



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										
2	70%	30%									
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%	



