

Mikron miTool The next level of tool monitoring



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High precision and high-volume part production on Mikron high performance systems involve sophisticated machining processes. Mikron miTool monitoring becomes crucial to avoid unexpected machine downtime, machine breakage, tool damage, material scrap and the likely issues. Along with maintaining guality assurance, the Mikron miTool monitoring system saves the entire machine from damage when the tool breaks. Surface finish and tolerances can be improved with the detection of tool wear and damaged and expensive tools can be changed before any severe damage takes place.

Mikron miTool is easy to install and customers benefit greatly in terms of efficiency and expenditure.

- » Prevention of damage due to tool breakage or tool overload
- » Sensorless with automated learning of load limits (Option to integrate vibration and temperature sensors)
- » For turning, milling and drilling and smallest tool sizes (up to 1.5 mm diameter)
- » Powerful algorithm for efficient monitoring after the first workpiece. It has a built-in learning function, allowing it to compensate for differences in processes.
- » The system maximizes the service lives of both the tools and Mikron high performance machines



WHAT MAKES Mikron miTool SO SPECIAL FOR YOU

- Highest sensibility and quality of data points deliver the finest and exact monitoring curves Intuitive icon driven graphical interface for easiest use and monitoring by operators Intelligent algorithm for advanced process optimization and cutting tool wear identification Mikron miTool is able to storage data and history for each tool configuration and monitoring curve Dashboard with statistical overview for each tool allows the optimization of the entire production process Mikron miTool permits all modifications (set up, regulations...) without machine stop Automatic actions programmable for each channel e.g. save data in database, send notification, preventively stop the machine Perfectly integrated into Mikron high performance systems

Intelligent powerful algorithm for optimal intervals to change several cutting tools at the same time leads to higher machine efficiency and economy (less machine stops).

5 CUTTING TOOLS CHANGED AT 5 STOPS



5 CUTTING TOOLS CHANGED AT 1 STOP





Number of machine stops for cutting tool changes



TECHNICAL FEATURES

- » Control-integrated tool monitoring for all common CNC systems
- » Monitoring with digital drive data (torque, power, current) and / or measured data (effective power, torque...)
- » Parallel and time independent monitoring of up to 200 channels possible
- » Color graphics display with touchscreen for simple operation » Rapid adaptability to new situations using a icon-driven user interface
- » Automatic correction of the limit values
- » Free scaling, including zoom function for the curves
- » Best suited for: Mikron Multifactor, VX, CX, NX, NRG, MultiX, Multistep

REDUCE YOUR PRODUCTION COSTS WITH MIKRON miTool

Tool cost reduction

- » Longer cutting-tool change intervals
- » Damaged and expensive cutting-tools can be changed before any severe damage takes place.

Higher machine efficiency & machine cost reduction

- » Unsupervised production e.g. during breaks & night- or ghost shifts safely possible
- » Ability to use higher speed feed safely
- » The Mikron miTool monitoring system saves the entire machine from damage when the tool breaks and avoids unexpected machine downtime & breakage
- » Intelligent algorithm for defined and optimal intervals to change several machines tools leads to higher machine efficiency

Less scrap production

Monitor for broken, worn and missing tools and significantly reduce scrapped work pieces. Surface finish and tolerances can be improved with the detection of tool wear.

MIKRON MACHINING

Case History Mikron miTool

on Mikron VX

With the introduction of Mikron miTool - the next level in tool monitoring, we offer our customers finally a more powerful, easy way of tool monitoring with innovative features, so you get the most out of your Mikron high performance system.

THE CHALLENGE

The customer produces 6.13 mio parts per year (OEE 80%) for the automobile industry on Mikron VX. **Target:** Reduce tooling costs, improve part quality and increase machine efficiency.

Productivity		17.4 Pc/min	
Daily working time		1'440 min/day	
Annual working days		306 days/year	
OEE		OEE 80%	
25'056	Pc/day	20'045	Pc/day
150'336	Pc/week	120'269	Pc/week
7'667'136	Pc/year	6'133'709	Pc/year

EXISTING / TRADITIONAL TOOL MONITORING

STATION 5

Tooling costs per year

TOOL LIFE 10'000 PC		
N°. of tools per day	2	
N°. of tools per week	12	
N°. of tools per year	613	



Time to change the cutting tool

TOOL	LIFE	10'000	PC

Time for tool change per day	10 minutes
Time for tool change per week	60 minutes
Time for tool change per year	3'067 minutes



CUTTING TOOL MONITORED WITH Mikron miTool STATION 5 (SEE DRAWING):

Cutting tool costs

211.00 chf/Cutting tool

Tool wear deteriorates the part quality and can generate vibrations for the other machining units.



TOOL MONITORING WITH Mikron miTool

STATION 5

Tooling costs per year

TOOL LIFE 14'000 PC	
N°. of tools per day	1.4
N°. of tools per week	8.6
N°. of tools per year	438



Approx **37.000 CHF** savings / year with one cutting tool monitored (cutting tool cost/pc 211.00 CHF)

Savings on time to change the cutting tool

TOOL LIFE 14'000 PC	
Time for tool change per day	7 minutes
Time for tool change per week	43 minutes
Time for tool change per year	2'191 minutes
∆ daily	-3 minutes
∆ weekly	-17 minutes
∆ yearly	-876 minutes



The machine is **876 min** more in production



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MIKRON miTool INTERFACE - GENERAL OVERVIEW





Easy monitoring with Mikron miTool dashboard in a simple and independent way by a common web browser. For the optimization of the entire production process all statistical data are available (number of tool changes, number of broken or life expired tools

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