that the features and functions of the ZOLLER measuring machines are tailored to the requirements of the users. His father Max Prem, owner and comanaging director of WEMA Zerspanungswerkzeuge GmbH, says: "We have had many years of excellent experience with ZOLLER measuring machines in particular. They are ideal for use in production. They meet the expectations of the specialist personnel and fit into the daily processes without any problems. In addition, we have an amicable working relationship with the medium-sized manufacturer. ZOLLER always listens to our wishes and suggestions. The specialists in

Pleidelsheim are constantly developing their measuring technology in line with needs and practical requirements." ZOLLER's measurement technology solutions also offer WEMA a number of individual, additional functions and options for documenting the measurement results directly integrated into their measuring devices and software. As Florian Prem confirms, the experts at ZOLLER continue to impress with their high level of expertise and qualifications. "When it comes to innovative and practice-oriented measuring technology for tool grinders and manufacturers, we have definitely chosen the right partner in ZOLLER," Florian and Max Prem agree.



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