Mikron

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MILL S 500
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GF Machining Solutions: all about you
When all you need is everything, it’s good to know that there is one company that you can count on to deliver complete solutions and services. From world-class Milling, electrical discharge machines (EDM) and Laser texturing machine tools through to first-class Automation, Tooling and software systems—all backed by unrivaled Customer service and support—we, through our Mikron, Liechti, AgieCharmilles and System 3R technologies help you raise your game and increase your competitive edge.

Swiss design and quality

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Applications

Pins
- Steel Nimax Uddeholm / 40-45 HRc
- Delicate geometries D0.1x16mm
- High surface quality Ra 0.1 μm
- Smallest workpieces

Mold insert
- Tempered steel 61 HRC 1.2379
- Construction of molds and workpieces
  - Highest surface quality Ra 0.05 μm
  - High metal removal rate Q=1.215 cm³/min
  - Highest accuracy when measuring the workpieces thanks to ITM

Reflector
- Böhler M333 50 HRC
  - Automotive
  - Highest dimensional accuracy
  - High surface quality Ra 0.1 μm
  - Most precise track control using OSS extreme

Electrode
- Copper E-Cu 58
  - Watches and jewelery
  - Highest dimensional accuracy +/-0.004mm
  - Five-axis simultaneous processing

Graphite electrode
- Graphite
  - Mold making
  - High contour accuracy
  - Efficient graphite processing

Five-axis simultaneous processing of mold inserts
**Highlights**

**Precision and quality for workpiece and mold making as well as production of precise parts**

**Mikron MILL S 400 U**

- Crane loading
- Flexible workpiece automation
- Machine cover for noise reduction
- High-performance machine control
- Robust tool Spindle with vector control and ceramic hybrid bearings
- Direct drive on all axes: X, Y, Z, B, C
- Production-ready work area with good chip flow
- Machine bed made of polymer concrete results in high thermal inertia as well as excellent dampening properties.
- Optimal cooling: All power components are cooled optimally. Through the optional cooling of the machine bed, the thermal stability related to temperature fluctuations in the production environment of the machine is also significantly improved.

**Accessible**

The compact construction provides extraordinary accessibility to all relevant areas of the machining center.

- Small installation footprint
- Fast part setup
- Best accessibility, also for maintenance

**Stable**

The machine bed made of polymer concrete results in high thermal inertia as well as excellent dampening properties.

**User friendly**

The user friendliness of a machining center starts with the control. GF Machining Solutions supplements the Heidenhain control with high-performance smart machine modules such as:

- OSS extreme: Process optimization the easy way
- ITM: Precision and reliability in the measuring process

**HSM inside**

The axes are powered with linear drives for the highest speed and acceleration. The pyramid-shaped structure made of polymer concrete and the weight-optimized construction and rigidity are essential for the high-speed cutting (HSM) process.

**Stability and dampening**

The most important conditions for the highest dynamics, the best workpiece surface quality and precision include the dampening and stability of the machine foundation.

**Surface quality**

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**Time Accuracy**

Grey cast iron

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HSM core components:
Static and dynamic accuracy

Static accuracy
Swiss precision
Before delivery, every Mikron MILL S machine is subjected to an extensive quality control process according to GF Machining Solutions approval guidelines in our air-conditioned production facility.

Quality awareness means added value.

Dynamic accuracy
Position sensor systems
All Mikron MILL S machines are equipped with direct sensor systems in the linear and rotary axes.

+ Proven Heidenhain accuracy
+ Resolution in nanometer range
+ Protected with air purge system

Thermal accuracy
Cooling concept
The Mikron MILL S series leads precision machining into a new era. Since high axis feed rates over long periods always generate heat in the drive components, the Mikron MILL S series has a sophisticated cooling management system.

Each of the linear axes as well as the rotary unit has a separate cooling circuit. The heat is consistently transferred out of the machine and not distributed further inside the machine. This results in geometric stability which, in turn, ensures extremely high repeat accuracy of the motion control.

In Mikron MILL S machines, all electric heat sources are water cooled.

+ X, Y, Z, B, C drives
+ Spindle with Opticool technology
+ Electric cabinet

Spindle
Even higher accuracy with Step-Tec Opticool technology.

+ Cooling of the front roller bearings
+ Low transfer of heat in the workpiece interface
+ Increases accuracy when working with measuring probe on the machine

Measuring probes
Even higher accuracy with new Thermo-Lock measuring probe technology.

+ Easy to install
+ Slows down the transfer of heat between measuring probe and tool Spindle
+ Increases accuracy when working with measuring probe on the machine
+ A strong duo: Thermo-Lock and Opticool
## Spindle

### Hightech Motor Spindle from Step-Tec

### Spindles for demanding processing tasks

Whichever machine configuration you choose, with a Mikron MILL S machine you will also receive state-of-the-art Spindle technology.

### The facts

- Vector control for full torque in the lowest range
- Highly stable ceramic hybrid Spindle bearing
- Spindle jacket cooling using controlled cooling agent circuit for constant temperatures during the entire processing time
- Oil/air lubrication system with extraction of used oil
- Integrated “smart machine” sensors
- Cooling between tool interface and front Spindle bearing with the Opticool Spindles

### Your benefits

- Precise high performance
- Shorter acceleration phases
- High torque
- Thread cutting without compensation chuck up to M14 (CK45 to MB)
- Drilling up to Ø 12 mm

### Step-Tec Spindles

Since 1995, Step-Tec has been developing, producing, selling and repairing precise high-performance Spindles for leading manufacturers of machining centers for milling and drilling applications.

### Table variations

**As flexible as needed**

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<th>Three-axis models</th>
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Avoid unproductive times

Completely integrated zero-point clamping systems from the manufacturers System 3R and Erowa.

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Included in delivery is the smart machine module Advanced Processing System (APS) for the reliable recording and display of vibrations during the Milling process.
Machining of molds and workpieces
Intelligent Tool Measurement (ITM)
The ITM cutting tool measuring system records the complete tool tip up to Ø 12 mm on modern image sensors.

The digitally recorded cutting tool geometry is digitally cleaned and measured using special software. The idea becomes a reality: For the first time, ITM makes possible cutting tool measuring on a Mikron machine with a repeat accuracy in the micrometer range - even after the machining process.

Measurement of smallest diameters

Test part with gradually rising Z level. Step by step: 2 µm Orthogonal processing on Z level +1µm above workpiece zero point with different workpiece diameters (spherical tool head).

Detection of adhesive foreign particles

Measurement of smallest diameters

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The pallet magazine is an important plus
Taking customer requirements into account, GF Machining Solutions has developed its own compact pallet magazines.

The round storage and linear storage pallet magazines can be loaded during operation, and the CNC control is easy to operate.

Automation interface

Thanks to a standardized robot interface, the Mikron MILL S series can be operated with robot systems from well known suppliers.

Regardless of the handling system is used, the machine offers comfortable accessibility when machines are linked to each other.
**Tool magazine**

**Individual solutions, tailored for your production needs**

**Tool Automation in every expansion stage**
- Single- or double-row disk magazine
- Reliable “pick-up” changing system
- Feed monitoring using light beam
- Capacity of up to 68 tools with magazines integrated in the basic machine
- Alignment of the measuring probe

**User-friendly loading of workpieces**
Productivity and process reliability are guaranteed thanks to the workpiece loading on the side
- Simultaneous processing and loading
- Easy feed monitoring due to large glass window
- Ergonomic access

**Optionally available with a variety of capacities:**
- Mikron MILL S 400
- Mikron MILL S 400 U
- Mikron MILL S 500
- HSK-E40: 18; 36; 68; 168, 308 tools
- HSK-E32: 29; 60 tools

**Chip and dust management**

**Clean workspace**

**System models**
The form and volume of the chips are determined by the machined material as well as the processing strategy. The options offered range from an coolant tank with chip flushing to models with cooling oil and coolant temperature stabilization...

![HSK E40 magazine with two rows, integrated in the basic machine, with a capacity of 68 workpieces.](image1)

...to an lift up chip conveyor with a spiral conveyor.

![Chip and dust management](image2)

To increase the tank capacity, an external filter system with a capacity of 650 l is available.

![Graphite extraction using a powerful suction system](image3)
Bringing intelligence into the milling process is the intended aim of “smart machine”. This includes a range of modules that are collectively referred to under the generic term “smart machine” and that fulfil various functions. In order to make the milling process “intelligent”, various requirements have to be implemented. First of all, establishing comprehensive communication between man and machine, which makes precise information that the operator requires to assess the milling process available to him. Secondly, supporting the operator in the optimisation of the process, which considerably improves the performance. Thirdly, the machine optimises the milling process, which improves the process safety and the quality of the workpiece - above all in unmanned operation.

The facts
+ Greater accuracy in shorter machining times
+ Increase in the workpiece surface quality as well as the surface and shape accuracy
+ Recognition of critical machining strategies
+ Improvement in the process safety
+ Reduction of the machine set due to longer service life
+ Higher availability
+ Better operating comfort
+ Considerable increase in reliability in unmanned operation

smart machine construction kit system
Each of the modules fulfils a specific task. Just like in a construction kit, the user can select the modules that seem to him to be the best option for improving his process.

Your benefit
Producing the workpieces in a process-secure and precise manner, increasing the reliability in unmanned operation, increasing the service life of the machine and significantly reducing production costs.

The smart machine is constantly being further developed. The currently available modules can be found at www.gfms.com
## Technical data

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**Standard chip conveyor and belt filter unit**
EDM (electrical discharge machining)
AgieCharmilles wire-cutting, die-sinking and hole-drilling machines.

For over 60 years we have been at the forefront of every EDM development: designing and refining the EDM process and building machine tools that deliver peerless part accuracies, surface finishes, cutting speeds and process reliability. Today, our AgieCharmilles wire-cutting, die-sinking and hole-drilling machines are recognized throughout the world as the best in the business. Our continuous research and development in digital generator technology, control systems and integrated Automation systems are evidence of our commitment to keeping your EDM operations on the leading edge of technology.

Milling
Mikron high-speed (HSM), high-performance (HPM) and high-efficiency (HEM) milling centers.

Customers operating in the mold, tool and die and precision component manufacturing sectors stake their reputations on being able to quickly and cost-competitively meet their customers’ demands. That’s why they invest in Mikron machines. Incorporating the latest and most advanced technologies and premium-performance components, Mikron HSM, HPM and HEM machines help you increase your production capabilities and improve your productivity. Designed and built for speed, accuracy and reliability, the machines, like you, are proven performers.

Laser
AgieCharmilles Laser texturing machines.
Laser texturing is a fully-digitized surface engineering process that has huge potential. The technology enables precise 2D and 3D textures or engravings to be machined accurately and directly onto complex parts or molds to improve and alter their aesthetic appeal, functionality and performance. The process is infinitely repeatable and offers many distinct environmental and economic advantages over conventional texturing processes.

Laser Additive Manufacturing (AM).
GF Machining Solutions has partnered with EOS, the global leader for high-end AM solutions, to integrate this innovative technology and further develop it into its current solutions to fully benefit the mold industry, by focusing on injection efficiency: optimized cooling design to reduce cycle time, lower energy consumption, higher quality of plastic parts.

Automation
System 3R Automation, Tooling and software.
Productivity is the key to manufacturing success, and automating a manufacturing process is a proven method of increasing its efficiency, effectiveness, quality and reliability. System 3R’s integrated Automation, Tooling and software solutions—simple workpiece pallet and electrode changers and flexible manufacturing and robot handling systems—increase your competitive advantage.

Customer Services
Operations Support, Machine Support and Business Support.
To help you get the most and the best from your machine tools and equipment, we offer three levels of support. Operations Support covers our range of original wear parts and certified consumables (EDM wires, filters, resins, electrodes etc.) to ensure that your machines are performing at the highest levels. Machine Support maximizes, through our best-in-class technical support, preventive services and quality spare parts, your machine tool uptime. Business Support is designed to help you make a real step-change in your productivity and performance with solutions tailored to your specific needs.

GF Machining Solutions
At a glance

We enable our customers to run their businesses efficiently and effectively by offering innovative Milling, EDM, Laser, Spindle, Automation and Tooling solutions. A comprehensive package of Customer Services completes our proposition.

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