Mastercut Troubleshooting Guides

Solid Carbide Drills

Challenge	Cause	Corrective Action
Drill Point Chipping	Incorrect Feed Rate	Lower feed rate
	Incorrect Speed Rate	Check speed recommendations, adjust accordingly
	Incorrect Tool Cut Length	Use shorter tool - place tool shank deeper in tool holder
	Low Work Piece Rigidity	Tighten or improve work piece holding method
	Loose Tool	Tighten or replace tool holding method
	Poor Coolant Conditions	Replace coolant or correct mix ratio
Chisel/Point Center Breakage	Incorrect Initial Feed Rate	Lower initial feed rate 30%
	Poor Work Piece Surface Condition	Grind or clean work piece surface
	Drill Point Off Center	Re-point drill, check set up in tool holder
	Insufficient Drill (web) Thinning	Re-point and thin drill point
Breakage/Chipping at Outer Cutting Edge	Incorrect Feed Rate	Lower feed rate
	Incorrect Speed Rate	Check speed recommendations, adjust accordingly
	Low Work Piece Rigidity	Tighten or improve work piece holding method
	Low Tool Holding Strength	Tighten tool holder or use end mill holder
	Poor Tool Set Up - Concentricity	Minimize runout to less than .001"
	Poor Coolant Conditions	Replace coolant or correct mix ratio
	Incorrect Tool Cut Length	Use shorter tool - place tool shank deeper in tool holder
Tool Wear Life	Incorrect Speed Rate	Check speed recommendations, adjust accordingly
	Poor Coolant Conditions	Replace coolant or correct mix ratio
	Improper Drill Point	Re-point drill or use recommended drill point for material
	Abrasive/Tough Work Piece Material	Use coated tool (Check recommendations for coating)
Tool Breakage	Inconsistent Feed Rate	Maintain constant feed rate - Peck drill to change feed rate
	Incorrect Feed Rate	Lower feed rate
	Poor Tool Set Up - Concentricity	Minimize runout to less than .001"
	Low Tool Holding Strength	Tighten tool holder or use end mill holder
	Incorrect Tool	Check recommendations for proper drill and drill point
	Poor Coolant Conditions	Replace coolant or correct mix ratio
	Low Work Piece Rigidity	Tighten or improve work piece holding method
Outside Margin Damage / Wear	Poor Tool Set Up - Concentricity	Minimize runout to less than .001"
	Incorrect Tool Selection	Use recommended drill/drill point for work piece material
	Poor Coolant Conditions	Replace coolant or correct mix ratio
	Insufficient Coolant	Increase coolant volume - Increase coolant pressure
	Chip Packing	Increase coolant volume - Increase coolant pressure
Outside Margin Damage / Wear (cont.)	Low Work Piece Rigidity	Tighten or improve work piece holding method
	Loose Tool	Tighten or replace tool holding method
	Incorrect Feed Rate	Lower feed rate
	Incorrect Speed Rate	Check speed recommendations adjust accordingly
Chip Impaction	Incorrect Speed Rate	Typically increase speed, check speed recommendations
	Incorrect Feed Rate	Typically increase feed recommendations
	Poor Coolant Conditions	Replace coolant or correct mix ratio
	Insufficient Coolant	Increase coolant volume - Increase coolant pressure
	Incorrect Tool	Check recommendations for proper drill and drill point
Long/Stringy Chips	Incorrect Feed Rate	Typically increase feed, check feed recommendations
	Incorrect Point Angle	Regrind Point to recommended angle, Replace drill
	Edge Sharpness	Hone cutting edge, use pre-honed drill
	Inconsistent Feed Rate	Maintain constant feed rate - Peck Drill to change feed rate
Poor Surface Finish	Incorrect Speed Rate	Typically increase speed, check speed recommendations
	Incorrect Feed Rate	Lower feed rate
	Poor Coolant Conditions	Replace coolant or correct mix ratio
	Tool Wear	Regrind or Replace drill
Hole Accuracy	Edge Sharpness	Hone cutting edge, use pre-honed drill
	Incorrect Tool	Check recommendations for proper drill and drill point
	Edge Sharpness	Hone cutting edge, use pre-honed drill
	Incorrect Tool Cut Length	Use shorter tool - place tool shank deeper in tool holder
	Tool Size Accuracy	Replace tool
Tool Deflection	Poor Work Piece Surface Condition	Grind or clean work piece surface
	Incorrect Tool Cut Length	Use shorter tool - place tool shank deeper in tool holder
	Uneven Drill Point	Regrind drill point
	Incorrect Point Angle	Regrind Point to recommended angle, Replace drill
	Uneven Work Surface	Use self centering drill point or spot drill
Vibration/Noise	Edge Sharpness	Hone cutting edge, use pre-honed drill
	Incorrect Tool Cut Length	Use shorter tool - place tool shank deeper in tool holder
	Incorrect Point Angle	Regrind Point to recommended angle, Replace drill
	Inconsistent Feed Rate	Maintain constant feed rate - Peck Drill to change feed rate
	Incorrect Speed Rate	Check speed recommendations adjust accordingly
	Low Tool Holding Strength	Tighten tool holder or use end mill holder