The impact of high speed machining on computing and automation

ABSTRACT

Machine tool technologies, especially Computer Numerical Control (CNC) High Speed Machining (HSM) have emerged as effective mechanisms for Rapid Tooling and Manufacturing applications. These new technologies are attractive for competitive manufacturing because of their technical advantages, i.e. a significant reduction in lead-time, high product accuracy, and good surface finish. However, HSM not only stimulates advancements in cutting tools and materials, it also demands increasingly sophisticated CAD/CAM software, and powerful CNC controllers that require more support technologies. This paper explores the computational requirement and impact of HSM on CNC controller, wear detection, look ahead programming, simulation, and tool management.

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