# Shrink Fit System... Thermal Induction



- process-controlled heating
- no overheating on the tool
- quick and accurate shrinking, on and off
- for tools with carbide or steel shanks
- slim design of the chucks through absence of mechanical clamping elements
- higher concentricity (<.0001) through uniform clamping force
- higher clamping forces than conventional adapters
- optimum suitability for high-speed machining due to symmetrical shape



## **Technical Information – Shrink Fit**

Shrinking Technology

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## The Concept:

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machine tool industry. Only recently, however, has the concept been implemented as a

quick-change toolholding mechanism for clamping cylindrical cutting tools that are used in high-speed machining applications. The internal bore of the Shrink Fit toolholder is manufactured slightly smaller than that of the cutting tool shank. A quick and precise heat source is applied to the holding end of the toolholder which causes the inside bore to expand. At this point, the cutting tool shank is able to slip inside the bore of the toolholder. As the toolholder cools, the bore shrinks with uniform pressure and grips the cutting tool shank 360° along the entire length of the bore, resulting in an evenly distributed clamping force.

Heat shrinking processes are not new in the

Due to the nature of the design, flatted, Weldon, and Whistle Notch cutting tool shanks can be used. Mechanical toolholding systems cannot compete, but to gain full benefit from the Shrink Fit technology, fully cylindrical tool shanks are recommended. As long as the heating processes are kept within the elastic range of the toolholder material, this clamping operation can be repeated for several thousand cycles.

### Shrink Fit Tooling Advantages:

- Low runout cutting tools are gripped 360° along the entire length of the cutting tool shank resulting in an evenly distributed clamping force.
- Clamping forces have been found to be greater than those created by collet or hydraulic chucks.
- · During testing, cutting tool material properties break down and shear before slippage occurs.
- · Slim and short toolholder profile designs are achievable because no mechanical moving parts are employed.
- Shrink Fit toolholders are more acceptable in high-speed operations because their absolute symmetry of form provides the best possible balance.
- · No special sealing stop screws are required - the designed interference between the cutting tool and the Shrink Fit holder forms a seal that allows coolant to flow only through the designed passages.

With all of the above mentioned design features, the use of Shrink Fit technology allows for greater speeds and feeds, produces better finishes, delivers increased tool and spindle life, and results in greater productivity.

### **Heat Activating Systems:**

There are induction, hot-air and open flame heating systems on the market today, but the easiest and fastest is the induction method. Shorter cycle time, less cooling downtime, localized heating and integrated cooling systems are essential for a safe and simple system. Low noise, low cost, and an integral pre-setting option are advantages to be considered when deciding on a Shrink Fit system.

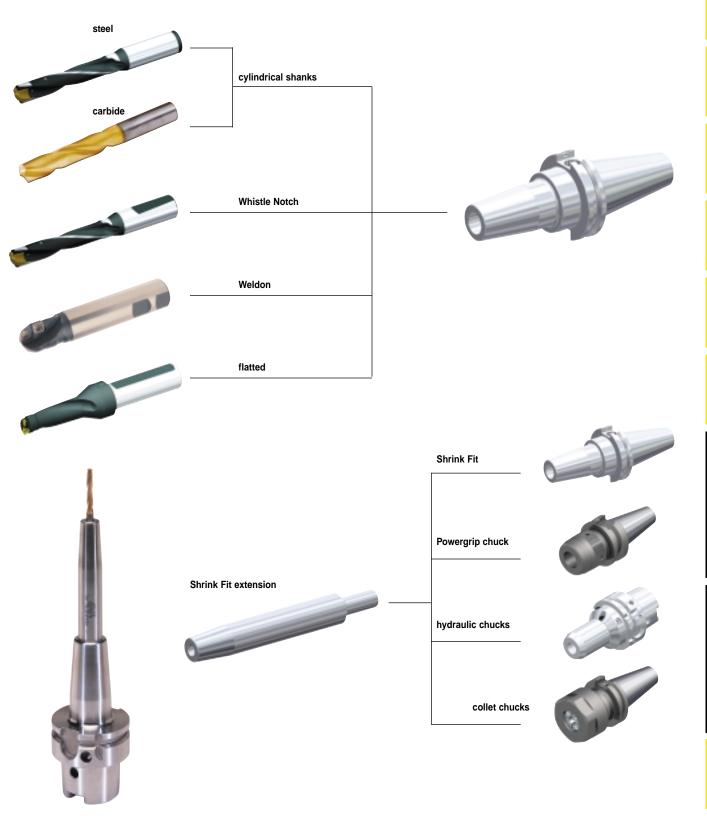
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## **Technical Information – Shrink Fit**

## Applications

## **Cylindrical Shank Options**

- Full cylindrical shanks are recommended.
- Flatted, Weldon, and Whistle Notch designed cutting tool shanks can be used.



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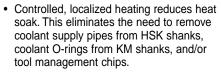
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## **Toolholders**

- · Slim design
- Balanced
- Straight · Small counterbore in front of toolholder allows cutting tool to be held in position Collets/Sleeves before the heat/shrinking process is activated.
  - Weldon, Whistle Notch, and flatted-style shanks can be gripped successfully, however, best results are obtained with smooth cylindrical shank cutting tools (without flats and notches).
- - **Cutting Tool Requirements**

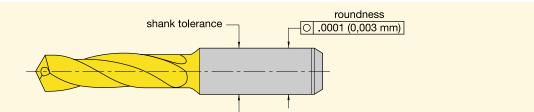


- **Heater Unit**  The table top design is (24" x 24") (610 x 610 mm), and weighs less than 95 lbs (45 kgs).
- · Induction coil generator produces concentrated, alternating magnetic fields which, in turn, initiate the quick, precise heating source.
- Just two quick-change coils extend the clamping diameter range from 1/8" to 2" (3 to 50 mm).
- · Unit is processor controlled eliminates unnecessary overheating which could result in damage to the toolholder material structure.



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- Quick, precise "shrink-in" and "shrink-out" process
- · Heating time is less than 10 seconds.
- Cooling time is less than 60 seconds.
- · Design safety has been given top priority; heat protecting cooling shields are used.
- · Programmed for both carbide and steel cutting tools
- Concentricity less than .0001 (0,003 mm) can be achieved.
- Strong gripping forces...one of the strongest cutting tool clamping systems available today
- · Excellent rigidity
- Great for roughing and finishing operations ٠
- Best toolholder design for high-speed machining
- Axial adjustment with through-coolant capability
- If the Kennametal induction heater unit is used properly, one toolholder with 1/4" (6 mm) bore and higher can withstand over 5,000 cutting tool changes.

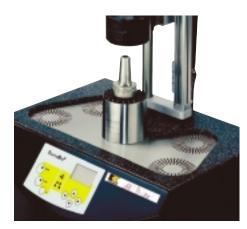


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#### **Cooling Adapters**

Heat absorbing adapters are used to reduce cooling time. When contact is made with the hot clamping diameter of the toolholder, heat energy is quickly transferred to the cooling ribs. The ribs on the surface of the cooling adapters are, in turn, cooled by electric fans that disperse heat up to ten times more effectively than similar cooling systems.

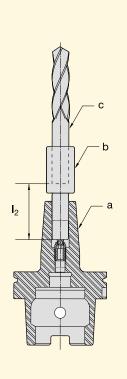


Four fan-cooling ports are located in the heat/shrinking unit. The ports are used to cool the toolholders to room temperature after the heat/shrinking procedure. Placing the cooling adapters in the cooling ports automatically starts a fan. In 30 to 40 seconds, toolholders reach a temperature at which they can be safely handled. After two minutes, the fans switch off automatically.

While a completed tool is cooling in the adapter, the next tool can be heated and changed. With this procedure, it is possible to change three or four tools per minute. When a large number of shrink tools need to be changed, this unit provides a practical, safe, and cost-effective solution. An axial adjustment gage (b) is placed in the Kennametal toolholder (a) along with the cutting tool (c). The length difference of the setting gage (l2) is calculated into the required tool assembly length. The whole assembly can then be placed into a length pre-setter for adjustment. Rotating of the gage moves the axial stop screw and pre-sets the assembled tool to the required length. After removing the gage, the cutting tool can then be shrunk into the toolholder.

#### **Axial Adjustment Gages**

Cutting tool length adjustment is performed using a special axial adjusting gage (b) before shrinking the cutting tool into the toolholder.





Gripping forces of the Kennametal toolholders are greater than the gripping forces of other well-known toolholding systems. This method of heat/shrinking is not permanent (cutting tools can be removed). Yet, the clamping force is so great that the complete tool assembly reduces vibrations and becomes almost a mono-block tool. In addition, the concentricity of the toolholder with the cutting tool fitted in this manner equals that of an integral tool. Pull-out of milling cutters on high-speed machines, a well-known problem with other clamping systems, will no longer be a problem with this heat/shrinking system.



Kennametal's heat/shrinking toolholders and heat/shrinker unit were designed to shrink fit and release both high-speed steel and carbide shank cutting tools. The tool being shrunk into the toolholder has no time to heat up because of the short, localized heating times, even when materials have the same coefficient of expansion. Toolholders are made from a special heat-resistant tool steel and a self developed hardening process. The 1/4" (6 mm) bore and higher toolholders will maintain their high concentricity and elasticity after as many as 5,000 heat/shrink cycles when used in the correct manor, with no traces of coolant contamination. Controlled shrinking temperatures, 572° F to 644° F (300° C to 340° C), are far below the temperature that could cause a microstructure change in the tool material. Typically, temperatures only reach 392° F (200° C).

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## Shrink Fit Shrinking Service

This service focuses on Kennametal standard Shrink Fit toolholders only. However, cutting tools can come from most manufacturers that are compatible with, and meet the specifications as stated in this catalog, see page S332.

Please contact your Kennametal representative for more details on the programs available.

Kennametal's Service and Repair Department will meet your Shrink Fit toolholder shrinking requirements with qualified Kennametal service technicians.

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### Shrink Fit Toolholder Return Policy

Once the Shrink Fit toolholder has been heated, it cannot be returned.

### **Technical Support**

Please contact our Customer Applications Support group for your technical support and tool application needs!

1-800-835-3668, then select 2

### Video

Shrink Fit procedures are explained in our Kennametal Shrink Fit video, item VID-90.

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