

Recommended Speeds ( SFM ) For Threading With Horizon Carbide Inserts							
Material Group	Material Specs.	C23	123	156	310	323 & 323F	356
Aluminum	2024, 6061, 7075	Maximum SFM	Maximum SFM	Maximum SFM	---	---	---
Copper, Brass, Bronze	Most Alloys	200-600	300-800	---	---	---	---
Low Carbon Steels	1018, 1025, 1117, 12L14	---	300-500	400-650	200-300	300-600	450-750
Medium Carbon Steels	1045, 1070, 1144,	---	300-450	350-600	200-300	300-500	450-700
Alloy Steels	4130, 4140, 8620	---	250-450	350-550	200-300	300-500	400-650
Alloy Steels 28 Rc+	4150, 4340, 52100	---	250-400	300-500	200-275	300-450	350-600
Stainless Steels	303, 304, 410, 416	---	225-400	250-350	200-300	250-450	250-500
Stainless Steels	316, 316L, 422, 17-4PH	---	200-375	200-300	150-275	225-400	225-450
Titanium - CP	Commercially Pure	150-300	200-400	---	200-300	250-500	---
Titanium - Alloys	6AL-4V, 5AL-2.5SN	100-200	100-225	---	100-250	150-275	---
Nickel / Cobalt Alloys	Monel, Invar, Kovar	100-250	100-300	---	100-300	100-300	---
High Temp Alloys	Inconel, Hastelloy, A286	75-150	100-150	---	75-200	100-200	---
Cast Iron 150-325 BHN	Class 20, 30, 35, 40	200-300	200-600	---	100-300	250-600	---
Cast Iron 375-450 BHN	Class 50, 55, 60	150-250	150-450	---	100-250	200-500	---
Alloy / Ductile Iron	60-40-18, 80-55-06	100-250	150-400	200-400	100-300	250-450	300-500

### Threading Guidelines For CNC Lathes

#### 1. Start near the top of the SFM range for the material being threaded.

Higher SFM reduces Built-up Edge, the major cause of poor tool life in threading. For Harder or more Abrasive Materials start in the Middle of the SFM range. Once setup is complete SFM can be adjusted for optimum tool life. Tough Micrograin Grade 310 reduces insert chipping from edge build-up at lower SFM and on parts under 1" Diameter.

Formulas to calculate *Revolutions Per Minute (RPM)* and *Surface Feet Per Minute (SFM)* :

$$RPM = SFM \times 12 \text{ Divided by Part Diameter} \times 3.1416$$

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#### 2. Use the G76 Threading Cycle with Fanuc, Yasnac and similar CNC controls.

If *P1*, *P2*, *P3*, & *P4* parameters are available, use *P1* for most applications. *G76 - P1* removes equal amounts of material with every pass. *P2* alternates between front & back cutting edges and should only be used on 6 tpi & coarser threads.

#### 3. Set Depth of Cut for the First Pass at 20% to 30% of the Thread Height Per Side.

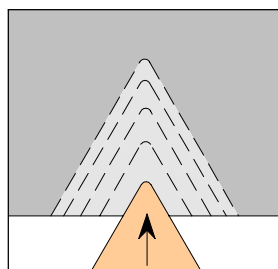
*G76* controls the depth of cut for the remaining passes. To find the *DOC* for the 1st Pass multiply the *PITCH* by .6 to get the approximate *THREAD HEIGHT*. Multiply *THREAD HEIGHT* by 20 - 30% to get the *DEPTH* of the 1st Pass. Use less than 20% when threading hard materials or larger thread pitches. Don't use "Spring Passes" under .002 DOC Per Side!

Example for calculating the *DOC* for the first pass on a 1/2-20 thread:

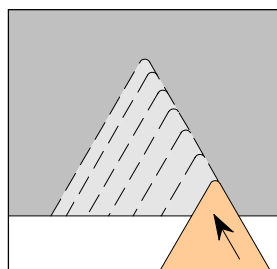
$$1" \div 20 = .050 \text{ PITCH}, (.050 \times .6 = .030 \text{ ( THREAD HEIGHT )}, .030 \times .3 = .009 \text{ ( DEPTH OF 1st PASS )}$$

#### 4. Use the A55 Parameter to set the Infeed Angle.

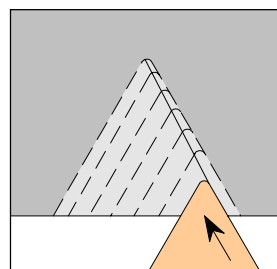
Most CNC Lathe Controls offer a choice of *A60*, *A55*, *A30* & *A29*. *A60* is the default setting. *A55* is equivalent to setting the compound feed on a manual lathe to 27.5°. In most applications *A55* will double or triple tool life over *A60*. See below:



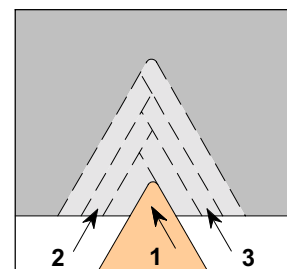
Radial Feed



Flank Feed - A60



Mod. Flank Feed - A55



Alternating Feed - P2