



Dovetail Cutter Guide

Dovetail and O-ring style cutters have a variety of applications ranging from customized grooves to tricky seals. Unfortunately, they are very fragile due to their trapezoidal profile of a large Cutter Diameter with a smaller Neck Diameter. This combination of features demands specific machining parameters to avoid breakage.

Speeds & Feeds calculations:

1. Determine the correct SFM and Chip Load (IPT) for the cutter and material
2. Calculate the Speed (RPM) and Linear Feed (IPM)
3. Determine Radial Passes at full axial depth
4. Conclusion

Example: Tool #925316 machining 4140 steel at 32 Rc

1. The Cutter Diameter is .250" and is used to find SFM and calculate Speed (RPM).
The Neck Diameter is .120" and is used to find Chip Load (IPT) and calculate Feed (IPM).
Using the Speeds & Feeds chart (next page), SFM is 200 and the Chip Load (IPT) is .00039.

2. Calculate Speed (RPM) and Linear Feed (IPM)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RPM} &= (\text{SFM} \times 3.82) / \text{Cutter Diameter} \\ &= (200 \times 3.82) / .250 \\ &= 3056 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Linear Feed (IPM)} &= \text{RPM} \times \text{IPT} \times \text{Number of Flutes} \\ &= 3056 \times .00039 \times 2 \\ &= 2.38 \end{aligned}$$

3. Calculate the Max Radial:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max Radial DOC} &= (\text{Cutter Diameter} - \text{Neck Diameter}) / 2 \\ &= (.250 - .120) / 2 \\ &= .065 \end{aligned}$$

4. Use Table 1 to find the Number of Radial Passes needed at full axial depth.

Tool #925316 in Table 1 & has 6 radial passes at 32 Rc

Then using Table 2, determine the actual descending Radial Stepmover for each pass:

6 Radial Passes at 43%, 22%, 16%, 10%, 6% and 3% of .065 Max Radial Depth of Cut yields radial stepovers of .0280, .0143, .0104, .0065, .0039 and .0020 respectively.

5. Conclusion

In this example, the tool would run at 3056 RPM, 2.38 IPM and make 6 radial passes of .0280, .0143, .0104, .0065, .0039 and .0020 on each side of the groove at full axial depth.

Setup and Application

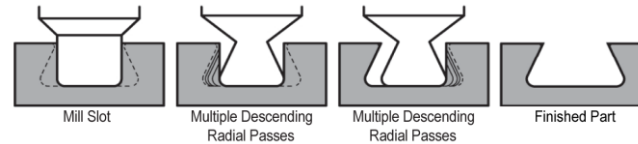
1. Rough out slot with appropriate O-Ring Slotting End Mill (see series 565xx) or with other comparable end mill
2. Insert O-Ring Cutter into slot at full axial depth and mill multiple passes with descending radial stepover as calculated using Tables 1 & 2 on one side of part
3. Mill multiple passes with descending radial stepover as calculated using Tables 1 & 2 on other side of part
4. Finished part

TABLE 1

Item ID	Radial Passes per Side			Item ID	Radial Passes per Side		
	≤ 28 Rc	29 - 37 Rc	38 - 45 Rc		≤ 28 Rc	29 - 37 Rc	38 - 45 Rc
849904	3	4	5	914806	5	6	8
864008	5	6	8	914808	3	4	5
864016	3	4	5	914812	3	4	5
864032	3	4	5	914816	3	4	5
865504	3	4	5	914824	3	4	5
865908	3	4	5	914832	3	4	5
865916	5	6	8	925306	3	4	5
865932	3	4	5	925308	3	4	5
877408	3	4	5	925312	3	4	5
877416	3	4	5	925316	5	6	8
877432	3	4	5	925324	5	6	8
884608	3	4	5	925332	5	6	8
884616	3	4	5	931006	3	4	5
884632	3	4	5	931008	3	4	5
885704	3	4	5	931012	3	4	5
899108	5	6	8	931016	3	4	5
899116	3	4	5	931024	5	6	8
899132	3	4	5	931032	3	4	5

TABLE 2

Radial Passes	Percentage of CUTTER'S Maximum Radial Depth of Cut										
	70%	30%	20%	11%	5%	3.0%	3.0%	1.0%			
2											
3	50%	30%	20%								
4	46%	25%	18%	11%							
5	46%	25%	16%	8%	5%						
6	43%	22%	16%	10%	6%	3.0%					
8	32%	21%	16%	12%	9%	6.0%	3.0%	1.0%			
10	27%	19%	15%	12%	9%	7.0%	5.0%	3.0%	2.0%	1.0%	





Speeds & Feeds

Product Table: Dovetail Cutters - Long Reach

Series: 8499xx, 8640xx, 8655xx, 8659xx, 8774xx, 8846xx, 8857xx, 8991xx, 9148xx, 9253xx, 9310xx

Product Notes:

True dovetail grooves (with trapezoidal shape) must be roughed out with end mill prior to using dovetail cutter

Posted Radial Passes reflect machining on one side of groove at full axial depth
If machining on both sides of part, reduce Chip Loads (IPT) by 40%

When machining grooves with circular interpolation, reduce the Linear Feed (IPM) using the following formula:

$$\text{Adj Feed} = \frac{\text{Major Groove Dia} - \text{Cutter Dia}}{\text{Major Groove Dia}} \times \text{Linear Feed}$$

General Notes:

All posted speed and feed parameters are suggested starting values that may be increased given optimal setup conditions. Chip loads reflect uncoated cutters and may be increased 5%-10% if coated. For ferrous materials with hardness \leq 28 Rc, chip loads can be increased 5%-10%.

If you require additional information, Harvey Tool has a team of technical experts available to assist you through even the most challenging applications. Please contact us at **800-645-5609** or **Harveytech@harveyperformance.com**.

WARNING: Cutting tools may shatter under improper use. Government regulations require use of safety glasses and other appropriate safety equipment in the vicinity of use.

MATERIAL	Hardness: \leq 28 Rc (\leq 271 HBn)														
	SFM	Chip Load by Neck Diameter (IPT)													
		0.015	0.031	0.047	0.062	0.078	0.093	0.125	0.187	0.250	0.312	0.375	0.500	0.625	0.750
ALUMINUM ALLOYS															
Casting (2xx, 5xx, 7xx, 8xx)	750	.00015	.00031	.00047	.00061	.00077	.00092	.00124	.00185	.00248	.00309	.00371	.00495	.00619	.00743
Wrought (1xxx, 2xxx, 3xxx, 5xxx, 6xxx, 7xxx, 8xxx)	1000														
Casting - 3%-5% Si (3xx, A3xx, C3xx, 4xx, A4xx, B4xx)	750														
Casting - 5%-8% Si (3xx, A3xx, C3xx, 4xx, A4xx, B4xx)	700														
Casting - 8%-12% Si (3xx, A3xx, C3xx, 4xx, A4xx, B4xx)	650	.00013	.00028	.00042	.00055	.00069	.00083	.00111	.00167	.00223	.00278	.00334	.00446	.00557	.00668
Casting - 12%-16% Si (3xx, A3xx, C3xx, 4xx, A4xx, B4xx)	475														
Wrought - 5%-8% Si (4xxx)	1000														
Wrought - 8%-12% Si (4xxx)	800														
MAGNESIUM ALLOYS	1500	.00015	.00031	.00047	.00061	.00077	.00092	.00124	.00185	.00248	.00309	.00371	.00495	.00619	.00743
ZINC ALLOYS	800														
COPPER ALLOYS															
High Coppers - 90%+ (C1xxxx)	225														
Brass (Copper Zinc alloys, C2xxx, C3xxx, C4xxx, C66400-C68800)	500														
Phosphor Bronzes (Copper Tin alloys, C5xxx)	225														
Aluminum Bronzes (Copper Aluminum alloys, C60600-C64200)	500	.00012	.00025	.00037	.00049	.00062	.00074	.00099	.00148	.00198	.00247	.00297	.00396	.00495	.00594
Silicon Bronzes (Copper Silicon alloys, C64700-C66100)	500														
Copper Nickels, Nickel Silvers (Copper Nickel alloys, C7xxxx)	225														
Cast Copper Alloys (C83300-C86200, C86400-C87900, C9200-C95800, C97300-C97800, C99400-C99700)	550														

MATERIAL	Hardness: 29-37 Rc (279-344 HBn)														
	SFM	Chip Load by Neck Diameter (IPT)													
		0.015	0.031	0.047	0.062	0.078	0.093	0.125	0.187	0.250	0.312	0.375	0.500	0.625	0.750
CARBON STEELS															
Free-Machining/Low Carbon steels, 10xx - 1029 & all 10Lxx, 11xx - 1139 & all 11Lxx, 12xx - 1215 & all 12Lxx	600	.00005	.00011	.00016	.00021	.00027	.00032	.00043	.00064	.00085	.00106	.00128	.00170	.00213	.00255
1030 - 1095, 1140 - 1151, 13xx, 15xx, 2xxx, 3xxx, 4xxx & 4Lxx, 5xxx & 5Lxx, 51xxx & 50Lxx, 51xxx & 51Lxx, 52xxx & 52Lxx, 6xxx, 8xxx, 9xxx	200	.00005	.00010	.00015	.00019	.00024	.00029	.00039	.00058	.00078	.00097	.00117	.00156	.00194	.00233
STAINLESS STEELS															
203 EZ, 303 (all types), 416, 416Se, 416 Plus X, 420F, 420FSe, 430F, 430FSe, 440F, 440FSe	450	.00005	.00011	.00016	.00021	.00027	.00032	.00043	.00064	.00085	.00106	.00128	.00170	.00213	.00255
201, 202, 203, 205, 301, 302, 304, 304L, 308, 309, 310, 314, 316, 316L, 317, 321, 329, 330, 347, 348, 385, 403, 405, 409, 410, 413, 420, 429, 430, 434, 436, 442, 446, 501, 502	200	.00005	.00010	.00015	.00019	.00024	.00029	.00039	.00058	.00078	.00097	.00117	.00156	.00194	.00233
414, 431, 440A, 440B, 440C, 13-8, 15-5, 15-7, 17-4, 17-7	150	.00003	.00006	.00009	.00012	.00015	.00018	.00024	.00036	.00049	.00061	.00073	.00097	.00122	.00146
TOOL STEELS															
A, L, O, P, W series	200	.00005	.00010	.00015	.00019	.00024	.00029	.00039	.00058	.00078	.00097	.00117	.00156	.00194	.00233
D, H, M, T, S series	150	.00003	.00006	.00009	.00012	.00015	.00018	.00024	.00036	.00049	.00061	.00073	.00097	.00122	.00146
TITANIUM ALLOYS	150	.00003	.00006	.00009	.00012	.00015	.00018	.00024	.00036	.00049	.00061	.00073	.00097	.00122	.00146
HIGH TEMP ALLOYS															
Inconel, Hastelloy, Waspalloy, Monel, Nimonic, Haynes, Discosloy, Incoloy	70	.00003	.00006	.00009	.00012	.00015	.00018	.00024	.00036	.00049	.00061	.00073	.00097	.00122	.00146

MATERIAL	Hardness: 38-45 Rc (353-421 HBn)														
	SFM	Chip Load by Neck Diameter (IPT)													
		0.015	0.031	0.047	0.062	0.078	0.093	0.125	0.187	0.250	0.312	0.375	0.500	0.625	0.750
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	200	.00002	.00005	.00007	.00010	.00012	.00014	.00019	.00029	.00039	.00049	.00058	.00078	.00097	.00117
	150	.00001	.00003	.00005	.00006	.00008	.00009	.00012	.00018	.00024	.00030	.00036	.00049	.00061	.00073
	200	.00002	.00005	.00007	.00010	.00012	.00014	.00019	.00029	.00039	.00049	.00058	.00078	.00097	.00117
	150	.00001	.00003	.00005	.00006	.00008	.00009	.00012	.00018	.00024	.00030	.00036	.00049	.00061	.00073
	150	.00001	.00003	.00005	.00006	.00008	.00009	.00012	.00018	.00024	.00030	.00036	.00049	.00061	.00073
	70	.00001	.00003	.00005	.00006	.00008	.00009	.00012	.00018	.00024	.00030	.00036	.00049	.00061	.00073