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3D: Three dimensions

AGV: Automated guided vehicle

ANSI: American National Standards Institute

AS/RS: Automated storage and retrieval systems

CBT/A: Competency-Based Training and Assessment

CMMs: Portable Coordinate Measuring Machines

CNC: Computer numerical control machines

CPR: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation

DIY: Do it yourself

DPI: dot per inch

EDM: Electrical Discharge Machining

F: force applied in newtons or pounds

GD&T: Geometric dimensioning and tolerancing

HDPE: High density polyethylene

ISO: International Organization for Standardization.

KOICA: Korea International Cooperation Agency

LDPE: Low-Density Polyethylene

MRI machines: Magnetic resonance imaging machines

N: Gear speed in revolutions per minutes (RPM)

NDT: Non-Destructive Testing

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration

PET: Polyethylene terephthalate

PPE: Personal Protective Equipment

PVC: Polyvinyl chloride

RFID: Radio Frequency Identification

RPM: Revolution Per minute

RTB: Rwanda TVET Board

TQUM: TVET Quality Management Project

TVET: Technical and Vocational Education Training

UV: ultra violet light

V: Linear velocity of gear teeth (in meter per second or feet per second)

VCI: Vapor Corrosion Inhibitor

τ: Torque (measured in newton-meter)

ω: Angular velocity in radians per second (rad/s)

ɲ: Radius of the gear (in meters or feet)

Θ: Angle between the force and the level arm

INTRODUCTION

This trainee's manual includes all the knowledge and skills required in Manufacturing Technology specifically for the module of **"Mechanical Machines Production".** Trainees enrolled in this module will engage in practical activities designed to develop and enhance their competencies. The development of this training manual followed the Competency-Based Training and Assessment (CBT/A) approach, offering ample practical opportunities that mirror real-life situations.

The trainee's manual is organized into Learning Outcomes, which is broken down into indicative content that includes both theoretical and practical activities. It provides detailed information on the key competencies required for each learning outcome, along with the objectives to be achieved.

As a trainee, you will start by addressing questions related to the activities, which are designed to foster critical thinking and guide you towards practical applications in the labor market. The manual also provides essential information, including learning hours, required materials, and key tasks to complete throughout the learning process.

All activities included in this training manual are designed to facilitate both individual and group work. After completing the activities, you will conduct a formative assessment, referred to as the end learning outcome assessment. Ensure that you thoroughly review the key readings and the 'Points to Remember' section.

MODULE CODE AND TITLE: MATMM501 MECHANICAL MACHINES PRODUCTION

Learning Outcome 1: Fabricate machine parts
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Learning Outcome 3: Store the machine

Indicative contents

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1.2 Applying safety and security measures
1.3 Preparing material, tools and equipment
1.4 Producing machine parts
1.5 Finishing the machine parts

Key Competencies for Learning Outcome 1: Fabricate machine parts

Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes
• Description of mechanical machine • Identification machine drawing elements • Description of safety and security measures • Description of materials, tools and equipment used in mechanical machines production	• Interpreting machine drawing • Sketching machine parts • Applying safety and security measures • Selecting materials, tools, and equipment • Applying handling Techniques • Applying cleaning techniques • Setting tools and equipment • Cutting workpieces • Forming workpiece • Joining workpiece • Checking and correcting defects • Deburring machine parts and components • Coating machine parts and components	• Having critical thinking while interpreting machine drawing • Having ability to collaborate with others for sketching machine parts • Being attentive while applying handling techniques • Having critical thinking for setting tools and equipment • Being precise while cutting workpiece • Having self-confidence while checking and correcting defects

Duration: 60 hrs

Learning outcome 1 objectives:

By the end of the learning outcome, the trainees will be able to:

1. Describe properly mechanical machine in mechanical machine production.

2. Describe clearly safety and security measures used in fabrication of machine parts
3. Describe properly materials, tools and equipment used for machine parts fabrication in mechanical machine production
4. Interpret correctly machine drawing required in machine fabrication
5. Sketch correctly the machine parts to be produced during mechanical machine production
6. Apply properly safety and security measures while producing mechanical machine parts in mechanical machine production
7. Select properly materials, tools and equipment used for machines fabrication
8. Produce correctly machine parts in mechanical machine production
9. Finish properly the machine fabricated parts in mechanical machine production

Resources

Equipment	Tools	Materials
• Lathe machine • Milling machine • Drilling machine • Grinding machine • Shearing machine • Cnc machines • Air compressor • Welding machine • Bending machine • Folding machine • Rolling machine • Plasma cutter machine • laser cutter machine • Oxy-acetylene gas equipment • Power hack saw • cut off machine • Slotted machine • PPEs (helmets, ear plug, safety, shoes, overall, safety glass, gloves, face mask, fire extinguisher,	• Metallic wire brush • Tong • Tape measure • Vernier callipers • Height gauges • Try squares • Clamps • Nozzle cleaner • Spark lighter • Centre punch • Scriber • Trimer • Mark pen • Drill bits • Cutting discs • Milling tools • Chisels • Painting roller	• Paper • Pencil • Rubber • Plastic (PET, PVC, HDPE) • Aluminium • Stainless steel • Copper • Bronze • Mild Steel • Wood • Bubble wrap • Foam packaging • Cardboard boxes • Wooden crates • Plastic sheeting • Stretch wrap

work bench, fume extractor)		

Indicative content 1.1: Interpretation of machine drawing

Duration: 8 hrs

Theoretical Activity 1.1.1: Description of mechanical machines

Tasks:

1: You are requested to answer the following questions:

i. What do you understand by mechanical machine?
ii. According to your concern what are the types/classification of mechanical machine?
iii. What should be the parts and components of mechanical machine?
iv. According to your understanding what could be the applications of mechanical machines

2: Provide the answers to the asked questions and write them on flipchart/papers.

3: Present your findings to your classmates and Trainer.

4: For more clarification, read the key readings 1.1.1. And ask questions where necessary.

Key readings 1.1.1.: Description of mechanical machines

- **Describing mechanical machine**

✓ **Definition**

Mechanical machines are devices that use physical components like gears, levers, and pulleys to transform manual inputs into useful work.

✓ **Parts and components of mechanical machine**

Mechanical machines are made up of various parts and components, each serving a specific function. Here are some key components:

Structural Components

- Frame Members: Provide the basic structure and support.
- Bearings: Reduce friction and support rotational or linear movement.
- Axles and Shafts: Transfer rotational motion and torque.
- Fasteners: Include screws, bolts, nuts, and rivets to hold parts together.
- Seals and Lubricants: Prevent leakage and reduce friction.

Mechanisms

- **Gear Trains:** Transmit motion and change speed or direction.

Gears A gear is a rotating machine part having cut teeth which mesh with another toothed part to transmit torque. Gears are toothed wheels that transmit rotational motion from one shaft to another. They are manufactured in a range of shapes and sizes, each with their unique benefits and specific applications.

Types of gears

- **Spur Gear:**

Is the most used gears, having Straight teeth and are mounted on two or more parallel shafts. The design of spur gear is simple. The spur gear is also known as slow-speed gears due to noisy operation at high speed.

There are three important types of Spur Gear and those are:
External Spur Gear
Internal Spur Gear and
Spur Rack and Pinion.

Application: Used in simple gear trains, conveyors, and transmission systems. It is Simple in design, efficient power transmission at moderate speeds, it produces

- **Helical gear:**

Provide a means of connecting non-parallel shafts as well as provide an alternate means of connecting parallel shafts, serving the same purpose as spur gears.

Application: Used in automotive transmissions, machinery. It is Lower and smoother operation compared to spur gears.

- **Bevel gear:**

A bevel gear is a type of gear designed to transmit power between shafts that are usually at a right angle (90 degrees) to each other.

Application: Used in differential drives, hand drills, and some transmission system, it Can change the direction of force by 90 degrees. But it is More complex to manufacture.

- **Worm gear:**

A worm gear is a type of cylindrical gear on which the teeth are helicoid — it has teeth that are cut at an angle to the axis of rotation.

Application:

Used in conveyor systems, tuning instruments, and elevators. It produces High torque output and compact design.

Advantage of gears

- Gears offer highly precise control of speed and torque transmission.
- Gears, especially spur and helical gears, are efficient at transferring power with minimal losses.
- Gears can achieve large torque transmission in a compact space.
- Gears allow for varying ratios, enabling speed reduction or torque multiplication.
- When properly designed and maintained, gears can operate reliably for long periods.

Disadvantages:

- Gears, particularly spur gears, can be noisy at high speeds.
- Gears require precise manufacturing, which can make them expensive.
- Gears must be properly lubricated to reduce wear and friction.
- Gears require precise alignment; misalignment can lead to premature wear and failure.

- ❖ Once installed, changing the gear ratio or system design requires significant reconfiguration

Gear calculation

Let assume we have two spur gears

Driving gear: number of teeth =20

Driven gear: number =40

Gear ratio=number of teeth on driven gear

Number of teeth on driving gear

Gear ratio$= \frac{40}{20} = 2:1$

Angular velocity of gears

In a gear system, the **angular velocity** (ω) is related to the gear's rotational speed, which can be calculated using the number of teeth and the rotational speed in revolutions per minute (RPM).

Formula:

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi N}{60}$$

Were

ω= Angular velocity in radians per second (rad/s)

N=Gear speed in revolutions per minutes (RPM)

Linear velocity of gear teeth

The linear velocity at pitch circle of gear is same for two meshing gears, since the teeth must move together without slipping. This linear velocity is a function of the gear's angular velocity and radius (or diameter) of the gear.

V= ⍺ * ω

Where **ω**= Angular velocity in radians per second (rad/s)

V=Linear velocity of gear teeth (in meter per second or feet per second)

⍺= Radius of the gear (in meters or feet)

Examples

Driver gear: Diameter D_1 =0.2m, Speed N_1=1500 RPM

Driven gear: Diameter D_2 =0.4m, Speed N_2=?

Using formula for velocity relation

$D_1 * N_1 = D_2 * N_2$

0.2m x1500 RPM=0.4mxN_2

N_2= 750 RPM

- ➢ **Belt and pulley:** Transfer motion between shafts.

Pulley and Belt

In power transmission, pulleys and belts are commonly used to transmit mechanical power between shafts.

Pulley: A wheel with a grooved rim that a belt runs around.

There are two main pulleys in a system:

Driving Pulley (Driver): Attached to the power source (like a motor).

Driven Pulley: Attached to the device being powered.

Belt: A flexible loop that transmits the power by linking the pulleys.

Types of Pulleys and Belts:

Flat Belts: Used for transmitting power over long distances between widely spaced shafts. These were popular in early industrial applications, Suitable for high speeds, low cost, quiet operation.

V-Belts: These belts have a trapezoidal cross-section, which fits into corresponding grooves on the pulleys. Increased friction (less slippage), suitable for high-torque applications, compact design.

Timing Belts: These belts have teeth on the inner side, which mesh with grooves on the pulleys. High power transmission (no slippage), suitable for precision applications like engines or robotics.

Advantages:

- Pulley and belt systems are relatively simple and cost-effective to design and implement.
- Belts can transmit power across long distances, unlike gears which require close proximity.
- The belt can absorb shocks and vibrations, leading to smoother operation.
- Belt-driven systems are quieter compared to gears, especially at high speeds.
- Belt tension and pulley ratios can be easily adjusted or changed.

Disadvantages:

- Belts can slip under heavy loads or when not properly tensioned, leading to power loss.
- Belts can stretch or wear over time, requiring periodic replacement.
- Compared to gears, pulley and belt systems can be less efficient, with higher energy losses.
- Pulley and belt systems are less suitable for high-torque applications compared to gears.

Pulley ratio=Diameter of driven pulley /diameter of driving pulley

If the driven pulley is larger than the driving pulley, the system will reduce speed but increase torque (like a gear reducer)

If the driven pulley is smaller, the system will increase speed but reduce torque (like a gear increaser)

Examples

Suppose you have a driving pulley with a diameter of 6cm and a driven pulley with a diameter of 12 cm.

Pulley ratio=12/6=2:1

To calculate the velocity of a belt in a belt and pulley system, you need to understand the relationship between the rotational speed of the pulleys and the linear speed of the belt. Here's how to calculate it.

Linear velocity of the belts

D_1: Diameter of the driver pulley

D_2: Diameter of the driven pulley

N_1: Rotational speed of driver pulley in revolution per minutes

N_2: Rotational speed of driver pulley in revolution per minutes

V: linear velocity of the belt (m/s)

V= $\pi * D_1 * N_1$

V= $\pi * D_2 * N_2$

Rotational speed relationship between the pulleys

$D_1 * N_1 = D_2 * N_2$

EXAMPLE

Driver pulley diameter D_1=0.3 M

DRIVER PULLEY SPEED N_1=1500RPM

V= π* D1* N1

V= π* 0.3m* 1500RPM

=1413.72 M/MIN

=23.56M/S

Torque Calculation Formula

Torque (τ) is a measure of the force that can cause an object to rotate about an axis. To calculate torque, the basic formula is:

$$\tau = F \times r \text{ or } \tau = F \times r \times \sin(\theta)$$

Where **τ** =Torque (measured in newton-meter)

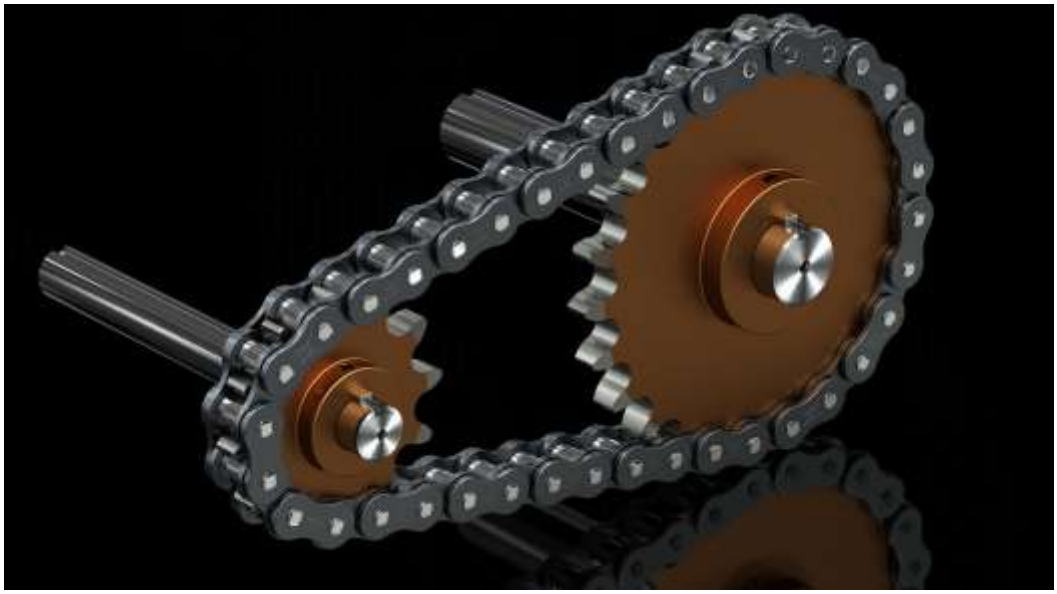
F=force applied in newton's or pounds

r = distance from the axis of rotation where the force is applied

Θ=angle between the force and the level arm

- Linkages: Convert motion from one form to another.
- Chain and sprocket

A chain and sprocket system is used for power transmission, where a chain meshes with teeth on sprockets (gears) to transmit rotary motion between shafts.



Sprockets are toothed wheels that engage with the chain.

Chains are flexible links that transfer motion between sprockets.

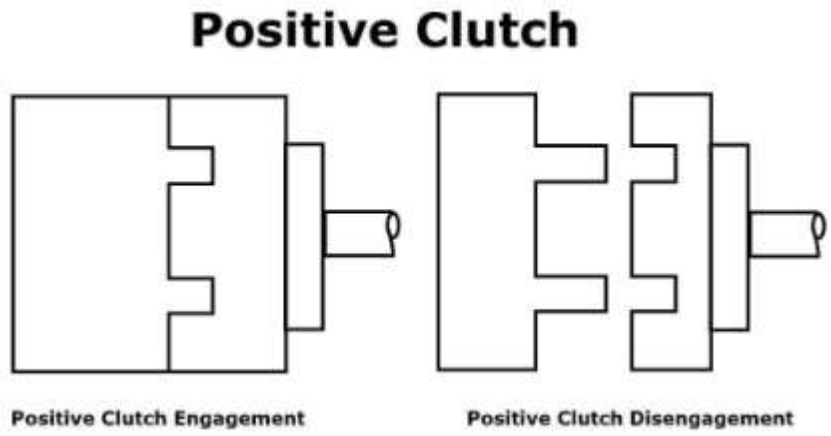
Applications: Commonly used in bicycles, motorcycles, conveyor systems, and industrial machinery.

Advantages: Simple, reliable, cost-effective, and can transmit power over longer distances.

Disadvantages: Requires regular maintenance (lubrication and tension adjustment) and can stretch over time.

- Cam and Follower Systems: Convert rotational motion to linear motion.
- Brakes and Clutches: Control motion and torque.

A clutch is a mechanical device used to engage and disengage power transmission between two rotating shafts, typically the engine and the drivetrain in vehicles. It allows smooth connection and disconnection of the power source without shutting off the engine.



Types of Clutches:

Friction Clutch: Uses friction plates to transmit torque. Common in cars and motorcycles.

Example: Single-plate clutch.

Centrifugal Clutch: Engages automatically at a certain speed using centrifugal force. Often used in scooters and go-karts.

Cone Clutch: Uses conical friction surfaces for engagement. Used in some marine and machinery applications.

Hydraulic Clutch: Uses hydraulic fluid pressure for engagement and disengagement. Common in heavy-duty vehicles.

Functions of Clutches:

Smooth Power Transmission: Ensures gradual engagement of power.

Torque Control: Allows control of torque during start-up.

Overload Protection: Disengages automatically to prevent overload damage.

Parts and components of mechanical machine

- **Control Components**

- Buttons and Switches: User interfaces for controlling the machine.
- Indicators and Sensors: Provide feedback and monitor conditions.
- Actuators: Convert electrical signals into mechanical movement.

Function: Convert energy into mechanical motion to drive specific parts of the machine.

Examples:

Hydraulic or pneumatic cylinders: Linear motion.

Electric motors: Rotary motion.

Solenoids: Small-range linear motion.

- Computer Controllers: Manage and automate machine operations.

- **Special Purpose Components**

1. Motors and Engines: Provide the primary source of power.
2. Couplings: Connect different machine parts and allow for misalignment.
3. Flywheels: Store rotational energy and smooth out fluctuations.
4. Springs: Store energy and provide force or tension.

✓ **Types/classifications of mechanical machine**

Mechanical machines can be classified into several categories based on their functions and mechanisms. Here are some common classifications:

- **Simple Machines**

These are the most basic mechanical devices that use a single force to perform work. They include:

- Lever: A rigid bar that rotates around a fixed point called the fulcrum.
- Inclined Plane: A flat surface set at an angle to lift objects.
- Wheel and Axle: A larger wheel attached to a smaller axle, which rotate together.
- Pulley: A wheel with a groove for a rope to change the direction of a force.
- Screw: An inclined plane wrapped around a cylinder.
- Wedge: A device that is thick at one end and tapers to a thin edge at the other.

- **Complex Machines**

These are combinations of simple machines working together to perform more complex tasks. Examples include:

- Engines: Convert various forms of energy into mechanical work.
- Pumps: Move fluids by mechanical action.
- Turbines: Convert fluid energy into mechanical energy.
- Gears and Gearboxes: Transmit torque and adjust the speed and direction of motion.
- Elevators and Escalators: Transport people or goods vertically or on an incline.

- **Automated Machines**

These machines perform tasks with minimal human intervention, often using computer control. Examples include:

- CNC Machines: Computer-controlled machines for precise manufacturing.
- Robotic Arms: Used in assembly lines for tasks like welding, painting, and assembling.

- **Hydraulic and Pneumatic Machines**

These machines use fluids (liquids or gases) to perform work. Examples include:

- Hydraulic Presses: Use liquid pressure to shape or compress materials.
- Pneumatic Tools: Use compressed air to power tools like drills and hammers.

- **Electrical Machines**

These machines convert electrical energy into mechanical energy or vice versa. Examples include:

- Motors: Convert electrical energy into mechanical motion.
- Generators: Convert mechanical energy into electrical energy.

✓ **Applications of mechanical machines**

Mechanical machines have a wide range of applications across various industries. Here are some key areas where they are commonly used:

- **Manufacturing**

Assembly Lines: Automated machines and robotic arms are used for assembling products.
CNC Machines: Precision machining of parts and components.
Presses and Molding Machines: Shaping and forming materials.

- **Transportation**

  Automobiles: Engines, transmissions, and braking systems.
  Aerospace: Aircraft engines, landing gear, and control systems.
  Railways: Locomotives and track maintenance equipment.

- **Construction**

  Excavators and Bulldozers: Earth-moving and construction tasks.
  Cranes: Lifting and moving heavy materials.
  Concrete Mixers: Preparing concrete for construction projects.

- **Healthcare**

  Medical Devices: MRI machines, X-ray machines, and surgical robots.
  Prosthetics: Mechanical limbs and joints.
  Hospital Equipment: Beds, lifts, and diagnostic machines.

- **Agriculture**

  Tractors and Harvesters: Plowing, planting, and harvesting crops.
  Irrigation Systems: Pumps and sprinklers for watering crops.
  Processing Equipment: Machines for sorting, cleaning, and packaging produce.

- **Energy**

  Turbines: Wind, steam, and gas turbines for power generation.
  Pumps: Moving fluids in power plants and refineries.
  Generators: Converting mechanical energy into electrical energy.

- **Mining**

  Drilling Machines: Extracting minerals and resources from the earth.
  Conveyor Systems: Transporting materials within mines.
  Crushing and Grinding Machines: Processing raw materials.

- **Space Exploration**

  Rovers and Landers: Exploring planetary surfaces.
  Satellites: Mechanical systems for communication and observation.
  Launch Vehicles: Engines and control systems for space missions.

- **Consumer Products**

  Home Appliances: Washing machines, refrigerators, and vacuum cleaners.
  Power Tools: Drills, saws, and sanders for DIY projects.
  Fitness Equipment: Treadmills, exercise bikes, and weight machines.

Practical Activity 1.1.2: Interpreting of drawing

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to interpret the drawing of machine parts required for fabricating mild steel shaft having 30cm long with 30 and 40 mm diameter to each end respectively.
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: interpret the drawing of machine parts as required in mechanical machine production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 1.1.2 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 1.1.

Key readings 1.1.2 interpreting of drawing

Interpretation in the context of machine drawing refers to the process of understanding and accurately reading the various elements and symbols used in technical drawings. This skill is essential for engineers, machinists, and anyone involved in the manufacturing process to ensure that the components are produced correctly and fit together as intended.

- **Machine drawing:** is a crucial aspect of mechanical engineering. It involves creating detailed diagrams that represent the components and assemblies of machines. These drawings are essential for manufacturing, assembling, and maintaining mechanical systems.
- **Elements of machine drawing:**
  - ✓ **Part Number:** is a unique identifier assigned to a specific component or part within a larger system or assembly.
  - ✓ **Quantity:** refers to the amount or number of a particular item or component**.**
  - ✓ **Material**: refers to the substance or substances from which something is made. In the context of mechanical engineering and machine drawing, materials are crucial because they determine the properties and performance of the components being designed and manufactured
  - ✓ **Dimensions:** This involves adding measurements to the drawing to specify the size and location of features.
  - ✓ **Symbols and annotations:** These include notes and symbols that provide additional information about the materials, finishes, and assembly instructions

- Key aspects of interpreting machine drawings:

✓ **Reading Views**: Understanding orthographic projections (front, top, side views) and isometric views to visualize the 3D shape of the component.

✓ **Recognizing Symbols**: Familiarity with standard symbols used in drawings, such as those for surface finish, welding, and geometric dimensioning and tolerancing (GD&T).

✓ **Understanding Dimensions and Tolerances**: Accurately reading the dimensions and tolerances specified to ensure parts are manufactured within acceptable limits.

✓ **Identifying Materials**: Knowing how to read material specifications to ensure the correct materials are used.

✓ **Following Annotations**: Interpreting notes and additional information provided in the drawing, such as assembly instructions and special requirements

Practical Activity 1.1.3: Sketching machine parts

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to sketch the machine parts required for fabricating mild steel stepped shaft having 30cm long with 30- and 40-mm diameter to each end respectively.

2: Apply safety precautions.

3: Sketch the machine parts required for fabricating the machine in mechanical machine production.

4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.

5: Read key reading 1.1.4 and ask clarification where necessary.

6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 1.1.

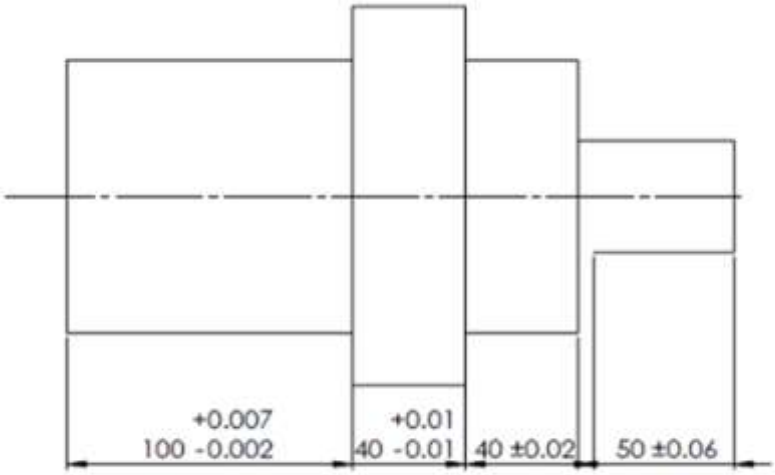
Key readings 1.1.3 Sketching machine parts

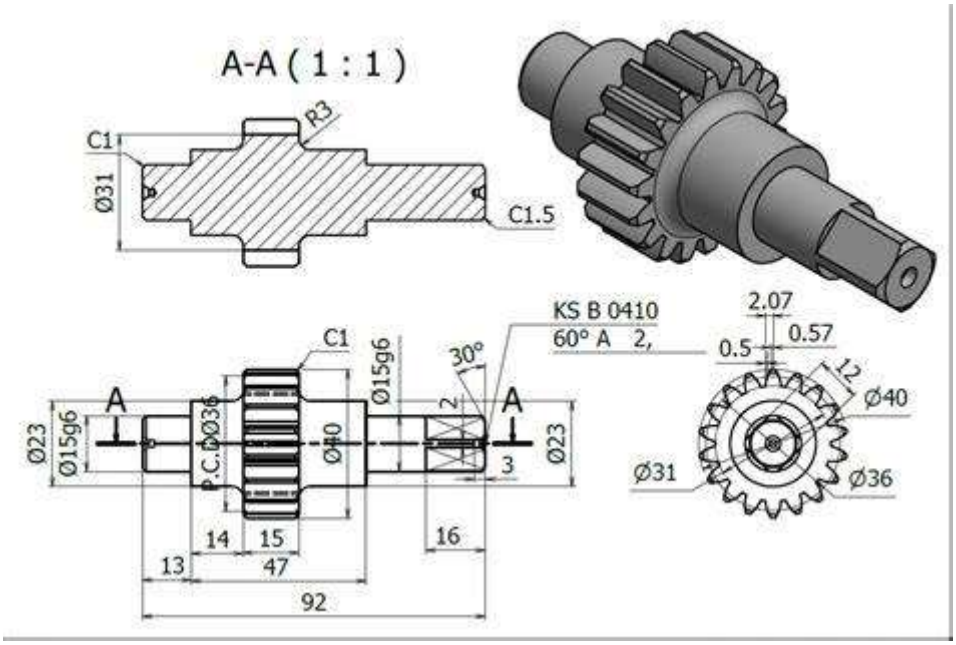
One of the best ways to communicate one's ideas is through some form of picture or drawing. This is especially true for the engineer. The purpose of this guide is to give you the basics of engineering sketching and drawing.

We will treat "sketching" and "drawing" as one. "Sketching" generally means freehand drawing. "Drawing" usually means using drawing instruments, from compasses to computers to bring precision to the drawings.

Dimensioning

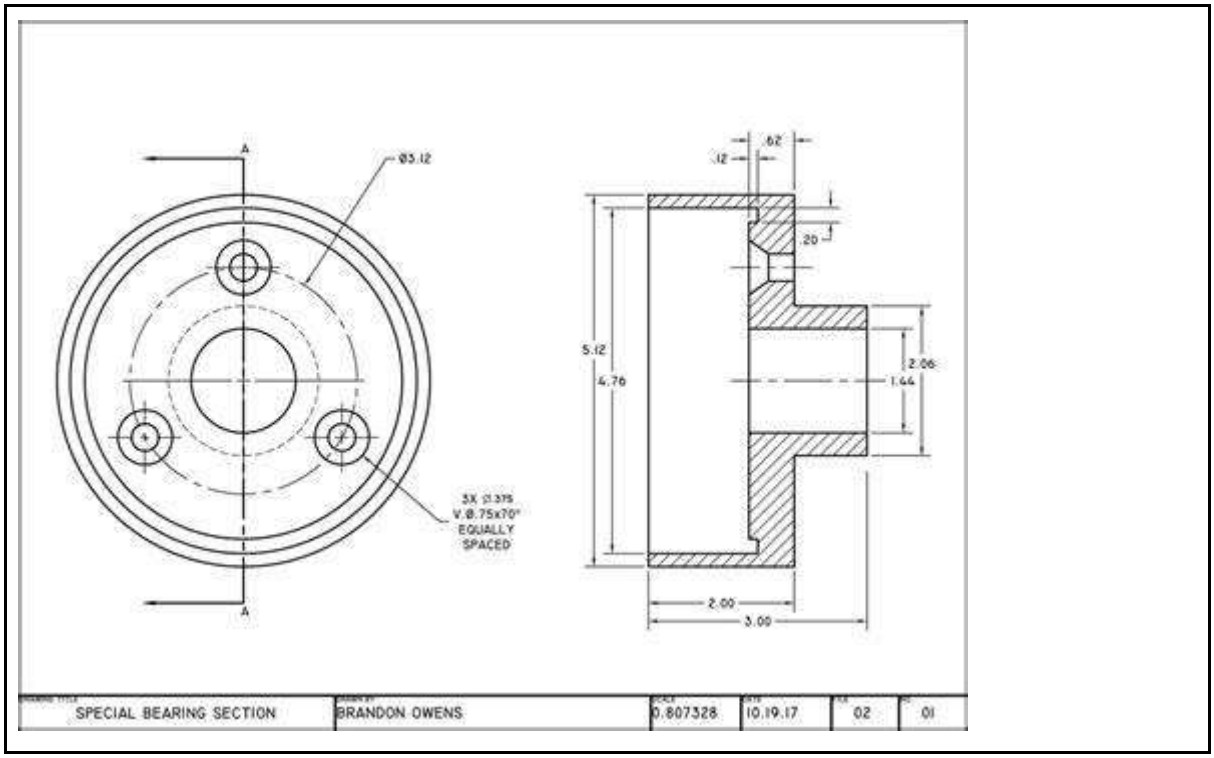
Dimensioning generally refers to the process of measuring and indicating the size, shape, and location of features on a drawing or model, often in engineering and architecture. It involves using standard practices to ensure clarity and accuracy, enabling others to understand the specifications of a design.





Sectioning

Sectioning a shaft involves creating a cross-sectional view to reveal the internal features, such as holes, grooves, or different material layers. This is often done in technical drawings to provide a clearer understanding of the shaft's design.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Points to Remember

- The functions of the machine depends on types or classification and their applications
- Ensure that all parts are compatible in terms of size, material, and function to avoid issues during assembly and operating
- For ensuring the accuracy of parts of the machine to be produced pay attention on dimensions and scales
- Look for standardized symbols (e.g., for welds, fasteners, surface finishes) and technical notations that provide additional information.
- Assess the overall clarity and organization of the drawing, ensuring it is easy to interpret and follow.
- Maintain a neat layout, ensuring that your sketch is easy to read and visually appealing.
- Keep in mind any safety features or requirements relevant to the machine parts to be sketched.

Application of learning 1.1.

At your school there is a drawing of shaft having 30cm long with 30- and 40-mm diameter to each end respectively required for fabricating corn Sheller machine having. You are requested to interpret drawing and sketch the shaft of mechanical machine parts.

Indicative content 1.2: Applying safety and security measures

Duration: 7 hrs

Practical Activity 1.2.1: Applying safety and security measures

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to apply safety and security measures in workplace where the mechanical machines are produced.
2: Apply safety and security measures required in mechanical machine production.
3: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
4: Read key reading 1.2.1 and ask clarification where necessary.
5: Perform the task provided in application of learning 1.2

Key readings 1.2.1 Applying safety and security measures

- **Safety equipment**

When working with mechanical machine tools and equipment, it's important to wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPEs) to protect yourself from potential hazards. Here's a guide on how to wear PPPEs while working with mechanical fastening:

✓ **Personal Protective equipment (PPEs)**

Eye and Face Protection:

➢ **Safety Glasses:** Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles to protect your eyes from flying debris, blowing dust, blowing particles, metal shavings, or sparks generated during fastening operations. Ensure they fit securely and provide proper coverage.

➢ **Face Shield:** For additional protection, especially when using high-impact fastening tools, consider wearing a face shield in combination with safety glasses. Face shields provide full-face coverage and protect against larger projectiles.

Hand Protection:

➢ **Gloves:** Choose gloves that are suitable for the specific fastening task. Depending on the hazards involved, opt for gloves that offer cut resistance, impact protection, or dexterity, as required. Ensure they fit properly and allow for proper grip and finger movement.

- **Hearing Protection:**

➢ **Earplugs or Earmuffs:** When working with loud mechanical fastening tools, such as impact wrenches or nail guns, wear hearing protection to prevent hearing damage. Use disposable earplugs or earmuffs that provide sufficient noise reduction. Ensure they fit well and seal the ears properly.

- **Clothing:**

Long-Sleeved Shirt or Coveralls: Wear a long-sleeved shirt or coveralls to protect your arms and body from potential scratches, abrasions, or contact with sharp fasteners. Choose clothing made of durable and non-flammable materials that can withstand the hazards of the work environment.

Pants or Protective Leggings: Wear long pants made of heavy-duty fabric to protect your legs from potential injury. Consider wearing protective leggings or knee pads if kneeling or working in close proximity to fastening activities

Types of clothing used for body protection include:

- conventional and disposable overalls,
- suits, aprons,
- High-visibility clothing.

Overall apron

Safety overall or safety apron protect body against:

- Heat
- Fire
- Burn
- Radiation
- Excessive temperature
- spray from spray guns,
- impact or penetration,
- Contaminated dust.

- **Foot shoes or boots:**

Safety Shoes or Boots: Wear safety shoes or boots with steel toes or composite toe caps to protect your feet from falling objects, heavy fasteners, wet surface, slippery surface, hot surface or accidental impacts. Choose footwear that is slip-resistant, durable, and suitable for the specific work environment

Safety boot/foot shoes protect feet against:

- Falling objects
- Rolling objects
- Sharp and heavy objects
- Wet surface
- Slippery surfaces
- Hot surfaces
- Uneven surfaces
- Electrical hazards
- Biohazards
- Chemical hazards

✓ **Fire extinguisher:**

Fire extinguisher is a hand-held active fire protection device usually filled with a dry or wet chemical used to control small fires. To keep fire extinguisher at the workplace is required by low in many states, so it's important to make sure you have the right type of fire extinguishers on hand to put out the common workplace fires.

Using a fire extinguisher involves following a specific process to ensure its effective operation. Here's a detailed step-by-step guide on how to use a fire extinguisher:

- **Types of fire:**
  - **Class A:** Ordinary combustible materials such as wood, paper, or fabric.
  - **Class B:** Flammable liquids like gasoline, diesel, petrol, oil, or solvents.
  - **Class C:** Electrical fires involving energized equipment. (Flammable gases such as butane, propane, methane, hydrogen etc.
  - **Class D:** Flammable metals like magnesium, titanium, potassium, aluminum etc.
  - **Class F:** Cooking oils such as olive oil, sunflower oil, butter etc.

- **Types of fire extinguisher:**
  - **Water type fire extinguisher**

    Suitable for class Flammable materials (Class A fire)
  - **Dry powder type fire extinguisher**
    - Suitable for class A, B and C fires
    - Live electrical equipment up to 1000Volts
  - **Foam type fire extinguisher**
    - Suitable for class A and B Fires
  - **CO2 type fire extinguisher.**
    - Suitable for flammable or burning liquid, class B fire.
    - Suitable for live electrical equipment
  - **Wet chemical type fire extinguisher**

    Designed for use on class fire F and A

Most fire extinguishers operate using the P.A.S.S. technique:

P. Pull the pin on the fire extinguisher in order to break the tamper seal.

A. Aim the fire extinguisher low, with the nozzle pointed at the base of the fire.

S. Squeeze the handle of the fire extinguisher to release the extinguishing agent.

S. Sweep the nozzle from side to side while pointed at the base of the fire until it is extinguished

✓ **FIRST AID KIT EQUIPMENT**

Well-stocked first aid kit is essential for any mechanical machine production environment. Here's a list of items that should be included:

- Adhesive Bandages: Various sizes for minor cuts and abrasions.
- Sterile Gauze Pads: For covering larger wounds.
- Adhesive Tape: To secure bandages and gauze.

- Antiseptic Wipes: For cleaning wounds to prevent infection.
- Antibiotic Ointment: To apply on wounds after cleaning.
- Hydrogen Peroxide: For wound cleaning and disinfection.

Tools and Equipment

- Scissors: For cutting tape, gauze, and clothing if necessary.
- Tweezers: For removing splinters or debris from wounds.
- Instant Cold Packs: To reduce swelling and pain from injuries.
- Thermometer: To check for fever.
- Disposable Gloves: To protect both the first aider and the injured person from infection.

Medications

- Pain Relievers: Such as aspirin, ibuprofen, or acetaminophen.
- Burn Cream: For minor burns.
- Antihistamines: For allergic reactions.

Specialty Items

- Eye Wash Solution: For flushing out foreign objects or chemicals from the eyes.
- CPR Mask: For performing CPR safely.
- Elastic Bandages: For sprains and strains.
- Finger Splints: For immobilizing injured fingers.

Instructions and Documentation

- First Aid Manual: A guide on how to use the items in the kit and perform basic first aid.
- Emergency Contact Information: List of emergency numbers and contacts.
- Accident Report Forms: For documenting any incidents that occur.
- Maintenance Tips
- Regular Checks: Inspect the kit regularly to ensure all items are stocked and not expired.
- Training: Ensure that employees are trained on how to use the first aid kit and perform basic first aid.

- **Safety sign and symbols.**

Safety signs and symbols are easily recognizable graphic labels that represent the general protocol and safety instructions in either workplaces, establishments, or public spaces. Safety signs and symbols are used to communicate important safety information and warnings to individuals in various settings. These signs typically use a combination of colors, symbols, and text to convey their messages. There are several types of safety signs, including:

✓ **Warning Signs (Yellow or Amber)**:

Yellow equilateral triangle with black boundary

Yellow equilateral triangle with red boundary

White equilateral triangle with red boundary

These signs alert people to potential hazards or dangerous situations.

Examples include "Caution: Wet Floor," "Warning: High Voltage," and "Danger: No Entry."

- ✓ **Prohibition Signs (Red)**:

  Red Circle with diagonal bar

Prohibition signs indicate actions or behaviors that are not allowed.

Examples include "No Smoking," "No Entry," and "No Parking."

- ✓ **Mandatory Signs (Blue)**:

  Blue circle sign

These signs instruct people to carry out a specific action or follow a particular procedure for safety.

Examples include "Wear Eye Protection," "Wear Safety Gloves," and "Keep Out."

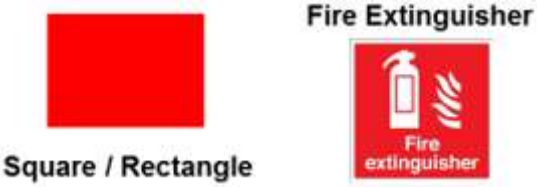
- ✓ **Emergency Signs (Green)**:

  Emergency signs provide information about emergency exits, first aid stations, and safety equipment.

  Examples include "Emergency Exit," "Fire Extinguisher," and "First Aid."

- ✓ **Fire Safety Signs (Red)**:

  Red square or rectangle



These signs indicate the location of firefighting equipment and firefighting facilities.

Examples include "Fire Alarm," "Fire Hose Reel," and "Fire Assembly Point."

- ✓ **Informational Signs (White or Blue)**:

Informational signs provide general information, directions, or guidance. Examples include "Restroom," "Exit," and "Office."

- ✓ **Radiation Signs (Magenta or Yellow)**:
  These signs warn about the presence of ionizing radiation sources.

- **5s principles**

The 5S principles are a set of techniques aimed at organizing and managing the workspace efficiently. They originated from Japan and are often used in lean manufacturing and other environments to improve productivity and safety. The five principles are:

- ✓ **Sort:** Identify and eliminate unnecessary items from the workspace. Keep only what is needed for current operations.
- ✓ **Set in Order**: Arrange and organize tools and materials in a way that makes them easy to find and use. This often includes labeling and creating designated storage spaces.
- ✓ **Shine:** Clean the workspace regularly to maintain a tidy environment. This not only promotes safety but also helps in identifying problems or maintenance needs.
- ✓ **Standardize:** Establish standardized procedures and practices to maintain the first three S's. This can include checklists, schedules, and visual cues.
- ✓ **Sustain:** Foster a culture of continuous improvement and discipline to ensure that the 5S practices are maintained over time. Regular audits and training can help reinforce these principles.

Implementing 5S can lead to improved efficiency, reduced waste, and a safer work environment.

Applying safety and security measures in mechanical machine production involves a systematic approach to ensure a safe working environment. Here are some key steps:

- **Risk Assessment**
- ✓ **Identify Hazards**: Evaluate all potential hazards associated with machinery and processes.
- ✓ **Analyze Risks**: Determine the likelihood and severity of accidents.
- **Implementing Safety Equipment**
- ✓ **Install Machine Guards**: Use fixed, interlocked, or adjustable guards to protect workers from moving parts.
- ✓ **Emergency Stops**: Ensure emergency stop buttons and pull ropes are easily accessible and functional.
- ✓ **Light Curtains and Laser Scanners**: Set up these devices to create safety zones around hazardous areas.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
- ✓ **Provide PPE**: Equip workers with gloves, safety goggles, hearing protection, and other necessary gear.

- ✓ **Training on PPE Use**: Ensure workers know how to properly use and maintain their PPE.

- **Safety Training and Awareness**
  - ✓ **Regular Training Sessions**: Conduct training on machine operation, safety procedures, and emergency response.
  - ✓ **Safety Drills**: Perform regular drills to prepare workers for emergency situations.
- **Maintenance and Inspection**

- ✓ **Routine Checks**: Regularly inspect machines and safety devices to ensure they are in good working condition.
- ✓ **Preventive Maintenance**: Schedule maintenance to prevent equipment failures and accidents.

- **Clear Signage and Labels**

- ✓ **Hazard Signs**: Place clear signs indicating hazards and safety instructions.
- ✓ **Labels**: Use labels to mark dangerous areas and provide instructions for safe operation.

- **Ergonomic Practices**

- ✓ **Ergonomic Tools**: Use tools and equipment designed to reduce strain and prevent repetitive motion injuries.
- ✓ **Workstation Design**: Arrange workstations to promote good posture and reduce physical stress.

- **Fire and Explosion Protection**

- ✓ **Detection Systems**: Install fire and explosion detection systems.
- ✓ **Suppression Equipment**: Equip the facility with fire extinguishers and suppression systems.

- **Safety Controllers and Relays**

- ✓ **Monitor Safety Functions**: Use safety controllers and relays to ensure machines operate within safe parameters.

- **Continuous Improvement**

- ✓ **Feedback Mechanism**: Encourage workers to report safety concerns and suggestions.
- ✓ **Review and Update**: Regularly review and update safety measures based on feedback and new regulations.

Points to Remember

- Remember to remove safety pin before using fire extinguisher
- Ensure that all safety equipment (e.g., PPE, fire extinguishers) is available, accessible, and properly maintained
- Remember to follow the order during 5s.
- Leather gloves must be appropriate to mechanical machine production
- Safety shoes must be steel cup

Application of learning 1.2.

At your school workshop, a mechanical team is preparing to fabricate mild steel machine base structure of 60cm*200cm*70cm (height*length*and width respectively) in mechanical machine production. The mechanical team want to apply the safety and security measures required for fabricating mild steel machine base. Ask trainees to:

i. Allocate fire extinguisher
ii. Allocate safety sign and symbols
iii. Prepare required PPE
iv. Prepare first aid kits components
v. Apply 5s principles

Indicative content 1.3: Preparing Material, Tools and Equipment

Duration: 10 hrs

Theoretical Activity 1.3.1: Description of materials, tools and equipment used in mechanical machines production

Tasks:

1: You are requested to answer the following questions:

i. According to your concern what are the types of tools used mechanical machine production?
ii. What should be the types of materials used in mechanical machine production?
iii. According to your understanding what are the material handling techniques?
iv. What do you understand by material handling techniques?

2: Provide the answers to the asked questions and write them on flipchart/papers.

3: Present your findings to your classmates and Trainer.

4: For more clarification, read the key readings 1.3.1. and ask questions where necessary.

Key readings 1.3.1.: Description of materials, tools and equipment used in mechanical machines production

- **Tools used in mechanical fastening**

  There are various tools used in mechanical fastening, depending on the specific fastening method and application. It's important to select the appropriate tools for the specific fastening task, ensuring they are in good working condition and used safely according to the manufacturer's instructions. Additionally, proper training and understanding of the tools' limitations are essential to ensure accurate and secure mechanical fastening. The tools are grouped into some groups according to their work.

  There are:

  ✓ **Threading tools**

  Threading tools are also known from other name such as threading tape and dies. the threading tools are basically metal cutting tools these tools are used for making a thread on the workpiece.in order to use treading tools they must be mounted on the head mill. other type of threading tools such as threading heads, threading mill cutter and thread cutting abrasive are also widely in use these days.

Types of Thread Taps / Types of Tapping Tools

There are a variety of threading taps, including hand taps, plug taps, spiral point taps, power taps, just to name a few.

- **Hand Taps: (Types of Thread Taps)**
  Hand taps are a universal type of threading tools which are found in the market (**local hardware stores**). Despite the fact that these hand taps are so widely used, they are not generally used for CNC operations. Hand taps are said to be one of the cheapest threading tools available because they give satisfactory performance at a reasonably low investment.
  Here are same types of hand taps:

  - **Taper Taps**

Taper taps are ideal tools for thread cutting. It is accompanied by a various type of tapers in order to simplify the threading cutting operation. There wide availability is their big advantage.

Taper Taps

  - **Bottoming Taps**

Bottoming taps are not fabricated with a narrowing end because it is primarily for threading the base of its reach. The threading achieved with bottoming tap is best suited for threading blind holes. However, it should be taken care that the hole should be threaded with the taper tap first and then the bottoming tap should be used on it.

Bottoming Taps

  - **Pipe Taps:**

Pipe taps are explicitly used for manufacturing pipe threads. They usually come in both tapered pipe taps and straight pipe taps. Straight pipe taps are employed the pipe thread

is required to be straight whereas tapered pipe taps are used when you want the pipe thread to be tapered

- **Plug Taps:**

Plug taps are tapered with a thread count of 3-5. Taper taps normally have more threads as compared to the bottoming taps. One must know that the bottoming tap is occasionally referred to as the plug tap in some places. Plug taps are sometimes also known as the second tap. This means that they are often applied afterwards.

- **Forming Taps:**

Forming type is entirely distinct from other types of taps. Forming taps compels the displacement of metal into thread shape after being twisted into the hole in spite of cutting metal from the sides of the hole like the general cutting taps. Forming taps can be used only for malleable metals like aluminum or mild steel. Due to this reason the threads formed by forming taps are strong and tough as compared to the threads which are formed by cutting

- **Spiral Flute Taps:**

Spiral flute taps closely resemble the end mills because of the open spirals. Spiral flutes are used for emitting chips out of the hole. Spiral flute taps are especially helpful while working with blind holes. Also, the spiral flute taps can be easily controlled, which makes them perfect for holes with interruptions. In comparison with the hand taps the spiral flute taps are essentially handier despite there are attributes that overlap.

- **Extension Taps:**

This type of tap has extended hanks. Such design is explicitly for the objective of allowing reach to holes that are very deep. Because of the nature of these taps, extension taps are also known as the long shark taps.

- **Interrupted Thread Taps:**

For an interrupted thread tap, a tooth is present for every other thread. The extraction of chips is conducted very smoothly owing to its unique design. Also, interrupted thread taps are quite alike the power taps because both of them permit chips to exit very easily.

- **Threading Die:**

Threading die (also known as thread cutting die) is a tool used to cut external threads on cylindrical or tapered surfaces. They are made of HSS or hardened tool steel and have sharp internal cutting edges.

Types of threading dies:

There are basically 2 types of threading dies.

- Solid dies (or hand operated dies)

- Self-opening dies

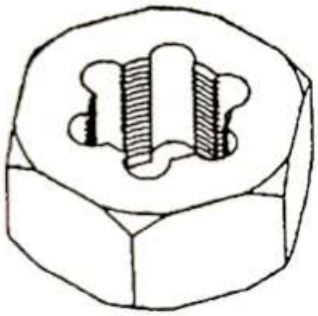
Let's see each of these threading dies one by one.

Solid dies (or hand operated dies)

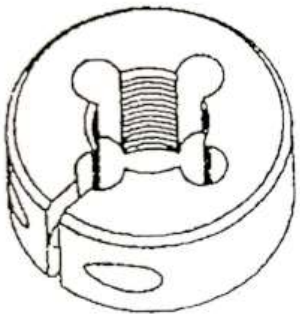
The solid dies are classified as;

- Fixed die (or Solid die)
- Adjustable die (or Spring die)
- Split die
- Pipe die

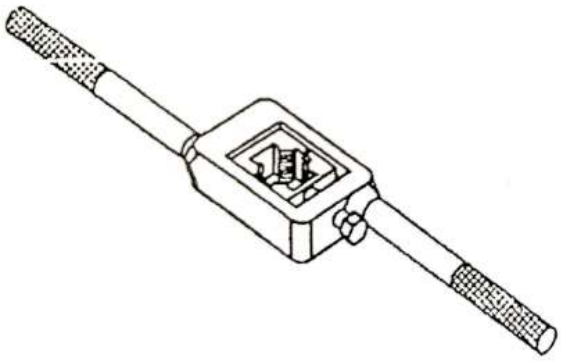
Solid die: Solid die is generally used for cutting threads that have small pitch and small diameter.



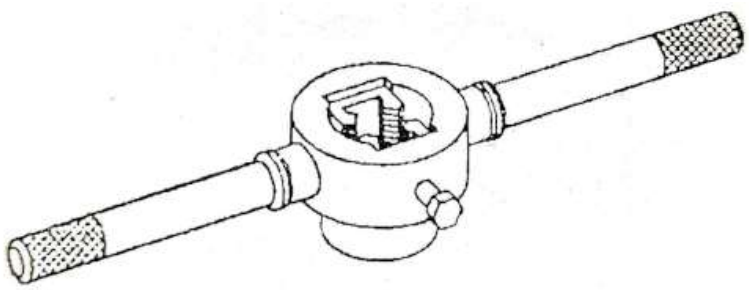
Spring die: Spring die consists of a die ring with a slit which enables slight reduction in bore and so it can cut the thread with lesser force on the hands.



Split die: Spilt die is made into two pieces. One part of the split die is fixed and the other part is movable. The movable part is adjustable within the cavity of the handle so that it can cut relatively larger and fine threads.



Pipe die: Pipe die is used to make threads on pipes that have a large diameter but small pitch. This is performed by manual rotation of the wrench which has a die fitted in it.



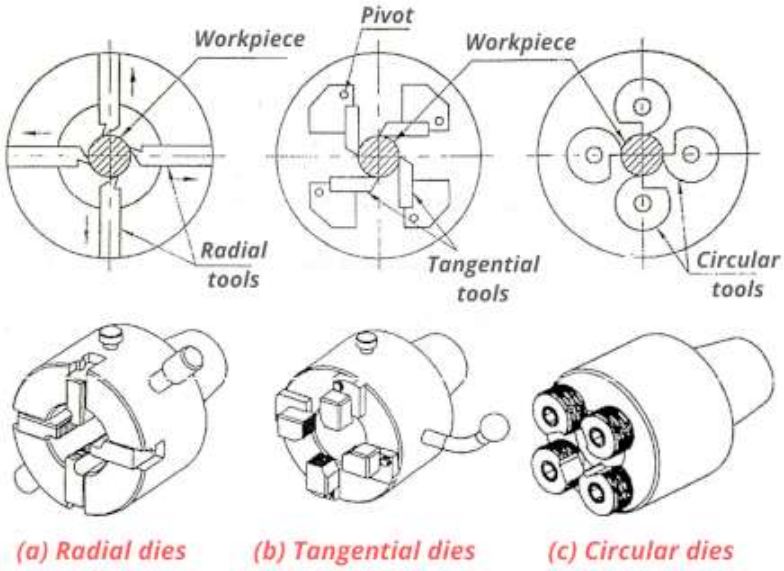
The solid dies are easy to use and they can be used even by a semi-skilled worker.
But the disadvantage of solid die is that it must be unscrewed from the work piece to disengage the work piece and die. Thus, these dies are not suitable for high-speed thread cutting operations.

Self-opening dies

The self-opening dies are the type of dies that open automatically on disengaging from the work piece. Hence self-opening dies are widely used on turret lathes, screw machines and other special types of threads.

There are 3 types of self-opening dies;

- Radial chaser type
- Tangential chaser type
- Circular chaser type



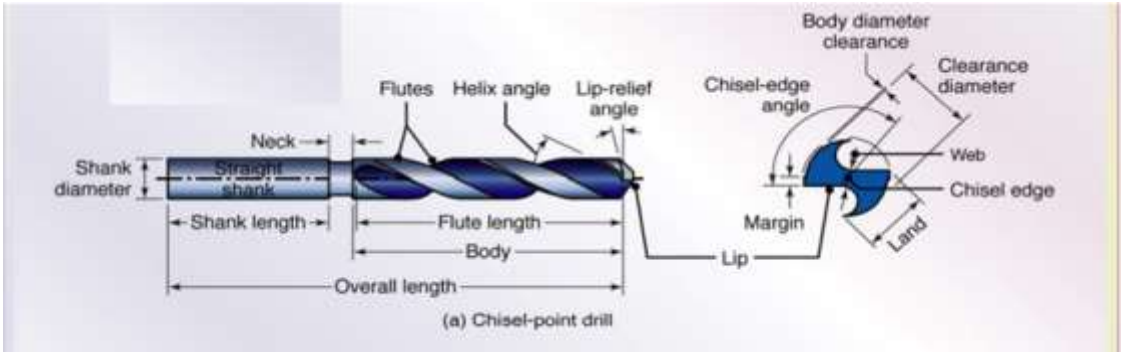
All these 3 types of self-opening dies consist of four sets of chasers (i.e multi point adjustable cutters). These multipoint cutters can also be removed for sharpening as well as replacing them for different thread sizes. In turret lathes, the self-opening dies are mounted in the turret and then the turret is moved towards the rotating work piece. When the thread cutting operation is done, the die disengage automatically and freely returns back from the work piece.If you are using a self-opening die for thread cutting, then there is no need for reverse rotation for its removal.

- ✓ **Drilling tools:**

In the context of mechanical fastening, a drilling tool is a specialized tool used to create holes or openings in materials, such as metal, wood, or plastic, in preparation for inserting fasteners like screws, bolts, rivets, or nails. These holes are necessary for securely attaching one material to another or joining different components together.
Drilling tools are also known as drill bit, they are classified into different types:

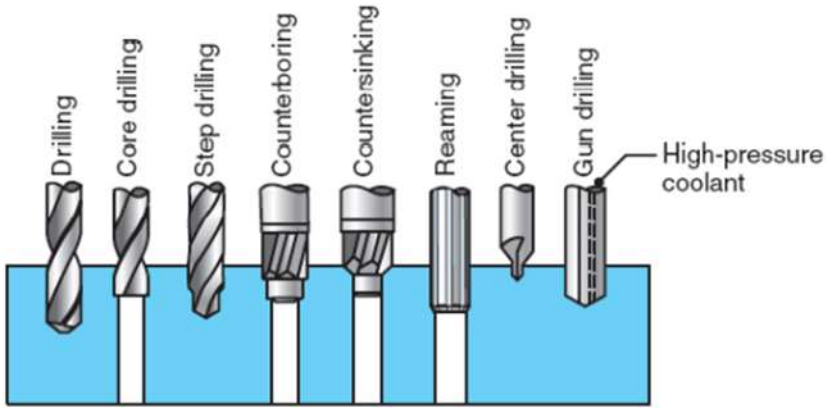
- Flat Drill bit
- Straight fluted drill bit
- Twist drill bit
- Centre drill bit

The most widely employed drilling tool is the twist drill which is available in diameters ranging 0.25 to 80 mm. Twist drill bits are the type generally used in shop work. They are made of High-speed steel (HSS) or High carbon steel. There are two types of twist drills namely (i) **Straight shank twist drill** and (ii) **Taper shank twist drill Bit**. The diameter of the straight shank drill bit ranges from 2 to 16mm. Taper shanks is provided on drill bits of larger diameter.



i)straight shank twist drill

Note only twist drill exist, other drill-point geometries have been developed to improve drill performance and increase the penetration rate.

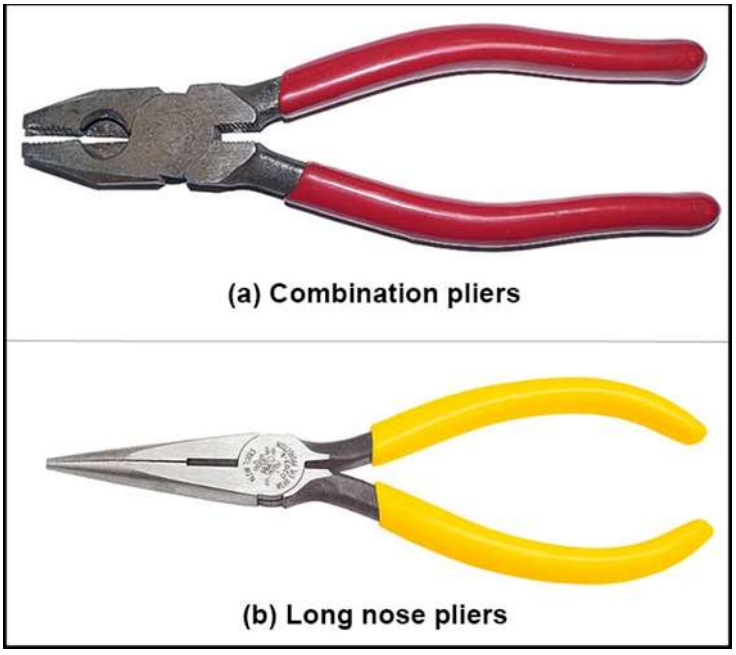


- ✓ **Tightening tools**

Tightening and loosing tools are hand tools with fixed or variable openings used for tightening and loosing nuts and bolts and for assembling and disassembling objects.

- **Pliers**

Pliers are namely ordinary needle noses and particular types of hand tools used to hold objects tightly. These are commonly used by fitters and electricians for holding wires and hot metals. Pliers are also helpful for bending and compressing a wide range of materials.



(a) Combination pliers

(b) Long nose pliers

- **Screwdrivers**

A screwdriver is a screw tightening tool. Screwdrivers are the most commonly used variety of screwdrivers shown in Fig. 2. They are generally used by hand for tightening the screws. A simple screwdriver has a handle, a shank, and a tip that the user inserts into the screw head to turn it.

Basic Screwdriver

It is also called flat blade or flathead screwdriver.

Phillips Head Screwdriver

- **Wrenches**

  Wrenches are, commonly known as spanners, are used to provide grip in applying torque to turn objects, usually rotary fasteners, such as nuts and bolts, or keep both of them from turning. These generally come in sets and are commonly identified by size numbers. These are of various types and a few general types involve open single-ended, open double-ended, closed-ended adjustable, ring spanner, offset socket, t-socket, box wrench, pipe wrench and Allen wrench.

Adjustable wrench

Combination (open and box) wrench

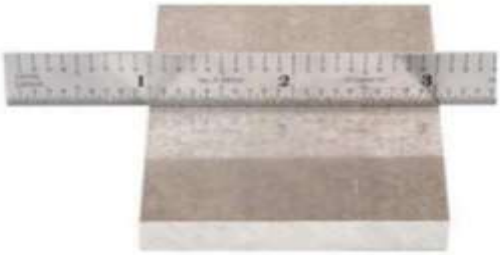
- ✓ **Measuring tools**

  In the context of mechanical fastening, measuring tools are instruments or devices used to determine and verify various dimensions and parameters related to fasteners, materials, and the fastening process. These tools play a crucial role in ensuring the correct installation and performance of fasteners in mechanical assemblies.

- **Steel Ruler:**

  A steel ruler is a straight-edged measuring tool made of stainless steel or other types of steel. It is designed for precision measurement of lengths, distances, and dimensions in various applications, particularly in fields where accuracy is crucial, such as engineering, drafting, architecture, and manufacturing.

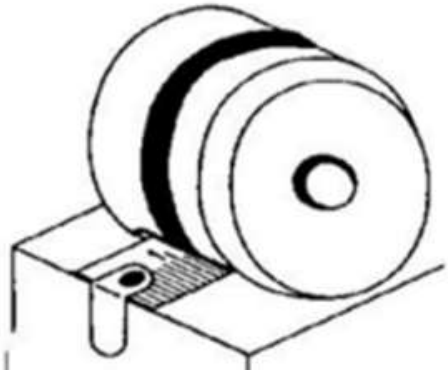
  For making marking out, measuring is required in short lengths; the steel rule is given preference in metalworking. It is handier and its graduation is precise than steel tape rule. The simplest length measuring tools are steel rule and steel tape rule. The steel rule (fig. below) has a length of 300 mm or 500mm. Some people confuse rules and scales. A scale is a measuring device used by architects and engineers that assists them in making drawings to a scale other than full size. A rule is used to measure actual sizes.



- **Tape measure:**

  A tape measure, also known as a measuring tape, is a flexible, portable, and retractable measuring tool used for measuring distances, lengths, and dimensions. It consists of a ribbon or strip of material marked with measurement increments and a mechanism that allows it to be easily extended and retracted for measuring various objects or spaces.

  Steel tape measure rules have often a small sheet-metal angle which makes it easy to apply it at the work piece edge (fig. below).

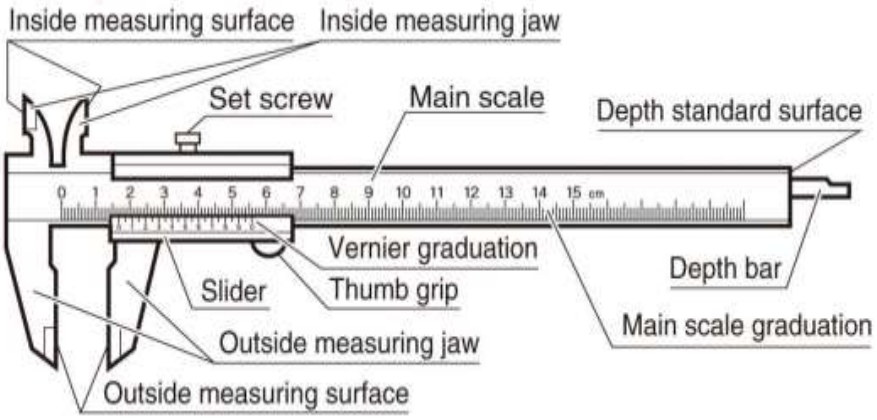


Vernier instruments

A Vernier instrument, often referred to as a Vernier scale or Vernier calliper, is a precision measuring tool used for accurately measuring lengths, dimensions, or distances with a high degree of precision. It consists of a primary scale and a secondary scale (Vernier scale) that allows for precise measurements in both metric and imperial units.

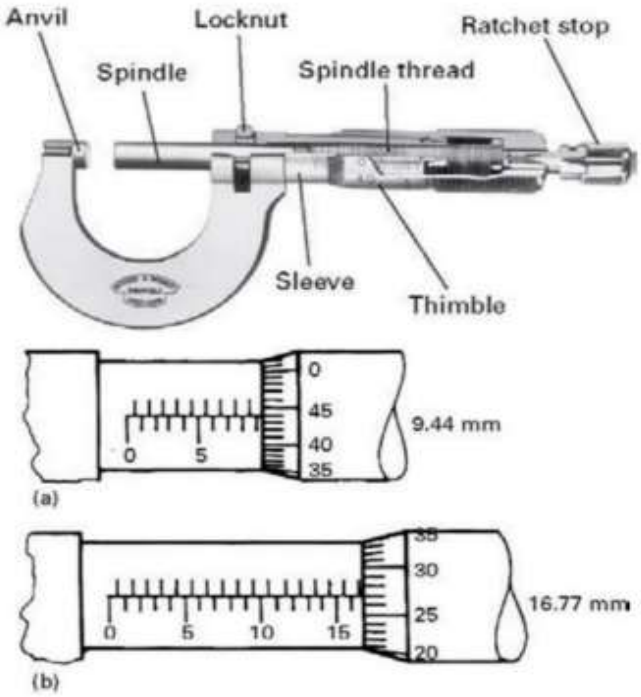
All instruments employing a Vernier consist of two scales: one moving and one fixed. The fixed scale is graduated in millimetres, every 10 divisions equalling 10mm, and is numbered 0, 1,2, 3, 4 up to the capacity of the instrument. If the two scales initially have their zeros in line and the Vernier scale is then moved so that its first graduation is lined up with a graduation on the fixed scale, the zero on the Vernier scale will have moved 0.02mm. The most common instrument using the above principle is the Vernier calliper. These instruments are capable of external, internal, step and depth measurements and are available in a range of measuring capacities from 150mm to 1000mm.

- **Vernier calliper:**



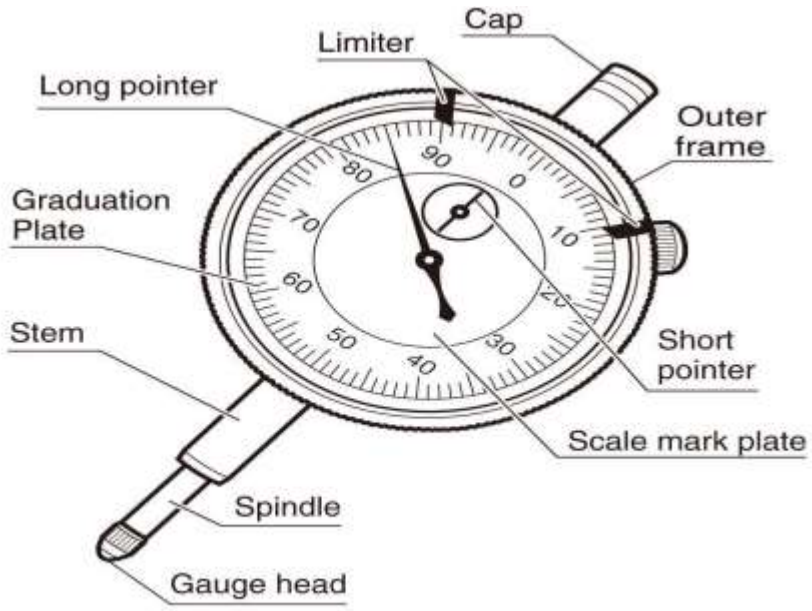
- **Micrometres**:

The micrometer is an improvement over the measurement of the vernier calliper scale discussed previously. The accuracy of vernier calliper remains to be 0.02 mm, but most of the engineering precision work demands greater accuracy with sensitivity for which an instrument having both these should be used.



- **Dial Indicator**

Dial Indicator is the most commonly used mechanical comparator. It works on the principle of Rack and pinion system i.e.; the linear movement of the spindle is magnified by rack and pinion arrangement. It consists of a robust base whose surface is flat and a pillar supporting a bracket in which a spindle fitted with a pinion and a dial scale.



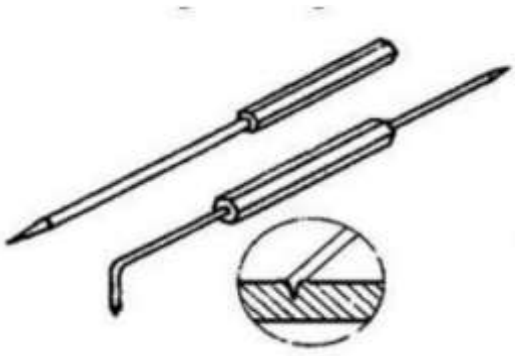
- **Try square**

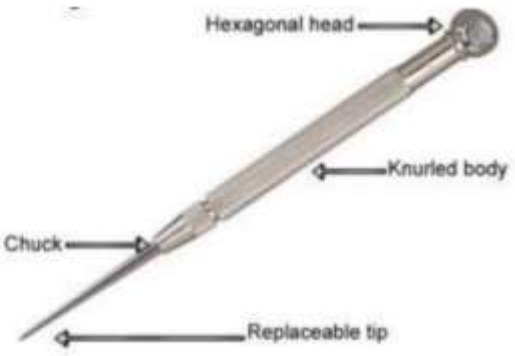
Square: It is used for checking the straightness and the Squareness of a work piece. It can also be used for marking perpendicular lines onto a work piece.

- ✓ **Marking tools**

The marking tool is used to mark on a job or work piece to obtain accurate size and shape.

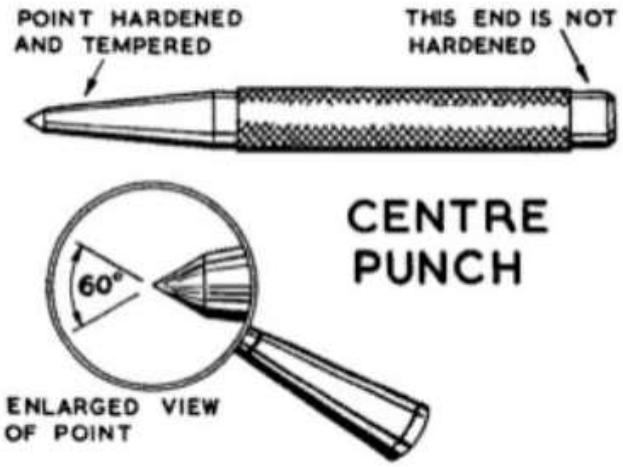
Scriber: Scriber is the very most important marking out tools in mechanical workshop or fitting shop. This hardened tool is a sharp tool made of steel that is used to draw lines while marking on a metal job



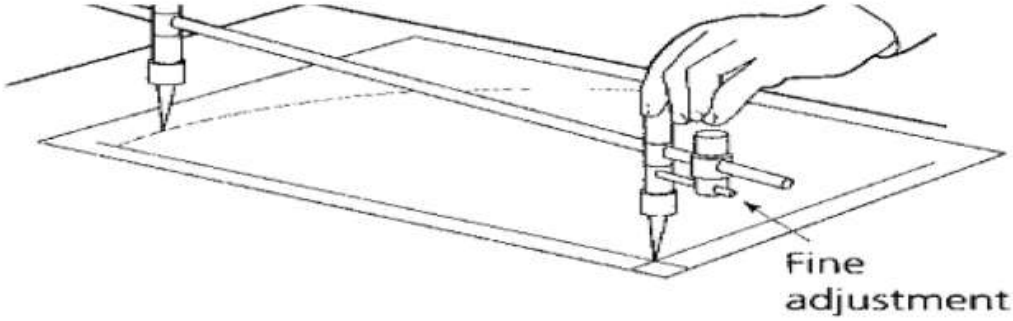


Divider: This is a marking tool or marking out tools used to mark circles, segments, and other geometrical textures. It is also used to transfer textures. It is made of tool steel, and its points are hardened and tempered.

Center punch: A center punch is used to mark the center of a point. It is usually used to mark the center of a hole when drilling holes. A center punch forms a large enough simple to "guide" the tip of the drill bit. Punch is used to provide a point from which a circle can be scribed by a divider or a location point for drilling a hole.



Trammel: It is used to draw circles and circles with more radiuses that cannot be drawn by a divider.



✓ **Clamping tools**

Clamping tools, also known as clamps, are mechanical devices designed to hold, secure, or immobilize objects in place by applying force or pressure.

Here are examples of clamping tools:

- **Gripping pliers:** Combination pliers are heavy-duty, side-cutting pliers, also known as lineman pliers or side cutters, which are designed for all regular wire-cutting needs. They have gripping jaws, a cutting edge, and insulating handle grips that reduce (but don't eliminate) the risk of electric shock from contact with live wires.

- **Clamps:** A device designed to bind or to press two or more parts together so as to hold them firmly. And is any of various instruments or appliances having parts brought together for holding or compressing something.

C – Clamp

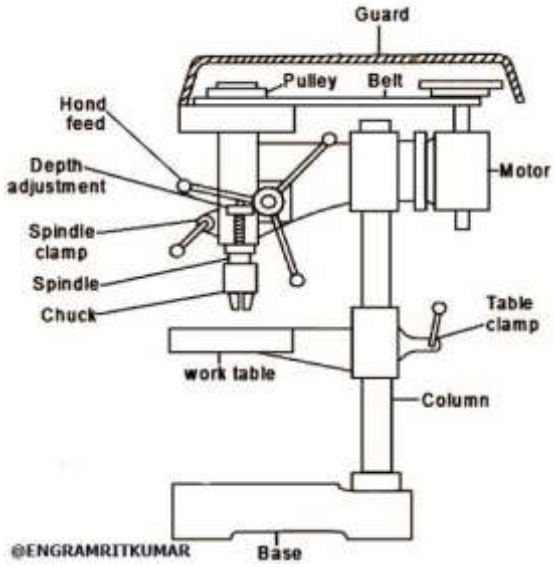
- **Vices:** Any of various devices, usually having two jaws that may be brought together or separated by means of a screw, lever, or the like, used to hold an object firmly while work is being done on it.

- **Equipment used in mechanical machine production**

  Mechanical production involves a wide range of equipment designed to transform raw materials into finished products. Here are some key types of equipment commonly used:

  ✓ **Drilling Machines:** These machines are essential for creating precise holes in materials like metal, wood, and plastic.

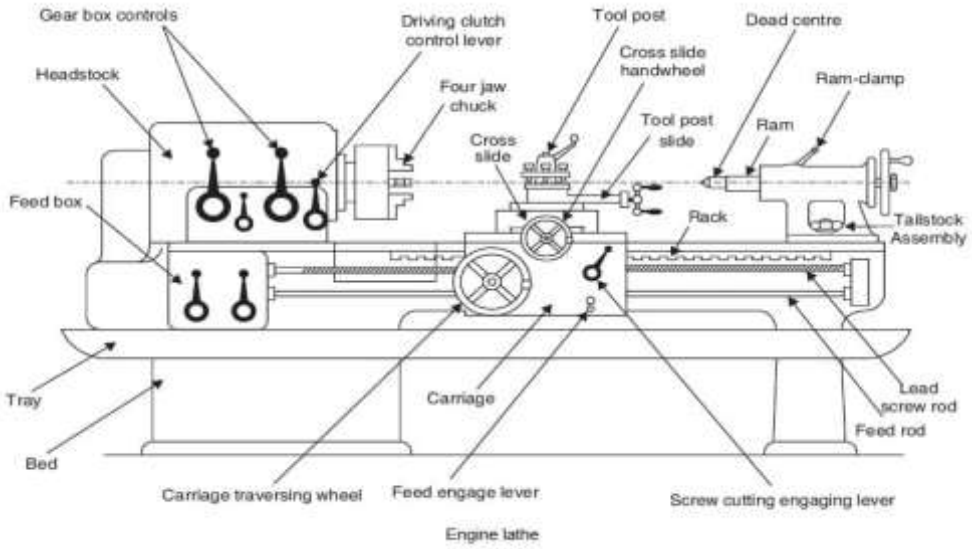
  Drilling machines are fundamental in manufacturing, designed to bore holes in various materials. They come in several forms, such as upright drills for larger workpieces and bench drills for smaller jobs. Radial drilling machines offer flexibility with a movable arm that can drill holes at different angles. Precision is key, and CNC drilling machines provide it by automating the drilling process, ensuring consistent results every time.



Examples: Upright drills, bench drills, radial drilling machines, CNC drilling machines

Key Applications: Creating precise holes in metal, wood, plastic

- ✓ **Turning Machines (Lathes):** Used to shape materials by rotating them against a cutting tool. They can perform operations such as cutting, sanding, and drilling Turning machines, commonly known as lathes, are used to shape materials by rotating them against a cutting tool. They can perform various operations such as cutting, sanding, knurling, drilling, or deformation. Engine lathes are versatile and widely used, while turret lathes are suitable for sequential work on a piece. Modern turning centers are often CNC-controlled for high precision and complex shapes.



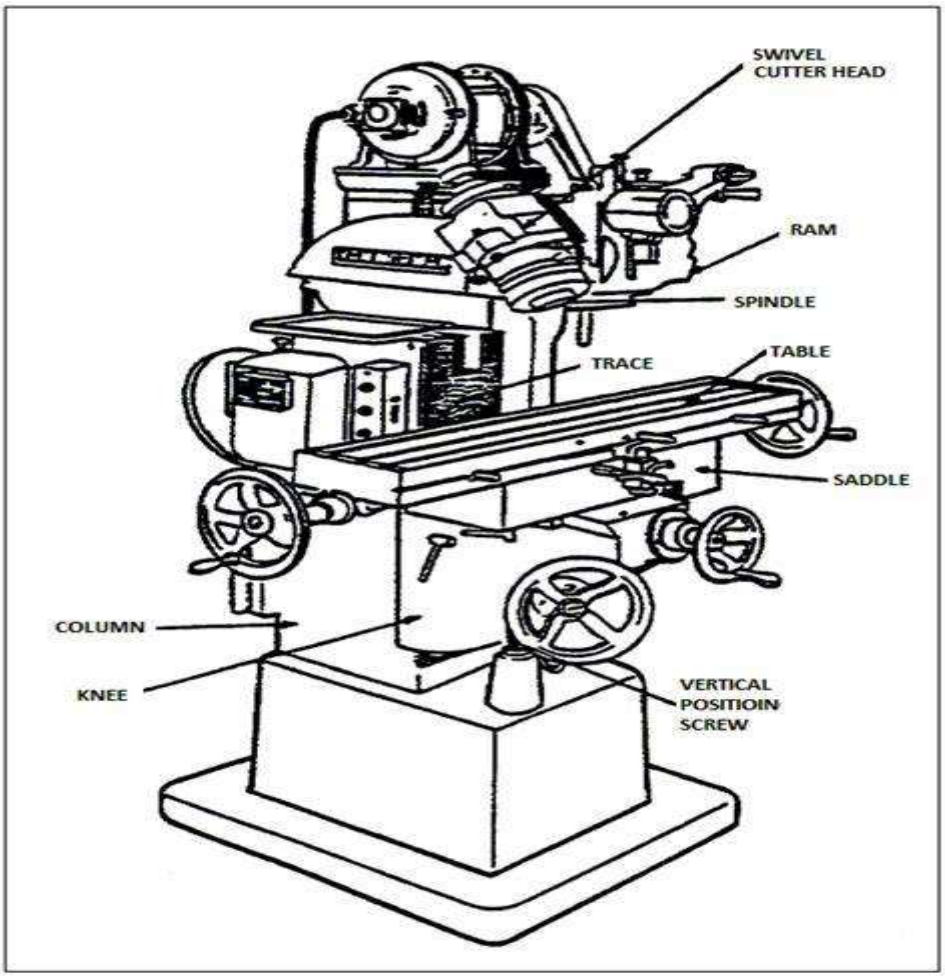
Engine lathe

Examples: Engine lathes, turret lathes, CNC turning centers

Key Applications: Shaping and finishing cylindrical parts

- ✓ **Milling Machines:**

Milling machines remove material from workpieces with rotary cutters. They can perform a variety of cuts and shapes and are commonly used in metalworking but also in wood and plastic manufacturing.

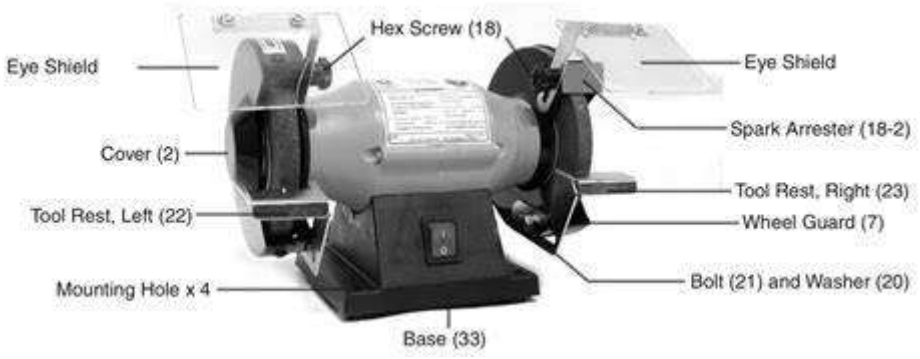


Examples: Horizontal and vertical milling machines

Key Applications: Cutting and shaping materials

- ✓ **Grinding Machines:**

Grinders are used to finish workpieces by removing material and smoothing surfaces to a desired finish or texture. They range from hand-held angle grinders to large cylindrical grinders for industrial work. Surface grinders ensure flat surfaces, while tool and cutter grinders sharpen and recondition cutting tools.



Examples: Hand-held angle grinders, cylindrical grinders, surface grinders, tool and cutter grinders

Key Applications: Finishing surfaces, sharpening cutting tools

- ✓ **Presses:** These machines apply pressure to shape or cut materials.

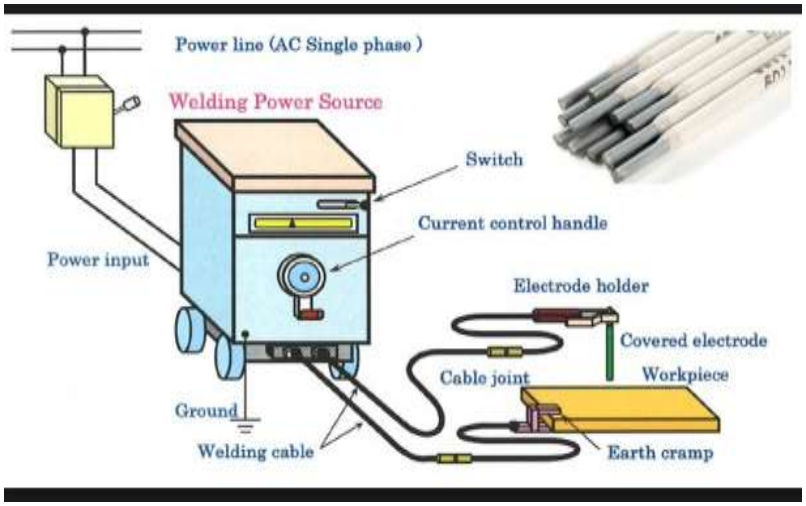
  Presses apply force to shape or cut materials using a set of dies. Hydraulic presses offer powerful force for metal forming, while mechanical presses are faster and more suitable for high-volume tasks.

Examples: Hydraulic presses, mechanical presses

Key Applications: Shaping or cutting materials using dies

- ✓ **Welding Machines:** Essential for joining materials, typically metals, by causing coalescence.

  Welding is a critical process in many manufacturing operations. Welding equipment includes traditional arc welders as well as laser welding machines which offer high precision and speed.



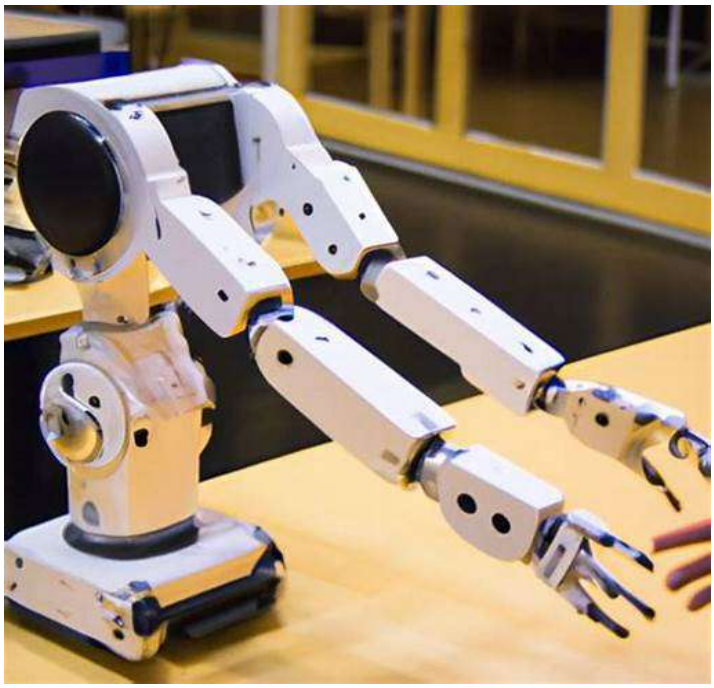
Examples: Arc welders, laser welding machines

Key Applications: Joining metal parts together

- ✓ **CNC Machines:** Computer Numerical Control machines automate the control of machining tools.

- ✓ **Robots:** Increasingly used in manufacturing for tasks such as assembly, welding, and material handling

Robotic arms replicate human arm movements and can be equipped with various tools to perform tasks such as welding, painting, or assembly. They increase productivity while reducing human error and safety risks.



Examples: Articulated robotic arms with various end-effectors

Key Applications: Repetitive tasks such as welding or painting

- ✓ **Quality Testing Machines:**

  Quality assurance is vital in manufacturing, and quality testing machines ensure that products meet strict standards. These machines include coordinate-measuring machines (CMMs), which provide detailed inspections of geometries; tensile testing machines, which assess material strength; and hardness testers. Automated optical inspection (AOI) systems are crucial in electronics manufacturing for detecting surface defects.

Examples: Coordinate-measuring machines (CMMs), tensile testing machines, hardness testers, AOI systems

Key Applications: Inspecting geometries, assessing material strength, detecting defects

- ✓ **Packaging Machines:** Used to package finished products for distribution.

  Once products are made, they need to be packaged securely and attractively. Packaging machines serve this purpose and vary widely depending on the product. Filling machines handle liquids and powders; sealing machines close bags and containers; labelling machines apply branding; and vacuum packaging machines ensure freshness and longevity of perishable goods.

LABELLING MACHINE

Examples: Filling machines, sealing machines, labelling machines, vacuum packaging machines

Key Applications: Encasing products for distribution and sale

- **Materials used in mechanical machine production**

In mechanical machine production, various materials are chosen based on their properties and the specific requirements of the machine. Here are some commonly used materials:

✓ **Metals**

- **Ferrous Metals**: Contain iron and are known for their strength and durability.

  - **Steel**: Widely used in construction, automotive, and machinery due to its high strength and versatility.
  - **Cast Iron**: Used in heavy machinery and automotive parts for its excellent wear resistance and machinability.
- **Non-Ferrous Metals**: Do not contain iron and are typically more resistant to corrosion.

- **Aluminum**: Lightweight and corrosion-resistant, used in aerospace, automotive, and consumer electronics.
- **Copper**: Excellent electrical and thermal conductivity, used in electrical wiring and heat exchangers.
- **Brass and Bronze**: Alloys of copper, used in fittings, bearings, and decorative applications.

✓ **Plastics**: Lightweight and versatile, used in components like gears, bearings, and housings.

- **Nylon**: Known for its strength and wear resistance.
- **Polyethylene**: Used in packaging and containers.
- **Polycarbonate**: High impact resistance, used in safety equipment and optical discs.

✓ **Composites**

Fiber-Reinforced Polymers (FRP): Combine polymers with fibers (like glass or carbon) to enhance strength and stiffness.

- **Carbon Fiber Composites**: Used in aerospace, automotive, and sports equipment for their high strength-to-weight ratio.
- **Glass Fiber Composites**: Used in construction, automotive, and marine applications.

- ✓ **Ceramics**

Technical Ceramics: Used for their hardness, thermal stability, and resistance to wear and corrosion.

  - **Alumina**: Used in cutting tools and electrical insulators.
  - **Silicon Carbide**: Used in high-temperature applications and abrasive materials.

Practical Activity 1.3.2: Selecting materials, tools, and equipment

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to Select materials, tools and equipment required for fabricating sheet metal rolling machine by applying handling techniques in mechanical machine production.

2: Apply safety precautions.

3: Select and clean tools, materials and equipment required for fabricating the machine in mechanical machine production.

4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.

5: Read key reading 1.3.2 and ask clarification where necessary.

6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 1.3.

Key readings 1.3.2: Selecting materials, tools, and equipment

Correct materials selection means that products have the optimum performance, longevity in use and cost as well as meeting sustainability requirements.

- **When deciding which material is best for an engineering project, there are various criteria to take into consideration, including:**
  - ✓ **Mechanical Properties:** These properties include factors such as ductility, strength, hardness, toughness and stiffness. They determine how the material will respond to issues such as loads and stresses.

- ✓ **Physical Properties:** These properties include electrical resistance, density and thermal conductivity. They show how the material will interact with the physical world.
- ✓ **Chemical Properties:** These properties demonstrate how a material will be affected by matters like corrosion or reactivity.
- ✓ **Cost:** The cost of a material is also important in materials selection, with some applications requiring and deserving higher-cost materials than others.
- ✓ **Availability:** Rarer materials may not only be more costly, but they can also be harder to source.
- ✓ **Sustainability:** The environmental impact of a material is also an important consideration and means answering questions around life expectancy and ease of recycling.

- **Equipment's and tools selections**

Selecting the right tools for a job is essential to ensure efficiency, safety, and quality. Here are some key criteria to consider:

- ✓ **Purpose and Functionality**: Ensure the tool is designed for the specific task you need to perform. Using the right tool for the job increases efficiency and reduces the risk of damage or injury.
- ✓ **Quality and Durability**: High-quality tools made from durable materials will last longer and perform better. Look for tools from reputable brands known for their reliability.
- ✓ **Ergonomics**: Tools should be comfortable to use, reducing strain and fatigue. Ergonomically designed tools can improve productivity and reduce the risk of repetitive strain injuries.
- ✓ **Safety Features**: Check for safety features such as non-slip grips, guards, and automatic shut-off mechanisms. Safety should always be a top priority.
- ✓ **Compatibility**: Ensure the tool is compatible with other equipment and materials you are using. This includes checking for the right sizes, power requirements, and attachments.
- ✓ **Maintenance and Ease of Use**: Tools that are easy to maintain and use will save time and effort. Consider how often the tool needs maintenance and how simple it is to clean and store.
- ✓ **Cost**: Balance the cost of the tool with its quality and expected lifespan. Sometimes investing in a more expensive, high-quality tool can be more cost-effective in the long run.
- ✓ **Availability of Spare Parts**: Ensure that spare parts and accessories are readily available. This can extend the life of the tool and reduce downtime.
- ✓ **User Reviews and Recommendations**: Look for reviews and recommendations from other users. This can provide insights into the tool's performance and reliability.

- ✓ **Compliance with Standards**: Ensure the tool meets relevant industry standards and regulations. This is particularly important for tools used in professional and industrial settings.

- **Applying handling Techniques**

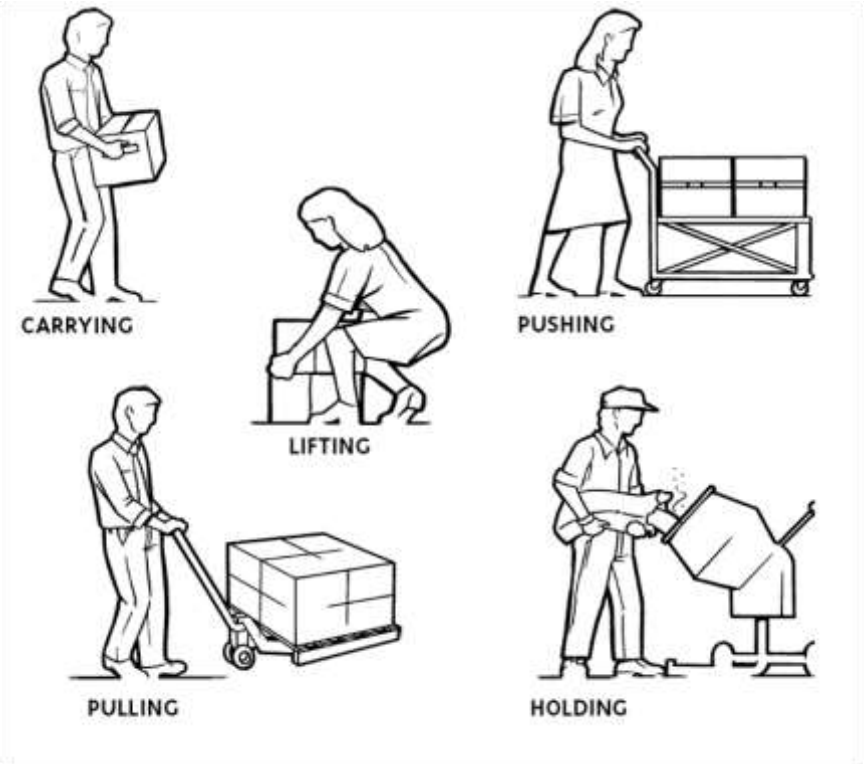
  Handling techniques in mechanical production are crucial for ensuring safety, efficiency, and the integrity of materials and components. Here are some key techniques:

  ✓ **Manual Handling**

  Proper Lifting: Use your legs, not your back, to lift heavy objects. Keep the load close to your body.

  Use of Tools: Employ tools like wrenches, pliers, and screwdrivers to handle small parts safely.

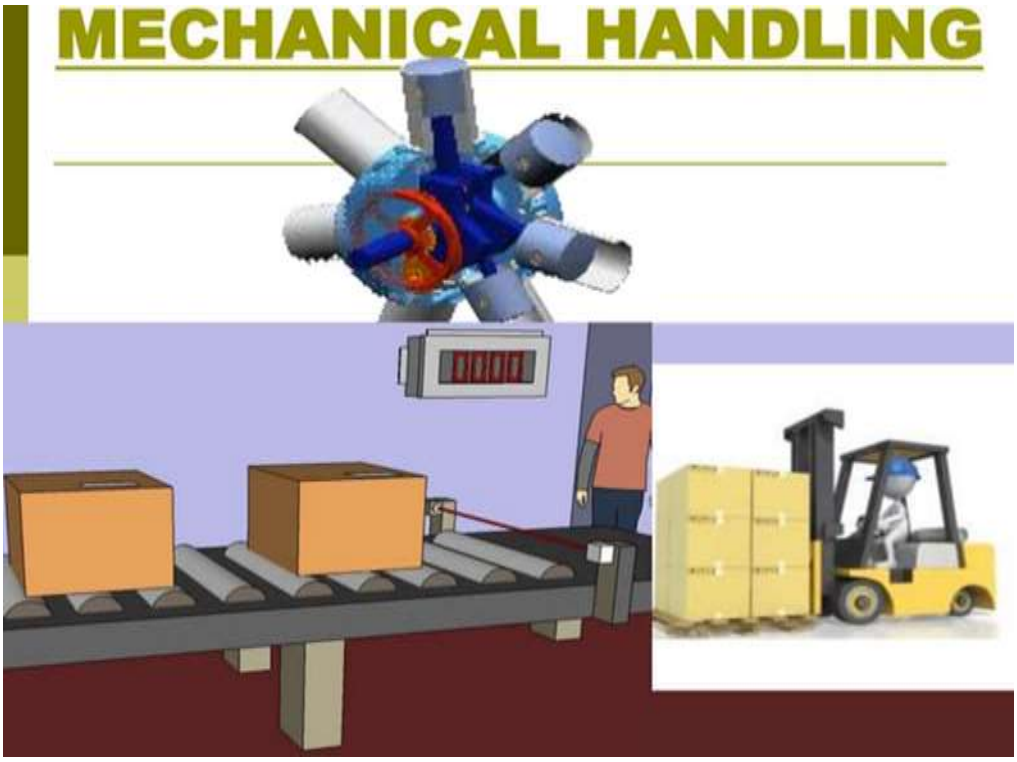
  Ergonomics: Arrange workstations to minimize strain and repetitive motion injuries.



  ✓ **Mechanical Handling**

  - Cranes and Hoists: Used for lifting and moving heavy materials. Ensure proper rigging and load balancing.
  - Conveyors: Transport materials along a production line. Regular maintenance is essential to prevent jams and breakdowns.

- Forklifts and Pallet Jacks: For moving large or heavy items. Operators should be trained and certified.



✓ **Applying cleaning techniques**

Applying effective cleaning techniques is essential for maintaining a safe and efficient work environment. Here are some general steps and tips for different types of cleaning:

General Cleaning Techniques

- Dusting: Use a microfiber cloth or duster to remove dust from surfaces. Start from the top and work your way down to avoid spreading dust to already cleaned areas.
- Sweeping and Vacuuming: Sweep floors with a broom or use a vacuum cleaner to remove dirt and debris. For carpets, vacuuming is essential to remove embedded dirt.
- Mopping: Use a mop and bucket with a suitable cleaning solution to clean hard floors. Ensure the mop is wrung out well to avoid excess water on the floor.
- Disinfecting: Use disinfectants on high-touch surfaces like doorknobs, light switches, and countertops to kill germs and bacteria. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper use.
- Window Cleaning: Use a glass cleaner and a squeegee or lint-free cloth to clean windows. Wipe in a vertical or horizontal motion to avoid streaks.

Specialized Cleaning Techniques

- Equipment Cleaning: For machinery and tools, use appropriate cleaning

agents that won't damage the equipment. Follow the manufacturer's guidelines for cleaning and maintenance.

- Chemical Cleaning: When using chemicals, always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves and goggles. Ensure proper ventilation and follow safety instructions on the labels.
- Ultrasonic Cleaning: This technique uses ultrasonic waves and a cleaning solution to clean delicate items like electronic components and medical instruments. It's effective for removing contaminants from hard-to-reach areas.
- Pressure Washing: Use a pressure washer for cleaning large outdoor surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and building exteriors. Adjust the pressure settings to avoid damaging surfaces.

Practical Activity 1.3.3: Setting tools and equipment

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to set tools and equipment required for fabricating sheet metal rolling machine of three rollers made in pipe of 5mm thick having three m long supported into bearing to each end by using shaft mounted on the end of rollers in mechanical machine production.

2: Apply safety precautions.

3: Set tools and equipment required for fabricating rolling machine in mechanical machine production.

4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.

5: Read key reading 1.3.3 and ask clarification where necessary.

6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 1.3.

Key readings 1.3.3: Setting tools and equipment

- **Inspection of tools and equipment**

The Tools Inspection Procedure

The tools inspection procedure can vary depending on the type of tool, industry, and the regulatory standards in place. However, a general procedure can be outlined as follows:

✓ **Preparation**

Before commencing the inspection, it's essential to be equipped with the necessary inspection checklists or guidelines. These checklists often serve as a roadmap for the inspection, ensuring no crucial aspect is overlooked. Additionally, for the safety of the person conducting the inspection, the tool in question should be turned off and isolated

from its power source.

This step prevents any unexpected start-ups or accidents. Lastly, safety cannot be compromised. Depending on the tool's nature and potential hazards, wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) like gloves, safety glasses, or hearing protection ensures that the inspector is safeguarded from possible injuries.

- ✓ **Visual Inspection**

The first hands-on step in the inspection process is a comprehensive visual examination. This means observing the tool for any visible signs of wear, damage, or deformation that might render the tool unsafe or inefficient. Special attention should be given to signs of corrosion, which can weaken the tool's structure or functionality.

Moreover, the presence of cracks or missing components could be indicators of heavy wear or past misuse. In the case of power tools, the integrity of cables and connectors is paramount. Frayed cables, damaged connectors, or exposed wires could impact the tool's functionality and pose significant safety risks.

- ✓ **Functional Test**

Once the visual examination is complete and any observed issues are noted, the tool can be powered on for a functional test. This step involves observing the tool's operation, ensuring it performs as intended. Listening plays a critical role here – unusual noises or vibrations can be early indicators of internal problems or wear that isn't immediately visible.

- ✓ **Measurement and Calibration**

Accuracy is vital for many tools, especially in precision tasks. Using gauges or specialized measuring devices can help assess whether a tool's dimensions, angles or other crucial parameters are within acceptable ranges. Another crucial aspect is ensuring that these measuring tools themselves are calibrated. A miscalibrated measuring device can lead to incorrect readings, defeating an inspection's purpose.

- ✓ **Cleaning and Lubrication**

After the inspection, cleaning the tool is often a good practice. Removing debris, dirt, or residues ensures the tool functions optimally and extends its lifespan. Moreover, many tools require lubrication for smooth operation. Proper lubrication minimizes wear and tear, reducing the friction between moving parts. It's essential to apply the right lubricant in the correct amount, following the manufacturer's guidelines. This ensures the tool's longevity and optimal performance.

- ✓ **Documentation**

Proper documentation forms the backbone of any rigorous inspection process. Detailed records offer a snapshot of a tool's health and condition during the inspection. It's crucial to record all findings, including minor defects or anomalies. Such records help track the tool's wear and tear over time, providing insights into its maintenance needs and lifespan.

Noting down the inspection date provides a timeline, aiding in scheduling subsequent inspections. The inspector's name is essential for accountability and any potential follow-up discussions. Additionally, any recommendations made during the inspection or actions taken — whether they involve repairs, replacements, or simple maintenance tasks — should be diligently recorded. These notes serve as a roadmap for future reference, ensuring consistent care and maintenance of the tool.

- ✓ **Tagging**

Once the inspection is completed, it's essential to quickly convey the tool's status to potential users. Attaching a tag or label can immediately determine the tool's readiness. Such tags might indicate whether the tool passed the inspection, failed, or received a conditional pass, meaning it can be used but with certain reservations or for limited purposes. These labels are a visual and immediate reminder, ensuring that tools that might not be safe or optimal for use are easily identifiable.

- ✓ **Isolation or Quarantine**

Safety and efficacy are paramount. If a tool does not pass the inspection, it becomes a potential hazard to the user or the task. Such tools need to be promptly isolated or quarantined. This means keeping them separate from the pool of functional tools, ensuring they are not inadvertently used. This step remains crucial until the tool is repaired, adjusted, or replaced.

- ✓ **Notification**

A tool's status is not just the inspector's concern; it's relevant to anyone who might use or depend on that tool. Consequently, it's vital to notify the relevant personnel or departments about the inspection's outcome. Especially if a tool is faulty, users and stakeholders should be informed to avoid its use and take necessary precautionary measures.

- ✓ **Follow-up Actions**

Identification is just the first step; rectification is equally important. Any issues or defects identified during the inspection must be addressed without delay. Depending on the nature of the problem, this might involve repairing the tool, making certain adjustments to it, or, in extreme cases, replacing it entirely. Swift action ensures that tools are always in the best condition for use, upholding safety and efficiency standards.

✓ **Regularly Review Inspection Procedures**

No procedure is perfect; with time, technologies evolve, new challenges emerge, and standards get revised. Hence, it's essential to review and update the inspection procedure periodically. Feedback from inspectors, experiences from the field, the advent of new technologies, or changes in industry standards and regulations should all be considered. This continuous refinement ensures that the inspection procedure remains relevant, comprehensive, and effective in maintaining the highest tool safety and functionality standards.

Tools Inspection Points Checklist

- Visual Examination: Check for signs of wear, damage, or any visible deformations.
- Operational Test: Power on and operate the tool to ensure it functions as intended.
- Electrical Safety: For power tools, check cords for fraying, damage, and ensure proper grounding. Test for electrical continuity.
- Moving Parts: Ensure moving parts operate smoothly without obstructions or undue resistance.
- Secure Attachments: Confirm that all screws, bolts, and fittings are tight and in place.
- Ergonomics: Examine handles and grips for wear or damage to ensure comfortable and safe use.
- Lubrication: Check lubrication levels and ensure moving parts are adequately lubricated.
- Calibration: For precision tools, confirm that they are calibrated and display accurate measurements.
- Safety Features: Ensure safety guards, switches, and other protective features are functional and in place.
- Noise and Vibration: Listen for unusual sounds and excessive vibrations while operating, indicating possible internal issues.
- Temperature: Check if the tool overheats during operation, which could indicate wear or malfunction.
- Ventilation and Filters: For tools with ventilation systems or filters, confirm they are clean and unobstructed.
- Battery Condition: For battery-operated tools, inspect the battery for any swelling, leakage, or damage. Test its charge and discharge rates.
- Pressure Systems: Check hoses for wear for hydraulic or pneumatic tools and ensure they maintain proper pressure.
- Corrosion and Rust: Examine metal parts for signs of corrosion or rust that can affect performance or safety.
- Sharpness: For cutting tools, ensure edges are sharp and free from chips or nicks.

- Storage Condition: Confirm the tool's storage conditions are appropriate, dry, and contaminant-free.
- Documentation: Ensure the tool's manual or usage guidelines are available and review them for specific inspection points.
- Cleaning: After inspection, clean the tool of any debris, dust, or residues, ensuring it's ready for use.

Top Benefits of Tools Inspection

The inspection of tools offers many benefits, ensuring safety, efficiency, and longevity. Here are the top 10 benefits of tools inspection:

- Enhanced Safety: Regular inspections ensure that tools are properly working, reducing the risk of accidents caused by malfunctioning or worn-out equipment.
- Prolonged Tool Lifespan: Detecting and rectifying issues early can extend a tool's operational life, ensuring it delivers maximum value throughout its tenure.
- Consistent Performance: Regular inspections ensure tools function at peak performance, leading to consistent output quality and task efficiency.
- Cost Savings: Identifying and addressing tool issues early can prevent expensive repairs or replacements in the long run. It also reduces downtime, enhancing productivity.
- Compliance with Regulations: Many industries have regulatory requirements for tool maintenance and safety. Regular inspections ensure compliance, avoiding potential legal repercussions or fines.
- Enhanced Productivity: A well-maintained tool functions optimally, reducing task times and increasing overall productivity.
- Reduced Downtime: By identifying potential issues early, preventive actions can be taken, reducing unexpected breakdowns and associated downtime.
- Trust and Reliability: Knowing that tools have been inspected and are in top condition fosters trust among workers, ensuring they can rely on their equipment for their tasks.
- Data-driven Decisions: Documented inspection results provide valuable data, helping decision-making processes, such as when to replace tools or invest in newer technologies.
- Environmental Benefits: Well-maintained tools often operate more efficiently, consuming less power or resources and reducing waste, reducing environmental footprint.

- **Adjusting tools and equipment parameter**

Adjusting the parameters of tools and equipment is essential for optimizing performance, ensuring precision, and extending the lifespan of the tools. Here are

some key steps and considerations for adjusting parameters, particularly in CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machining:

Key Parameters to Adjust

- ✓ **Spindle Speed:**
  - Definition: The rotational speed of the cutting tool.
  - Adjustment: Set based on the material being machined and the desired cutting conditions. Higher speeds can improve cutting efficiency but may increase tool wear.
- ✓ **Feed Rate:**
  - Definition: The speed at which the cutting tool moves along the workpiece.
  - Adjustment: Balance between high feed rates for efficiency and lower rates for better surface finish. Adjust according to the material and tool type.
- ✓ **Depth of Cut:**
  - Definition: The thickness of the material removed with each pass of the cutting tool.
  - Adjustment: Ensure it is appropriate for the material and tool to avoid excessive force and tool deflection.
- ✓ **Cutting Speed:**
  - Definition: The speed at which the cutting tool moves across the material's surface.
  - Adjustment: Critical for material removal efficiency and surface finish. Too high speeds can cause overheating and tool damage.
- ✓ **Tool Path:**
  - Definition: The trajectory that the cutting tool follows.
  - Adjustment: Optimize for minimal tool movement and efficient material removal.
- ✓ **Coolant and Lubrication:**
  - Definition: Fluids used to reduce heat and friction during machining.
  - Adjustment: Select appropriate coolants and lubricants based on the material and machining process.

Steps for Adjusting Parameters

- ✓ **Identify Requirements:** Determine the specific requirements of the machining process, including material type, desired surface finish, and dimensional accuracy**.**
- ✓ **Set Initial Parameters:** Use manufacturer recommendations or industry standards as a starting point for setting parameters.
- ✓ **Test and Measure:** Perform a test run and measure the results. Check for tool wear, surface finish, and dimensional accuracy.

- ✓ **Analyze and Adjust:** Analyze the test results and make necessary adjustments to the parameters. This may involve increasing or decreasing speeds, feed rates, or depths of cut.
- ✓ **Monitor and Optimize:** Continuously monitor the machining process and make incremental adjustments to optimize performance.
- ✓ **Document Settings:** Record the final parameter settings for future reference and consistency in production.

- **Testing tools and equipment**

Common Testing Methods

- ✓ **Visual Inspection**:
  - **Purpose**: Identify visible defects such as cracks, wear, or corrosion.
  - **Tools**: Magnifying glasses, borescopes, and inspection mirrors.
- ✓ **Functional Testing**:
  - **Purpose**: Verify that the tool or equipment operates as intended.
  - **Tools**: Test benches, simulators, and load banks.
- ✓ **Electrical Testing**:
  - **Purpose**: Check electrical parameters and safety.
  - **Tools**: Multimeters, insulation testers, and continuity testers.
- ✓ **Dimensional Testing**:
  - **Purpose**: Ensure the tool or equipment meets specified dimensions.
  - **Tools**: Calipers, micrometers, and coordinate measuring machines (CMMs).
- ✓ **Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)**:
  - **Purpose:** Detect internal defects without damaging the tool or equipment.
  - **Tools:** Ultrasonic testers, radiography, and magnetic particle inspection**.**
- ✓ **Performance Testing**:
  - **Purpose**: Assess the performance under specific conditions.
  - **Tools**: Dynamometers, vibration analyzers, and thermal cameras.

Key Testing Tools

- ✓ **Mustimeters**: Used for measuring voltage, current, and resistance in electrical circuits.
- ✓ **Oscilloscopes**: Visualize electrical signals to diagnose issues in electronic equipment.
- ✓ **Calipers and Micrometers**: Measure dimensions with high precision.
- ✓ **Thermal Cameras**: Detect heat patterns and identify overheating components.
- ✓ **Ultrasonic Testers**: Use sound waves to detect internal flaws in materials.
- ✓ **Vibration Analyzers**: Measure and analyze vibrations to predict mechanical failures.

Points to Remember

- Material must be related to the work to be accomplished
- Clean tools and equipment before and after the job
- Store tools and equipment separately
- Select the materials according thon their type, size and shape
- Ensure the tools and equipment are suitable for the specific tasks you need to perform.
- Look for tools that include safety features (e.g., guards, emergency shut-offs) to minimize the risk of accidents.
- Select equipment that is user-friendly, with intuitive controls and ergonomics to reduce fatigue and increase efficiency.
- Ensure that handling techniques promote good posture and minimize strain on the body.
- Use the correct tools (e.g., mops, brushes, cloths) and techniques for different tasks to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.
- Follow proper procedures for disposing of cleaning waste and chemicals in an environmentally friendly manner.
- Establish a logical sequence for cleaning tasks (e.g., top to bottom, left to right) to avoid recontamination of cleaned areas.
- Set up workstations to promote good posture and reduce strain. Adjust heights and angles to make operations comfortable.
- Ensure that equipment is properly calibrated and functioning correctly before use to avoid errors and ensure safety.
- Ensure that all tools requiring power have safe, accessible outlets and that cords are managed to prevent tripping hazards.
- Consider the working environment (e.g., temperature, humidity) that may affect tool performance and durability.

Application of learning 1.3.

At your school manufacturing workshop, a mechanical team is preparing to fabricate sheet metal rolling machine by using three rollers made in pipe of 5mm thick and three (3) m long supported into bearing and shaft mounted on the end of each roller The mechanical team needs tools, materials and equipment required for fabricating that machine, to apply handling techniques for tools materials and equipment, apply cleaning techniques for materials, tools and equipment setting tools and equipment. You are asked to:

i. Select materials,
ii. Select tools

iii. Select equipment
iv. Apply handling techniques
v. Apply cleaning techniques
vi. Set tools and equipment

Indicative content 1.4: Producing machine parts

Duration: 25 hrs

Practical Activity 1.4.1: Producing machine parts

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to produce machine parts by cutting and rolling mild steel three sheet of 5mm thick and 34.5 *100 cm width and length respectively then join to form rolls required to fabricate machine in mechanical machine production.
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: Produce parts required for fabricating machine parts in mechanical machine production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 1.4.1 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 1.4.

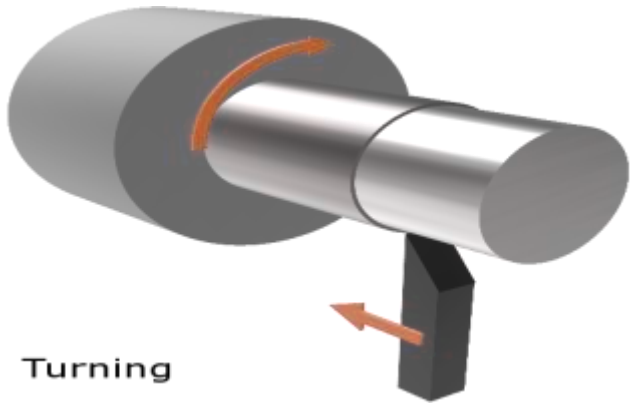
Key readings 1.4.1: Cutting workpieces

- **Cutting techniques**

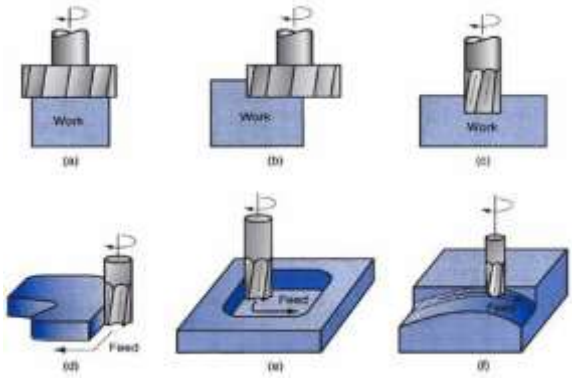
Cutting techniques are essential in machining to shape materials into desired forms.
In manufacturing technology, various cutting techniques are employed to shape, remove, or finish materials. The most common cutting techniques are:

1. Mechanical Cutting

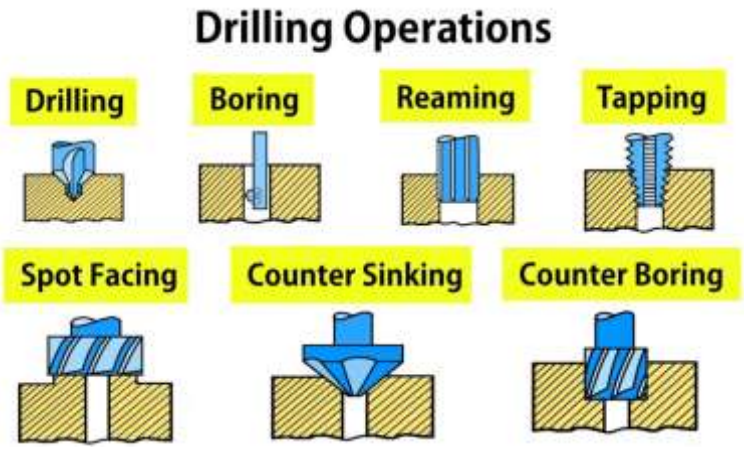
- ✓ **Turning:** Rotating a workpiece against a cutting tool to produce cylindrical parts.



- ✓ **Milling:** Using rotating cutters to remove material from a stationary workpiece in various shapes.



- ✓ **Drilling:** Creating holes in a workpiece using drill bits.



- ✓ **Sawing:** Cutting materials using a saw blade, suitable for various materials.

2. Non-Traditional Cutting

- ✓ **Laser Cutting**: Using high-powered lasers to cut through materials with precision.

- ✓ **Water Jet Cutting**: Employing high-pressure water mixed with abrasives to cut through materials.

- ✓ **Plasma Cutting**: Utilizing a plasma torch to cut conductive materials by melting them.

- ✓ **Electrical Discharge Machining (EDM):** Removing material using electrical discharges (sparks).

3. Thermal Cutting

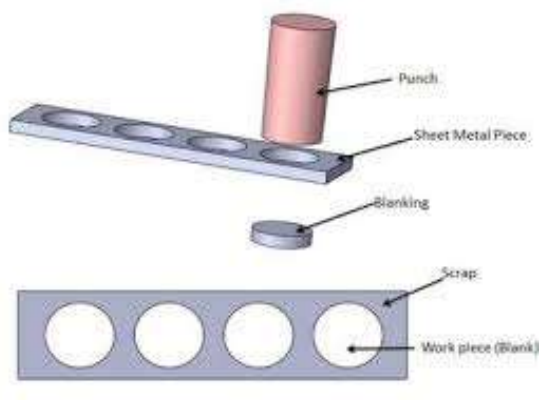
- ✓ **Oxy-Fuel Cutting:** Combining oxygen and fuel gases to cut metals.

- ✓ **Arc Cutting:** Using an electric arc to melt and cut through materials.

4. Shearing

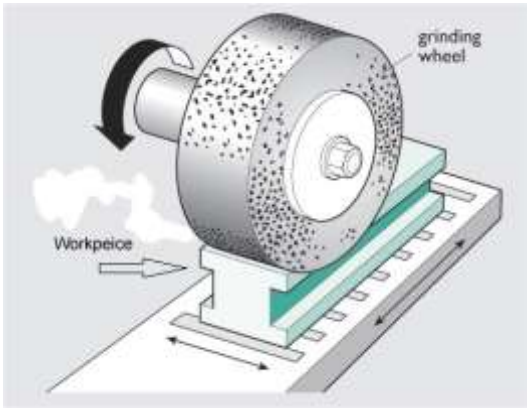
Sheet Metal Shearing: Cutting flat sheets of metal using shearing machines.

- ✓ **Punching:** Creating holes or shapes in materials by forcing a punch through them.



5. Grinding

- ✓ **Surface Grinding:** Finishing flat surfaces using a grinding wheel.



- ✓ **Cylindrical Grinding:** Grinding the outer surface of cylindrical parts.

6. Tapping

Creating internal threads in holes using a tap

7. Routing

Using a router to hollow out an area of a material, often used in woodworking and plastic fabrication.

Factors to Consider

- **Material Type**: Different materials require different cutting techniques and tools.
- **Tool Material**: The material of the cutting tool affects its performance and lifespan.
- **Cutting Speed and Feed Rate**: These parameters need to be optimized for efficient cutting and tool longevity.
- **Coolant and Lubrication**: Proper use of coolants and lubricants can reduce heat and friction, improving cutting performance.

Best Practices

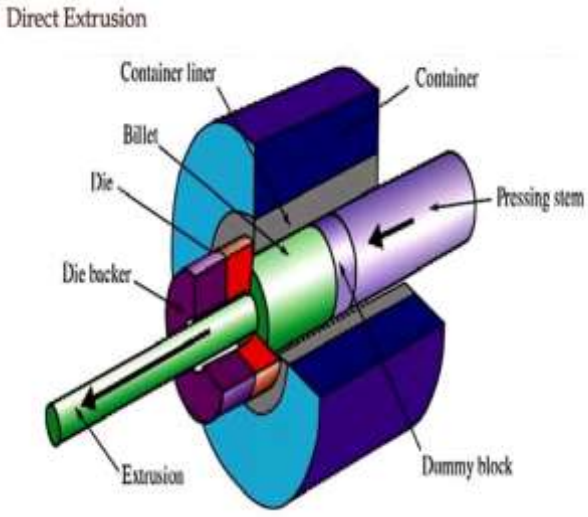
- **Regular Maintenance**: Keep tools sharp and well-maintained to ensure efficient cutting.
- **Safety Measures**: Always follow safety protocols to prevent accidents.
- **Training**: Ensure operators are well-trained in using cutting tools and equipment.
- **Forming operations**

Forming operations are essential in manufacturing, allowing materials to be shaped into desired forms without adding or removing material. Here are some common forming techniques used in mechanical machining:

Common Forming Techniques

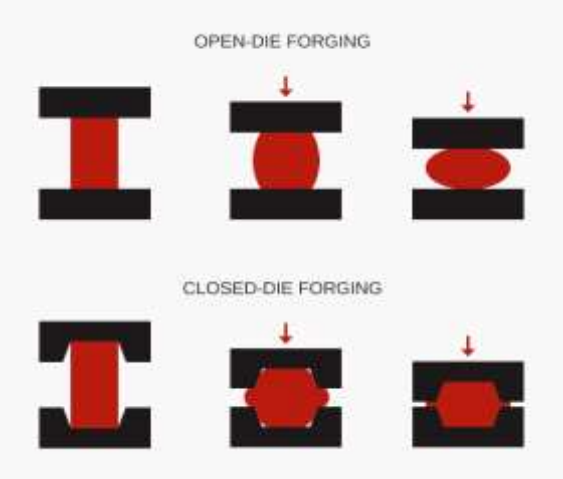
- ✓ **Rolling:**
  - **Description: Material is passed through a pair of rollers to reduce thickness and achieve uniformity.**
  - **Applications: Used in producing sheets, plates, and foils.**

- ✓ **Extrusion:**
  - **Description: Material is pushed through a die to create long shapes with a fixed cross-section.**
  - **Applications: Commonly used for making pipes, rods, and profiles.**



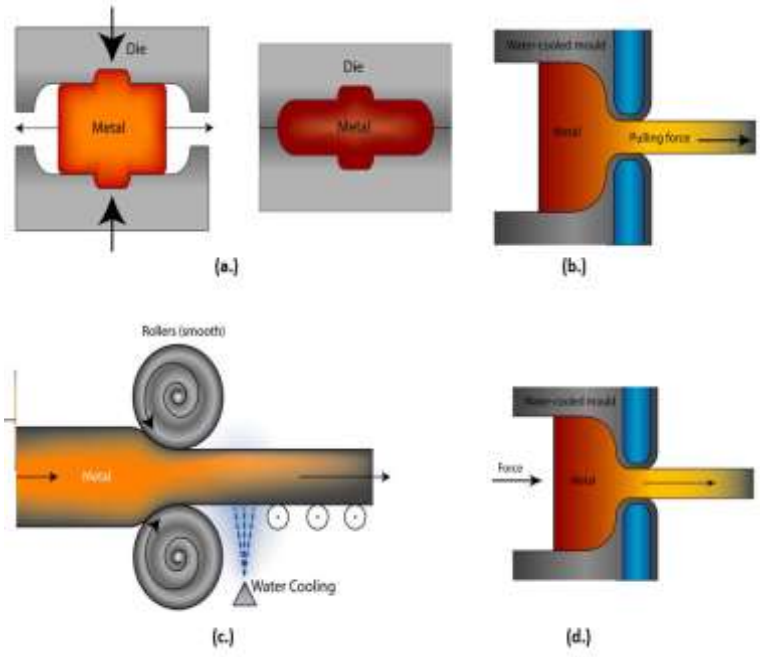
✓ **Forging:**

- **Description: Material is shaped by localized compressive forces, often using a hammer or press.**
- **Applications: Ideal for creating strong, durable parts like gears, bolts, and crankshafts.**



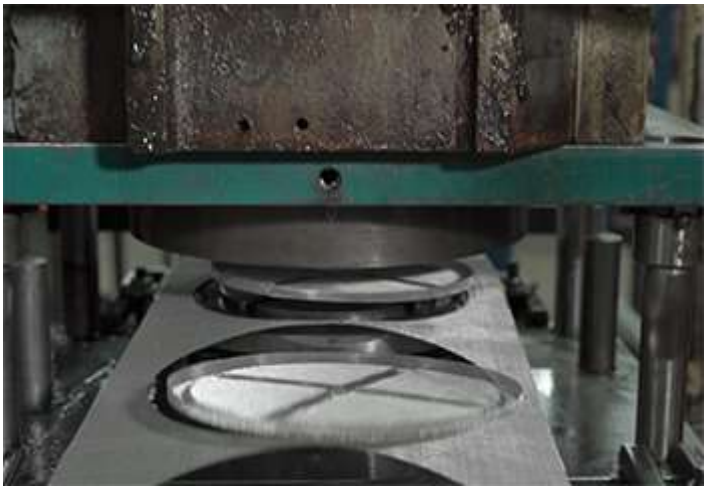
✓ **Drawing:**

- **Description:** Material is pulled through a die to reduce its diameter and increase its length.
- **Applications:** Used for making wires, tubes, and other elongated shapes.



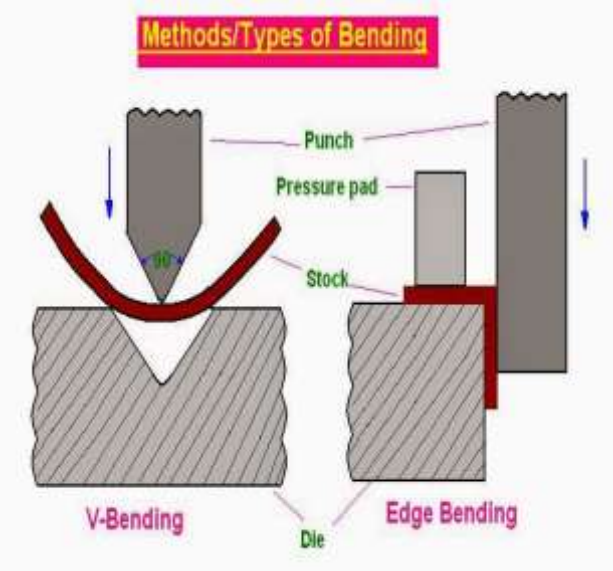
✓ **Stamping:**

- **Description:** Material is pressed into a die to create shapes and patterns.
- **Applications:** Common in automotive and appliance manufacturing for parts like body panels and brackets**.**



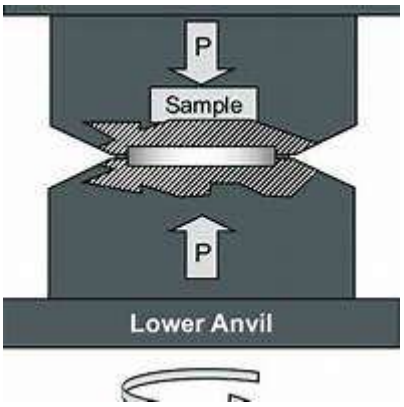
✓ **Bending:**

- **Description:** Material is deformed along a straight axis to create angles and curves.
- **Applications:** Used for making frames, brackets, and enclosures.



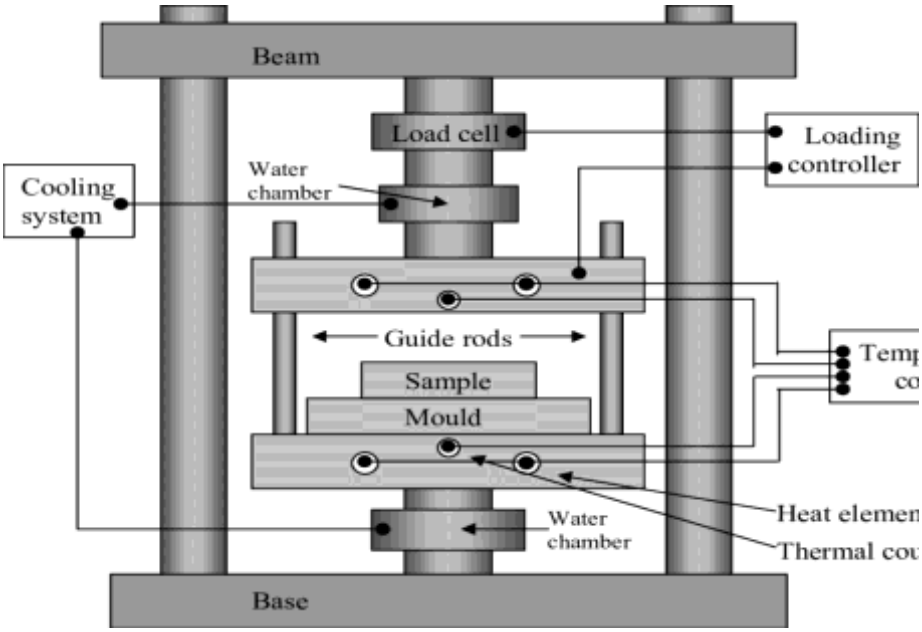
✓ **Coining:**

- **Description:** Material is squeezed under high pressure to create detailed shapes and patterns.
- **Applications:** Used for making coins, medals, and precision components.



✓ **Embossing:**

- **Description:** Material is stretched into a shallow depression using a punch and die.
- **Applications:** Used for decorative purposes and creating textures on surfaces.



Factors to Consider

- **Material Properties:** The formability and strength of the material are crucial for successful forming operations.
- **Tooling:** The design and quality of dies and tools significantly impact the accuracy and efficiency of forming processes.
- **Process Parameters:** Factors like temperature, pressure, and speed need to be optimized for each specific forming operation.

Best Practices

- **Regular Maintenance:** Keep forming tools and equipment in good condition to ensure consistent quality.
- **Training:** Ensure operators are well-trained in using forming equipment and understanding material behavior.
- **Quality Control:** Implement rigorous inspection and testing to detect and correct defects early.

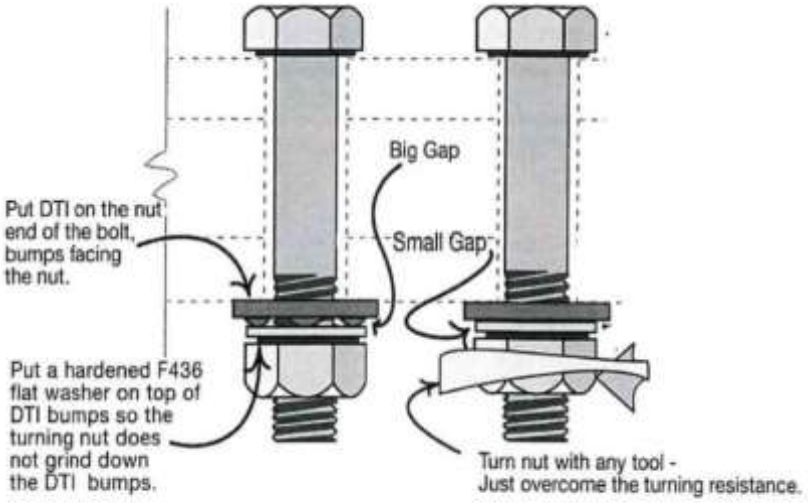
Joining methods

Joining methods are crucial in mechanical machine production to ensure parts are securely and efficiently assembled. Here are some common joining techniques:

- **Mechanical Joining**

✓ **Bolting and Screwing**:

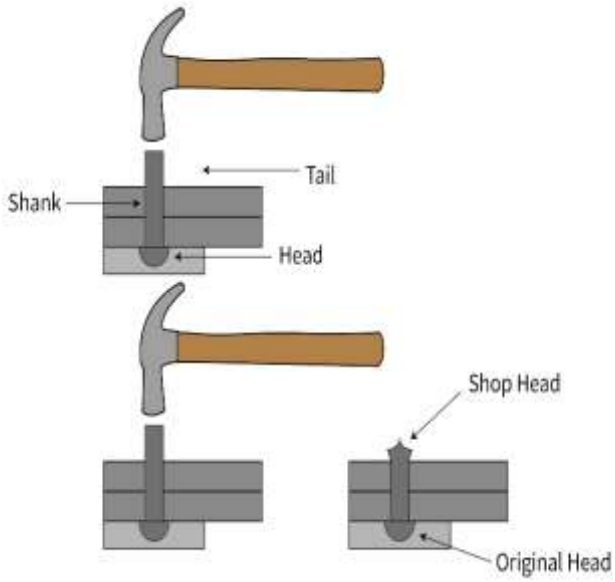
- **Description**: Uses bolts, screws, and nuts to fasten parts together.
- **Applications**: Common in assembling machinery, frames, and structural components.
- **Advantages**: Easy to assemble and disassemble, strong joints.



✓ **Riveting**:

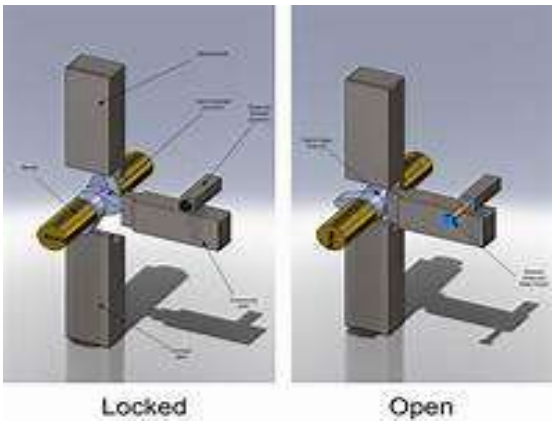
- **Description**: Uses rivets to join parts by deforming the rivet to hold the parts together.

- **Applications**: Widely used in aerospace, automotive, and construction industries.
- **Advantages**: Permanent and strong joints, suitable for high-stress applications.



✓ **Clamping and Interlocking**:

- **Description**: Uses clamps or interlocking designs to hold parts together.
- **Applications**: Often used in temporary assemblies or where frequent disassembly is required.
- **Advantages**: Quick assembly and disassembly, no need for additional fasteners.

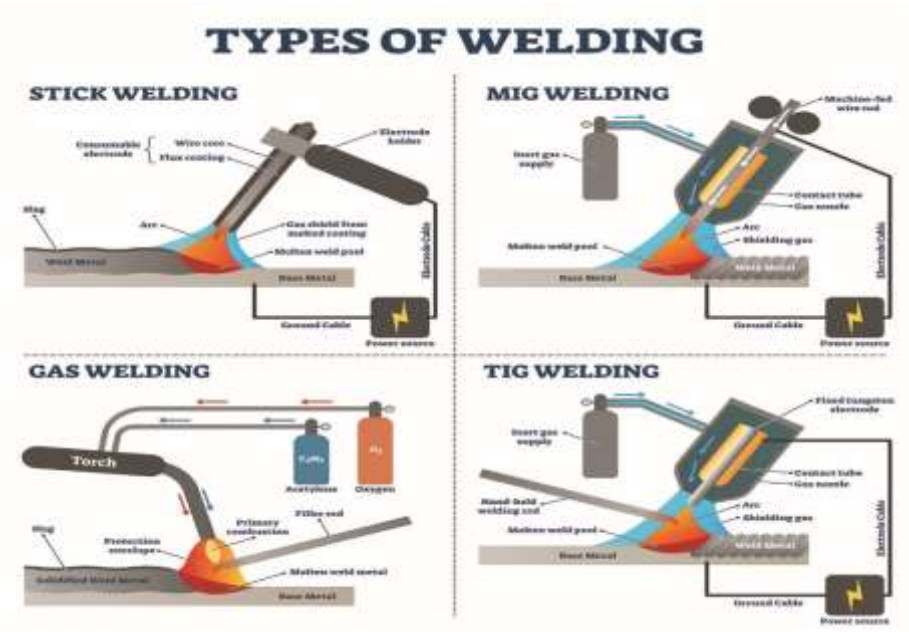


✓ **Welding**

- **Arc Welding**:

- **Description**: Uses an electric arc to melt and join metals.
- **Applications**: Common in construction, shipbuilding, and automotive industries.
- **Advantages**: Strong and durable joints, suitable for thick materials.

- **MIG/TIG Welding**:
  - Description: Uses a gas shield to protect the weld area from contamination.
  - Applications: Used for precise and clean welds in automotive and aerospace industries.
  - Advantages: High-quality welds, suitable for thin materials.
- **Spot Welding**:
  - **Description**: Uses electrical resistance to generate heat and join metal sheets.
  - **Applications**: Common in automotive manufacturing for joining sheet metal.
  - **Advantages**: Fast and efficient, suitable for high-volume production.

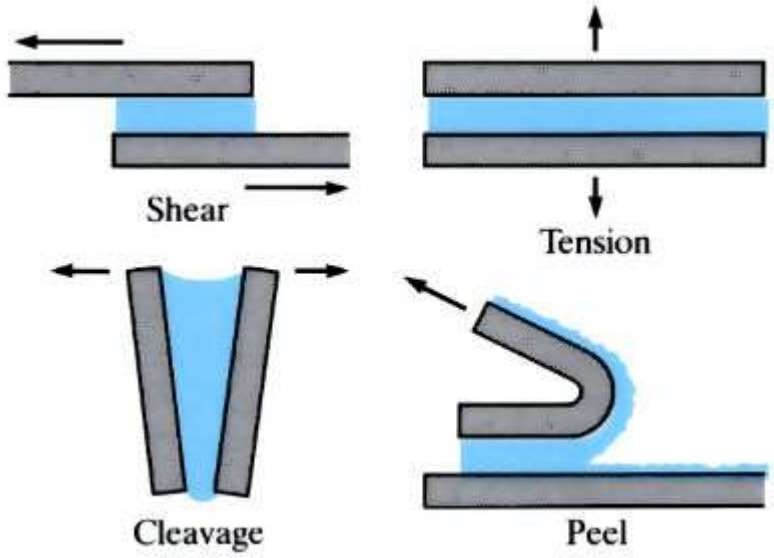


✓ **Adhesive Bonding**

- **Epoxy Adhesives**:
  - **Description**: Uses epoxy resins to bond parts together.

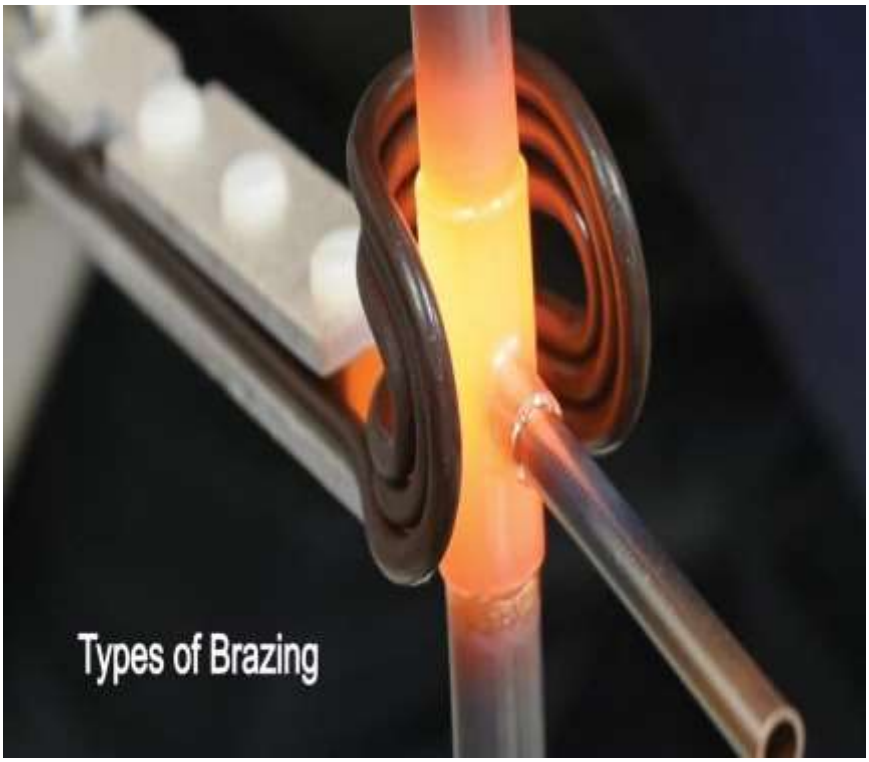
- **Applications**: Used in electronics, automotive, and aerospace industries.
- **Advantages**: Strong and durable bonds, good for dissimilar materials.

- **Acrylic Adhesives**:
  - **Description**: Uses acrylic compounds for bonding.
  - **Applications**: Common in automotive and construction industries.
  - **Advantages**: Fast curing, strong bonds.
- **Silicone Adhesives**:
  - **Description**: Uses silicone-based compounds for bonding.
  - **Applications**: Used in electronics, automotive, and construction.
  - **Advantages**: Flexible and durable, good for high-temperature applications.

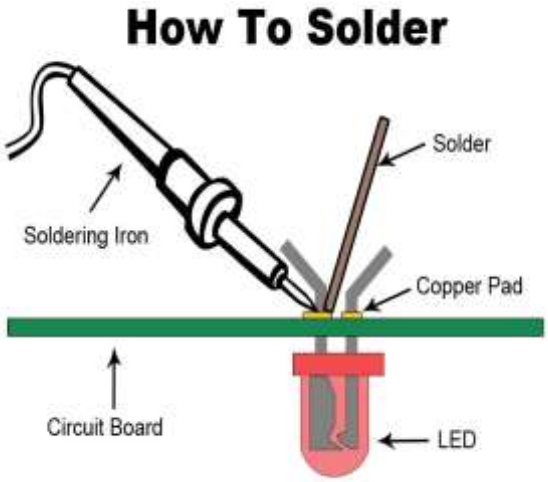


✓ **Brazing and Soldering**

- **Brazing**:
  - **Description**: Uses a filler metal with a lower melting point than the base metals to join them.
  - **Applications**: Common in HVAC, plumbing, and automotive industries.
  - **Advantages**: Strong joints, good for joining dissimilar metals.



- **Soldering**:
  - **Description**: Uses a filler metal to join parts at relatively low temperatures.
  - **Applications**: Widely used in electronics and plumbing.
  - **Advantages**: Precise and clean joints, suitable for delicate components.



Points to Remember

- Choose materials suitable for cutting processes (e.g., metals, plastics) considering hardness and machinability.
- Select appropriate cutting tools (e.g., drills, saws, lathes) based on material and desired finish.
- Ensure tools are sharp and well-maintained to improve efficiency and quality.
- Consider the required surface finish and tolerances to meet design specifications.
- Choose suitable forming processes (e.g., bending, stamping, forging) based on material properties and part geometry.
- Understand the mechanical properties of materials, such as ductility and yield strength, to prevent cracking or deformation.
- Monitor temperature during forming processes, especially for metals, to avoid work hardening or brittleness.
- Select appropriate joining techniques (e.g., welding, brazing, adhesive bonding) based on material compatibility and application.
- Ensure surfaces to be joined are clean and properly prepared to enhance bond strength and integrity.
- Control heat input during welding to minimize distortion and residual stresses in the final part.
- Implement inspection methods (e.g., visual, ultrasonic, X-ray) to ensure joint integrity and detect defects.

Application of learning 1.4.

In your school manufacturing workshop, a mechanical team is preparing to fabricate sheet metal rolling machine by using three rollers made in steel sheet of 5mm thick having34.5 *100 cm width and length respectively and shaft of 12 cm long and 35mm. The mechanical team needs to cut the sheet, to roll the sheet and joining the rolled sheet and shaft. You are asked to:

i. Cut the workpiece,
ii. Roll the workpiece
iii. Join the workpiece

Indicative content 1.5: Finishing the machine parts

Duration: 10hrs

Practical Activity 1.5.1: Checking and correcting defects

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to check and correct defect on rolling parts of the machine having 1 m long, 11 cm diameter and 12 cm long of shaft at each in mechanical machine production

2: Apply safety precautions.

3: check and correct defect on parts of the machine in mechanical machine production.

4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.

5: Read key reading 1.5.1 and ask clarification where necessary.

6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 1.5.

Key readings 1.5.1: Checking and correcting defects

- **Testing methods**

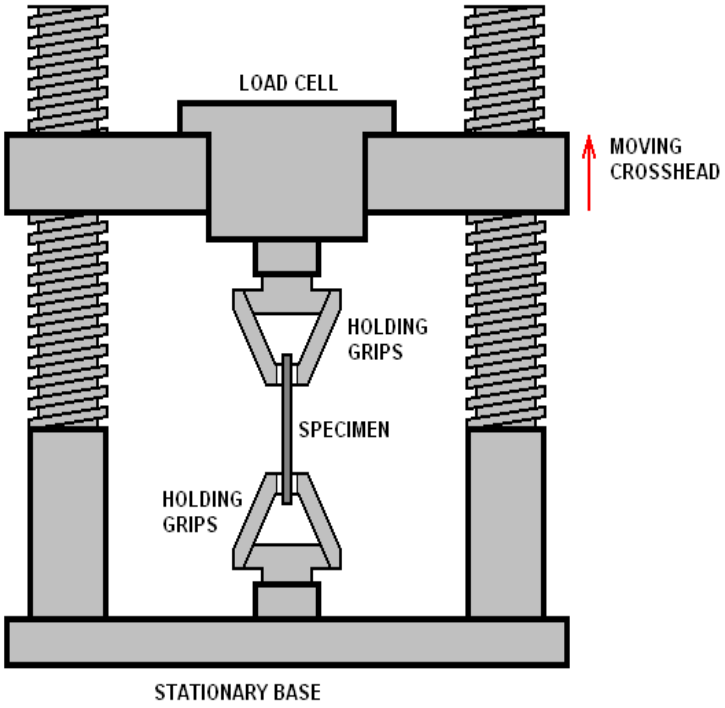
Testing mechanical machines is crucial to ensure they meet performance, safety, and reliability standards. Here are some common testing methods used in mechanical engineering:

Common Testing Methods

- ✓ **Tensile Testing:**

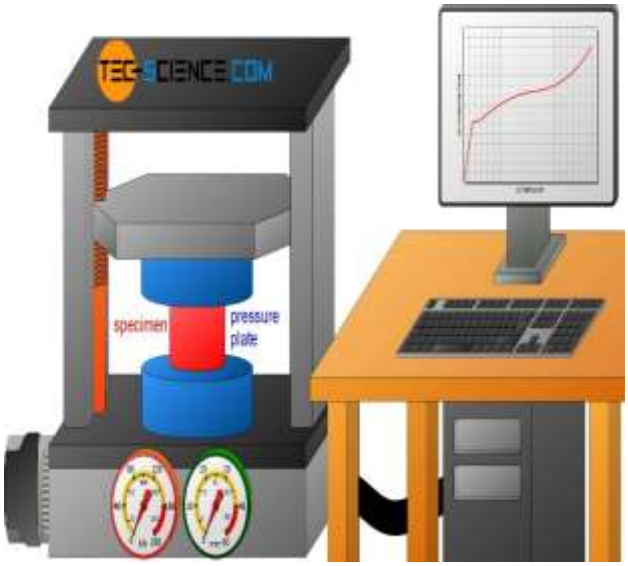
Purpose: Measures the material's strength and ductility by pulling it until it breaks.

Applications: Used for metals, plastics, and composites to determine tensile strength, yield strength, and elongation1.



- ✓ **Compression Testing:**

Purpose: Determines the material's behavior under compressive loads.



Applications: Common for materials like concrete, metals, and ceramics to assess compressive strength2.

- ✓ **Hardness Testing:**

Purpose: Measures the resistance of a material to deformation.

Applications: Used for metals and alloys to determine hardness using methods like Rockwell, Brinell, and Vickers tests3.

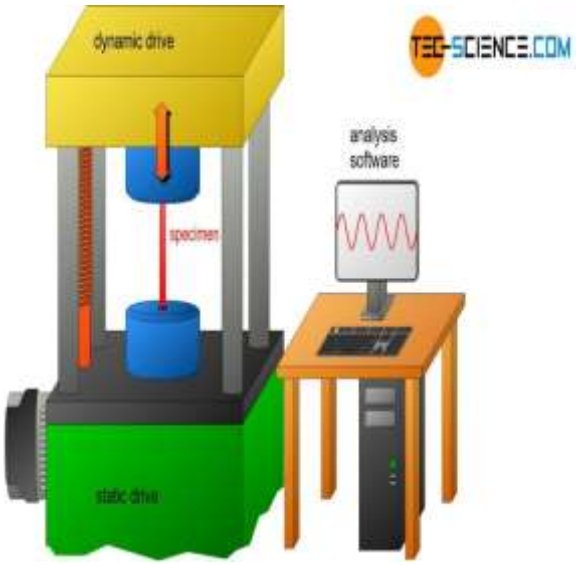
- ✓ **Impact Testing:**

Purpose: Evaluates the material's toughness and ability to absorb energy during impact.

Applications: Commonly used for metals and plastics using Charpy or Izod tests3.

- ✓ **Fatigue Testing:**

Purpose: Assesses the material's durability under cyclic loading.



Applications: Used for components subjected to repeated stress, such as automotive and aerospace parts.

- ✓ **Torsion Testing:**

Purpose: Measures the material's behaviour under twisting forces.

Applications: Used for shafts, rods, and other components to determine shear strength and ductility.

✓ **Creep Testing:**

Purpose: Evaluates the material's deformation under constant stress over time.

Applications: Important for materials used in high-temperature environments, like turbine blades.

✓ **Non-Destructive Testing (NDT):**

Purpose: Detects internal and surface defects without damaging the material.

Applications: Includes methods like ultrasonic testing, radiography, and magnetic particle inspection.

- **Testing equipment**

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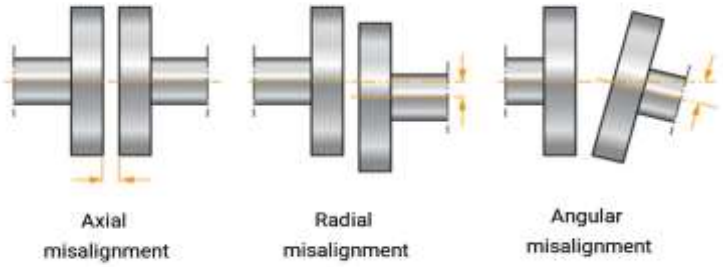
- **Correcting defect methods**

Correcting defects in mechanical machines is essential to maintain their performance, safety, and longevity. Here are some common methods for identifying and correcting defects:

Common Defects and Correction Methods

✓ **Misalignment**:

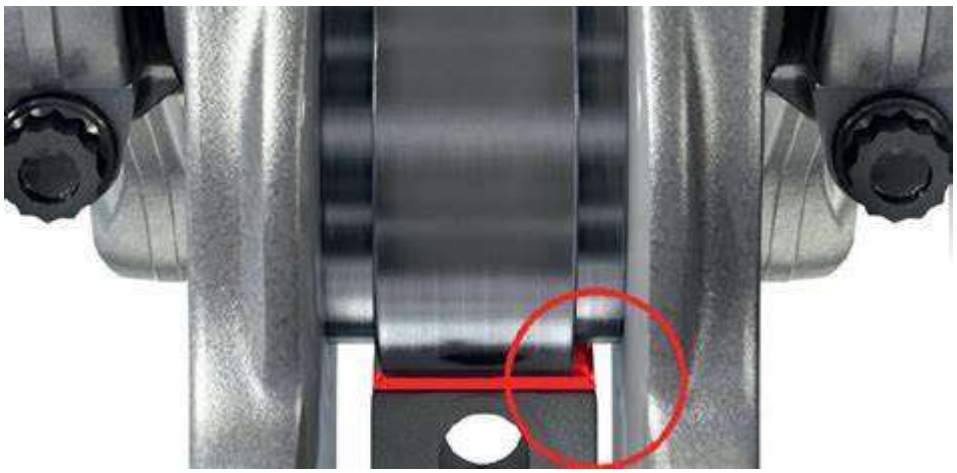
- **Description**: Occurs when machine components are not properly aligned, leading to excessive wear and vibration.



- **Correction**:
  - **Realignment**: Use precision alignment tools like dial indicators and laser alignment systems to realign components.
  - **Regular Maintenance**: Schedule regular maintenance checks to ensure alignment is maintained.

✓ **Wear and Tear**:

- **Description**: Gradual degradation of machine parts due to friction and use.



- **Correction**:
  - **Replacement**: Replace worn parts with new ones.
  - **Lubrication**: Regularly lubricate moving parts to reduce friction and wear.

✓ **Cracks and Fractures**:

- **Description**: Structural damage that can lead to machine failure.

- **Correction**:
  - **Welding**: Use appropriate welding techniques to repair cracks.
  - **Reinforcement**: Add reinforcements to strengthen the affected area.

✓ **Corrosion**:

- **Description**: Degradation of materials due to chemical reactions, often with moisture.

- **Correction**:
  - **Cleaning and Coating**: Clean the affected area and apply anti-corrosion coatings.
  - **Material Replacement**: Replace severely corroded parts with corrosion-resistant materials.

✓ **Electrical Faults**:

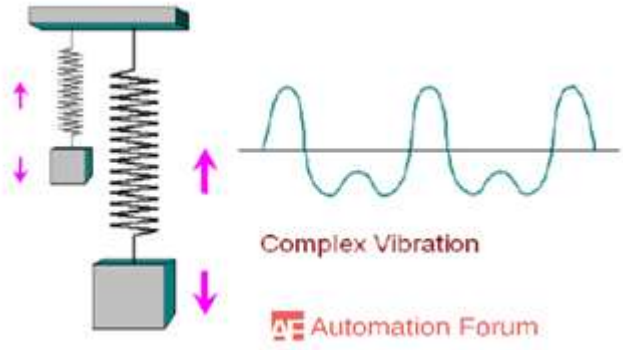
- **Description**: Issues with the electrical components of the machine.

- **Correction**:
  - **Inspection and Testing**: Use multimeters and other electrical testing tools to diagnose faults.

- **Repair or Replace**: Repair faulty wiring or replace defective electrical components.

✓ **Vibration Issues**:

- **Description**: Excessive vibration can indicate underlying problems like imbalance or misalignment.



- **Correction**:

1. **Balancing**: Use balancing machines to correct imbalances in rotating parts.
2. **Vibration Analysis**: Perform vibration analysis to identify and address the root cause.

Points to Remember

- Choose the right abrasive media based on the material and desired finish.
- Keep deburring machines well-maintained to ensure consistent performance.
- Implement rigorous inspection to ensure all burrs are removed and parts meet quality standards.
- Follow safety protocols to protect operators from hazards associated with mechanical deburring.

Practical Activity 1.5.2: Deburring machine parts and components

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to deburr the sheet cut used on rolling parts of the machine having 1 m long, 11 cm diameter and 12 cm long of shaft at each in mechanical machine production

2: Apply safety precautions.

3: Deburr the sheet cut used on rolling parts of the machine in mechanical machine production.

4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.

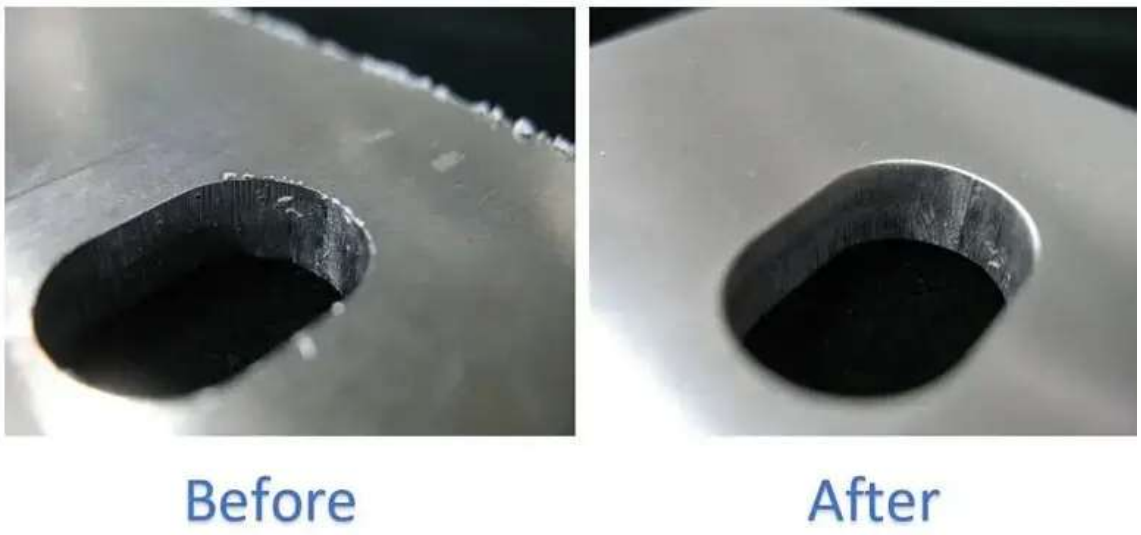
5: Read key reading 1.5.2 and ask clarification where necessary.

6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 1.5.

Key readings 1.5.2: Deburring machine parts and components

What is Deburring?

Deburring is a type of secondary process that occurs after machining operations. This process removes unwanted pieces of material, known as burrs, as well as any raised edges left behind by machining to enhance the overall quality of the final product. Machining processes that produce burrs include compressing, piercing, cutting, bending, and shearing.



Deburring is crucial for many applications, as burrs can affect a part's overall effectiveness, safety, longevity, and functionality. When left unaccounted for, burrs can cause the following issues:

- Material and fastener issues
- Increased stress in certain areas, resulting in decreased resistance to fractures
- Shortened fatigue life
- Improper seating of fasteners, which can lead to assembly or fastener damage
- Material failure caused by cracks
- Higher risk of corrosion
- Increased risk of static discharge due to concentrated electrical charge
- Undesired heat and friction
- Unsafe handling
- Lubrication issues caused by increased wear at interfaces

How Does Deburring Work?

Deburring can be accomplished in several ways, depending on component geometry, burr location and size, material, product volume, and cost. The following are some of the common deburring techniques:

- **Mass Finishing.** This procedure is useful when numerous parts or components need to be finished. It can be done in batch or continuous systems, and in dry or wet processes, depending on the product material.
- **Brushing.** Burrs are scraped off with brushes composed of thin wires or metal filaments attached to a revolving disc.
- **Manual Deburring.** This deburring method uses hand-held or mechanical instruments, such as brushes, grinders, sanders, and files, among others.

- **Robotic Deburring.** Robotic deburring involves a robotic arm with a grinding, deburring, or chamfering tool mounted on it.

- **Sheet Metal Edging.** Sheet metal edging equipment features pinch rollers or small grinding wheels that smooth the edges of sheet metal with thicknesses ranging between 0.025 to 0.25 inches.
- **Mechanical Deburring.** Mechanical deburring involves the use of machines to deburr the workpiece. Compared to manual deburring, mechanical deburring offers less control over localization and aggressiveness.

- **Electrochemical Deburring.** For applications requiring extreme precision and the removal of burrs from hard-to-reach areas, electrochemical deburring offers the ideal solution. It uses a combination of electricity and a glycol or salt solution to dissolve the burrs without affecting the rest of the material.
- **Waterjet Deburring.** Burrs and debris are eroded from the workpiece using the impact force of high-velocity water jets.

Benefits & Industries Served

Despite the difficulty and expense of the process, deburring is an important element of the manufacturing process for the following reasons:

- Burrs obstruct proper part fit and assembly

- Burrs operate as failure initiation locations, making parts vulnerable to fatigue and cracking
- On cracks and burr surfaces, corrosion is easy to form
- Burrs are a hazard to both workers and end users
- Burrs degrade the part's visual quality

Industries such as metalworking, plastics, woodworking, and composites use deburring to improve efficiency and consistency in their finished products.

- **Manual Deburring**

Manual deburring is a hands-on process used to remove burrs and sharp edges from machined parts. Here are some key aspects and techniques for manual deburring:

Tools for Manual Deburring

✓ **Files:**

- Types: Flat, round, half-round, and triangular files.
- Usage: Ideal for removing burrs from edges and surfaces.

✓ **Scrapers:**

- Types: Triangular, hook, and flat scrapers.
- Usage: Effective for removing burrs from flat surfaces and grooves.

✓ **Abrasive Pads and Sandpaper:**

- Types: Various grits for different levels of abrasion.
- Usage: Used for smoothing surfaces and removing fine burrs.

✓ **Deburring Knives:**

- **Types:** Single-edge, double-edge, and swivel-blade knives.
- **Usage:** Suitable for precision deburring of small and intricate parts.

✓ **Rotary Tools:**

- **Types:** Dremel tools with various attachments.
- **Usage:** Useful for detailed work and hard-to-reach areas

Steps for Manual Deburring

✓ **Preparation:**

- Secure the workpiece in a vise or clamp to prevent movement.
- Ensure good lighting and a clean workspace.

✓ **Initial Deburring:**

- Use a file or scraper to remove larger burrs.
- Work along the edges and surfaces, applying consistent pressure.

✓ **Fine Deburring:**

- Switch to finer tools like abrasive pads or sandpaper.
- Smooth out any remaining rough spots and achieve the desired finish.

✓ **Inspection:**

- Check the part for any remaining burrs or sharp edges.
- Use a magnifying glass for detailed inspection if necessary.

✓ **Final Touches:**

- Clean the part to remove any debris from the deburring process.
- Apply a protective coating if required to prevent corrosion.

- **Mechanical Deburring**

Mechanical deburring is an efficient way to remove burrs and sharp edges from machined parts using various machines and tools. Here are some common mechanical deburring methods:

Common Mechanical Deburring Methods

✓ **Tumbling:**

- **Description:** Parts are placed in a rotating barrel with abrasive media that smooths and polishes the surfaces.
- **Applications:** Suitable for small to medium-sized parts with complex shapes.
- **Advantages:** Can handle large batches and provides uniform results.

✓ **Vibratory Finishing:**

- **Description:** Parts are placed in a vibrating container with abrasive media that deburrs and polishes them.
- **Applications:** Ideal for delicate parts and those with intricate details.

- **Advantages:** Gentle on parts and can process large quantities simultaneously.

✓ **Brush Deburring:**

- **Description:** Uses rotating brushes with abrasive bristles to remove burrs.
- **Applications:** Effective for flat surfaces and edges.
- **Advantages:** Provides a fine finish and can be automated for high-volume production.

✓ **Grinding:**

- **Description:** High-speed abrasive wheels or belts are used to grind away burrs.
- **Applications:** Suitable for heavy-duty deburring of large or tough parts.
- **Advantages:** Fast and effective for removing significant burrs.

✓ **Milling:**

- **Description:** Specialized milling tools cut away burrs and create smooth edges.
- **Applications:** Used for precise deburring of machined parts**.**
- **Advantages:** High precision and can be integrated into CNC machining processes.

✓ **Abrasive Flow Machining:**

- **Description:** Pressurized abrasive media is forced through the part to remove burrs and smooth surfaces.
- **Applications:** Ideal for internal passages and complex geometries.
- **Advantages:** Provides uniform finish and high precision.

- **Thermal Deburring**

Thermal deburring, also known as the Thermal Energy Method (TEM), is an effective process for removing burrs from mechanical parts. Here's an overview of how it works and its benefits:

How Thermal Deburring Works

✓ **Preparation**:

- Parts are placed in a sealed chamber.

- A mixture of combustible gases (typically hydrogen and oxygen) is introduced into the chamber.

✓ **Ignition**:

- The gas mixture is ignited, creating a high-temperature explosion.
- The temperature can reach up to 3000°C (5430°F) for a very brief period (milliseconds).

✓ **Deburring**:

- The intense heat burns away the burrs and flash from the parts.
- The process is highly effective for removing burrs from hard-to-reach areas and complex geometries.

✓ **Cooling and Cleaning**:

- After the explosion, the parts are cooled.
- Any residue or oxide stains are cleaned off, often using a secondary cleaning process.

Benefits of Thermal Deburring

✓ **Efficiency:** Quickly removes burrs from multiple parts simultaneously, making it suitable for high-volume production.
✓ **Precision:** Does not alter the part's dimensions or surface characteristics.
✓ **Versatility:** Effective for a wide range of materials, including steel, aluminum, brass, and other metals.
✓ **Consistency:** Provides uniform deburring results, reducing the need for manual finishing.

Applications

✓ **Automotive**: Deburring engine components, transmission parts, and other precision parts.

✓ **Aerospace**: Removing burrs from complex aerospace components.

✓ **Medical Devices**: Ensuring burr-free surfaces on surgical instruments and implants.
✓ **General Manufacturing:** Suitable for any industry requiring precise and efficient deburring.

Practical Activity 1.5.3: Coating machine parts and components

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to coats rolling parts of the machine having 1 m long ,11 cm diameter and 12 cm long of shaft at each in mechanical machine production.
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: Coat the fabricated parts of the machine in mechanical machine production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 1.5.3 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 1.5.

Key readings 1.5.3: Coating machine parts and components

- **Painting**

Painting mechanical machines is not only about aesthetics but also about protecting the equipment from rust, corrosion, and wear. Here are some key steps and considerations for painting mechanical machines:

Steps for Painting Mechanical Machines

✓ **Surface Preparation:**

- **Cleaning:** Thoroughly clean the machine to remove dirt, grease, and old paint. Use solvents or degreasers as needed.
- **Sanding:** Sand the surface to create a smooth, clean base for the paint to adhere to. This can be done manually or with power tools.
- **Masking:** Cover any parts that should not be painted, such as moving parts, electrical components, and labels**.**

✓ **Priming:**

- **Application:** Apply a primer suitable for the material of the machine (e.g., metal primer for steel parts). This helps the paint adhere better and provides an additional layer of protection.
- **Drying:** Allow the primer to dry completely before applying the topcoat.

✓ **Painting:**

- **Selection:** Choose a high-quality industrial paint that is durable and resistant to chemicals, heat, and wear. Epoxy paints are commonly used for their durability.
- **Application:** Use a spray gun for an even coat, or brushes and rollers for smaller areas. Apply multiple thin coats rather than one thick coat to avoid drips and ensure even coverage.
- **Drying:** Allow each coat to dry thoroughly before applying the next one

✓ **Finishing:**

- **Inspection:** Check for any missed spots or imperfections and touch them up as needed.
- **Curing:** Allow the paint to cure fully according to the manufacturer's instructions before putting the machine back into service.

- **Galvanizing**

Galvanizing is a process used to apply a protective zinc coating to steel or iron to prevent rust and corrosion. Here are the key aspects of galvanizing:

Methods of Galvanizing

✓ **Hot-Dip Galvanizing:**

- **Process:** The steel or iron parts are submerged in a bath of molten zinc, which creates a robust, protective layer.
- **Applications:** Commonly used for large structures like bridges, poles, and outdoor equipment.
- **Advantages:** Provides a thick, durable coating that offers long-term protection.

✓ **Electro galvanizing:**

- **Process:** Uses an electrical current to apply a thin layer of zinc to the metal surface.
- **Applications:** Often used for automotive bodies and small components where a thinner coating is sufficient.
- **Advantages:** Produces a smooth, uniform finish.

✓ **Sherardizing (Thermal Diffusion Galvanizing):**

- **Process:** Involves heating the parts in a closed rotating drum with zinc powder, causing zinc to diffuse into the surface.
- **Applications:** Suitable for small parts and fasteners.
- **Advantages:** Provides a uniform coating and is effective for complex shapes.

Benefits of Galvanizing

- ✓ **Corrosion Resistance:** Zinc coating protects the underlying metal from rust and corrosion.
- ✓ **Durability:** Extends the lifespan of steel and iron products, reducing maintenance costs.
- ✓ **Cost-Effective:** Provides long-term protection at a relatively low cost compared to other protective coatings.
- ✓ **Versatility:** Suitable for a wide range of applications, from construction to automotive industries.

Applications

- ✓ **Construction:** Used in structural steel, beams, and columns.
- ✓ **Automotive:** Protects car bodies and components from rust.
- ✓ **Infrastructure:** Common in bridges, guardrails, and street furniture.

- **Lubricating**

Lubrication is essential for maintaining the efficiency, performance, and longevity of mechanical machines. Here are some key aspects and best practices for lubricating mechanical machines:

Types of Lubricants

- ✓ **Oil:**
  - **Description:** A thin liquid that reduces friction and wear.
  - **Applications:** Used in bearings, gears, and other moving parts.
  - Advantages: Provides good penetration and cooling.
- ✓ **Grease:**
  - **Description:** A thicker substance made from oil and a thickener.
  - **Applications:** Suitable for parts that require long-lasting lubrication, such as bearings and gears.

- **Advantages**: Stays in place and seals out contaminants.

✓ **Penetrating Lubricants:**

- **Description:** Thin oils designed to penetrate and loosen rusted or stuck parts.
- **Applications:** Used for freeing up bolts, nuts, and other fasteners.
- Advantages: Excellent for loosening rusted parts.

✓ **Dry Lubricants:**

- **Description:** Lubricants that leave a dry film, such as graphite.
- **Applications:** Used in environments where oil or grease would attract dust and dirt.
- **Advantages:** Clean and effective in dusty environments.

Steps for Lubricating Mechanical Machines

✓ **Identify Lubrication Points:** Determine all the points on the machine that require lubrication, such as bearings, gears, and joints.

✓ **Select the Right Lubricant:** Choose the appropriate type of lubricant based on the machine's requirements and operating conditions.

✓ **Clean the Area:** Clean the lubrication points to remove any dirt, old lubricant, or debris. This ensures the new lubricant can work effectively.

✓ **Apply the Lubricant:** Use the correct amount of lubricant. Over-lubrication can be as harmful as under-lubrication. For oil, use a dropper or oil can. For grease, use a grease gun.

✓ **Check for Leaks:** After applying the lubricant, check for any leaks or excess lubricant that needs to be wiped away.

✓ **Regular Maintenance:** Establish a regular lubrication schedule based on the machine's usage and manufacturer's recommendations.

Benefits of Proper Lubrication

✓ **Reduced Friction and Wear**: Minimizes metal-to-metal contact, reducing wear and extending the life of machine parts.
✓ **Improved Efficiency:** Ensures smooth operation, reducing energy consumption and improving performance.
✓ **Corrosion Protection:** Lubricants can protect metal surfaces from rust and corrosion.

- ✓ **Heat Dissipation:** Helps to dissipate heat generated by moving parts, preventing overheating.

Proper lubrication is crucial for keeping your mechanical machines running smoothly and efficiently. Do you have a specific machine or part you need help with?

- **Anti-rust coating**

  Anti-rust coatings are essential for protecting metal surfaces from corrosion and extending the lifespan of mechanical machines. Here are some common types of anti-rust coatings and their applications:

  Types of Anti-Rust Coatings

- ✓ **Zinc Coatings (Galvanizing)**:
  - **Description**: Applies a layer of zinc to the metal surface, either through hot-dip galvanizing or electroplating.
  - **Applications**: Used for structural steel, automotive parts, and outdoor equipment.
  - **Advantages**: Provides excellent corrosion resistance and durability.
- ✓ **Epoxy Coatings**:
  - **Description**: Uses epoxy resins to create a tough, protective layer.
  - **Applications**: Common in industrial and marine environments.
  - **Advantages**: High resistance to chemicals, abrasion, and moisture.
- ✓ **Polyurethane Coatings**:
  - **Description**: Forms a flexible, durable film that protects against corrosion.
  - **Applications**: Used for automotive parts, machinery, and outdoor structures.
  - **Advantages**: Excellent UV resistance and flexibility.
- ✓ **Acrylic Coatings**:
  - **Description**: Water-based or solvent-based coatings that provide a protective barrier.
  - **Applications**: Suitable for a variety of metal surfaces, including machinery and tools.
  - **Advantages**: Easy to apply, quick-drying, and environmentally friendly.
- ✓ **Rust Converters**:
  - **Description**: Chemically converts rust into a stable, non-corrosive compound.
  - **Applications**: Used on rusted surfaces to stop further corrosion and prepare for painting.
  - **Advantages**: Simplifies rust treatment and provides a paintable surface.

  Application Process

- ✓ **Surface Preparation**:
  - Clean the metal surface to remove dirt, grease, and loose rust.

- Sand or blast the surface to create a rough texture for better adhesion.

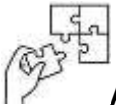
✓ **Priming**:
- Apply a primer suitable for the type of anti-rust coating being used.
- Ensure the primer is fully dry before applying the topcoat.

✓ **Coating Application**:
- Apply the anti-rust coating using a brush, roller, or spray gun.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the number of coats and drying times.

✓ **Curing**:
- Allow the coating to cure fully according to the manufacturer's guidelines.
- Ensure proper ventilation during the curing process to avoid inhaling fumes.

Points to Remember

- Regularly calibrate testing equipment to ensure accurate results.
- Keep detailed records of test procedures and results for traceability.
- Follow safety protocols to protect personnel during testing.
- Refer to testing methods because ensure that mechanical machines meet the required standards for performance and safety. Do you have a specific machine or component you need help testing?
- Choose the right abrasive media based on the material and desired finish.
- Keep deburring machines well-maintained to ensure consistent performance.
- Implement rigorous inspection to ensure all burrs are removed and parts meet quality standards.
- Follow safety protocols to protect operators from hazards associated with mechanical deburring.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, masks, and goggles to protect against fumes and paint splashes.
- Ensure good ventilation in the painting area to avoid inhaling fumes and to help the paint dry faster.
- Inspect the painted surface for uniformity and coverage. Address any issues immediately to ensure a high-quality finish.



Application of learning 1.5.

At your school manufacturing workshop, a mechanical team is preparing to fabricate sheet metal rolling machine by using three rollers made in steel sheet of 5mm thick having34.5 *100 cm width and length respectively and shaft of 12 cm long and 35mm. The mechanical team needs to check and correct defect, to deburr machine parts and components, to coat machine parts and components. You are requested to:

i. check and correct defects
ii. Deburr parts and components
iii. Coat parts and components

Learning outcome 1 end assessment

Written assessment

1. Read and answer the following statement concerning on description of mechanical machine choose the answer by writing the letter corresponding to the right answer.

i. mechanical machine is:

a. Device that uses mechanical components to perform work or accomplish a specific task. These machines can be simple, like levers and pulleys, or complex, like engines and robots. They operate based on principles of mechanics, utilizing force, motion, and energy to transform inputs into outputs.
b. Device that converts electrical energy into mechanical energy, or vice versa. They play a crucial role in various applications, from industrial machinery to household appliances.
c. Device that operates using electronic components and systems to perform specific tasks or functions.

ii. Mechanical machines have a wide range of applications across various industries. Here are some key areas where they are commonly used:

a. On energy production like drilling rigs and Conveyor Belts
b. On agricultures like turbines and compressors
c. On medical equipment like surgical robots and diagnostic machine
d. On energy production like tractors and cranes

a. Read the following sentences and fill in the provided Blank spaces with the appropriate word selected from the following list of words representing the types of mechanical machines**. (Simple machine, complex machine, automated machine, hydraulic machine, pneumatic machine):**

b. _____ is a device that uses compressed air to perform work. These machines leverage the power of air pressure to create motion or force, making them useful in a wide variety of applications.
c. _____ is a device made up of two or more simple machines working together to perform a specific task.
d. _____ is a device that operates or perform tasks without the need for direct human intervention.

2. Read and answer the following statement concerning on machine drawing elements and answer by **TRUE** if the statement is correct or FALSE if the statement wrong.

i. Machine drawing elements are drawings that are not intended to convey detailed information about the design, dimensions, and functionality of the components.

ii. Symbols and annotations clearly specify the size and extent of features. This includes length, width, diameter, and angles.

iii. Part numbering is unique identifiers for each component, often linked to a parts list or inventory system.

3. Read the following statement concerning on sketching the machine parts and answer by writing the letter corresponding to the right answer.

i. In dimensioning a 2D sketch, to dimension the radius of the arc

a. click on the two end points of arc
b. click on the arc only
c. click one of the end points and the arc
d. click on the centre point and arc

ii. To dimension the true length of arc

a. click on the arc, then the two end points
b. click on the two end points, then the arc
c. click on the arc only
d. click on the end points only

iii. In a multiple view sketching, dimension should be placed on

a. front view only
b. each view
c. the face that describes the feature most clearly
d. the face which has maximum dimensions to show

4. Read carefully the following statement concerning on safety and security measures

i. Choose the answer by writing the statement which is false

a. Eyes and face protection refers to safety gear designed to shield the eyes and face from potential hazards in various environments, such as workplaces, laboratories, or during specific activities.
b. Foot protection refers to specialized footwear designed to protect the feet from various hazards in the workplace like fumes produced during welding the fabricated parts of the machine
c. Body protection refers to personal protective equipment (PPE) designed to shield the body from various hazards in workplaces or during specific activities
d. Hand protection refers to personal protective equipment (PPE) designed to safeguard the hands from various hazards in the workplace or during specific tasks. Proper hand protection is crucial for preventing injuries such as cuts, burns, chemical exposure, and crushing.

ii. Choose the answer by writing the statement which is true

a. Fire extinguishers are critical for fire safety, allowing individuals to quickly respond to small fires and potentially prevent them from spreading.
b. Fire extinguishers are critical for fire safety Used to convey important information about safety, hazards, or emergency procedures in a specific area.
c. Fire extinguishers are critical for fire safety that conveys specific safety-related information or warnings. Often used in workplaces, public spaces, and in industry to communicate important safety messages quickly and clearly.

iii. Choose the answer by writing the statement which is true

a. A first aid kit is a collection of supplies and equipment designed to provide immediate medical assistance for minor injuries and emergencies.
b. First aid kit is a collection of supplies and equipment designed to provide medical treatment, emergency care, and various services to patients, typically have specialized departments, such as surgery, paediatrics, and emergency medicine, and are staffed by doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals.
c. A first aid kit is a collection of supplies and equipment designed to provides medical services to patients.

5. Read and answer the following statement concerning on tools used in mechanical machine production by choosing the right answer.

A . In how many groups, cutting tools can be divided?

a) 2

b) 3

c) 4

d) none of the mentioned

B. Which of the following is the example of multi point cutting tool?

a) milling cutter

b) broaching tool

c) both milling utter and broaching tool

d) none of the mentioned

6. Read carefully the following statement concerning on the materials used in mechanical machine production by writing the letter corresponding to the correct answer.

i. Which of the following is not a property of material used in mechanical machine production?
   a. Mechanical properties
   b. Chemical properties
   c. Polymorphism
   d. Electrical properties

ii. Which of the following is a type of materials as well as metal that should be used in mechanical machine production?
   a. Asbestos
   b. Ferrous Metals
   c. Non-Ferrous Metals
   d. Both b & c

7. Read carefully the following statement concerning on equipment used in mechanical machine parts production and answer by TRUE if the statement is correct or FALSE if the statement is not correct.

i. A drilling machine, also known as a mill press, is a used to create holes in various materials, such as metal, wood, or plastic. It operates by oscillating a drill bit, which is pressed against the workpiece.

ii. A milling machine is a versatile machine tool used to shape and cut materials, typically metal, by removing material from a workpiece using rotary cutters. Unlike drilling machines, which primarily create holes, milling machines can perform a variety of tasks, including welding, joining and fixing.

iii. A lathe machine is a versatile machine tool used primarily for shaping and machining materials, typically metal and wood. It works by rotating the workpiece against a stationary cutting tool, allowing for precise shaping, drilling, and finishing operations.

iv. A grinding machine used for grinding, which is a machining process that uses an abrasive wheel to remove material from the surface of a workpiece.

8. Read carefully the following statement concerning on material handling techniques used in mechanical machine parts production and answer by TRUE if the statement is correct or FALSE if the statement is not correct.

i. Manual handling refers to the use of equipment and machinery to move, lift, store, or manipulate materials and goods in various settings, such as manufacturing, warehousing, and construction. This process is crucial for improving efficiency, safety, and productivity in operations that involve the transportation of heavy or bulky items.

ii. Mechanical handling techniques refer to the methods and practices used to safely lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects using human strength. These techniques are crucial for preventing injuries, especially in work environments where heavy or awkward loads are common.

9. The bellow table contain materials cleaning techniques used in mechanical machine production in column A and their corresponding explanation in column B, match material cleaning techniques and their explanation.

Answer	A	B
1-f	1. Chemical Cleaning	a. Using high-frequency sound waves in a liquid cleaning solution to create microscopic bubbles that gently remove dirt from intricate parts and surfaces.
2-e	2. Dusting	b. Manually using cloths or wipes to clean surfaces, often supplemented with cleaning solutions.
3-d	3. Disinfecting	c. is a cleaning technique used to remove dirt, dust, and stains from material using a mop and a cleaning solution, typically water or a specialized floor cleaner?
4-c	4. Mopping	d. is the process of eliminating or reducing harmful microorganisms, such as bacteria, viruses, and fungi, on surfaces and objects? This process is crucial for maintaining hygiene and preventing the spread of infections, especially in environments like homes, hospitals, schools, and workplaces.
		e. is the process of removing dust and dirt particles from surfaces, objects, and areas to maintain cleanliness and hygiene of material?
		f. Use chemical agents to remove contaminants, such as dirt, grease, rust, scale, and other unwanted substances from surfaces and materials.

10. The below table contain cutting techniques used in mechanical machine production and their corresponding explanation, match cutting techniques Provided in column A and their explanation provided in column B.

Answer	A	B
1-f	1. Turning	a. refer to the processes involved in creating holes in various materials using a drill. This is a fundamental machining operation used in manufacturing, construction, and various industrial applications.
2-b	2. Milling	b. refer to cutting technique that involves removing material from a workpiece using rotary cutters.
3-a	3. Drilling	c. a manufacturing process that involves shaping metal using localized compressive forces, typically delivered by hammers or presses.
		d. Refer to cutting technique that uses an abrasive wheel or other grinding tools to remove material from a workpiece, typically to achieve a high level of precision and a fine surface finish.
		e. Refer to cutting technique used to remove material from a workpiece to create flat or contoured surfaces.
		f. Refer to cutting techniques that involves removing material from a rotating workpiece using a cutting tool.

11. The below table contain forming operations used in mechanical machine production and their corresponding explanation, match forming operations as provided in column A and their explanation as provided in column B.

answers	A	B
1-e	1. Rolling	a) is a forming operation that involves creating raised or recessed designs on a material's surface, typically metal or paper, using a die. This process is widely used for decorative, functional, or identification purposes in various industries.
2-d	2.bending	b) is a metal forming operation that involves shaping metal using localized compressive forces, typically delivered by hammers or presses? It is widely used in manufacturing to produce components with enhanced strength and durability.
3-b	3.forging	c) Is metal forming operation used to create detailed shapes and designs by compressing a workpiece between two dies.
4-c	4.coining	d) is a manufacturing forming operation that involves the deformation of a material, typically metal, to create a specific angle or shape.
		e) is a metal forming process in which a metal workpiece is passed through a pair of rolls to reduce its thickness, shape it into desired dimensions, or improve its mechanical properties?
		f) refers to the process of shaping sheet metal into specific forms using a stamping press and dies.

12. The below table contain joining methods used in mechanical machine production and their corresponding explanation, match joining methods provided in column A and their explanation provided in column B.

1-b	1. Bolting	a) is a mechanical joining method that uses screws to join two or more components together?
2-e	2.Riveting	b) is a mechanical joining method that involves the use of bolts, nuts, and sometimes washers to join two or more components together. This method is widely used in construction, manufacturing, and engineering applications due to its simplicity and effectiveness.
3-c	3.Adhessive bonding	c) is a joining method that uses adhesive materials to bond two or more surfaces together.
4-f	4.Brazing	d) joining methods that joins materials, usually metals or thermoplastics, by melting the workpieces and adding a filler material to form a strong bond upon cooling. It is widely used in various industries, including construction, automotive, aerospace, and manufacturing.
		e) is a joining method used to join two or more materials together by inserting a metal pin, through aligned holes in the materials?
		f) is a metal-joining methods that involves the use of a filler metal, which is melted and flowed into the joint between two or more base metals. This process is performed at temperatures above 450°C (about 840°F) but below the melting point of the base metals.

13. Read carefully the following statement concerning on checking and correcting defects in mechanical machine Parts production and answer by TRUE if the statement is correct or FALSE if the statement is not correct.

i. Tensile testing is a mechanical test used to determine the behaviour of materials under compression force. It measures how a material reacts to being pushed apart and provides critical information about its mechanical properties.

ii. Torsion testing is a mechanical test used to evaluate the behaviour of materials under twisting or rotational forces.

iii. Hardness is a method used to determine the hardness of a material, which is a measure of its resistance to deformation, indentation, or scratching.

iv. A crack refers to the gradual deterioration of materials, components, or equipment due to regular use, friction, and environmental factors over time. This phenomenon is common in mechanical systems and can significantly affect the performance and lifespan of products.

14. Read carefully the following statement concerning on deburring machine parts and components in mechanical machine parts production and answer by TRUE if the statement is correct or FALSE if the statement is not correct.

i. Manual deburring is a process used to remove burrs—sharp or rough edges and protrusions—left on metal or plastic parts after machining operations such as cutting, drilling, or milling. Burrs can affect the functionality, safety, and aesthetic quality of a product

ii. Thermal deburring is a process used to remove burrs—sharp or rough edges left on parts after machining operations—using automated or mechanical methods. This technique is often employed to enhance the quality, safety, and performance of components in manufacturing.

iii. Mechanical deburring is a process used to remove burrs from metal and plastic parts by using controlled heat to eliminate unwanted material.

15. Read carefully the following statement concerning on coating machine parts and components in mechanical machine parts production and answer by TRUE if the statement is correct or FALSE if the statement is not correct.

i. Anti-rust coating is the process of applying a coating of paint to a surface to enhance its appearance, provide protection, or add functionality.

ii. Galvanizing is a process used to coat metal, typically steel or iron, with a protective layer of zinc to prevent corrosion.

iii. Lubricating is the process of applying a substance (lubricant) to reduce friction, heat, and wear between surfaces in contact during motion. This practice is essential in various mechanical systems to ensure smooth operation, enhance performance, and prolong the life of components.

iv. Painting is a protective layer applied to metal surfaces to prevent corrosion and rust formation. These coatings are essential for prolonging the lifespan of metal components and structures exposed to moisture, chemicals, and environmental factors.

Practical assessment

High Force Company Ltd is a manufacturing company located in RUHUHA Sector, Ngoma District. They have won a tender from Metal Work Company to assemble a rolling machine (including rollers, frame, safety features, and drive system) because the old machines were damaged and reduced productivity. Since the assigned worker for assembling the rolling machine has been given another task, trainees have been asked to perform the required tasks within eight hours by:

i. Interpreting machine drawings

ii. Applying safety and security measures

iii. Preparing materials, tools, and equipment

iv. Producing machine parts

v. Finishing the machine parts

END

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Key Competencies for Learning Outcome 2: Assemble machine

Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes
• Description of machine parts and components alignment	• Fixturing parts and components • Applying joining methods • Checking and controlling defects • Apply finishing operations • Testing the machine • Produce manuals	• having critical thinking fixing machine parts and components • Having precision in finishing the machine • Being attentive for testing the machine

Duration: 40 hrs

Learning outcome 2 objectives:

By the end of the learning outcome, the trainees will be able to:

1. Describe correctly machine parts and components alignment required for joining the machine.
2. Fixture correctly parts and components of assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
3. Apply correctly joining methods used to assemble the machine in mechanical machine production
4. Check and control correctly defects of the assembled machine in mechanical machine production
5. Apply finishing operations used to assemble the machine in mechanical machine production
6. Apply correctly the finishing operations of assembled machine in mechanical machine production
7. Test correctly assembled machine in mechanical machine production
8. Produce properly the manuals used for assembled machines in mechanical machine production

Resources

Equipment	Tools	Materials
• Conveyors • Welding machine • Angle grinder • Chop saw • Shearing machine • Bending machine • Rolling machine • Oxy fuels gas cutting equipment • Drilling machine • Riveting machine • Air compressor • Drilling machine	• Metallic wire brush • Tong • Tape measure • Vernier callipers • Height gauges • Try squares • Clamps • Nozzle cleaner • Spark lighter • Centre punch • Scriber • Trimer • Mark pen	• Paper • Pencil • Rubber • Oxygen gas • Acetylene gas • Water • Solvent • Filler metal • Cutting disc • Blade • Metal sheet • Metal plate • Hollow section

• Grinding machine • Air compressor • Welding machine • Bending machine • Folding machine • Rolling machine • Oxy-acetylene gas equipment • Power hack saw • Cut off machine • Slotted machine • PPEs(safety boot, glove, apron, welding helmet, eye shield, glasses, ear muff, fire extinguisher, work bench, fume extractor)	• Drill bits • Cutting discs • Milling tools • Chisels • Painting roller	• Metal profiles • Bearings • Belts • Chain and sprocket • Bolts and nuts • Washers • Rivets

Indicative content 2.1: Joining machine parts and components

Duration: 15 hrs

Theoretical Activity 2.1.1: Description of machine parts and components alignment

Tasks:

1: You are requested to answer the following questions:

i. What should be the alignment tools to assemble the machine?

ii. According to your understanding what are the alignments methods?

2: Provide the answers to the asked questions and write them on flipchart/papers.

3: Present your findings to your classmates and Trainer.

4: For more clarification, read the key readings 2.1.1 and ask questions where necessary.

Key readings 2.1.1.: Description of machine parts and components alignment

- **Alignment tools**

Alignment tools are crucial for ensuring precision and efficiency in mechanical machine production. Here are some commonly used tools and methods:

- ✓ **Laser Trackers:** These are used for high-precision alignment tasks, such as machine tool alignment, roll and press alignment, and jig and fixture alignment. They provide accurate measurements and help in maintaining the correct positioning of machine components.
- ✓ Portable Coordinate Measuring Machines (CMMs): Tools like the Faro Arm are ideal for on-machine alignment tasks. They help in detecting alignment errors before production begins, reducing downtime and defects.
- ✓ **Dial Indicators and Feeler Gauges:** These are traditional tools used for checking and adjusting the alignment of machine components. They are simple to use and provide reliable measurements.
- ✓ **Thermography and Vibration Analysis**: These methods are used to detect misalignments by analysing temperature variations and vibrations in the machine. They help in identifying potential issues before they lead to significant problems.
- ✓ **Alignment Software:** Software solutions like CAM2 and Build IT Metrology are used in conjunction with hardware tools to provide detailed analysis and reports on machine alignment. They help in planning maintenance and ensuring long-term precision.

Proper alignment is essential to avoid costly waste and inefficiency in production. Regular inspections and adjustments can help maintain optimal machine performance and extend the lifespan of equipment.

Do you have a specific machine or alignment challenge in mind? I'd be happy to help with more detailed information!

- **Alignment Methods**

  Aligning mechanical machines is crucial for ensuring their efficient and reliable operation. Here are some common alignment methods used in the industry:

✓ **Laser Shaft Alignment**

Laser alignment systems are highly accurate and efficient. They use laser beams to measure the alignment of shafts and provide real-time data for adjustments. This method is widely used due to its precision and ease of use.

✓ **Dial Indicator Alignment**

This traditional method involves using dial indicators to measure the misalignment between shafts. It requires manual adjustments based on the readings from the indicators. While it is less advanced than laser systems, it is still effective for many applications.

✓ **Rim and Face Method**

This method uses two dial indicators: one measures the offset (rim) and the other measures the angularity (face) of the shafts. It is a reliable method for aligning rotating equipment, especially when laser systems are not available.

✓ **Reverse Dial Indicator Method**

In this method, two dial indicators are mounted on opposite shafts. The readings are taken at multiple positions around the shafts to determine the misalignment. This method is useful for both horizontal and vertical alignment.

✓ **Vibration Analysis**

Vibration analysis involves measuring the vibration levels of machinery to detect misalignment. It helps in identifying issues that might not be visible through other alignment methods.

✓ **Thermography**

Thermography uses infrared cameras to detect heat patterns caused by misalignment. It is particularly useful for identifying misalignment in high-temperature environments.

✓ **Oil Analysis**

Oil analysis can help identify misalignment by detecting abnormal wear particles in the lubricant. This method is often used as part of a broader condition monitoring program.

✓ **Optical Alignment**

Optical alignment tools, such as theodolites and optical levels, are used to align large machinery and equipment. These tools provide precise measurements over long distances3.

✓ **Soft Foot Correction**

Soft foot occurs when one or more machine feet are not in proper contact with the baseplate, causing misalignment. Correcting soft foot involves shimming the feet to ensure even contact and proper alignment4.

✓ **Alignment Software**

Advanced alignment software can be used in conjunction with hardware tools to provide detailed analysis and reports. These software solutions help in planning maintenance and ensuring long-term precision1.

Proper alignment is essential to reduce wear and tear, improve efficiency, and extend the lifespan of machinery. Regular inspections and adjustments can help maintain optimal performance

Practical Activity 2.1.2: joining machine parts and components

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to join the machine parts and components of the machine in mechanical machine production.

2: Apply safety precautions.

3: Join the parts and components of the assembled machine in mechanical machine production.

4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.

5: Read key reading 2.1.2 and ask clarification where necessary.

6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 2.1.

Key readings 2.1.2 Joining machine parts and components

- **Fixturing parts and components**

Fixturing parts and components are essential for securing and positioning workpieces during mechanical machine production. Here are some key types and their uses:

✓ **Clamping Components**

- **Toggle Clamps:** Provide quick and secure clamping of workpieces.
- **Screw Clamps:** Offer strong and adjustable clamping force.
- **Swing Clamps**: Allow easy access to the workpiece by swinging out of the way when not in use.

✓ **Locating Components**

- **Locating Pins:** Ensure precise positioning of the workpiece.
- **Bushings:** Guide tools and ensure accurate alignment.
- **Positioners:** Help in aligning and positioning workpieces accurately.

✓ **Support Components**

- **Work Supports:** Prevent workpiece deflection by providing additional support.
- **Rest Buttons:** Support the workpiece at specific points.
- **Levelling Feet:** Help in levelling and stabilizing fixtures.

✓ **Modular Fixturing Systems**

- **Tooling Plates and Blocks:** Serve as the base for building modular fixtures.
- **Quick-Change Systems:** Allow for rapid changeover of fixtures, increasing productivity.

✓ **Gripper Inserts and Positioners**

- **Gripper Inserts:** Provide superior holding power by gripping and penetrating the workpiece.
- **Positioners:** Assist in the precise placement of workpieces during machining.

✓ **Alignment Components**

- **Alignment Pins:** Ensure that components are correctly aligned during assembly.
- **Ball Lock Pins:** Provide quick and accurate alignment and fastening.

✓ Specialized Components

- **Spring-Loaded Devices:** Used for applications requiring consistent pressure.
- **Edge Clamps:** Secure workpieces along their edges without obstructing the top surface.

✓ **Inspection Fixtures**

- **Inspection Fixtures:** Hold parts in place for accurate measurement and inspection.
- **Marking Fixtures:** Assist in marking parts for identification or further processing.

- **Apply joining methods**

  Mechanical fastening involves joining components using various types of fasteners. Here are some common methods and their applications:

  ✓ **Screws and Bolts**

- **Screws**: Used for joining materials like wood, metal, and plastic. They provide strong, removable joints.
- **Bolts**: Often used with nuts and washers to secure parts together. They are ideal for applications requiring high strength and the ability to disassemble.

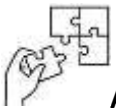
  ✓ **Riveting**

- **Solid Rivets**: Used in permanent joints where high strength is required, such as in aircraft and structural applications.
- **Blind Rivets**: Useful for applications where only one side of the joint is accessible.
  - ✓ **Threaded Fasteners**
- **Nuts and Bolts**: Provide strong, adjustable, and removable joints. Commonly used in machinery and automotive applications.
- **Threaded Inserts**: Used to provide strong threads in materials that are too soft to support threads directly.
  - ✓ **Lockbolts and Tack Joins**
- **Lockbolts**: Provide high-strength, vibration-resistant joints. Commonly used in heavy machinery and construction.
- **Tack Joins**: Temporary joints used during assembly processes
  - ✓ **Clinching**
- **Clinching**: Joins sheet metal parts by deforming them to create an interlocking joint. It is a fast and cost-effective method for joining thin materials.
  - ✓ **Hemming**
- **Hemming**: Folds the edge of one sheet over another to create a joint. Commonly used in automotive and appliance manufacturing.
  - ✓ **Mechanical Interlocking**
- **Interlocking Tabs**: Parts are designed with tabs that fit into slots in the mating part. This method is often used in sheet metal fabrication.
  - ✓ **Adhesive Bonding**
- **Adhesives**: Provide strong, permanent joints without the need for mechanical fasteners. Suitable for joining dissimilar materials and reducing weight.
  - ✓ **Welding**
- **Welding**: Joins materials by melting them together. Common methods include MIG, TIG, and spot welding. Welding provides strong, permanent joints.
  - ✓ **Soldering and Brazing**
- **Soldering**: Uses a filler metal with a low melting point to join parts. Commonly used in electronics.
- **Brazing**: Similar to soldering but uses a higher melting point filler metal. Provides strong joints for metal parts.

Points to Remember

- Keep surfaces clean and free of debris to avoid misalignment caused by contaminants.
- Ensure that mating surfaces are flat and true to promote proper contact.
- Use precision alignment tools, such as laser aligners, dial indicators, or jigs, to enhance accuracy.

- Consider how temperature changes may affect alignment and adjust accordingly.
- Ensure that fixtures allow easy access for assembly and inspection, minimizing any obstructions.
- Choose materials for fixtures that are strong yet lightweight, ensuring durability without adding unnecessary weight.
- Design fixtures to accommodate thermal expansion of parts during machining or assembly processes.
- Ensure that fixtures provide a stable platform that prevents movement or vibration during machining or assembly.
- Be familiar with the properties of the materials being joined, including their thermal conductivity, expansion characteristics, and compatibility.
- Clean and prepare the surfaces to be joined, removing any contaminants, oxides, or coatings that could affect the bond.
- Design joints for optimal load distribution, minimizing stress concentrations and potential failure points.
- For thermal joining methods, ensure that the heat settings are appropriate for the materials involved to avoid warping or damage.



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i. Fixture the parts
ii. Join the part

Indicative content 2.2: Finishing the machine

Duration: 15 hrs

Practical Activity 2.2.1: Checking and controlling defects

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to check and control defects on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: Check and control defects on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 2.2.1 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 2.2.

Key readings 2.2.1 Checking and controlling defects

• Apply pre-testing methods

Pre-testing mechanical machines is essential to ensure they function correctly and meet quality standards before full-scale production or deployment. Here are some common pre-testing methods:

✓ **Visual Inspection**

Purpose: To identify obvious defects, wear, or damage.

Method: Inspect all parts and components visually, looking for cracks, corrosion, misalignment, or other visible issues.

✓ **Dimensional Inspection**

Purpose: To verify that parts meet specified dimensions and tolerances.

Method: Use tools like callipers, micrometres, and coordinate measuring machines (CMMs) to measure dimensions and compare them to design specifications.

✓ Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)

Purpose: To detect internal defects without damaging the parts.

Methods:

Ultrasonic Testing: Uses high-frequency sound waves to detect internal flaws.

Radiographic Testing: Uses X-rays or gamma rays to inspect the internal structure.

Magnetic Particle Testing: Detects surface and near-surface defects in ferromagnetic materials.

Dye Penetrant Testing: Reveals surface-breaking defects by applying a dye and then inspecting under UV light.

✓ **Functional Testing**

Purpose: To ensure the machine operates as intended.

Method: Run the machine through its operational cycles to check for proper function, performance, and any unusual noises or vibrations.

- ✓ Load Testing

Purpose: To verify the machine can handle its intended load.

Method: Apply loads to the machine and monitor its performance under stress. This can include static and dynamic load tests.

- ✓ **Vibration Analysis**

Purpose: To detect imbalances, misalignments, or other issues that cause excessive vibration.

Method: Use accelerometers and vibration analysers to measure and analyse vibration patterns.

- ✓ **Thermographic Inspection**

Purpose: To identify overheating components or areas with abnormal temperature profiles.

Method: Use infrared cameras to capture thermal images and analyse temperature distributions.

- ✓ **Electrical Testing**

Purpose: To ensure electrical components and systems are functioning correctly.

Method: Test electrical circuits, connections, and components using mustimeters, oscilloscopes, and other diagnostic tools.

- ✓ **Oil and Fluid Analysis**

Purpose: To check for contamination or degradation of lubricants and other fluids.

Method: Analyse samples of oil and other fluids for signs of wear particles, contamination, and chemical breakdown.

- ✓ **Pressure Testing**

Purpose: To verify the integrity of pressure vessels and systems.

Method: Apply pressure to the system and monitor for leaks or failures.

- **Correcting defects**

Correcting defects in mechanical machines is crucial for maintaining their performance and longevity. Here are some common methods for identifying and correcting defects:

- ✓ **Visual Inspection**

Purpose: To identify visible defects such as cracks, corrosion, or misalignment.

Method: Use tools like magnifying glasses, borescopes, and high-resolution cameras to inspect parts. Look for signs of wear, damage, or improper assembly.

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Method: Run the machine through its operational cycles to check for proper function, performance, and any unusual noises or vibrations.

Practical Activity 2.2.2: Applying finishing operations

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to apply finishing operations on assembled machine in mechanical machines production.
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: Apply finishing operations on assembled machine in mechanical machines production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 2.2.2 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 2.2.

Key readings 2.2.2 Applying finishing operations

- **Filler pasting**

Applying filler pasting on mechanical machines is a common practice to fill gaps, smooth surfaces, and prepare parts for further finishing operations. Here are the steps and considerations for effectively applying filler paste:

Steps for Applying Filler Paste

- ✓ **Surface Preparation**

Clean the Surface: Ensure the surface is free from dirt, grease, and rust. Use a degreaser or cleaner to remove contaminants.

Roughen the Surface: Lightly sand the area to create a rough texture, which helps the filler adhere better.

- ✓ **Mixing the Filler**

Follow Instructions: Mix the filler paste according to the manufacturer's instructions. This usually involves combining a base filler with a hardener.

Mix Thoroughly: Ensure the mixture is uniform to avoid inconsistencies in curing and strength.

Application

Apply in Layers: Use a putty knife or applicator to spread the filler paste over the area. Apply in thin layers to avoid air bubbles and ensure even coverage.

Build Up Gradually: If a thick layer is needed, apply multiple thin layers, allowing each layer to cure before applying the next1.

- ✓ **Curing**

Allow to Cure: Let the filler cure according to the manufacturer's recommended time. This can vary depending on the type of filler and environmental conditions1.

- ✓ **Sanding and Finishing**

Sand Smooth: Once cured, sand the filler to achieve a smooth, even surface. Start with coarse sandpaper and gradually move to finer grits.

Inspect and Repeat: Check for any imperfections and apply additional filler if necessary. Sand again to achieve the desired finish.

Type of Filler: Choose a filler suitable for the material and application. Common types include epoxy fillers, polyester fillers, and metal-filled fillers.

- **Anti-rust coating**

Applying anti-rust coatings is essential for protecting mechanical machines from corrosion and extending their lifespan. Here are some common types of anti-rust coatings and their applications:

- ✓ **Epoxy Coatings**

Purpose: Provide a durable and corrosion-resistant barrier.

Application: Often used in harsh environments, such as wastewater treatment plants and marine applications.

- ✓ **Polyurethane Coatings**

Purpose: Offer excellent resistance to abrasion and chemicals.

Application: Suitable for industrial machinery and equipment exposed to aggressive chemicals.

- ✓ **Zinc-Rich Coatings**

Purpose: Provide sacrificial protection by corroding in place of the underlying metal.

Application: Commonly used on steel structures and components1.

- ✓ **Oil-Based Coatings**

Purpose: Create a protective film that displaces moisture and prevents rust.
Application: Ideal for temporary protection during storage and transportation2.

- ✓ **Powder Coatings**

Purpose: Provide a tough, durable finish that resists chipping and corrosion.
Application: Used on a wide range of machinery and equipment1.

- ✓ **Galvanizing**

Purpose: Apply a layer of zinc to steel or iron to prevent rust.
Application: Commonly used for outdoor structures and components1.

- ✓ **VCI (Vapor Corrosion Inhibitor) Coatings**

Purpose: Release corrosion-inhibiting vapors that protect metal surfaces.
Application: Used for packaging and protecting parts during storage3.

- ✓ **Ceramic Coatings**

Purpose: Provide high-temperature resistance and corrosion protection.
Application: Suitable for engine components and exhaust systems1.

- **Painting**

Applying paint to mechanical machines not only enhances their appearance but also provides protection against corrosion and wear. Here's a step-by-step guide to painting mechanical machines:

- ✓ **Surface Preparation**

Remove Old Paint and Rust: Use a wire brush, sandpaper, or a sandblaster to remove old paint and rust. This ensures a clean surface for the new paint to adhere to.
Clean the Surface: Wash the machine with a degreaser to remove oil, grease, and dirt. Rinse thoroughly and let it dry completely.

- ✓ **Masking**

Protect Non-Painted Areas: Use masking tape and plastic sheets to cover parts that should not be painted, such as bearings, electrical components, and moving parts.

- ✓ **Priming**

Apply Primer: Use a suitable primer for the material of your machine (e.g., metal primer for steel parts). Apply a thin, even coat using a brush, roller, or spray gun. Allow the primer to dry according to the manufacturer's instructions

- ✓ **Painting**

Choose the Right Paint: Select a paint that is suitable for the operating environment of the machine. Options include epoxy, polyurethane, and enamel paints.
Apply the Paint: Use a spray gun for an even finish. Hold the spray gun about 12 inches from the surface and apply the paint in smooth, overlapping strokes. Apply multiple thin coats rather than one thick coat to avoid runs and drips.
Drying Time: Allow each coat to dry completely before applying the next one. Follow the paint manufacturer's recommendations for drying times.

✓ **Finishing Touches**

Inspect and Touch Up: After the final coat has dried, inspect the machine for any missed spots or imperfections. Touch up as necessary.

Remove Masking: Carefully remove the masking tape and plastic sheets once the paint is fully dry.

- **Galvanizing**

Galvanizing is an effective method to protect mechanical machines from corrosion by applying a zinc coating. Here's a step-by-step guide to applying galvanizing, specifically focusing on the hot-dip galvanizing process:

Steps for Hot-Dip Galvanizing

✓ **Surface Preparation**

Cleaning: Remove all dirt, grease, and rust from the surface of the machine parts. This is typically done using a combination of degreasing, pickling (acid cleaning), and rinsing.

Fluxing: Apply a flux solution to the cleaned parts to prevent oxidation before galvanizing. This step ensures better adhesion of the zinc coating.

✓ **Galvanizing**

Immersion in Molten Zinc: Submerge the prepared parts in a bath of molten zinc, typically heated to around 450°C (842°F). The zinc reacts with the iron in the steel to form a series of zinc-iron alloy layers.

Coating Formation: As the parts are immersed, a metallurgical bond forms between the zinc and the steel, creating a durable and corrosion-resistant coating.

✓ **Cooling and Inspection**

Cooling: After the parts are removed from the zinc bath, they are cooled in a quench tank or allowed to air cool. This step solidifies the zinc coating.

Inspection: Inspect the galvanized parts for coating thickness, uniformity, and any defects. This can be done visually and with tools like coating thickness gauges.

Benefits of Hot-Dip Galvanizing

- ✓ **Corrosion Resistance:** Provides long-lasting protection against rust and corrosion.
- ✓ **Durability:** The zinc coating is tough and can withstand mechanical damage.
- ✓ **Low Maintenance:** Galvanized parts require minimal maintenance over their lifespan.

Applications

- ✓ **Structural Components:** Used in bridges, buildings, and other infrastructure.
- ✓ **Machinery Parts:** Protects gears, shafts, and other mechanical components.
- ✓ **Outdoor Equipment:** Ideal for parts exposed to harsh weather conditions.

Safety Considerations

- ✓ **Ventilation:** Ensure proper ventilation when working with molten zinc to avoid inhaling fumes.
- ✓ **Protective Gear:** Wear appropriate PPE, including gloves, goggles, and protective

clothing.

By following these steps, you can effectively apply a galvanizing coating to your mechanical machines, enhancing their durability and resistance to corrosion. If you have any specific questions or need further details, feel free to as

- **Lubricating**

Applying lubrication to mechanical machines is essential for reducing friction, preventing wear, and ensuring smooth operation. Here's a step-by-step guide to properly lubricate mechanical machines:

Steps for Applying Lubrication

- ✓ **Identify Lubrication Points**

Consult Manuals: Refer to the machine's maintenance manual to identify all lubrication points.

Mark Points: Clearly mark these points for easy identification during routine maintenance.

- ✓ **Select the Right Lubricant**

Type of Lubricant: Choose the appropriate type of lubricant (oil, grease, etc.) based on the machine's requirements and operating conditions.

Viscosity: Ensure the lubricant has the correct viscosity for the application.

- ✓ **Clean the Lubrication Points**

Remove Contaminants: Clean the lubrication points to remove dirt, old lubricant, and contaminants. Use a clean cloth or brush.

Inspect for Damage: Check for any signs of wear or damage at the lubrication points.

- ✓ **Apply the Lubricant**

Manual Application: Use a grease gun, oil can, or brush to apply the lubricant manually. Ensure even coverage.

Automatic Systems: If the machine has an automatic lubrication system, ensure it is functioning correctly and filled with the appropriate lubricant.

- ✓ **Monitor and Adjust**

Check Levels: Regularly check lubricant levels and top up as necessary.

Monitor Performance: Observe the machine's performance and listen for any unusual noises that might indicate insufficient lubrication.

- ✓ **Record Maintenance**

Log Entries: Keep detailed records of lubrication activities, including dates, types of lubricants used, and any observations.

Schedule Regular Maintenance: Establish a regular lubrication schedule based on the machine's operating conditions and manufacturer's recommendations.

Tips for Effective Lubrication

- ✓ **Use Clean Tools:** Always use clean tools and containers to avoid introducing contaminants.
- ✓ **Avoid Over-Lubrication:** Excessive lubrication can attract dirt and cause

overheating.

- ✓ **Follow Manufacturer's Guidelines:** Adhere to the manufacturer's recommendations for lubrication intervals and types of lubricants.

Benefits of Proper Lubrication

- ✓ **Reduced Wear and Tear:** Minimizes friction and wear on moving parts.
- ✓ **Extended Equipment Life:** Helps prevent premature failure and extends the lifespan of the machine.
- ✓ **Improved Efficiency:** Ensures smooth operation and reduces energy consumption2.

By following these steps, you can ensure that your mechanical machines are properly lubricated, leading to better performance and longevity.

Points to Remember

- Temperature and humidity can affect the curing time and performance of the filler. Follow the manufacturer's guidelines for optimal conditions
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, masks, and eye protection to avoid exposure to harmful chemicals.
- Filling cracks, dents, and voids in metal or plastic parts.
- Preparing surfaces for painting or coating by creating a smooth, even finish.
- Filling gaps between assembled parts to ensure a tight fit and improve structural integrity.
- Using filler paste correctly can significantly enhance the quality and durability of mechanical parts.
- Choose the appropriate finishing method (e.g., painting, plating, polishing, coating) based on the material, desired finish, and functional requirements.
- Ensure surfaces are clean, free from contaminants, and properly prepared to promote adhesion and enhance finish quality.
- Maintain optimal temperature, humidity, and ventilation conditions during finishing to prevent defects such as bubbles or improper curing.
- Select high-quality finishing materials and supplies that meet the specifications for durability and performance.
- Adhere to the manufacturer's recommendations for application techniques, drying times, and curing processes to ensure optimal results.
- Ensure that finishing materials are applied uniformly to avoid streaks, runs, or inconsistencies in the finish.
- Use masking and protective coverings to shield areas that should not be finished, preventing overspray or damage.

Application of learning 2.2.

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i. Check and control defects
ii. Apply finishing operations

Indicative content 2.3: Testing the machine

Duration: 10 hrs

Practical Activity 2.3.1: Testing the machine

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to test the assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: Test the assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 2.3.1 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 2.3.

Key readings 2.3.1 Testing the machine

- **Visual Inspection**

Visual inspection is a fundamental method for testing mechanical machines, allowing you to detect surface-level defects and ensure that components are in good condition. Here's a step-by-step guide to conducting a visual inspection:

Steps for Visual Inspection

✓ **Preparation**

Gather Tools: Ensure you have the necessary tools such as a flashlight, magnifying glass, mirrors, and inspection checklists.

Clean the Machine: Remove any dirt, grease, or debris from the machine to ensure a clear view of all components.

✓ **Initial Overview**

General Inspection: Start with a general overview of the machine. Look for obvious signs of damage, wear, or misalignment.

Check for Leaks: Inspect for any fluid leaks, which could indicate issues with seals, gaskets, or connections.

✓ **Detailed Examination**

Surface Condition: Examine the surface of components for cracks, corrosion, or other signs of wear.

Fasteners and Joints: Check bolts, screws, and other fasteners for tightness and integrity. Look for any signs of loosening or damage.

Welds and Joints: Inspect welds and joints for cracks or defects. Use a magnifying glass if necessary to see fine details.

- ✓ **Functional Checks**

Moving Parts: Manually move parts where possible to check for smooth operation. Listen for unusual noises that might indicate issues.

Alignment: Check the alignment of components to ensure they are properly positioned and not causing undue stress on the machine.

- ✓ **Use of Aids**

Lighting: Use a flashlight to illuminate dark or hard-to-see areas.

Mirrors: Use mirrors to inspect areas that are not easily visible.

Magnification: Use a magnifying glass to closely examine small or intricate parts1.

- ✓ **Documentation**

Record Findings: Document any defects or issues found during the inspection. Take photos if necessary for further analysis.

Report: Prepare a detailed report of the inspection findings, including any recommended actions or repairs.

Benefits of Visual Inspection

- ✓ **Early Detection:** Identifies potential issues before they become major problems.
- ✓ **Cost-Effective:** Simple and inexpensive compared to other testing methods.
- ✓ **Non-Destructive:** Does not damage the machine or components being inspected.

Limitations

- ✓ **Subjectivity:** Results can vary based on the inspector's experience and attention to detail.
- ✓ **Surface-Level:** Only detects surface defects and may miss internal issues.

By following these steps, you can effectively use visual inspection to maintain the reliability and performance of your mechanical machines.

- **Functionality Testing**
- ✓ **Setup testing**

Setting up testing for a mechanical machine involves several key steps to ensure accurate and reliable results. Here's a comprehensive guide to help you through the process:

- **Define Testing Objectives**

Purpose: Determine what you need to test (e.g., performance, durability, safety).

Criteria: Establish the criteria for success and the parameters to be measured.

- **Select Appropriate Testing Methods**

Types of Tests: Choose the relevant tests such as tensile testing, vibration analysis, thermal testing, etc.

Standards: Ensure the tests comply with industry standards (e.g., ASTM, ISO).

- **Prepare the Machine**

Inspection: Conduct a thorough visual inspection to identify any obvious defects or issues.

Cleaning: Clean the machine to remove any dirt, grease, or debris that could affect the test results.

- **Set Up Testing Equipment**

Calibration: Calibrate all testing equipment to ensure accuracy.

Positioning: Properly position the machine and secure it to prevent movement during testing.

- **Conduct Preliminary Tests**

Baseline Data: Run preliminary tests to gather baseline data and ensure the machine is functioning correctly.

Adjustments: Make any necessary adjustments based on the preliminary test results.

- **Perform the Tests**

Execution: Conduct the tests according to the defined procedures and standards.

Monitoring: Continuously monitor the machine and testing equipment for any anomalies1.

- **Data Collection and Analysis**

Recording: Record all data accurately and consistently.

Analysis: Analyse the data to identify any trends, anomalies, or areas of concern1.

- **Report Findings**

Documentation: Prepare a detailed report of the test results, including any observations and recommendations.

Review: Review the findings with relevant stakeholders and decide on any necessary actions.

- **Post-Test Inspection**

Final Check: Conduct a final inspection of the machine to ensure no damage occurred during testing.

Maintenance: Perform any required maintenance or repairs based on the test results.

Tips for Effective Testing

- **Safety First:** Always prioritize safety by wearing appropriate PPE and following safety protocols.
- **Consistency:** Ensure consistency in testing procedures to obtain reliable and repeatable results.
- **Documentation:** Keep detailed records of all testing activities for future reference and compliance.

By following these steps, you can set up and conduct effective testing for your mechanical machines, ensuring they meet performance and safety standards.

- ✓ **Performance testing**

Performance testing of mechanical machines is crucial to ensure they meet operational standards and perform reliably under various conditions. Here's a comprehensive guide to setting up and conducting performance tests:

- **Define Testing Objectives**

Purpose: Determine what aspects of performance you need to test, such as efficiency, load capacity, speed, and durability.

Criteria: Establish specific performance criteria and benchmarks based on the machine's intended use and industry standards.

- **Select Appropriate Testing Methods**

Types of Tests: Choose relevant tests such as load testing, endurance testing, thermal testing, and vibration analysis.

Standards: Ensure the tests comply with industry standards (e.g., ASTM, ISO) to guarantee consistency and reliability.

- **Prepare the Machine**

Inspection: Conduct a thorough visual inspection to identify any obvious defects or issues.

Cleaning: Clean the machine to remove any dirt, grease, or debris that could affect the test results.

- **Set Up Testing Equipment**

Calibration: Calibrate all testing equipment to ensure accuracy.

Positioning: Properly position the machine and secure it to prevent movement during testing.

- **Conduct Preliminary Tests**

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Adjustments: Make any necessary adjustments based on the preliminary test results.

- **Perform the Tests**

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- **Report Findings**

Documentation: Prepare a detailed report of the test results, including any observations and recommendations.

Review: Review the findings with relevant stakeholders and decide on any necessary actions.

- **Post-Test Inspection**

Final Check: Conduct a final inspection of the machine to ensure no damage occurred during testing.

Maintenance: Perform any required maintenance or repairs based on the test results.

Tips for Effective Performance Testing

- **Safety First:** Always prioritize safety by wearing appropriate PPE and following safety protocols.
- **Consistency:** Ensure consistency in testing procedures to obtain reliable and repeatable results.
- **Documentation:** Keep detailed records of all testing activities for future reference and compliance.

By following these steps, you can effectively set up and conduct performance testing for your mechanical machines, ensuring they meet performance and safety standards.

✓ **Safety testing**

Safety testing of mechanical machines is crucial to ensure they operate safely and do not pose risks to operators or the environment. Here's a comprehensive guide to setting up and conducting safety tests:

- **Risk Assessment**

Identify Hazards: Conduct a thorough risk assessment to identify potential hazards associated with the machine. This includes mechanical, electrical, thermal, and ergonomic hazards.

Evaluate Risks: Assess the severity and likelihood of each identified hazard. Use this information to prioritize safety measures.

- **Safety Standards and Regulations**

Compliance: Ensure the machine complies with relevant safety standards and regulations, such as OSHA, ANSI, and ISO standards.

Documentation: Maintain detailed records of compliance with safety standards and any risk assessments conducted1.

- **Visual Inspection**

Initial Check: Perform a visual inspection to identify any obvious safety issues, such as exposed moving parts, sharp edges, or signs of wear and tear.

Guarding and Shields: Ensure all safety guards and shields are in place and functioning correctly.

- **Functional Testing**

Emergency Stops: Test all emergency stop mechanisms to ensure they function correctly and can quickly shut down the machine.

Safety Interlocks: Verify that all safety interlocks are operational and prevent the machine from operating under unsafe conditions2.

- **Electrical Safety Testing**

Insulation Resistance: Test the insulation resistance of electrical components to prevent electrical shocks.

Grounding: Ensure proper grounding of the machine to protect against electrical faults.

- **Mechanical Safety Testing**

Load Testing: Test the machine under various load conditions to ensure it can handle the maximum expected load without failure.

Vibration Analysis: Conduct vibration analysis to detect any imbalances or misalignments that could lead to mechanical failure.

- **Thermal Testing**

Overheating: Monitor the machine for any signs of overheating during operation. Ensure that cooling systems are functioning correctly.

Thermal Imaging: Use thermal imaging to detect hot spots that could indicate potential issues.

- **Noise and Vibration Testing**

Noise Levels: Measure the noise levels produced by the machine to ensure they are within acceptable limits.

Vibration: Test for excessive vibration that could indicate mechanical issues or pose a risk to operators.

- **Documentation and Reporting**

Record Findings: Document all test results, including any issues identified and corrective actions taken.

Safety Report: Prepare a comprehensive safety report summarizing the findings and recommendations.

- **Regular Maintenance and Re-Testing**

Scheduled Maintenance: Implement a regular maintenance schedule to keep the machine in safe working condition.

Periodic Re-Testing: Conduct periodic safety tests to ensure ongoing compliance and safety.

By following these steps, you can ensure that your mechanical machines are safe to operate and comply with relevant safety standards.

- ✓ **Control system testing**

Testing the control system of a mechanical machine is crucial to ensure it operates correctly and safely. Here's a comprehensive guide to setting up and conducting control system tests:

- **Define Testing Objectives**

Purpose: Determine what aspects of the control system need to be tested, such as response time, accuracy, stability, and safety.

Criteria: Establish specific performance criteria and benchmarks based on the machine's intended use and industry standards.

- **Select Appropriate Testing Methods**

Types of Tests: Choose relevant tests such as functional testing, load testing, and fault simulation.

Standards: Ensure the tests comply with industry standards (e.g., IEC, ISO) to guarantee consistency and reliability.

- **Prepare the Control System**

Inspection: Conduct a thorough visual inspection to identify any obvious issues with wiring, connections, and components.

Calibration: Calibrate sensors, actuators, and other control system components to ensure accurate measurements and responses.

- **Set Up Testing Equipment**

Instrumentation: Use appropriate testing instruments such as oscilloscopes, multimeters, and data loggers.

Software Tools: Utilize software tools for monitoring and analysing control system performance.

- **Conduct Preliminary Tests**

Baseline Data: Run preliminary tests to gather baseline data and ensure the control system is functioning correctly.

Adjustments: Make any necessary adjustments based on the preliminary test results.

- **Perform the Tests**

Functional Testing: Verify that the control system performs all intended functions correctly under normal operating conditions.

Load Testing: Test the control system under various load conditions to ensure it can handle the maximum expected load without failure.

Fault Simulation: Introduce faults or abnormal conditions to test the control system's response and fault-handling capabilities.

- **Data Collection and Analysis**

Recording: Record all data accurately and consistently.

Analysis: Analyse the data to identify any trends, anomalies, or areas of concern.

- **Report Findings**

Documentation: Prepare a detailed report of the test results, including any observations and recommendations.

Review: Review the findings with relevant stakeholders and decide on any necessary actions.

- **Post-Test Inspection**

Final Check: Conduct a final inspection of the control system to ensure no damage occurred during testing.

Maintenance: Perform any required maintenance or repairs based on the test results.

Tips for Effective Control System Testing

- **Safety First:** Always prioritize safety by wearing appropriate PPE and following safety protocols.
- **Consistency:** Ensure consistency in testing procedures to obtain reliable and repeatable results.
- **Documentation:** Keep detailed records of all testing activities for future reference and compliance.

By following these steps, you can effectively set up and conduct control system testing for your mechanical machines, ensuring they meet performance and safety standards.

✓ **Mechanical system testing**

Mechanical system testing is essential to ensure that machines operate correctly, safely, and efficiently. Here's a comprehensive guide to setting up and conducting mechanical system tests:

- **Define Testing Objectives**

Purpose: Determine what aspects of the mechanical system need to be tested, such as performance, durability, safety, and reliability.

Criteria: Establish specific performance criteria and benchmarks based on the machine's intended use and industry standards.

- **Select Appropriate Testing Methods**

Types of Tests: Choose relevant tests such as tensile testing, vibration analysis, thermal testing, and load testing.

Standards: Ensure the tests comply with industry standards (e.g., ASTM, ISO) to guarantee consistency and reliability.

- **Prepare the Machine**

Inspection: Conduct a thorough visual inspection to identify any obvious defects or issues.

Cleaning: Clean the machine to remove any dirt, grease, or debris that could affect the test results.

- **Set Up Testing Equipment**

Calibration: Calibrate all testing equipment to ensure accuracy.

Positioning: Properly position the machine and secure it to prevent movement during testing.

- **Conduct Preliminary Tests**

Baseline Data: Run preliminary tests to gather baseline data and ensure the machine is functioning correctly.

Adjustments: Make any necessary adjustments based on the preliminary test results.

- **Perform the Tests**

Tensile Testing: Measure the material's response to tension to determine properties like tensile strength and elasticity.

Vibration Analysis: Detect imbalances, misalignments, or other issues causing excessive vibration.

Thermal Testing: Monitor the machine's temperature under various operating conditions to ensure it does not overheat.

Load Testing: Test the machine under different load conditions to ensure it can handle the maximum expected load without failure.

- Data Collection and Analysis

Recording: Record all data accurately and consistently.

Analysis: Analyse the data to identify any trends, anomalies, or areas of concern.

- **Report Findings**

Documentation: Prepare a detailed report of the test results, including any observations and recommendations.

Review: Review the findings with relevant stakeholders and decide on any necessary actions.

- **Post-Test Inspection**

Final Check: Conduct a final inspection of the machine to ensure no damage occurred during testing.

Maintenance: Perform any required maintenance or repairs based on the test results.

Tips for Effective Mechanical System Testing

- **Safety First:** Always prioritize safety by wearing appropriate PPE and following safety protocols.
- **Consistency:** Ensure consistency in testing procedures to obtain reliable and repeatable results.
- **Documentation:** Keep detailed records of all testing activities for future reference and compliance.

By following these steps, you can effectively set up and conduct mechanical system testing for your machines, ensuring they meet performance and safety standards.

✓ **Environmental testing**

Environmental testing is crucial for ensuring that mechanical machines can withstand various environmental conditions they might encounter during their operational life. Here's a comprehensive guide to setting up and conducting environmental tests:

- **Define Testing Objectives**

Purpose: Determine what environmental conditions need to be tested, such as temperature, humidity, vibration, shock, dust, and water exposure.

Criteria: Establish specific performance criteria and benchmarks based on the machine's intended use and industry standards.

- **Select Appropriate Testing Methods**

Types of Tests: Choose relevant tests such as thermal cycling, humidity testing, vibration testing, and dust ingress testing.

Standards: Ensure the tests comply with industry standards (e.g., ASTM, ISO) to guarantee consistency and reliability.

- **Prepare the Machine**

Inspection: Conduct a thorough visual inspection to identify any obvious defects or issues.

Cleaning: Clean the machine to remove any dirt, grease, or debris that could affect the test results.

- **Set Up Testing Equipment**

Environmental Chambers: Use environmental chambers to simulate conditions like

extreme temperatures, humidity, and pressure.

Vibration Tables: Set up vibration tables to simulate mechanical stresses.

Dust Chambers: Use dust chambers to test for dust ingress and its impact on the machine.

- **Conduct Preliminary Tests**

Baseline Data: Run preliminary tests to gather baseline data and ensure the machine is functioning correctly.

Adjustments: Make any necessary adjustments based on the preliminary test results.

- **Perform the Tests**

Thermal Testing: Subject the machine to extreme temperatures to test its performance and durability.

Humidity Testing: Expose the machine to high humidity levels to check for corrosion and moisture ingress.

Vibration Testing: Apply controlled vibrations to simulate real-world mechanical stresses.

Shock Testing: Test the machine's ability to withstand sudden impacts or shocks.

Dust Testing: Expose the machine to dust to evaluate its resistance to particulate ingress1.

- **Data Collection and Analysis**

Recording: Record all data accurately and consistently.

Analysis: Analyse the data to identify any trends, anomalies, or areas of concern1.

- **Report Findings**

Documentation: Prepare a detailed report of the test results, including any observations and recommendations.

Review: Review the findings with relevant stakeholders and decide on any necessary actions.

- **Post-Test Inspection**

Final Check: Conduct a final inspection of the machine to ensure no damage occurred during testing.

Maintenance: Perform any required maintenance or repairs based on the test results.

Tips for Effective Environmental Testing

Safety First: Always prioritize safety by wearing appropriate PPE and following safety protocols.

Consistency: Ensure consistency in testing procedures to obtain reliable and repeatable results.

Documentation: Keep detailed records of all testing activities for future reference and compliance.

By following these steps, you can ensure that your mechanical machines are robust and reliable under various environmental conditions

Practical Activity 2.3.2: Produce manuals

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to produce manuals used on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: Produce manuals used on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 2.3.2 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 2.3.

Key readings 2.3.2 Produce manuals

- **Assembling/Installation manual**

An installation manual or installation guide is a technical communication document intended to instruct people how to install a particular product. An installation manual is usually written by a technical writer or other technical staff.

Creating a comprehensive and user-friendly assembly manual for a mechanical machine involves several key steps. Here's a detailed guide to help you produce effective assembly manuals:

- **Understand the Audience**

Identify Users: Determine who will be using the manual (e.g., technicians, end-users) and their level of expertise.

Language and Terminology: Use clear, simple language and avoid jargon unless it's well-explained.

- **Gather Information**

Detailed Instructions: Collect all necessary information about the machine, including parts, components, and assembly steps.

Visual Aids: Gather diagrams, photos, and 3D models to illustrate the assembly process.

- **Plan the Manual Structure**

Table of Contents: Create a clear table of contents for easy navigation.

Sections: Divide the manual into logical sections such as introduction, safety instructions, tools required, step-by-step assembly, troubleshooting, and maintenance.

- **Write Clear Instructions**

Step-by-Step Guide: Write detailed, step-by-step instructions for each part of the assembly process.

Numbered Steps: Use numbered steps and bullet points to make the instructions easy to follow.

- **Include Visuals**

Diagrams and Photos: Use high-quality diagrams and photos to illustrate each step.

3D Models: Consider using 3D models or animations for complex assemblies.

- **Safety Information**

Warnings and Cautions: Clearly highlight any safety warnings and precautions.

PPE Requirements: Specify any personal protective equipment (PPE) needed during assembly.

- **Review and Test**

Peer Review: Have the manual reviewed by colleagues or experts to ensure accuracy and clarity.

User Testing: Test the manual with actual users to identify any areas of confusion or improvement.

- **Format and Design**

Consistent Layout: Use a consistent layout and design throughout the manual.

Readable Fonts: Choose readable fonts and appropriate font sizes for clarity.

- **Digital and Print Versions**

Digital Access: Provide a digital version of the manual that can be accessed on various devices.

Print Copies: Ensure high-quality print copies are available for users who prefer physical manuals.

- **Update Regularly**

Feedback Loop: Collect feedback from users and update the manual regularly to reflect any changes or improvements in the assembly process.

By following these steps, you can create comprehensive and user-friendly assembly manuals that will help users assemble mechanical machines efficiently and safely.

- **Operation manual**

The operations manual is the documentation by which an organisation provides guidance for members and employees to perform their functions correctly and reasonably efficiently. It documents the approved standard procedures for performing operations safely to produce goods and provide services. Compliance with the operations manual will generally be considered as activity approved by the persons legally responsible for the organisation

Creating a comprehensive and user-friendly operation manual for a mechanical machine involves several key steps. Here's a detailed guide to help you produce an effective operation manual:

- **Understand the Audience**

Identify Users: Determine who will be using the manual (e.g., technicians, operators) and their level of expertise.

Language and Terminology: Use clear, simple language and avoid jargon unless it's well-explained.

- **Gather Information**

Detailed Instructions: Collect all necessary information about the machine, including its features, components, and operational procedures.

Visual Aids: Gather diagrams, photos, and 3D models to illustrate the operation process.

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By following these steps, you can create a comprehensive and user-friendly operation

manual that will help users operate mechanical machines efficiently and safely.

- **Technical manual**

A technical manual is a "how-to guide or manual" created for a single objective of making it simple for the end-user to understand the technicality of using a product or service. Technical manual contains instructions for installation, use, maintenance, and steps for effective deployment of equipment.

Creating a comprehensive and user-friendly technical manual for mechanical machines involves several key steps. Here's a detailed guide to help you produce an effective technical manual:

- **Understand the Audience**

Identify Users: Determine who will be using the manual (e.g., technicians, engineers) and their level of expertise.

Language and Terminology: Use clear, simple language and avoid jargon unless it's well-explained.

- **Gather Information**

Detailed Instructions: Collect all necessary information about the machine, including its features, components, and operational procedures.

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By following these steps, you can create a comprehensive and user-friendly technical manual that will help users operate mechanical machines efficiently and safely.

Points to Remember

- Ensure that all measurement tools and instruments are properly calibrated to maintain accuracy during testing.
- Perform initial checks on machine setup, configurations, and safety features before running full tests.
- Establish baseline performance metrics for the machine under normal operating conditions to compare against during further testing.
- Test machines under conditions that closely replicate actual operating environments to gauge performance accurately.
- Keep detailed records of all test results, including any deviations from expected performance, for future reference.
- If issues arise during testing, conduct a systematic troubleshooting process to identify and address root causes.
- Write in simple, straightforward language to ensure that all users can understand the instructions easily.
- Use consistent formatting for fonts, headings, bullet points, and numbering to improve readability.
- Use numbered lists for easy following and reference.
- Periodically review the manual to ensure it remains current with best practices, technological advancements, and changes in procedures.
- Seek input from team members and stakeholders who will use the manual to ensure it meets their needs and addresses practical concerns.

Application of learning 2.3.

At your school manufacturing workshop, a mechanical team is preparing to assemble the parts of sheet metal having three rollers made in steel sheet of 5mm thick having34.5 *100 cm width and length respectively and shaft of 12 cm long and 35mm ,the base structure of 60*70*50 cm width length and height respectively. The mechanical team needs to check and to test the assembled machine, to produce manuals to be used on assemble machine. Ask trainees to:

i. Test the machine

ii. Produce manuals

Learning outcome 2 end assessment

Written assessment

1. Read the following statement concerning on machine parts and components alignments and answer by **TRUE** if statement is correct or **FALSE** if statement is not correct.
   i. Laser shaft alignment is a precision alignment method used to align the shafts of rotating machinery, such as motors, pumps, and compressors, to ensure optimal performance and reduce wear.

   ii. Dial indicator alignment is alignment method used to measure and align the shafts or components of machinery with poor precision. This method employs a Vernier calliper, a mechanical measuring instrument, to quantify large movements and misalignments, ensuring that machinery operates efficiently and reliably.

   iii. Vibration analysis is alignment method used to monitor and assess the condition of machinery and equipment by analysing the friction rate produce during operation.

   iv. Laser trackers are advanced optical measurement devices used for high-precision measurements in various industries, including manufacturing, aerospace, automotive, and construction.

2. Read and answer the following statement concerning on applying joining methods on assembled machine by TRUE if the statement is correct and FALSE if statement is not correct.
   i. Hemming holds the edge of one sheet over another to create a joint. Commonly used in automotive and appliance manufacturing.

   ii. A threaded fastener is a type of mechanical component that is used to join two or more objects together by means of a screw or bolt. It has a helical ridge, known as a thread that allows it to be screwed into a pre-drilled hole or nut, creating a secure connection.
3. Read carefully the following statement concerning on testing the machine and answer by **TRUE** if the statement is correct or **FALSE** if the statement is not correct.
   i. An operational manual (or operations manual) is a comprehensive document that provides instructions, guidelines, and information on how to operate and maintain a specific machine, system, or process.

ii. A technical manual is a comprehensive document that provides detailed information about the design, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of a product, system, or equip

4. Read carefully the following statement in the table below contain fixturing tools in column B and corresponding explanation in column A, and match fixturing tools and their explanation.

Answer	A	B
1…….	a. Are precision components used in machining, assembly, and manufacturing to accurately position and align work pieces or components within jigs, fixtures, or tooling?	1. Rest buttons
2….	b. Are components used in robotic grippers or fixtures to enhance the gripping capability and adaptability of the system?	2. positioners
3….	c. Rest buttons are components used in fixturing systems to provide support and stability for workpieces during machining or assembly operations.	3. Locating pin
4….	d. Are devices or tools used to accurately hold and orient workpieces in a specific position during machining, assembly, or welding processes.	4. grippers
	e. Is a type of clamping device that uses a screw mechanism to apply pressure and hold two or more objects together securely?	
	f. Swing clamps are mechanical devices used to hold workpieces securely in place during machining, assembly, or other operations.	

5. Read carefully the following statement concerning on applying finishing operation and choose the answer by writing the letter corresponding the correct answer.

a) Filler paste is:

i. is a process used to coat steel or iron with a layer of zinc to protect it from corrosion?

ii. is a process used to coat cast iron with a layer of zinc to protect it from corrosion?

iii. is a process used to coat steel or iron with a layer of cadmium to protect it from corrosion?

iv. is a process used to coat steel or iron with a layer of lead to protect it from corrosion?

v. No correct answer

b) what is ceramic coating

i. is a protective layer applied to surfaces, often used in automotive and industrial applications? Made from a liquid polymer that cures to form a hard, durable layer,

ii. is a process used to coat steel or iron with a layer of lead to protect it from corrosion?

iii. is a process used to coat steel or iron with a layer of zinc to protect it from corrosion?

iv. No correct answer

Practical assessment

High Force Company Ltd is a manufacturing company located in RUHUHA Sector, Ngoma District. They have won a tender from Metal Work Company to assemble a rolling machine (including rollers, frame, safety features, and drive system) because the old machines were damaged and reduced productivity. Since the assigned worker for assembling the rolling machine has been given another task, trainees have been asked to perform the required tasks within eight hours by:

i. Joining machine parts and components
ii. Finishing the machine
iii. Testing the machine

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Indicative contents

1.1 Labelling machine

1.2 Applying techniques of packaging the machine

1.3 Applying techniques of handling the machine

Key Competencies for Learning Outcome 3: Store the machine

Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes
• Description of labels • Description of techniques of packaging of the machines • Description of techniques of handling the machines	• Selecting labelling technology • Designing label • Printing label • Verifying quality of label • Apply labelling techniques • Applying techniques of packaging the machine • Applying techniques of handling the machine	• Being attentive while labelling the machine • Having critical thinking while packaging the machine • Having self confidence in applying techniques of handling the machine

Duration: 20 hrs

Learning outcome 2 objectives:

By the end of the learning outcome, the trainees will be able to:

1. Describe properly the labels for indicating machines to be stored in mechanical machine production.
2. Describe properly techniques of packaging for storing the machine in mechanical machine production.
3. Describe properly techniques of handling the machines to be stored in mechanical machine production
4. Select correctly labelling technology used on machine to be stored in mechanical machine production
5. Design properly the labels used on the machine to be stored in mechanical machine production
6. Print properly the labels used on the machines to be stored in mechanical machine production
7. Verify properly the quality of labels used on the machine to be stored in mechanical machine production
8. Apply correctly the labelling techniques used on the machines to be stored in mechanical machine production
9. Apply correctly the techniques of packaging the machine to be stored in mechanical machine production
10. Apply correctly the techniques of handling the machine to be stored in mechanical machine production

Resources

Equipment	Tools	Materials
• Conveyors, • Welding machine • Angle grinder • Chop Saw • Shearing machine • Bending machine • Rolling machine • Oxy Fuels gas cutting Equipment	• Scissors • Cutting blades • Heat Guns • Staplers • Strapping tool • Labelling guns • Tape measures • Box cutters	• Paper • Pencil • Rubber • Plastic (Pet, Pvc, Hdpe, Ldpe) • Aluminium • Stainless steel • Copper • Bronze • Mild Steel

• Drilling machine • Riveting machine • Air Compressor • Lathe machine • Milling machine • Fork lifts • Trolleys • Cranes, • Hoists, • Pallet jacks, • Lift tables, • Lift trucks, • Dollies, • Packaging scales, • PPEes (Helmets, Ear Plug, Safety Shoes, overall, safety Glass, Gloves, Face Mask)		• Wood • Bubble wrap • Foam packaging • Cardboard boxes • Wooden crates • Plastic sheeting • Stretch wrap

Indicative content 3.1: Labelling machine

Duration: 7 hrs

Theoretical Activity 3.1.1: Description of labels

Tasks:

1: You are requested to answer the following questions:

I. What do you understand by labels?

II. What should be the types of labels?

2: Provide the answers to the asked questions and write them on flipchart/papers.

3: Present your findings to your classmates and Trainer.

4: For more clarification, read the key readings 3.1.1 and ask questions where necessary.

Key readings 3.1.1. : Description of labels

- **Types of labels**
- ✓ **Warning labels**

A warning label is a label attached to an item that warns the user about the risks associated with the use of the item. **For example**, many products that pose certain health risks such as cigarettes, pharmaceutical drugs or flammable objects are required to place warning labels on the packaging. Machinery or other potentially dangerous equipment usually is accompanied by warning labels as well.

Warning labels can come in all shapes and sizes, but an effective warning label should always be seen, read and understood by the user so that he or she can proceed safely and avoid being harmed by the use of the product or equipment. An effective warning label should always contain the following elements:

Clear Statement of the Danger

For example, a person purchasing a pack of cigarettes needs to know that smoking can cause lung cancer; a person who is about to dive into a pool needs to be warned if there is shallow water; or a person operating a stove needs to be warned of a hot surface.

Specific Consequences Resulting from Exposure to the Danger

For example, a person who smokes on a regular basis may develop lung cancer; a person who dives into a shallow pool may become paralyzed; or a person operating a stove may be burned.

- ✓ **Instructional labels**

Instructional labels are used to provide important information about the operation, maintenance, and safety of equipment or machinery. These labels are typically affixed directly to the equipment and serve several key purposes:

Safety Instructions: They communicate critical safety information to help prevent accidents and injuries. For example, labels might instruct users to read the manual before operating the machine or to wear protective gear.

Operating Instructions: These labels provide step-by-step guidance on how to properly use the equipment. This can include start up procedures, operational guidelines, and shutdown processes.

Maintenance Instructions: They outline necessary maintenance tasks to keep the equipment in good working condition. This can include lubrication points, inspection schedules, and parts replacement instructions.

Hazard Warnings: Instructional labels often highlight potential hazards associated with the equipment, such as high voltage, moving parts, or hot surfaces.

- ✓ **Identification labels**

Identification labels are used to mark and distinguish various items, components, or equipment. They serve several important functions:

- **Asset Tracking:** These labels help in tracking and managing assets within an organization. They often include barcodes or RFID tags for easy scanning and inventory management.
- **Product Information:** Identification labels provide essential information about a product, such as serial numbers, model numbers, and manufacturing details. This is crucial for quality control and warranty purposes.
- **Safety and Compliance:** They ensure that products meet regulatory requirements by displaying necessary compliance information, such as certifications and safety warnings.
- **Organization:** In warehouses or storage areas, identification labels help in organizing and locating items quickly. They can be used on bins, containers, shelves, and drawers.

- ✓ **Compliance labels**

Compliance labels are used to indicate that a product, package, or equipment meets specific regulatory, industry, or internal standards. These labels are essential for ensuring

that items adhere to legal and safety requirements. Here are some key aspects of compliance labels:

- **Regulatory Compliance:** These labels show that a product complies with government regulations, such as safety standards, environmental laws, or transportation rules. For example, labels on hazardous materials indicate compliance with transport regulations.
- **Industry Standards**: Compliance labels can also demonstrate adherence to industry-specific standards, such as those set by organizations like ISO (International Organization for Standardization) or ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials).
- **Internal Policies:** Companies may use compliance labels to ensure that products meet their own internal quality and safety policies**.**
- **Barcodes and RFID Tags:** Many compliance labels include barcodes or RFID tags for tracking and verification purposes.

✓ **Maintenance labels**

Maintenance labels are used to track and communicate the maintenance history and status of equipment or machinery. Here are some key aspects of maintenance labels:

- **Service Records:** These labels indicate when the last maintenance was performed and when the next service is due. This helps ensure that regular maintenance tasks are not overlooked.
- **Inspection Information:** They provide details about inspections, including the date of inspection and the initials of the person who performed it. This is crucial for maintaining safety and compliance.
- **Status Indicators:** Maintenance labels can show the current status of equipment, such as "In Service," "Out of Service," or "Under Repair." This helps in quickly identifying the operational status of machinery.

Practical Activity 3.1.2: Selecting labelling technology

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to Select the labelling technology required for labelling the machine having three rollers made in steel sheet of 5mm thick having34.5 *100 cm width and length respectively and shaft of 12 cm long and 35mm, the base structure of 60*70*50 cm width length and height respectively in mechanical machine production.

2: Apply safety precautions.

3: Select the labelling technology required for labelling the machine in mechanical machine production.

4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 3.1.2 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 3.1.

Key readings 3.1.2 Selecting labelling technology

- **Select labelling technology**

Selecting the right labelling technology for mechanical machines involves considering several factors to ensure durability, readability, and compliance with industry standards. Here are some key points and technologies to consider:

Key Considerations

- **Environmental Conditions:** Mechanical machines often operate in harsh environments. Labels need to withstand high temperatures, chemicals, moisture, and abrasion.
- **Surface Type:** The material and texture of the machine's surface can affect label adhesion. Ensure the labels are compatible with metals, plastics, or other materials used in your machines.
- **Information Requirements:** Determine what information needs to be included, such as serial numbers, maintenance schedules, safety warnings, and compliance information.
- **Durability:** Labels should be resistant to wear and tear to remain legible over time.
- **Compliance:** Ensure labels meet any regulatory or industry standards relevant to your application.

Common Labelling Technologies

- **Thermal Transfer Printing:** Ideal for creating durable labels that can withstand harsh conditions. This technology uses heat to transfer ink from a ribbon onto the label material, making it suitable for long-lasting applications.
- **Laser Engraving:** Provides high precision and durability. Laser-engraved labels are resistant to environmental factors and are ideal for permanent labelling needs.
- **Metal Nameplates:** Often used for heavy-duty applications. These can be etched, stamped, or engraved and are highly durable2.
- **Self-Laminating Labels:** These labels have a clear laminate that protects the printed information from dirt, moisture, and abrasion. They are useful for labelling cables, wires, and other components.
- **RFID Labels:** Incorporate RFID tags for tracking and inventory management. They are useful in applications requiring real-time data and automation.

- **Barcode Labels:** Widely used for inventory management and asset tracking. They can be printed using various technologies, including thermal transfer and inkjet3.

Implementation Tips

Test Samples: Before finalizing your choice, test different labelling technologies to ensure they meet your performance expectations.

Consult Experts: Engage with label manufacturers or suppliers who can provide insights and recommendations based on your specific needs.

Regular Maintenance: Ensure that labels are regularly inspected and maintained to remain legible and effective.

Practical Activity 3.1.3: Designing label

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to design the labels used on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: Design the labels used on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 3.1.3 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 3.1.

Key readings 3.1.3 Designing label

- **Designing label**

Designing effective labels for machines involves several key steps to ensure they are clear, durable, and compliant with relevant standards. Here's a guide to help you get started:

- **Identify the Information Needs**

Safety Instructions: Include warnings, precautions, and emergency procedures.

Operating Instructions: Provide clear, step-by-step usage guidelines.

Maintenance Information: Detail regular maintenance tasks and schedules.

Contact Information: Include manufacturer or service contact details for support.

- **Design Considerations**

Clarity: Use simple language and clear graphics. Avoid technical jargon where possible.

Legibility: Choose readable fonts and appropriate font sizes. Ensure good contrast between text and background.

Symbols and Icons: Use standardized symbols (e.g., ISO, ANSI) to convey information quickly and universally.

Durability: Select materials that can withstand the machine's operating environment (e.g., heat, chemicals, UV exposure).

- **Compliance and Standards**

Regulatory Requirements: Ensure labels meet industry-specific regulations and standards (e.g., OSHA, CE marking).

Testing: Conduct tests to verify label durability and legibility under various conditions.

- **Production**

Material Selection: Choose appropriate materials such as vinyl, polyester, or metal, depending on the application.

Printing Techniques: Use high-quality printing methods like screen printing, digital printing, or thermal transfer to ensure durability.

- Placement

Visibility: Place labels where they are easily visible to the user.

Accessibility: Ensure labels are accessible and readable during operation and maintenance.

- **Review and Feedback**

User Feedback: Gather feedback from users to improve label design and content.

Regular Updates: Update labels as necessary to reflect changes in procedures, regulations, or equipment.

Practical Activity 3.1.4: Printing labels

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to print the labels used on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: Print the labels used on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 3.1.4 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 3.1.

Key readings 3.1.4 : Printing labels

- **Printing labels**

Printing labels for mechanical machines involves selecting the right materials and printing techniques to ensure durability and legibility. Here are some key considerations and steps to help you get started:

- **Material Selection**

Vinyl: Flexible and resistant to moisture, chemicals, and UV light.

Polyester: Durable and resistant to tearing, chemicals, and extreme temperatures.

M**etal:** Ideal for harsh environments; options include anodized aluminium and stainless steel.

- **Printing Techniques**

Screen Printing: Provides high durability and is suitable for large quantities.

Digital Printing: Offers flexibility for small batches and detailed graphics.

Thermal Transfer: Ideal for on-demand printing with high resistance to smudging and fading.

Laser Engraving: Permanent marking method suitable for metal labels.

- **Design Considerations**

Clarity: Use clear, concise text and standardized symbols.

Legibility: Ensure high contrast between text and background.

Durability: Choose materials and inks that can withstand the machine's operating environment.

- **Compliance and Standards**

Ensure labels meet industry-specific regulations and standards, such as OSHA or CE marking.

- **Application**

Adhesive Strength: Use strong adhesives to prevent labels from peeling off.

Placement: Position labels where they are easily visible and accessible.

- **Examples of Label Types**

Safety Labels: Indicate hazards and safety precautions.

Instructional Labels: Provide operating and maintenance instructions.

Identification Labels: Include machine ID, serial numbers, and manufacturer details.

Practical Activity 3.1.: 5Verifying quality labels

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to verify the quality of labels used on assembled machine in mechanical machine production
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: Verify the quality of labels used on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 3.1.5 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 3.1.

Key readings 3.1.5 : verifying quality labels

Verifying quality labels is crucial to ensure that products are correctly labelled, which helps in maintaining compliance, preventing errors, and ensuring customer satisfaction. Here are some key steps and methods used in the verification process:

Steps in Label Verification:

- **Barcode Scanning:** Ensure that the barcode scans correctly and matches the product information**.**

- **Print Quality Check:** Verify that all printed information is clear, legible, and free from defects such as smudges or misprints.
- **Data Accuracy:** Confirm that the label contains the correct information, including product details, batch numbers, expiration dates, and any regulatory information.
- **Positioning and Alignment:** Check that the label is properly positioned and aligned on the product packaging.
- **Tamper-Evidence:** Ensure that tamper-evident features, if any, are intact and functional.

Methods and Technologies:

- **Vision Inspection Systems:** These systems use cameras and software to automatically inspect labels for defects, misprints, and proper placement**.**
- **Label Verification Systems:** These systems can integrate with production lines to verify label data and ensure compliance with standards like GS1 and ISO**.**
- **Manual Inspection:** In some cases, manual inspection by trained personnel is used to verify label quality, especially for small batches or custom labels.

Benefits:

Error Reduction: Automated systems significantly reduce the risk of human error.

Compliance: Ensures that labels meet regulatory requirements, avoiding potential fines and market barriers.

Efficiency: Speeds up the production process by quickly identifying and correcting labelling issues

Practical Activity 3.1.6: Applying labelling techniques

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to apply the labelling techniques on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.

2: Apply safety precautions.

3: Apply the labelling techniques on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.

4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.

5: Read key reading 3.1.6 and ask clarification where necessary.

6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 3.1.

Key readings 3.1.6: Applying labelling techniques

- **Applying labelling techniques**

✓ **Adhesive Labels**

An adhesive label or sticky label is a small piece of paper designed to be affixed to any surface, typically by the action of removing a layer of adhesive on the front or back of the label. The term adhesive refers to a sticky substance, while something that is self-adhesive implies that it will stick without wetting or the application of glue to the product.

Applying adhesive labels to mechanical machines involves several steps to ensure the labels are securely attached and remain legible throughout the machine's lifecycle. Here's a guide to help you with the process:

Steps to Apply Adhesive Labels:

- **Surface Preparation:**

Clean the Surface: Ensure the surface where the label will be applied is clean, dry, and free from dust, oil, and other contaminants. Use a suitable cleaner like isopropyl alcohol.

Dry the Surface: Allow the surface to dry completely before applying the label.

- **Label Preparation:**

Check the Label: Inspect the label for any defects or damage.

Peel the Backing: Carefully peel off the backing paper from the adhesive side of the label without touching the adhesive.

- **Application:**

Position the Label: Align the label with the desired position on the machine. Use a ruler or template if precise placement is required.

Apply the Label: Starting from one edge, press the label onto the surface. Use a squeegee or a similar tool to smooth out the label and remove any air bubbles. Apply firm, even pressure to ensure good adhesion.

- **Final Check:**

Inspect the Label: Ensure the label is fully adhered and there are no air bubbles or wrinkles.

Allow to Set: Give the adhesive time to set and bond with the surface. This can vary depending on the adhesive type and environmental conditions.

Types of Adhesive Labels:

Polycarbonate Labels: Durable and resistant to harsh conditions.

Polyester Labels: Known for their strength and resistance to chemicals.

Vinyl Labels: Flexible and suitable for various surfaces.

- ✓ **Heat Transfer Labels**

A heat transfer is a method of taking a printed image and fixing the image directly to the equipment in order to copy the image onto the equipment itself.

Applying heat transfer labels to mechanical machines involves a process where a printed image or text is transferred onto the machine's surface using heat and pressure. This method is known for its durability and ability to create high-quality, detailed labels. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to apply heat transfer labels:

Steps to Apply Heat Transfer Labels:

- **Design and Print the Label:**

Design: Create the label design using graphic design software. Ensure the design is suitable for heat transfer and includes all necessary information.

Print: Print the design onto a special heat transfer paper using a compatible printer.

- **Prepare the Surface:**

Clean the Surface: Ensure the surface of the mechanical machine is clean, dry, and free from dust, oil, and other contaminants. Use a suitable cleaner like isopropyl alcohol.

Dry the Surface: Allow the surface to dry completely before applying the label.

- **Position the Label:**

Align the Label: Place the printed heat transfer paper onto the desired position on the machine. Use tape to secure it if necessary to prevent movement.

- **Apply Heat and Pressure:**

Heat Press: Use a heat press machine to apply heat and pressure to the label. Set the machine to the recommended temperature and pressure settings for the specific heat transfer paper and material of the machine.

Press: Press the label for the specified duration, usually ranging from 10 to 30 seconds, depending on the material and transfer paper.

- **Peel and Cool:**

Peel the Backing: After pressing, carefully peel off the backing paper while the label is still warm. Ensure the label has fully transferred to the surface.

Cool Down: Allow the label to cool down and set properly. This ensures the adhesive bonds well with the surface.

Benefits of Heat Transfer Labels:

Durability: Heat transfer labels are resistant to wear, chemicals, and environmental factors, making them ideal for industrial applications.

High Quality: They provide a clean, professional finish with detailed and vibrant designs.

Versatility: Suitable for various surfaces, including metal, plastic, and painted surfaces

- ✓ **Embossed Labels**

Embossed labels allow you to add custom design, lettering, decoration or pattern effects to your product packaging. Embossed labels are a type of pressure-sensitive label that have had custom dies placed, using high pressure, onto part or all of a label material. The result is an embossed label with depth and texture. Different label materials, such as paper, hybrid film constructions and foil, create different effects. So embossing is a versatile option for creating a standout label.

Applying embossed labels to mechanical machines involves creating raised or recessed designs on a label, which is then affixed to the machine. This method is particularly useful for creating durable, long-lasting labels that can withstand harsh environments. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to apply embossed labels:

Steps to Apply Embossed Labels:

- **Design and Create the Label:**

Design: Create the label design using graphic design software. Ensure the design includes all necessary information and is suitable for embossing.

Embossing: Use an embossing machine to create the raised or recessed design on the label material. This can be done manually or with an automated embossing machine.

- **Prepare the Surface:**

Clean the Surface: Ensure the surface of the mechanical machine is clean, dry, and free from dust, oil, and other contaminants. Use a suitable cleaner like isopropyl alcohol.

Dry the Surface: Allow the surface to dry completely before applying the label.

- **Apply the Label:**

Position the Label: Align the embossed label with the desired position on the machine. Use a ruler or template if precise placement is required.

Adhere the Label: Depending on the type of embossed label, you may need to use an adhesive backing or apply a separate adhesive. Press the label firmly onto the surface to ensure good adhesion.

- **Final Check:**

Inspect the Label: Ensure the label is fully adhered and there are no air bubbles or misalignments.

Allow to Set: Give the adhesive time to set and bond with the surface. This can vary depending on the adhesive type and environmental conditions.

Benefits of Embossed Labels:

Durability: Embossed labels are resistant to wear, chemicals, and environmental factors, making them ideal for industrial applications.

High Visibility: The raised or recessed design makes the label easy to read and visually appealing.

Long-Lasting: These labels maintain their integrity and readability over time, even in harsh conditions.

Types of Embossed Labels:

Metal Embossed Labels: Made from materials like aluminium or stainless steel, these labels are highly durable and resistant to corrosion.

Plastic Embossed Labels: Lightweight and flexible, suitable for various applications.

- ✓ **Etched/Engraved Labels**

Applying etched or engraved labels to mechanical machines involves creating permanent markings on the label material, which is then affixed to the machine. This method is highly durable and suitable for harsh environments. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to apply these labels:

Steps to Apply Etched/Engraved Labels:

- **Design and Create the Label:**

Design: Use graphic design software to create the label design, ensuring it includes all necessary information such as serial numbers, model numbers, and safety warnings.

Engraving/Etching: Use an engraving machine (rotary or laser) or an etching process to transfer the design onto the label material. Common materials include metals like stainless steel, aluminium, or brass.

- **Prepare the Surface:**

Clean the Surface: Ensure the surface of the mechanical machine is clean, dry, and free from dust, oil, and other contaminants. Use a suitable cleaner like isopropyl alcohol.

Dry the Surface: Allow the surface to dry completely before applying the label.

- **Apply the Label:**

Position the Label: Align the etched or engraved label with the desired position on the machine. Use a ruler or template for precise placement.

Adhere the Label: Depending on the type of label, you may need to use screws, rivets, or a strong adhesive to secure the label. For adhesive-backed labels, press firmly to ensure good adhesion.

- **Final Check:**

Inspect the Label: Ensure the label is fully adhered and there are no misalignments or loose edges.

Allow to Set: Give the adhesive or fasteners time to set and bond with the surface. This can vary depending on the adhesive type and environmental conditions.

Benefits of Etched/Engraved Labels:

Durability: Resistant to wear, chemicals, and environmental factors, making them ideal for industrial applications.

Permanent Markings: The engraving or etching process creates permanent, tamper-resistant markings.

High Visibility: Clear and legible markings that remain readable over time.

Types of Etched/Engraved Labels:

Metal Engraved Labels: Made from materials like stainless steel or aluminum, these labels are highly durable and resistant to corrosion.

Plastic Engraved Labels: Lightweight and flexible, suitable for various applications.

- ✓ **Printed Labels**

Applying printed labels to mechanical machines involves several steps to ensure the labels are securely attached and remain legible throughout the machine's lifecycle. Here's a guide to help you with the process:

Steps to Apply Printed Labels:

- **Surface Preparation:**

Clean the Surface: Ensure the surface where the label will be applied is clean, dry, and free from dust, oil, and other contaminants. Use a suitable cleaner like isopropyl alcohol.

Dry the Surface: Allow the surface to dry completely before applying the label.

- **Label Preparation:**

Check the Label: Inspect the label for any defects or damage.

Peel the Backing: Carefully peel off the backing paper from the adhesive side of the label without touching the adhesive.

- **Application:**

Position the Label: Align the label with the desired position on the machine. Use a ruler or template if precise placement is required.

Apply the Label: Starting from one edge, press the label onto the surface. Use a squeegee or a similar tool to smooth out the label and remove any air bubbles. Apply firm, even pressure to ensure good adhesion.

- **Final Check:**

Inspect the Label: Ensure the label is fully adhered and there are no air bubbles or wrinkles.

Allow to Set: Give the adhesive time to set and bond with the surface. This can vary depending on the adhesive type and environmental conditions.

Tips for Effective Label Application:

Temperature: Apply labels in a temperature-controlled environment. Extreme temperatures can affect the adhesive properties.

Material Compatibility: Ensure the adhesive is compatible with the material of the machine. Some adhesives are designed for specific surfaces like metal, plastic, or painted surfaces.

Durability: Choose labels that are durable and resistant to environmental factors such as moisture, chemicals, and UV light, especially for outdoor or industrial applications.

Types of Printed Labels:

Polycarbonate Labels: Durable and resistant to harsh conditions.

Polyester Labels: Known for their strength and resistance to chemicals.

Vinyl Labels: Flexible and suitable for various surfaces.

Points to Remember

- Determine the specific requirements for your labelling tasks, including volume, speed, and types of machine to be labelled.
- Ensure the technology provides the necessary print resolution and clarity for barcodes, graphics, and text.
- Ensure the labelling technology is compatible with your existing systems and software, including inventory management and tracking systems.
- Choose technology that is easy to operate, minimizing the need for extensive training for staff.
- Select technology that can grow with your needs, allowing for increased production without significant additional investment.
- Understand the primary purpose of the label and the target audience to tailor the design accordingly.
- Use clear fonts and sizes that are easy to read at a glance. Avoid overly decorative fonts that may hinder comprehension.
- Ensure there is a strong contrast between text and background colours to enhance visibility and readability.
- Avoid cluttering the label with excessive information. Stick to the most important points to maintain clarity.
- Arrange elements in a logical flow, grouping related information together and ensuring a natural reading order.
- Select label materials that suit the environment they will be used in, ensuring they can withstand moisture, chemicals, or UV exposure.
- Ensure that label designs are properly formatted and optimized for printing, including correct dimensions and resolution (typically 300 DPI or higher).
- Choose a printer that meets your specific labelling needs, whether it's thermal, inkjet, or laser, considering factors like volume, speed, and print quality.
- Select label materials that are compatible with your printer and suitable for the intended application (e.g., adhesive strength, weather resistance).

- Regularly calibrate your printer for colour accuracy and alignment to ensure consistent quality across print runs.
- Before printing a large batch, run test prints to check for design accuracy, colour fidelity, and print quality.
- Regularly check and replace ink or ribbon supplies to prevent interruptions during printing and maintain print quality.
- Maintain consistent printer settings (like temperature and speed) for the same type of label to ensure uniformity.
- Store label materials properly to prevent damage or degradation, and keep different types clearly labelled and organized.
- Have a backup printer or alternative labelling methods in place to avoid downtime in case of equipment failure.
- Regularly perform visual checks to ensure labels are free from defects such as smudges, misalignment, or fading.
- Use Measurement Tools: Employ tools like callipers or micrometres to verify label dimensions and ensure they meet specifications.
- Inspect the clarity of text and graphics, ensuring they are sharp and legible. Look for any blurriness or colour inconsistencies.
- Perform adhesion tests to ensure labels stick properly to their intended surfaces under various conditions (e.g., temperature, humidity).
- Subject labels to stress tests, such as abrasion, moisture, or UV exposure, to verify their longevity and performance in real-world conditions.
- Ensure labels meet industry regulations and standards, including proper hazard warnings and required information.
- Clean and dry the surface where the label will be applied to ensure proper adhesion and prevent contaminants from affecting the bond.
- Ensure labels are placed in a consistent and logical location on the product or packaging for maximum visibility and accessibility.
- Utilize alignment aids (like guides or templates) to ensure labels are applied straight and uniformly across multiple items.
- When affixing labels, apply even pressure across the entire label to eliminate air bubbles and ensure strong adhesion.
- Allow sufficient time for the adhesive to cure, especially under conditions of varying temperature or humidity.
- Ensure that all labels are applied consistently across products to maintain branding and improve user experience.
- Regularly check the application process to identify any issues (like misalignment or peeling) and correct them promptly.

Application of learning 3.1.

At your school's manufacturing workshop, a mechanical team has assembled a rolling machine with three (3) rollers made of 5 mm thick steel sheets, measuring 34.5 cm in width and 100 cm in length. The shafts are 12 cm long and 35 mm in diameter, and the base structure measures 60 cm in width, 70 cm in length, and 50 cm in height. The mechanical team needs to label the machine. You are asked to:

i. Select labeling technology

ii. Design the label

iii. Print the label

iv. Verify quality

v. Apply labeling techniques

Indicative content 3.2: Applying techniques of packaging the machine

Duration: 6 hrs

Practical Activity 3.2.1: Applying techniques of packaging the machine

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to apply packaging techniques on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: Apply packaging techniques on assembled machine in mechanical machine production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 3.2.1 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 3.2.

Key readings 3.2.1: Applying techniques of packaging the machine

Description of packaging the machine

- **Shrink Wrapping**

Shrink wrapping is a packaging method that involves wrapping a product in a plastic film and then applying heat to shrink the film tightly around the item. This process creates a secure, tamper-evident seal that protects the product from dust, moisture, and damage during transportation and storage.

Here's a brief overview of how it works:

Wrapping: The machine or operator wraps the product in a loose sleeve or bag made of shrink film, typically made from materials like polyolefin or PVC.
Sealing: The open ends of the shrink film are sealed using a heat sealer. This can be done manually or automatically, depending on the type of shrink wrap machine.
Heating: The wrapped product is then passed through a heat tunnel or exposed to a heat gun. The heat causes the film to shrink and conform tightly to the shape of the product.

- **Blister Packaging**

Blister packaging is a method used to encase products in a pre-formed plastic cavity, which is then sealed with a backing material like paperboard or aluminium foil. This type of packaging is commonly used for small consumer goods, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices, but it can also be applied to certain mechanical machine components.
Here's how blister packaging works:

Forming: A plastic sheet is heated and melded into the shape of the product cavity using a thermoforming or cold forming process.

Filling: The product is placed into the formed plastic cavity.

Sealing: The cavity is sealed with a backing material, often using heat and pressure to ensure a secure closure.

Benefits of Blister Packaging for Mechanical Machines:

Protection: It provides excellent protection against environmental factors such as moisture, dust, and contamination.

Visibility: The clear plastic allows for easy inspection of the product without opening the package.

Tamper-Evidence: It offers a tamper-evident seal, ensuring the integrity of the product until it reaches the end user.

Organization: It helps in organizing small parts and components, making them easier to handle and store.

Blister packaging can be particularly useful for packaging small mechanical parts, fasteners, or tools, ensuring they remain in good condition during transportation and storage

- **Vacuum Packaging**

Vacuum packaging is a method used to protect mechanical machines and their components by removing air from the packaging and sealing it to create a vacuum-sealed environment. This process helps to extend the shelf life of the products, protect them from external contaminants, and preserve their quality.

How Vacuum Packaging Works:

Placing the Product: The mechanical machine or its components are placed inside a vacuum bag or pouch.

Vacuum Sealing: The air is removed from the bag using a vacuum pump, creating a vacuum inside the packaging.

Sealing: The bag is then sealed tightly to maintain the vacuum, usually using heat sealing.

Benefits of Vacuum Packaging for Mechanical Machines:

Protection from Contaminants: It prevents dust, moisture, and other contaminants from reaching the product.

Corrosion Prevention: By removing air, it reduces the risk of oxidation and corrosion, which is particularly important for metal components.

Space Efficiency: Vacuum packaging can reduce the volume of the package, making it more space-efficient for storage and transportation.

Extended Shelf Life: It helps in preserving the quality and functionality of the mechanical parts over a longer period.

Types of Vacuum Packaging Machines:

Chamber Vacuum Sealers: Ideal for bulkier items, these machines place the entire product inside a chamber where the air is removed.

Nozzle Vacuum Sealers: Suitable for smaller items, these machines use a nozzle to suck out the air from the bag.

Form-Fill-Seal Machines: These machines form the packaging material, fill it with the product, and then seal it, all in one continuous process

- **Boxing**

Boxing packaging involves using boxes, typically made of cardboard or corrugated fibreboard, to protect and transport products. This method is widely used for shipping, storage, and retail display of various items, including mechanical machines and their components.

Key Features of Boxing Packaging:

- ✓ **Protection:** Boxes provide a sturdy barrier against physical damage, dust, and moisture.
- ✓ **Versatility:** Available in various sizes and shapes to accommodate different products.
- ✓ **Stack ability:** Boxes can be easily stacked, optimizing storage and transportation space.
- ✓ **Customization:** Can be customized with branding, labels, and other information.

Types of Boxes:

- ✓ **Corrugated Boxes:** Made from corrugated fibreboard, offering high strength and durability.
- ✓ **Folding Cartons:** Typically used for lighter items and retail packaging.
- ✓ **Rigid Boxes:** Known for their sturdiness, often used for high-end products.

Applications in Mechanical Machines:

- ✓ **Component Packaging:** Individual parts and components can be packed in smaller boxes for organization and protection.
- ✓ **Machine Packaging:** Entire machines or larger assemblies can be packed in custom-sized boxes with additional padding and supports to prevent movement and damage during transit.

Steps in Boxing Packaging:

- ✓ **Selecting the Box:** Choose the appropriate size and type of box for the product.
- ✓ **Preparing the Box:** Assemble the box and reinforce it with tape if necessary.
- ✓ **Packing the Product:** Place the product inside the box, adding cushioning materials like foam or bubble wrap if needed.
- ✓ **Sealing the Box:** Securely seal the box with packing tape.
- ✓ **labelling:** Add labels with handling instructions, shipping information, and any necessary warnings

- **Cushioning**

Cushioning packaging, also known as protective packaging, involves using materials designed to protect items from damage during transportation, storage, or handling. These materials absorb shocks, vibrations, and impacts, ensuring that the product

remains intact and undamaged.

Key Features of Cushioning Packaging:

- ✓ **Shock Absorption:** Cushioning materials absorb the energy from impacts, preventing damage to the product.
- ✓ **Vibration Dampening:** They reduce the transmission of vibrations, which is crucial for delicate items.
- ✓ **Protection from Compression:** Cushioning materials can also protect products from being crushed or deformed.

Common Types of Cushioning Materials:

- ✓ **Foam**: Includes expanded polystyrene (EPS), polyethylene (PE), and polyurethane (PU) foams. These are lightweight and provide excellent shock absorption.
- ✓ **Bubble Wrap:** Consists of air-filled bubbles that cushion and protect items from impacts.
- ✓ **Paper:** Crumpled or padded paper can be used to fill voids and provide cushioning.
- ✓ **Air Pillows:** Inflatable plastic bags that provide cushioning and fill empty spaces in packaging.
- ✓ **Loose Fill:** Materials like foam peanuts or biodegradable starch-based peanuts that fill spaces around the product**.**

Applications in Mechanical Machines:

- ✓ **Component Protection:** Cushioning materials can be used to protect individual parts and components during shipping.
- ✓ **Machine Packaging:** Entire machines can be cushioned to prevent damage from shocks and vibrations during transit.

Benefits:

- ✓ **Enhanced Protection:** Reduces the risk of damage during shipping and handling.
- ✓ **Cost-Effective:** Helps avoid the costs associated with damaged goods.
- ✓ **Versatility:** Suitable for a wide range of products, including mechanical parts and machines

- **Palletizing**

Palletizing is the process of stacking and securing products onto a pallet to facilitate easier and safer transportation, storage, and handling. This method is widely used in various industries, including the mechanical industry, to consolidate multiple items into a single, manageable unit.

Key Features of Palletizing:

- ✓ **Product Stability:** By stacking products in a uniform and stable manner, palletizing helps prevent movement and potential damage during transit.
- ✓ **Efficiency:** Palletized loads can be easily handled using forklifts or pallet jacks,

speeding up the loading and unloading process.

- ✓ **Space Optimization:** Properly palletized goods make efficient use of storage space, both in warehouses and during transportation.
- ✓ **Safety:** Reduces the risk of injury by minimizing manual handling of individual items.

Types of Palletizing:

- ✓ **Manual Palletizing:** Workers manually stack products onto pallets. This method is suitable for small-scale operations or irregularly shaped items.
- ✓ **Semi-Automatic Palletizing:** Combines manual loading with automated stacking and securing processes, ideal for medium-scale operations.
- ✓ **Automatic Palletizing:** Fully automated systems that handle the entire palletizing process, suitable for large-scale operations with high volumes.

Steps in the Palletizing Process:

- ✓ **Product Preparation:** Ensure products are properly packaged and ready for stacking.
- ✓ **Conveyor Transport:** Use conveyors to move products to the palletizing area.
- ✓ **Stacking:** Arrange products on the pallet in a stable and uniform manner.
- ✓ **Securing:** Use stretch wrap, straps, or other materials to secure the load on the pallet.

Benefits of Palletizing for Mechanical Machines:

- ✓ **Enhanced Protection:** Reduces the risk of damage during transportation.
- ✓ **Improved Handling:** Makes it easier to move and store mechanical parts and machines.

Cost-Effective: Streamlines the logistics process, reducing labor and handling costs

Applying techniques of packaging the machine

Packaging a mechanical machine involves several steps to ensure it is protected during transportation, storage, and handling. Here's a comprehensive guide to the process:

- Preparation

Clean the Machine: Ensure the machine is clean and free from dust, oil, and other contaminants.

Disassemble if Necessary: If the machine is large or has delicate parts, disassemble it into manageable components.

- Cushioning and Protection

Wrap Components: Use materials like bubble wrap, foam, or air pillows to wrap individual components and protect them from shocks and vibrations.

Secure Loose Parts: Ensure any loose parts are secured to prevent movement during transit.

- **Primary Packaging**

Shrink Wrapping: Wrap the machine or its components in shrink film and apply heat to create a tight, protective seal.

Blister Packaging: For smaller components, use blister packaging to encase them in a plastic cavity sealed with a backing material.

- **Secondary Packaging**

Boxing: Place the wrapped machine or components into sturdy cardboard or corrugated boxes. Add additional cushioning materials to fill any voids and prevent movement.
Labelling: Apply appropriate labels, including handling instructions, product information, and any regulatory labels.

- **Palletizing**

Stacking: Arrange the boxed items on a pallet in a stable and uniform manner.
Securing: Use stretch wrap, straps, or other materials to secure the load on the pallet, ensuring it is stable and protected.

- **Final Inspection**

Check Stability: Ensure the palletized load is stable and secure.
Verify Labels: Confirm that all labels are correctly applied and legible.

- **Documentation**

Shipping Documents: Prepare and attach all necessary shipping documents, including invoices, packing lists, and any required certifications.

- **Loading for Transport**

Careful Handling: Use forklifts or pallet jacks to load the palletized machine onto the transportation vehicle, ensuring it is handled carefully to avoid damage.
Additional Tips:

Points to Remember

- Apply labels and packaging materials in a temperature-controlled environment to ensure optimal adhesion and protection.
- Use packaging materials that are compatible with the machine's surface to avoid damage or chemical reactions.
- Choose durable packaging materials that can withstand the rigors of transportation and storage
- Select appropriate materials that suit the product being packaged, considering factors like protection, shelf life, and branding.
- Implement a routine maintenance schedule to keep the packaging machine in optimal working condition, reducing downtime and preventing issues.
- Regularly calibrate machine settings (such as temperature, pressure, and speed) based on the specific requirements of the packaging materials and products.
- Before full production, perform test runs to ensure proper operation, identify potential issues, and make necessary adjustments.

- Be aware of the environment in which the packaging occurs (temperature, humidity) and make adjustments to machine settings as needed.

Application of learning 3.2.

At your school manufacturing workshop, a mechanical team is preparing to assemble the pa rts of sheet metal having three (3)rollers made in steel sheet of 5mm thick having34.5 *100 cm width and length respectively and shaft of 12 cm long and 35mm ,the base structure of 6 0*70*50 cm width length and height respectively. The mechanical team needs to apply pack aging techniques. Ask trainees to: apply packaging techniques of the machine

Indicative content 3.3: Applying techniques of handling the machine

Duration: 7 hrs

Practical Activity 3.3.1: Applying techniques of handling the machine

Task:

1: You are requested to go to the workshop to apply techniques of handling the machine in mechanical machine production.
2: Apply safety precautions.
3: Apply techniques of handling the machine in mechanical machine production.
4: Present your work to the trainer and whole class.
5: Read key reading 3.3.1 and ask clarification where necessary.
6: Perform the task provided in application of learning 3.3.

Key readings 3.3.1: Applying techniques of handling the machine

Description of techniques of handling the machines

- **Manual handling**

Manual handling of mechanical machines involves physically moving or supporting the machine or its components without the use of mechanical aids. This process requires careful planning and execution to ensure safety and efficiency. Here are some key steps and tips for safely handling mechanical machines manually:

Steps for Manual Handling:

✓ **Assessment:**

Evaluate the Load: Determine the weight, size, and shape of the machine or component. Assess whether it can be safely handled manually or if mechanical aids are needed.

Plan the Lift: Identify the best lifting technique and path. Ensure the area is clear of obstacles and hazards.

✓ **Preparation:**

Wear Appropriate PPE: Use personal protective equipment such as gloves, safety shoes, and back supports.

Get Assistance: If the load is too heavy or awkward, get help from another person**.**

✓ **Lifting Technique:**

Stand Close to the Load: Position yourself close to the machine to reduce strain**.**

Bend Your Knees: Squat down by bending your knees, not your back.

Keep Your Back Straight: Maintain a straight back and use your leg muscles to lift.

Firm Grip: Ensure you have a firm grip on the machine or component.

Lift Smoothly: Lift the load smoothly and avoid sudden movements.

- ✓ **Carrying the Load:**

Keep the Load Close: Hold the load close to your body to maintain balance.

Avoid Twisting: Keep your body facing the direction you are moving. Avoid twisting your torso.

Take Small Steps: Move slowly and take small steps to maintain control.

- ✓ **Setting Down the Load:**

Lower with Your Legs: Bend your knees and lower the load smoothly, keeping your back straight.

Place Carefully: Ensure the load is placed securely and does not pose a hazard.

Tips for Safe Manual Handling:

- ✓ **Know Your Limits:** Do not attempt to lift loads that are too heavy or awkward for you to handle safely.
- ✓ **Use Mechanical Aids:** Whenever possible, use mechanical aids such as trolleys, hoists, or pallet jacks to reduce the risk of injury.
- ✓ **Training:** Ensure that all personnel involved in manual handling are properly trained in safe lifting techniques.
- ✓ **Ergonomics:** Arrange the workspace to minimize the need for awkward postures and repetitive movements.

Common Risks and How to Mitigate Them:

- ✓ **Back Injuries**: Use proper lifting techniques and avoid lifting heavy loads alone.
- ✓ **Strains and Sprains:** Warm up before handling heavy loads and use appropriate lifting aids.
- ✓ **Slips and Falls:** Keep the work area clean and free of obstacles.

- **Mechanical handling**

Mechanical handling of machines involves using equipment and machinery to move, lift, and transport mechanical machines and their components. This method significantly improves efficiency, reduces the risk of injury, and ensures the safe handling of heavy or bulky items. Here are some common types of mechanical handling equipment and their applications:

Types of Mechanical Handling Equipment:

- ✓ **Forklifts:**

Use: Lifting and transporting heavy loads over short distances.

Benefits: Versatile, can handle various load sizes and weights, and improves efficiency in warehouses and industrial settings.

- ✓ **Conveyor Belts:**

Use: Moving items along a fixed path, often used in assembly lines and manufacturing processes.

Benefits: Automates the movement of goods, reduces manual labor, and increases production speed.

- ✓ **Cranes and Hoists:**

Use: Lifting and moving heavy loads vertically and horizontally.

Benefits: Essential for construction sites and industrial environments where heavy lifting is required.

- ✓ **Pallet Jacks:**

Use: Moving palletized loads within warehouses and storage facilities.

Benefits: Simple to use, cost-effective, and ideal for moving heavy pallets over short distances.

- ✓ **Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs):**

Use: Transporting materials within a facility using pre-defined paths.

Benefits: Increases efficiency, reduces labour costs, and can operate continuously without human intervention.

Benefits of Mechanical Handling:

- ✓ **Efficiency:** Speeds up the movement of goods and materials, reducing downtime and increasing productivity**.**
- ✓ **Safety:** Reduces the risk of injuries associated with manual handling, such as strains, sprains, and back injuries.
- ✓ **Precision:** Allows for precise placement and movement of heavy or delicate items.
- ✓ **Cost-Effective:** Reduces labor costs and minimizes the risk of damage to goods**.**

Safety Considerations:

- ✓ **Training:** Ensure operators are properly trained in the use of mechanical handling equipment.
- ✓ **Maintenance:** Regularly inspect and maintain equipment to ensure it is in good working condition.
- ✓ **Load Limits:** Adhere to the load limits specified for each piece of equipment to prevent accidents and equipment damage.
- ✓ **Environment:** Ensure the work environment is suitable for the use of mechanical handling equipment, with clear paths and adequate space

- **Automated handling**

Automated handling of machines involves using advanced systems and technologies to manage, transport, and organize mechanical machines and their components. This approach significantly enhances efficiency, reduces manual labor, and improves safety. Here are some key aspects and benefits of automated handling:

Key Technologies in Automated Handling:

- ✓ **Robotics:**

Use: Robots can perform tasks such as lifting, moving, and placing heavy or delicate items with precision.

Benefits: Increases efficiency, reduces human error, and can operate continuously without fatigue.

- ✓ **Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs):**

Use: AGVs transport materials within a facility along predefined paths.

Benefits: Enhances flexibility and efficiency in material handling, reduces labor costs.

- ✓ **Conveyor Systems:**

Use: Conveyors move items along a fixed path, often used in assembly lines and manufacturing processes.

Benefits: Automates the movement of goods, reducing manual labor and increasing production speed.

- ✓ **Automated Storage and Retrieval Systems (AS/RS):**

Use: These systems automatically place and retrieve items from storage locations.

Benefits: Maximizes storage efficiency, reduces retrieval times, and improves inventory management.

- ✓ **Robotic Palletizers:**

Use: Robots stack and organize products onto pallets.

Benefits: Increases stacking precision, reduces labor costs, and improves safety3.

- ✓ **Benefits of Automated Handling:**
- ✓ **Increased Efficiency:** Streamlines operations, allowing for faster processing times and higher throughput.
- ✓ **Improved Safety:** Reduces the risk of workplace injuries associated with manual handling.
- ✓ **Cost Savings:** Lowers labor costs and minimizes the risk of damage to goods.
- ✓ **Consistency and Precision:** Ensures consistent handling and placement of items, reducing errors.

Applications in Mechanical Machines:

- ✓ **Assembly Lines:** Robots and conveyors can automate the assembly of mechanical machines, improving speed and accuracy.
- ✓ **Material Transport:** AGVs and conveyors efficiently move components and finished machines within a facility.

Storage and Retrieval: AS/RS systems manage the storage of mechanical parts and machines, optimizing space and retrieval times.

Applying techniques of handling the machine

Handling mechanical machines safely and efficiently involves several key steps, whether you're using manual or mechanical methods. Here's a comprehensive guide to the process:

Manual Handling Steps:

- ✓ **Assessment:**

Evaluate the Load: Determine the weight, size, and shape of the machine or component. Assess whether it can be safely handled manually or if mechanical aids are needed.

Plan the Lift: Identify the best lifting technique and path. Ensure the area is clear of

obstacles and hazards1.

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Mechanical Handling Steps:

- ✓ **Equipment Selection:**

C**hoose the Right Equipment:** Select appropriate mechanical handling equipment such as forklifts, cranes, or pallet jacks based on the load and environment.

- ✓ **Preparation:**

Inspect Equipment: Ensure the equipment is in good working condition and suitable for the task.

Clear the Path: Make sure the path is free of obstacles and hazards.

- ✓ **Operation:**

Load Securely: Ensure the machine or components are securely loaded onto the handling equipment.

Follow Safety Protocols: Adhere to safety guidelines and operating procedures for the equipment being used.

- ✓ **Transporting the Load:**

Move Slowly and Steadily: Operate the equipment at a safe speed, avoiding sudden movements.

Monitor the Load: Keep an eye on the load to ensure it remains stable during transport.

- ✓ **Unloading:**

Position the Load: Carefully position the load at the desired location.

Unload Safely: Follow proper unloading procedures to avoid damage to the machine or

injury to personnel.

Points to Remember

- Regularly inspect and maintain handling equipment to ensure it is in good working condition.
  Adhere to the load limits specified for each piece of equipment to prevent accident and equipment damage.
- Select appropriate materials that suit the product being packaged, considering factors like protection, shelf life, and branding.
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Learning outcome 3 end assessment

Theoretical assessment

1. Read carefully the following statement in the table below contain the types of labels used in mechanical machine production in column B and their corresponding explanation in column A, and match the types of labels and their explanation.

Answer	A	B
1….	1.Warning labels,	a. are specialized tags or stickers that provide important information related to heat sources, temperature settings, or safe handling of heated items.
2….	2.Instructional labels	v. are tags or stickers used to provide crucial information about a product, piece of equipment, or system. These labels help users easily identify and differentiate items, enhancing organization, safety, and compliance.
3…	3.Compliance labels,	vi. are informative tags or stickers attached to equipment or machinery that provide essential guidance on upkeep, servicing, and inspection requirements. They help ensure that maintenance tasks are performed correctly and on schedule, contributing to the longevity and reliability of the equipment.
4….	4.Maintenance labels	vii. Compliance labels are essential indicators that demonstrate a product or system adheres to specific industry standards, regulations, and safety requirements. These labels help ensure that products are safe for use, meet performance criteria, and comply with legal obligations.
		viii. Provide clear guidance on how to use, operate, or maintain a product or piece of equipment. They are essential for ensuring that users understand proper

		procedures, which helps enhance safety, efficiency, and effectiveness.
		ix. Are essential tools for communicating potential hazards associated with a product, equipment, or environment. They are designed to alert users to risks and provide instructions to ensure safe handling and operation.

Answer	A	B
1….	1. Vacuum Packaging	a. is a packaging process that involves enclosing products in a plastic film and then applying heat to shrink the film tightly around the items.
2….	2. Palletizing	b. Is packaging refers to the process of placing products into boxes for storage, shipping, or retail display.
3…	3. Boxing	c. Is packaging for machines involves using vacuum packaging technology to package the machines themselves, typically for shipping, storage, or display purposes.
4….	Shrink Wrapping	d. is a packaging technique that involves stacking goods on a pallet for storage and transportation. This method helps optimize space, improve handling efficiency, and facilitate the loading and unloading process

		e. is a packaging technique that involves using materials to protect products from damage during transportation and handling.

2. Read carefully the following statement in the table below contain packaging techniques used on the machine and their corresponding explanation in column B and their corresponding explanation in column A, and match the packaging techniques and their explanation.

3. Read carefully the following statement in the table below contain labelling techniques used on the machine and their corresponding explanation in column B and their corresponding explanation in column A, and match the labelling techniques and their explanation.

4. Read carefully the following statements concerning on selecting labelling technology and

Answer	A	B
1…	1.Adhesive Labels	a. are specialized tags or stickers that provide important information related to heat sources, temperature settings, or safe handling of heated items.
2…	2.Embossed Labels	b. are tags or stickers used to provide crucial information about a product, piece of equipment, or system. These labels help users easily identify and differentiate items, enhancing organization, safety, and compliance.
3…	3.Engraved Labels	c. are durable identification tags that feature text or designs cut or etched into a material, typically metal or plastic. This method of labeling provides a professional and long-lasting solution for various applications.
		d. are raised labels that feature text or designs created through a process that adds depth and texture. This technique makes the label stand out visually and tactilely, providing a unique and professional appearance.
		e. are tags or stickers that come with an adhesive backing, allowing them to be easily applied to various surfaces.

answer by true if statement is correct or false if the statement is not.

i. Thermal transfer printing is a technology used to produce high-quality labels, tags, and other printed materials. This method utilizes heat to transfer ink from a ribbon onto a substrate, such as paper, plastic, or fabric.
ii. Self-laminating labels are durable identification tags made from aluminium, stainless steel, brass, or copper. They are used to display important

information about a product, equipment, or location and are commonly found in industrial, commercial, and residential settings.

iii. Metal nameplates are a type of label that comes with an integrated laminate feature, allowing users to protect printed information without the need for additional laminating equipment.

5. Read the following statements concerning on designing labels and answer by true if the statement is correct or false if the statement is not correct.
   i. Safety and operating instructions are only information needed for designing labels
   ii. Durability and clarity are ones of the design consideration
6. Read carefully the following statement concerning on printing labels and choose by writing the letter corresponding the correct answer
   i. The following are techniques used for printing
      a. Laminar and cellular
      b. Low and high inkjet
      c. Screen and Digital printing
      d. No correct answer
   ii. The following are materials used for making labels:
      a. Metals
      b. Vinyl
      c. Polyester
      d. a, b and c are correct answer
      e. a and c are correct answer

Practical assessment

High Force Company Ltd is a manufacturing company located in RUHUHA Sector, Ngoma District. It has won a tender from Metal Work Company to store the assembled rolling machines, as the fabrication of a larger number of machines has caused disorder in the working area. Since the assigned worker responsible for storing the assembled rolling machines has been assigned to another task, trainees are asked to perform the following tasks within six hours, as mentioned by the company:

i. Labeling the machines
ii. Applying packaging techniques for the machines
iii. Applying handling techniques for the machines

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