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Plug-Ins Tutorials



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PLUG-IN TUTORIALS

This section provides an introduction to plug-in usage. There exists a separate tutorial for each plug-in that should take only a few minutes to complete. These tutorials assume user familiarity with part creation, machining, and posting parts; please review the Geometry Creation and Mill tutorials if you have not done so already.

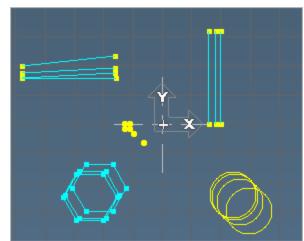
CLEANUP

This feature will delete duplicate points, circles, and lines within a given tolerance. CleanUp will also delete duplicate shapes (including splines) given that the shape is terminated at both ends (if it is not open). The user simply selects which feature type (or types) to delete, sets the tolerance and clicks the OK button. The system will keep the feature with the lowest number.

This exercise will introduce you to the use of the Cleanup Plug-in.

1. Open the part CleanUp.vnc.

Your screen will look like the image on the right. There are 28 pieces of geometry, 7 lines, 4 circles, 3 shapes and 14 unconnected points (some of which are coincident).

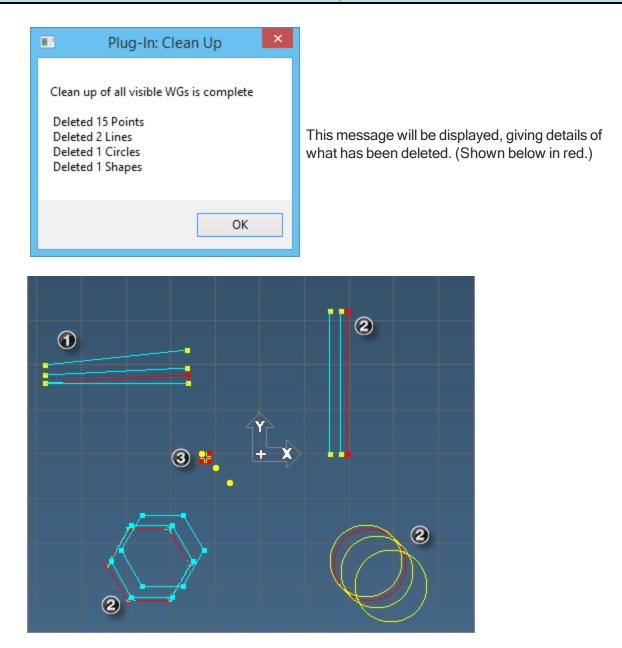


2. Choose CleanUp from the Plug-Ins > Geometry menu.

Plug-In: Clean Up	
Duplicate Features to Delete Points Circles Lines Shapes	
Angular Tolerance 3	
Tolerance 2 Visible WGs	
OK Cancel	

3. Enter the values shown and Click OK.

CleanUp



What was cleaned up and why?

- 1. The deleted (angled) line was within two degrees of another line.
- 2. Only one circle was within the Tolerance of another circle, as was the vertical line and hexagon.
- 3. There were coincident points as well as points within the general Tolerance.

CleanUp also deletes points that are used to terminate a deleted feature.

Therefore, the system returned the message that more features were deleted than originally

thought. Use Edit> Undo to go back and experiment with tolerances and features.

D CREATE D-HOLE

This feature creates single- or double-sided DHole geometry. The geometry will be created at the coordinates specified in the dialog at a depth of zero. The Create DHole plug-in does not require any existing geometry--only an open part. All parameters are entered in a single dialog.

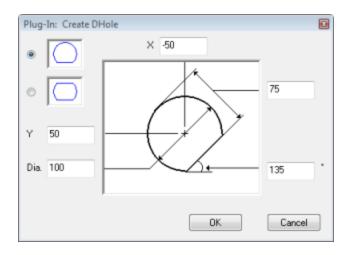
This exercise will introduce you to the use of the Create DHole Plug-in.

- 1. Create a new metric part D-Hole.vnc with the following dimensions: +X125, -X-125; +Y125, -Y-125; +Z0, -Z-125.
- 2. Select Geometry>

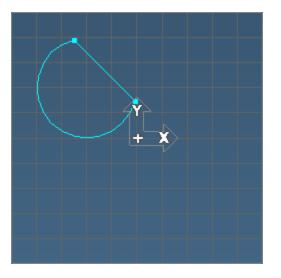
Create DHole from the Plug-Ins menu.

We will first create the geometry for a single-sided DHole with a 100mm diameter and a 75mm height centered at X-50, Y50. The flat will be 135°.

3. Enter the values shown.

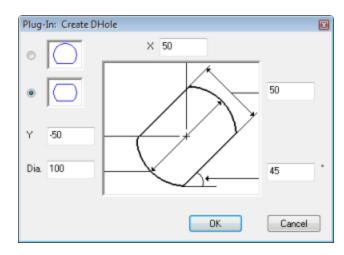


4. Click OK to create the D Hole.

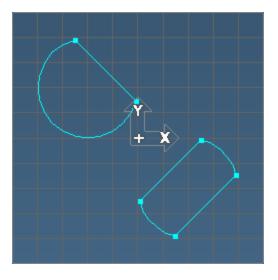


We will now create the geometry for a double-sided DHole. The hole will have a 100mm diameter with a height of 50mm. The hole will be located at $\frac{100}{100}$ $\frac{100}{10$

5. Select the double-sided DHole shape and enter the values shown.



6. Click OK to create the DHole.



Once a DHole has been generated, fillets or chamfers can be added to the corners. Remember to save your part.



This feature creates spiral geometry which may then be used to generate spiral cuts. The geometry will be created at the coordinate specified in the dialog at a depth of zero. The Create Spiral plug-in does not require any existing geometry–only an open part. All parameters are entered in a single dialog.

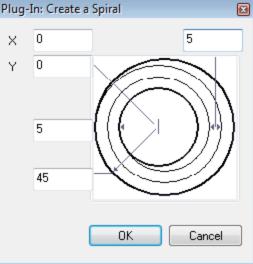
This exercise will introduce you to the use of the Spiral Plug-in.

- Create a new metric part named Spiral.vnc with the dimensions +X50, -X-50; +Y50, -Y-50;
 +Z0, -Z-25.
- 2. Select Geometry> Spiral from the Plug-Ins menu.

he spiral will be centered around the part's origin. The spiral's Outer Radius i

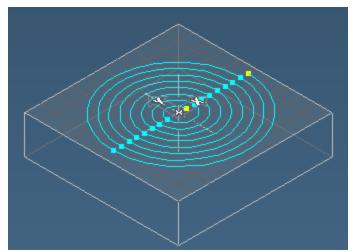
The spiral will be centered around the part's origin. The spiral's Outer Radius is 45mm, the Inner Radius is 5mm and the offset between revolutions is 5mm.

3. Enter the parameters as shown and click OK. 5

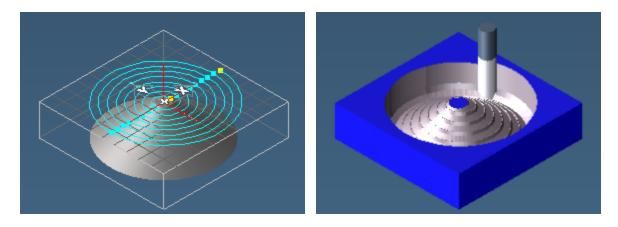


When viewed from the isometric view, your screen will look like the following image. Note that the geometry is centered around Z0.

Create Spiral

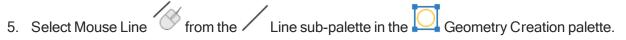


This spiral is now ready to be machined. If you were to apply a Contouring process to the geometry, specify the depth you've got a spiral cut. If you have SolidSurfacer, the toolpath may be projected down onto the part.

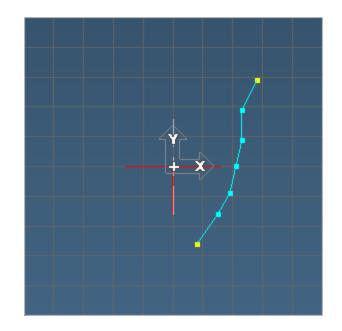


We will now create a spiral with existing geometry.

4. Delete the geometry.



6. Switch to Home view.



7. Create geometry similar as shown.

Be sure the geometry does not cross X0 (or the Y axis) as the shape will be revolved.

8. Select the geometry and choose

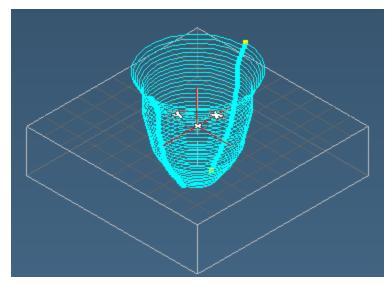
O Spiral from the Plug-ins Menu.

This will open the Spiral Generation Parameter dialog, which has more options than the Create a Spiral dialog we used earlier.

9. Enter the values shown and click<mark>OK</mark>.

Spiral Generat	tion Paramete	er		
Cutting Dire	ection	Progress Direction	Lead In/Out F	
StepOver	2	 Bottom Up 	Lead Out	0
2D Offset	0	Inside->Outside		
	le at Start le at End	OK	Cancel	

10. Delete the line segment for a better view of the spiral.



A spiral shaped with the profile of the selected geometry.

TAPER THREAD

This feature creates the geometry for a tapered thread. The geometry will be created at the coordinates specified in the dialog. Prior to selecting Tapered Thread, one or more points and/or circles must be selected as the centerpoint of each tapered thread. The tapered thread will be projected downward from the Z depth of the selected feature(s).

The Tapered Thread plug-in requires existing geometry. The part must contain point(s) or circle(s) that define the location of the thread(s).

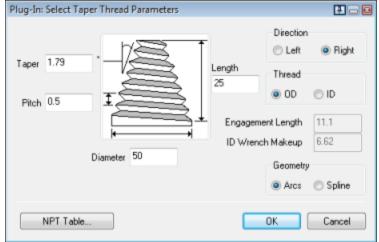
This exercise will introduce you to the use of the

Taper Thread Plug-in.

- Create a new metric part named Taper Thread.vnc with the dimensions +X50, -X-50; +Y50,-Y-50; +Z0, -Z-200 using the 3-Axis Horizontal Mill MDD.
- 2. Create a single point at the part's origin (X 0 Y 0, Z 0) to function as the thread location.
- 3. Select the point you just created.

4. Select Geometry>Taper Thread

from the Plug-Ins menu.

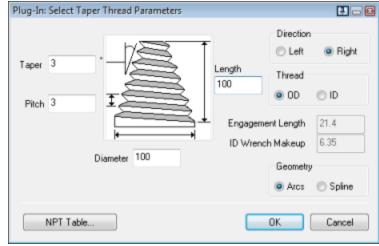


The thread will be generated largely from the information in the National Pipe Thread library that is built into the Tapered Thread feature.

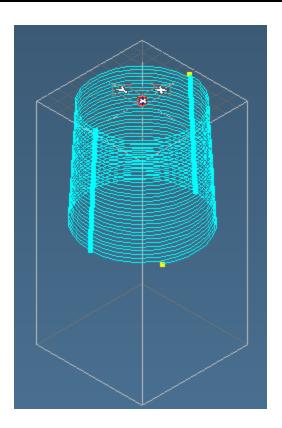
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	Nominal Pipe Size	Outer Pipe Diameter	Pitch	Thread Length	Taper Angle	
5. Click the NPT Table button NPT Table	6.4 9.5 12.7 19.1 25.4 31.8	13,700000 17,100000 21,300000 26,700000 29,200000 42,200000	1.411000 1.411000 1.814000 2.210000 2.210000 2.210000	15.100000 15.300000 19.900000 20.200000 25.000000 25.600000	1.790000 1.790000 1.790000 1.790000 1.790000 1.790000 1.790000	Add Entry Edit Entry
and select the <mark>101.6mm</mark> Nominal Pipe Size as shown	38.1 50.8 63.5 76.2 88.9	48.300000 60.300000 73.000000 88.900000 101.600000	2.210000 2.210000 3.175000 3.175000 3.175000	26.000000 26.900000 39.900000 41.500000 42.800000	1.790000 1.790000 1.790000 1.790000 1.790000	Default List
below and click <mark>OK</mark> .	101.6 127.0	114.300000 141.300000	3.175000	44.000000 46.700000 46.700000	1.790000 1.790000 + Cancel	

We will modify the settings of the thread in order to get a better look at the tapered geometry.

 Enter/modify the thread's parameters as shown in the following image and clickOK.



The geometry is now ready to be machined. Be sure to save the part.

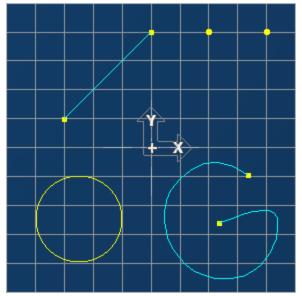


GEOMETRY PLUG-INS

The Geometry Plug-ins consist of a subset of functions for working with geometry, most of which have to do with breaking geometry into smaller components.

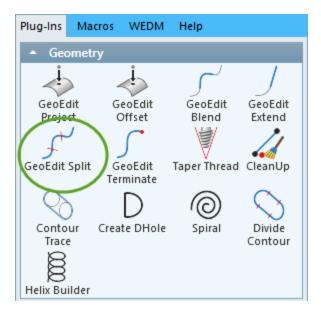
This exercise will introduce you to the use of the Geometry Plug-in.

1. Open part GeoTools.vnc from the sample part files.



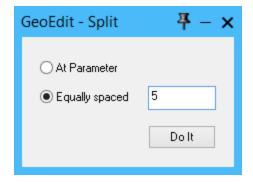
We will now use the Geometry plug-ins to manipulate the geometry.

2. Click the line segment to select it and then choose Geoedit Split from the Geometry Plug-ins menu.

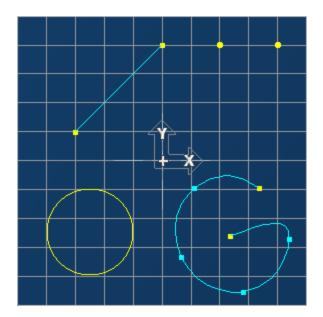


You can use this dialog in two ways, At Parameter and Equally spaced. Equally spaced will evenly divide the selected geometry into the number of segments specified.

 This command will also work on arcs and circles. Select the spline and choose the Equally spaced option.



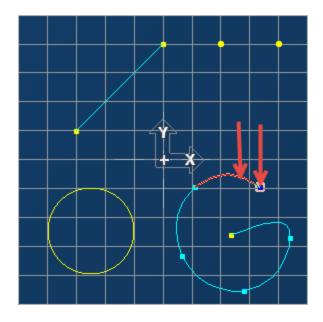
The geometry is now split into five equal segments.



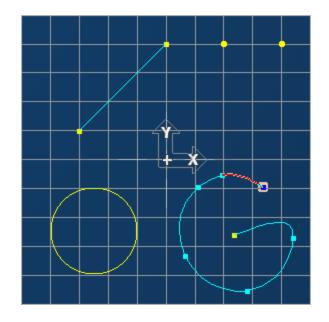
We will now split geometry at a specific parametric value. For this you must select an arc or line and a starting point, and then enter either a decimal value or a fraction. The value must be between 0.0 and 1, and to begin with you must select the end corresponding to the 0.0 value for the parameter.

4. Ctrl-click first the end point, and then the arc as shown. Enter the following:

GeoEdit - Split	∓ – ×
 At Parameter Equally spaced 	5/8
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There is now a new point at 5/8 along the length of the selected arc.

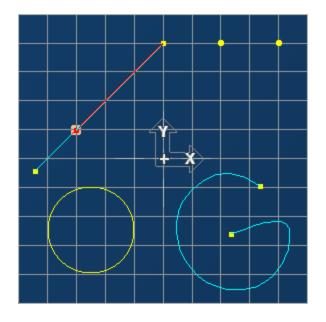


5. Now Ctrl-click the line and the lower end point. From the

geometry menu choose Geoedit Extend. Enter the following:

GeoEdit - Extend	∓ – ×
Length ✔ Connect	41 Do It
	Do It

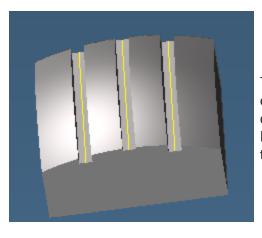
The line is extended by 40mm and because we checked the Connect box, the geometry is automatically connected (blue connector point). This function will also work with curves.



HSM PLUG-IN

The High Speed Machining (HSM) Plug-in will extend the toolpath and can put loops on the lace cut toolpath, necessary for high speed machining. This exercise will introduce you to the use of the HSM Plug-in.

- 1. Open part HSM Tutorial.vnc from the sample part files.
- 2. Click on the Tool List and the Machining buttons.

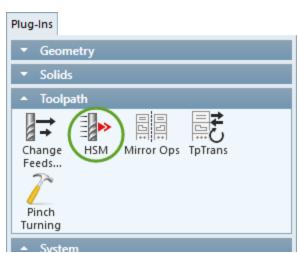


4. Select Toolpath>

The part file has the solid as shown on the left and one tool, a 15mm ball endmill. There are four predefined operations that we will modify with various HSM actions. In our first operation we will extend the strokes of our toolpath.

3. Double-click Operation #1 to load the toolpath. Click the process to highlight it.

HSM from the Plug-Ins menu.

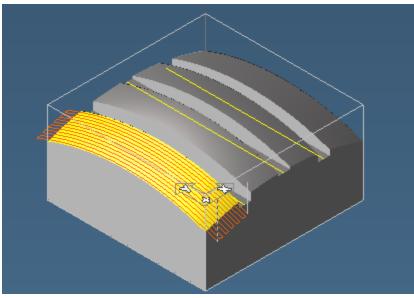


- 5. In the Settings tab, Check Extend Strokes. We will extend the start and end distances of our current toolpath by 5mm.
- 6. Go to the Extend Strokes tab. Check and enter 5mm in the Extend Start and Extend End Distances as shown here.

HSM Plug-in

Extend Str	okes
Extend Strokes	
Extend Start Distance	5

7. Click the Do It button at the bottom of the dialog. Your screen will resemble the following isometric view.



We now will change a rapid move into a feed move upon entering the part and add Z plane arcs to the entry and exit moves on our toolpath.

8. Go back to the Settings tab. Uncheck Extend strokes and check Entry Feed Lines. Choose Entry Feedrate from the pull down menu. Now check On / Off Moves (Z Plane Arcs), and leave the default No Feedrate Change on the pull-down menu.

Sha	arp Comers	Uphill / Dowr	hil	Results	
Settings	Extend Strokes	Entry Feed Lines	On/Off Moves	Lace Cut Stepovers	
ction					
Extend S	Strokes				
Entry Fe	ed Lines	Entry Feedra	te	-	
🔽 0n / Off	Moves (Z Plane Arcs)	No Feedrate	Change	•	
📃 Lace Cu	t Stepovers	No Feedrate	Change	*	
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📃 Uphill / I	Downhill Cutting				
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Use Def	auit Arc Tolerance	Arc Tolera	0.001		
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		Save	Settings	Rename Settings	

9. Go to the Entry Feed Lines Tab and enter 10mm in the Line Length Text box as shown here.

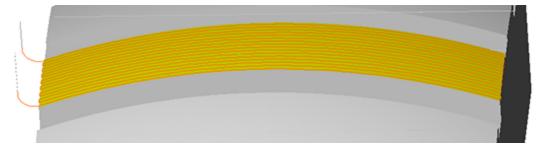
	Entry Feed Lines
Add Entry Feed Lines to	Rapid In/Outs
Line Length	10

10. Now go to the On/Off Moves Tab. Enter the parameters shown in the following image.

Sha	rp Corners			Uphill / Dow	nhill
Settings	Extend Strok	es	Entry	Feed Lines	On/Off Moves
On / Off Move	es (Z Plane Arcs) -				
Fixed Rad	ius	2.5			
⊖% of Tool	○% of Tool Dia 50				
O Do Not Ex	tend Moves				
C Extend By	Arc Radius				
Extend Le	nath	4			

11. Click Do It.

Your screen will resemble the image shown below.

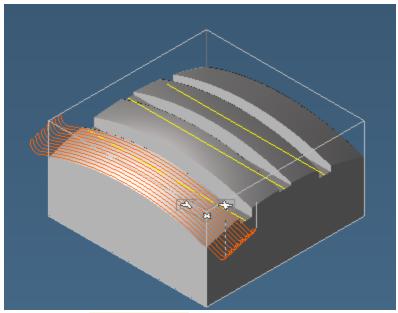


- 12. Return to the Settings tab. Deselect Entry Feedlines and On / Off Moves. Check Lace Cut Step Overs and Entry Feedrate from the pull-down menu.
- 13. Go to the Lace Cut Stepovers Tab. Enter the parameters shown in the image shown here.

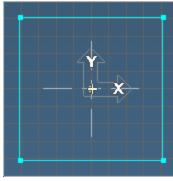
Fixed Radius	0.1
● % of Tool Dia	50
○% of Stepover	50
Maximum Stepover Loop	p Radius
	-
	-

14. Click <mark>Do It</mark>.

Your screen will resemble the image shown here.



15. Open the part Sharpcorners.vnc from the sample part files.



This part has geometry, a 20mm rough endmill, and three pre-defined operations that we will modify with Sharp Corners in the HSM Plug-in.

- 16. Double-click the first operation.
- 17. Go to the Settings tab in the High Speed Machining dialog. Check Sharp Corners and %age Contour Feedrate from the pull down menu. We will use 75% of our Contour feedrate.
- 18. Go to the Sharp Corners Tab. Enter the parameters shown in the image shown below. Click Do It when you are ready.

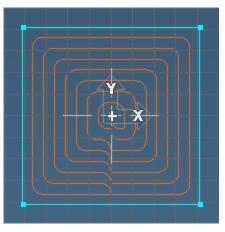
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Sharp Corner	5				
Add Fillet	s	📃 Multip	ole Radii		
Add Loop	95	C Look	Ahead		
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Max. Off-Tan	igent Angle	150	Deg.		
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Fixed F	Radius	0.1		Desired	50
● % of To	ool Dia	50		Minimum	10
				Step	10
Minimum F	eature Length				
Fixed L	ength	0.1			
© % of To	ool Dia	50			

Now we will add Fillets with Multiple Radii to the sharp corners in our toolpath.

19. Enter the parameters shown in the image shown here.

High Speed Machi	ining								
Settings	Extend Stre	okes	Entry	y Feed Lin	ies	On/Off Move	s	Lace Cut Stepovers	
Sha	arp Comers			Uphil	l / Down	hill		Results	
- Sharp Comer	s								
Add Fillets	s	V Mu	ultiple Rad	ii					
Add Loop	s	Lo	ok Ahead						
Min. Off-Tan	gent Angle	60		Deg.					
Max. Off-Tan	igent Angle	150		Deg.					
- Fillet Radiu	s				Mul	tiple Radii (% Tool	l Dia)		
Fixed F	Radius	0.1			De	sired		50	
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- Minimum Fe	eature Length —								
○ Fixed L	.ength	0.1							
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Your screen will resemble the image shown on the right. A warning will appear that not all actions could be completed. A look at the results tab will show sharp corner warnings.

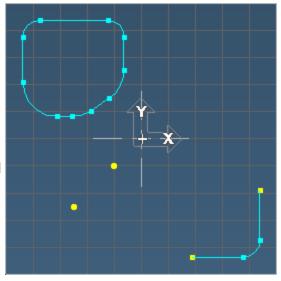


This feature mirrors selected geometry and toolpath. Select one or more ops and the Plug-in will make copies of these with the toolpath mirrored in X or Y.

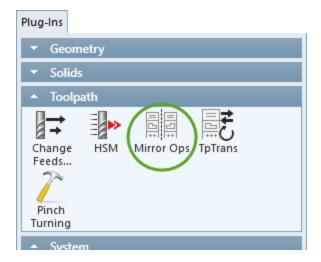
This exercise will introduce you to the use of the Mirror Ops Plug-in.

- 1. Open part MirrorOpsTutorial.vnc from the sample part files.
- Tools and CAM Palette buttons within Toolbar Commands. 2. Click on the

We have three separate operations to illustrate this Plug-in, one holes and two contour operations. The exercise contains three tools: a 10mm and a 12mm rough endmill and a 12mm drill. We have a closed shape, an open shape and two points for drilling.



First, we will mirror the closed shape.



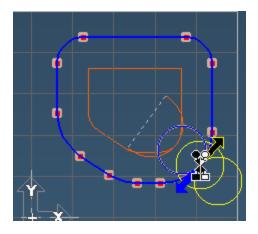
3. Double-click Operation #1, then select Plug-Ins> Mirror Ops.

For this operation we will mirror the closed shape Horizontally. Checking One New Workgroup, will create a new workgroup called "Mirror X." We will replace the operation with our mirrored operation by checking Replace selected operations. In this operation we will keep the tool on the same side after our mirroring operation so check Keep Same Tool side. Your dialog will look as below.

Mirror Ops	S - X
Mirror Type Horizontally H 2 Vertically V 0	Contour And Pockets Keep Same Tool Side
Workgroups O Use Same Workgroups One New Workgroup Separate New Workgroups	 Delete prior mirrored workgroups and solids Replace selected operations Do It

4. Click Do It.

The closed shape on your will look like the image shown.



Now we will mirror the two drill points.

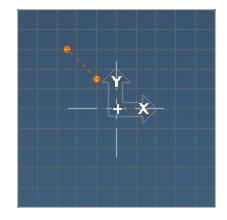
5. Double-click Operation #2, then select Plug-Ins>Mirror Ops.

We will mirror the two drill points Vertically. Checking Separate New Workgroups, creates a new workgroup for each workgroup used by the original geometry and will add a new workgroup Mirror Y. Check Replace selected operations. Your dialog should look as below.

Mirror Ops	III - 🖬
Mirror Type Horizontally H 0 Vertically V 2	Contour And Pockets
Workgroups Use Same Workgroups One New Workgroup Separate New Workgroups	 Delete prior mirrored workgroups and solids Replace selected operations

6. Click Do It.

The drill points on the screen will look like the image shown.

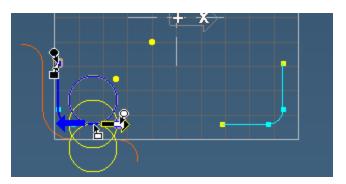


For our next exercise we will mirror our open shape Horizontally.

 Double-click Operation #3, then select Plug-Ins > Mirror Ops. Checking Use Same Workgroups, will use our current workgroups. Check Replace selected operations and enter the value shown below. Click Do It.

Mirror Ops	
Mirror Type Horizontally H -2 Vertically V 	Contour And Pockets Keep Same Tool Side
Workgroups	 Delete prior mirrored workgroups and solids Replace selected operations

The resulting toolpath will look like the image below.

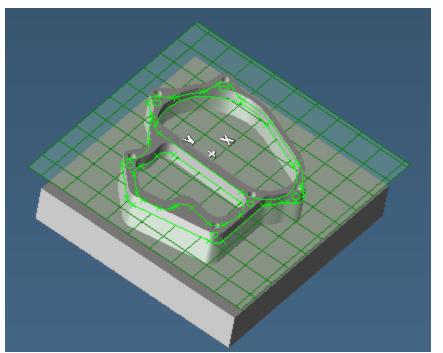


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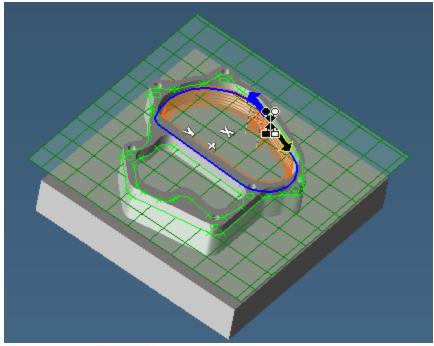
The Model Associativity Plug-in allows you to associate toopath with a changed solid model. This exercise will introduce you to the use of the Model Associativity Plug-in.

- 1. Open part Model AssociativityTutorial.vnc from the sample part files.
- 2. Click on the Tools and the Machining buttons.

We have two solids (one in the bodybag), one tool and one operation to illustrate this Plug-in. Our original solid is shown below.



3. Double-click Operation #1 to load your toolpath.

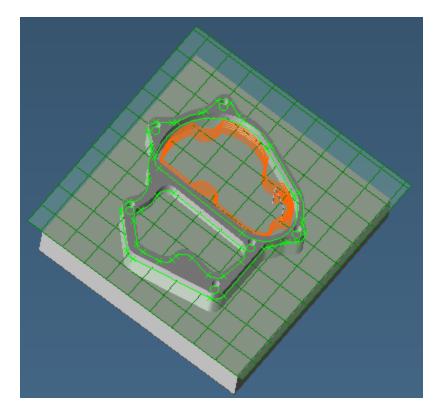


- 4. Now select the Modified Solid out of the Body Bag.
- 5. Launch the Solids Model Associativity Plug-in.
- 6. Enter the parameters as shown in the image below.

Model Associativity		
Action	Selection	
Set To Selected Body	Selected Operations	
 Replace First Solid With Second Replace With Child Solid 	All Operations	
	Redo Modified Ops	Dolt

7. Click Do It.

You now have an updated toolpath that resembles the image shown here.

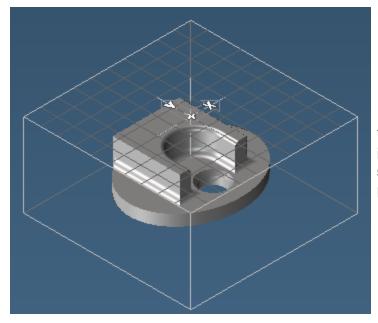


Project Geometry

The Project Geometry Plug-in will project points, lines, and contour shapes onto bodies, modifying their depth and/or shape as needed.

This exercise will introduce you to the use of the Project Geometry Plug-in.

Open the metric part named Project.vnc.



Your screen will look like the image on the left. As you can see, the solid lies beneath the plane at Z=0.

Project a point

We will now create a point at a depth of zero and then project that point down onto the solid.

1. Create a point at the origin ().

Workgroup001		🕂 — 🗵
X 0	Y 0	••
Z 0	P None	

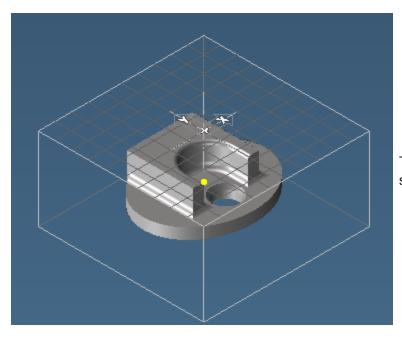
2. With the point and the solid selected, activate the plug-in by selecting Plug-Ins>Main Tools>

Project Geometry from the Plug-Ins menu.



Project Onto Solids	×	
Projection parameters Segment length	0.1	
Tolerance	0.001	
OK Cancel		

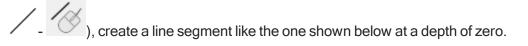
Accept the defaults on the parameters dialog

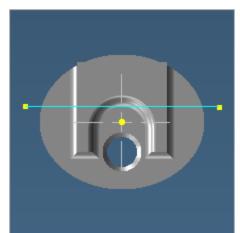


The point now lies on the solid.

Project a line

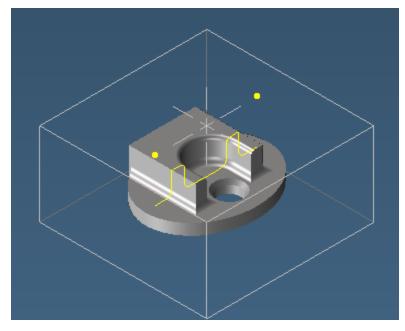
1. Delete the projected point. Change the view to Top view and using the mouse line tool (





2. With both the line segment and the solid selected, activate the plug-in by selecting Main

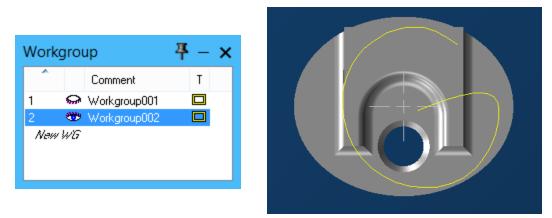
Tools > Project Geometry from the **Plug-Ins** menu. Please note this could take some time - check the Progress on the progress bar at the bottom of the screen.



Note that only the line becomes projected while the endpoints remain where they were.

Project a curve

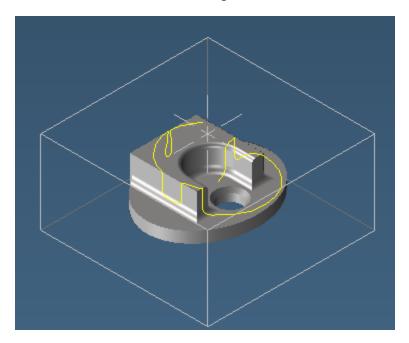
1. Delete the projected line and extraneous endpoints. Switch to Workgroup002, which contains an open contour.



- 2. With both the contour and the solid selected, activate the plug-in by selecting Project Geometry from the Plug-Ins menu.
- 3. Change the Settings Segment length to as shown below:

Project Onto Solids	×
Projection parameters Segment length 1	
Tolerance 0.1	
OK Cancel	

Your screen will resemble the image below.



REPORTER

Reports that are customized to the needs of your business can be very helpful to your records and operations. This exercise provides an introduction to making custom reports. Please note that to add Reporter templates to the GibbsCAM folder you must have Administrator access to the computer.

The report we will make is relatively simple, and is a combination of the existing Part and Operation Reports. The report will not be as detailed as either report, but will provide a more complete overview of the part.

This exercise will consist of customizing an Excel file (the Model file) and generating the text with the desired commands for the report (the Template file). For example files that match this exercise, see Plug-Ins/Tutorial Files - Required/Production/MillSampleMaster.xls and Plug-Ins/Tutorial Files - Required/Production/MillSampleMaster.txt.

There are four steps to making a custom report:

- 1. Determining what functions you need in the report.
- 2. Making the Excel Model file (the report's layout).
- 3. Making the Template text file which contains the commands for the necessary functions.
- 4. Testing the report.

Step 1

Included in the report will be:

the user's name	the current date	the name of the part			
the units of measurement	the stock material	the machine type			
the post processor	the NCF file name	the min and max values			
the overall part size	the operation number	the operation type			
the cut type	the depth of cut	the tool numbers			
the tool's diameter	the type of tool	the tool's CRC number			
a graphic of the start and end condition of each operation					

Step 2

We have a partially completed Model file that you will need to complete. The file consists of all the labels for the items to be output in the report and their position. You will learn how to enter certain items and format the Excel document to make it more presentable.

If you need more information on working with Excel, try the program's online help feature or look through the following websites for tips:

- http://www.microsoft.com:80/office/excel/using/default.asp
- http://www.j-walk.com/ss/excel/index.htm
- 1. Open ReporterTutorial.xls (located in the Parts folder).

Most of the document has been formatted; however, there is still some work to do. The first thing we will do is change the user name to your name.

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1 Mill Part Information				
2 Name: Enter Name	Date:		Part Name:	
3 Machine Type:	Material:		Post Processor:	
4 Units:			NCF File Name:	
5 Comment:				
6		Part Size		
7 Xmin: Ymin:	Zmin:	Length:	Width:	Height:
8 Xmax: Ymax:	Zmax:			
9 Start Condition	Op #:	Tool #:	Er	nd Condition
10	Op Type:	Tool Dia:		_
11	Cut Type:	Tool Type:		
12	Depth:	CRC#:		
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2. Select cell B2 replace Enter Name with your name.

Simply select the cell and type. There may be some instances where you will need to enter information in the Formula Bar. The Formula Bar is located directly below the toolbar(s) and will display any text entered in a cell.

The next thing we will do is center the title over the width of the spreadsheet.

3. Select cells A through L on the first row. Click the Merge & Center button in the Home/Alignment tab.

The result will look like the following image.

	Α	В		С		D		E		F	G	Н		1		J	K	L	
1	Mill Part Information																		
2	Name:	Tutorial					Da	te:					Par	t Name:					
3	Machine Type:						Ma	terial:					Pos	st Process	or:				
4	Units:												NC	F File Nan	ne:				
5	Comment:																		

We will now enter calculations the report will perform. This will include automatically inserting the current date and determining the overall stock size from the Min and Max values in a part's Document Control dialog. We will start with the current date.

4. Select cell F2 and in the Formula Bar enter =Now() and click Enter

The report will automatically return the current date and time. To enable this to be displayed correctly, select cells f2 and g2 and choose Home>Cells>Format>Format Cells and in the Alignment Tab, check the Merge cells option.

Next we will calculate the part's stock Length.

5. Select cell H7 and enter = (B8-B7) and click Enter.

N0w we will calculate the part's stock Width.

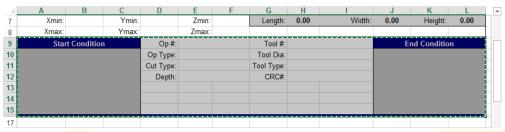
6. Select cell J7 and enter = (D8-D7) and click Enter.

Next is calculating the part's stock Height.

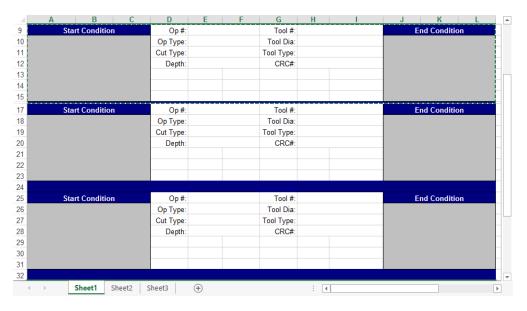
7. Select cell L7 and enter = (F8-F7) and click Enter

The next step will be to duplicate the operation data section of the report. The report will need a complete duplicated section for each operation in a part. For the purposes of this tutorial, duplicating this section twice will be sufficient.

8. Select cells A9 through L16. Copy this data by using Ctrl+C or choose Home>Clipboard>Copy from the menu. The cells will now be highlighted, as shown.

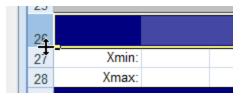


 Select cell A17 and paste the selected data by using Ctrl+V or choose Clipboard>Paste from the menu. Once the first duplicate section has been pasted, select A25 and paste the data again.



Note that rows 24 and 32 are much taller than row 16. We need to make these rows thinner. The width of rows and columns may be adjusted by clicking on the title line and while holding the mouse button down, dragging the mouse until the desired size is shown.

10. Click the number 25 on the left title line and drag the mouse slightly upward until the right arrow becomes a crosshair (as shown below) then click and drag this crosshair upwards until you have resized its height to 3.00. Repeat this process on row 33.



A shortcut to modifying the cell size is to select entire cell rows instead of cell ranges. Thus, if rows 17 through 24 were selected and pasted, the cell size formatting would be automatically adjusted.

The Model file is now complete.

11. Save this file as an Excel workbook ReporterTutorial.xlsx in the following location: C:\Program Files\CAMBRIO\GibbsCAM\ <version> \Plugins\Data\Report\ReporterTutorial.xlsx The Model (xlsx) and Template (txt) files must have the same name and be saved in the correct place.

Leave the Excel file open; we will be referencing back to the Model file for the rest of this tutorial.

Step 3

We will now create the Template text file. We will use Notepad to generate the file in this exercise, but any text editor or word processor may be used.

1. Launch Notepad. Notepad can opened from the windows Start menu.

We will start with several commands that are essential to all Template files.

- 2. Type UseNewImageOffsets and click . This command makes it much easier to place any pictures you wish to add to reports.
- 3. Type SetPage 1 and click Enter.

This designates that the following data will be output on Worksheet 1 of the Excel file. In the default Plug-In reports, Mill data is output on a separate Worksheet from Lathe data to organize information more efficiently.

4. Type SetPartExpandMode 1 then click

This designates that the template will be outputting Mill part commands.

5. Type SetOpExpandMode 1 and click Enter

This designates that from this point on, the template will output Mill operations only. The SetPartExpandMode command may be used more than once in a template. You would enter a 2 for Lathe operations only or 0 for all operation types.

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The above commands are common to all templates. Their exact order in the file is not important.

We will now enter commands to output the name of the part and the name of the MDD used in the part. We will be referencing the Model file and specifying where to display the results.

- 6. Type PartName 2 10 in the Template file then click Enter. Be sure to put a space between the two and the ten.
- 7. Type PartMddName 3 2 in the Template file then click Enter. Be sure to put a space between the three and the two.

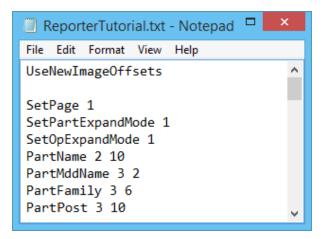
We have specified that the output for the part name should be placed two rows down and ten columns over. The output for the MDD Name is one row down from that, which is three rows down and two columns over. The Excel file cells would be J2 for the PartName output and B3 for the PartMDDName output.

The image below shows an Excel spreadsheet. The two numbers in each cell represent the numbers used in the commands of the Template file to place data in that particular cell. Note that merging cells does not change their numbering.

	А	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	1	L
1	11				15	16	17	18	19	1 10
2	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	2 10
3	31	32	3 3	34	3 5	36	37	38	39	3 10

We will now enter two more lines of data. These commands will specify the stock alloy and the post processor to be used for the part.

- 8. Type PartFamily 3 6 in the Template file then click Enter. Be sure to put a space between the three and six.
- 9. Type PartPost 3 10 in the Template file and then click Enter. Be sure to put a space between the three and ten.



We have specified that the output for "material" should be placed three rows down and six columns over. The output for the "post processor" is four columns over from the stock alloy, which is three rows down and ten columns over.

Next we will enter the commands for the units of measurement, the name of the NCF file generated from the part, and any comment in the Document Control dialog.

The units command is not generated by text input from the user, but is handled internally by the system. These types of commands will output a number (for example, 1 for metric and 2 for inches). Since numbers rarely have meaning to the user, we use the MapString command to tell the system to replace the numbers with some meaningful text. The Mapstring command is always entered just before the command it relates to. In this case we are defining the output for the PartUnit command.

10. Type MapString "Metric" "Inch" in the Template file then click Enter. Be sure to put a space between Metric and Inch.

When the units of measurement for the part are output, the system will replace a 1 with the word Metric and the number 2 with Inch.

Terms must be separated by spaces. If a term consists of more than one word, it must be surrounded by quotation marks eg. (MapString "Rough Endmill").

- 11. Type PartUnit 4 2 in the Template file and then click Enter.
- 12. Type PartOutput 4 10 then click Enter.
- 13. Type PartComment 5 2 then click .

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PartComment 5 2	~

We have specified that the units of measurement will be placed four rows down and two columns over. The PartOutput command will place the name of the NCF file generated by this part four rows down and ten columns over. The PartComment command will place text from the Comments section directly below the units of measurement (five rows down and two columns over).

We will now enter commands for the custom report to output the stock dimensions as defined in the Document Control dialog. We need to specify the min and max values for X, Y and Z. The Model file will take this data and calculate an overall size.

14. Type the following commands in the Template file. Be sure to click between entries so that they are on separate lines.

PartMinX 7 2↔PartMinY 7 4↔PartMinZ 7 6↔PartMaxX 8 2↔PartMaxY 8 4↔ PartMaxZ 8 6

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PartUnit 4 2 PartOutput 4 10 PartComment 5 2 PartMinX 7 2
PartMinY 7 4
PartMinZ 7 6
PartMaxX 8 2
PartMaxY 8 4
PartMaxZ 8 6
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The PartMinX command will be output seven rows down and two columns over. The Xmin value goes in 87.

	A	В	С	D	E	F
7	Xmin:		Ymin:		Zmin:	
8	Xmax:		Ymax:		Zmax:	

You will recall that earlier in this exercise when we set up the spreadsheet, we set up cells H7, J7 and L7 to calculate the part size from the inputs in cells B7, B8, D7, D8, F7 and F8.

	G	Н		J	K	L
7	Length:	0.00	Width:	0.00	Height:	0.00
8						

We will now enter the commands to output information from each individual operation. We begin with the operation number then move on to the type of operation, the type of cut used in the operation and the cut depth.

15. Type OpNumber 9 5 8 0 in the Template file then click Enter.

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MapString "Metric" "Inch"	
PartUnit 4 2	
PartOutput 4 10	
PartComment 5 2	
PartMinX 7 2	
PartMinY 7 4	
PartMinZ 7 6	
PartMaxX 8 2	
PartMaxY 8 4	
PartMaxZ 8 6	
OpNumber 9 5 8 0	~

This is the first command we have come across that has four numbers for the position. The last two numbers are for multiple results from the same command, in this case, the Operation Number. For all successive operations the Operation Number will be output eight rows down and zero columns over. You can confirm that this is the correct amount by which to offset additional operations by counting the number of rows in the Model file that are given to each operation. Start at row 9, which contains Start Condition, Op # and Tool #. Count the number of rows between this row and the next time these items show up in the Model file.

We will now enter the command to output the type of operation used for a given operation number. We will use the MapString command to output text instead of a number.

16. Type MapString "Drill" "Contour" "Pocket" "Thread Mill" "Surface" "No Op" then click Enter.

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PartComment 5 2	
PartMinX 7 2	
PartMinY 7 4	
PartMinZ 7 6	
PartMaxX 8 2	
PartMaxY 8 4	
PartMaxZ 8 6	
OpNumber 9 5 8 0	
MapString "Drill" "Contour" "Pocket" "Thread Mill" "Surface" "No Op"	
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17. Type OpMType 10 5 8 0 then click Enter.

We will now finish entering the operation data. Included is a MapString command for the type of cut (Climb Conventional or Center Line) and the final cut depth of this operation.

18. Type MapString "Climb" "Conventional" "Center Line" then click

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PartMinY 7 4	
PartMinZ 7 6	
PartMaxX 8 2	
PartMaxY 8 4	
PartMaxZ 8 6	
OpNumber 9 5 8 0	
MapString "Drill" "Contour" "Pocket" "Thread Mill" "Surface" "No Op"	
OpMType 10 5 8 0	
MapString "Climb" "Conventional" "Center Line"	~

- 19. Type OpCutType 11 5 8 0 and then
- 20. Type OpDepth 12 5 8 0 and then

We will now enter the commands to output information on the tools used in the operation. This includes the tool number, the diameter of the tool, the type of tool and the tool's CRC#. Please note that these are a special class of commands combining Tool Commands with Operation Commands.

- 21. Type OpToolNumber 9 8 8 0 Enter
- 22. Type OpToolDiameter 10 8 8 0
- 23. Type the following text and press enter when you are done. (NB if you are using a screenbased version of the tutorial, you can just copy the list below and paste it straight into the text file.) There are no carriage returns in the list.

MapString "REM" "FEM" "BEM" "Shell Mill" "Face Mill" "Key Cutter" "Drill"
"Center Drill" "Spot Drill" "Bore" "Tap" "Countersink" "Reamer" "Spot
Face" "Fly Cutter" "Single Point Thread Mill" "Back Bore" "Rigid Tap"
"Roundover" "2D Form" "3D Form" "Full Profile Thread Mill" "Lollipop"
"Convex Tip Mill" "Barrel Mill" "Dovetail" "Inserted Mill" "Custom Mill"
"80 Deg Diamond" "55 Deg Diamond" "35 Deg Diamond" "Round" "Square"
"Triangle" "Trigon" "Pentagon" "Parallelogram" "Rectangle" "Groove"
"Cutoff" "Thread N" "Laydown Thread" "Profile VN" "2D Form" "3D Form"

Typing Shortcut

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You may find it helpful for any future Reporter work to open the online Help in GibbsCAM and go to the Plug-ins>Advanced Reporter Use> Commands pages. There, you will find lists of commands available to reporter with a brief description of what they do. At the bottom of each of the pages there are various lists that can be

Reporter used in conjunction with Mapstring commands. Simply copy the required list and paste it straight into the text file you are editing. Enter 24. Type OpToolType 11 8 8 0 Enter 25. Type OpToolCRCReg 12 8 8 0 ReporterTutorial.txt - Notepad File Edit Format View Help OpCutType 11 5 8 0 OpDepth 12 5 8 0 OpToolNumber 9 8 8 0 OpToolDiameter 10 8 8 0 MapString "REM" "FEM" "BEM" "Shell Mill" "Face Mill" "Key Cutter" "Drill" "Center Drill" "Spot Drill" "Bore" "Tap" "Countersink" "Reamer" "Spot Face" "Fly Cutter" "Single Point Thread Mill" "Back Bore" "Rigid Tap" "Roundover" "2D Form" "3D Form" "Full Profile Thread Mill" "Lollipop" "Convex Tip Mill" "Barrel Mill" "Dovetail" "Inserted Mill" "Custom Mill" "80 Deg Diamond" "55 Deg Diamond" "35 Deg Diamond" "Round" "Square" "Triangle" "Trigon" "Pentagon" "Parallelogram" "Rectangle" "Groove" "Cutoff" "Thread N" "Laydown Thread" "Profile VN" "2D Form" "3D Form" "Utility Tool" "Custom Lathe" "Unsupported" OpToolType 11 8 8 0 OpToolCRCReg 12 8 8 0

We will now enter the last set of commands which will output two images. The UseNewImageOffsets command that we inserted in step 1 of the tutorial, enables us to position an image using the four positioning specifiers that we have already been using to insert data, ie. First, row and column number of the first occurrence, then number of rows and columns to increment between subsequent data.

For graphics we can also specify vertical and horizontal offsets from the top and left of the cell. If nothing is entered, or the value entered is too great, a value of 0 is used, placing the image at the cells top left margin.

26. Type PictSize 100 75

This command specifies the width and height of a graphic in pixels. To prevent pictures from being distorted, keep the numbers in a 4:3 ratio, such as 120x90 or 100x75.

- 27. Type OpSRender 10 1 8 0
- 28. Type OpERender 10 10 8 0

These commands specify where to place the start and end conditions of the stock for each operation. Notice we have not specified offsets as these are not necessary in this particular case.

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29. Save this file as ReporterTutorial.txt in the directory C:\Program Files\CAMBRIO\GibbsCAM\ <version> \Plugins \Data \Report \ReporterTutorial.txt

Step 4

The Template file is complete. We will now test it.

- 1. Open the part named ReporterTutorial.vnc. This was installed with the Tutorial Parts.
- 2. From the Plug-Ins menu select Reporter. In the Report type dialog, check Custom and select ReporterTutorial.txt. The default output file is D:\Users\report.xlsx this is OK for the tutorial purposes. Now click OK.

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Part Report	Custom
O Tool Report	CombinedTools.txt CombinedTools_MTM.t:
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Output File: D:\Users\report	xlsx
	OK Cancel

The system will automatically activate cut part rendering for the part. When the rendering is complete, the system will launch Excel and generate the report.

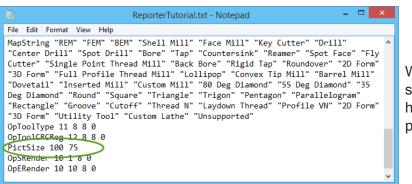
If you look at the report, you will see that we have a problem with the graphics - the graphic could be larger and is positioned too far over to the top left of the cells, and also the right hand graphic seems to occupy more space than the left.

Start Condition	Op #:	1	Tool #:	1	End Condition
	Op Type:	Pocket	Tool Dia:	1.5	
	Cut Type:	Climb	Tool Type:	REM	
	Depth:	-2	CRC#:	51	
Start Condition	Op #:	2	Tool #:	2	End Condition
Start Condition	Op #: Op Type:		Tool #: Tool Dia:		End Condition
Start Condition		Contour		0.9	End Condition
Start Condition	Op Type:	Contour Climb	Tool Dia:	0.9 BEM	End Condition
Start Condition	Op Type: Cut Type:	Contour Climb	Tool Dia: Tool Type:	0.9 BEM	End Condition
Start Condition	Op Type: Cut Type:	Contour Climb	Tool Dia: Tool Type:	0.9 BEM	End Condition

3. Open the ReporterTutorial.xlsx Excel file. You will notice that the column width of Column J is too narrow - change the width to 11.86 by clicking into the divider between column title J and K and drag the divider to the correct width.



4. Open the ReporterTutorial.txt file. Change the PictSize entry to PictSize 175 100.



We also need to make sure to specify the horizontal and vertical position.

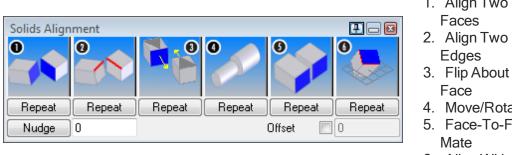
- 5. Change the OpSRender entry to OpSRender 10 1 8 0 10 25.
- 6. Change the OpERender entry to OpERender 10 10 8 0 10 25.
- 7. Be sure to save the text file.
- Rerun the report. You may get the error message The process cannot access the file because it is being used by another process. This is because you still have the report.xlsx file open. Close it and try again.

The graphics will now look more centered.

The Excel master file can hold up to 100 operations (the operation data fields in the Excel file must be duplicated 100 times). You might find this report helpful for most parts.

SOLIDS ALIGNMENT

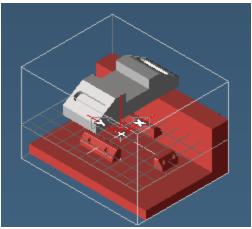
The Solids Alignment Plug-in allows you to manipulate the positions of solid models. The positioning is done by rotating/translating the first of the two selected models. The solid that was selected first becomes aligned to a second model. Cylindrical bodies can be aligned by making them concentric. Further functions are provided to align bodies using two edges or two points. Once two bodies have been aligned, additional models may be selected and aligned using the same transformation, enabling multiple models to be aligned.



- 1. Align Two
- 3. Flip About A
- 4. Move/Rotate
- 5. Face-To-Face
- 6. Align With CS

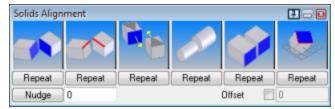
This exercise will introduce the user to manipulating the position of solids using the Solids Alignment plug-in. In this case, we will use the plug-in to correct the position of a part in relation to its fixtures.

1. Open part SolidAlignment.vnc from the sample part files.



The slot block and fixtures are out of place due to errors during importing. We will now use the Solids Alignment function to correct this.

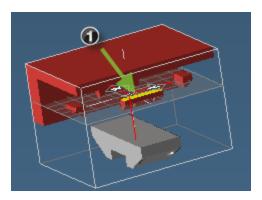
2. Open Solids > Olids Alignment from the Plug-Ins menu.

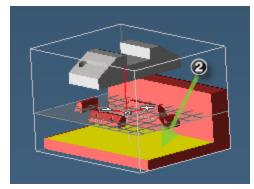


The file AlignModeless.dll must be in the Program Files\CAMBRIO\GibbsCAM\<yourversion>\Plugins\Solids folder.

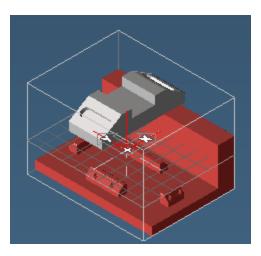
The first thing we will do is match up the fixture bodies.

3. Select the two faces shown and click the Face-to-Face Mate button





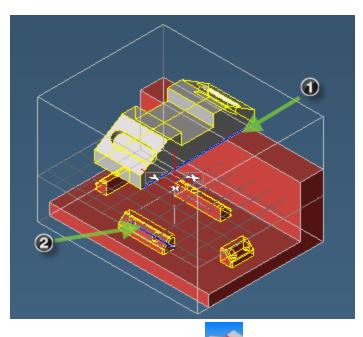
Make sure to select the faces in the order indicated since the first body is modified to accommodate the second.



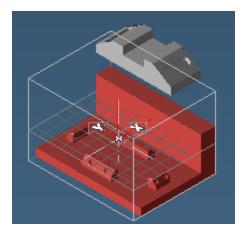
This aligns the fixtures.

We will now rotate the slot block body to align with the fixtures.

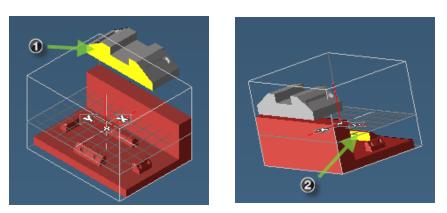
4. While in Edge Selection mode, select the two edges shown in the order indicated.



5. Click the Align 2 Edges button

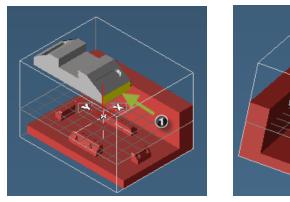


6. Select the two faces shown and click the Face-to-Face Mate button



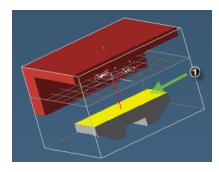
The two faces we are aligning are the front face of the slot block and the back face of the foremost fixture. This will slide the part in the -X direction to align with the fixture.

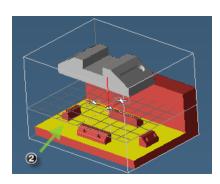
7. Select the two faces shown and click the Face-to-Face Mate button.



The two faces we are aligning are the right face of the slot block and the left face of the rightmost fixture. This action will slide the part in the -Y direction.

8. Select the two faces shown and click the Face-To-Face Mate button. Select Shrink Wrap from the View menu to fit the stock boundaries to the part.

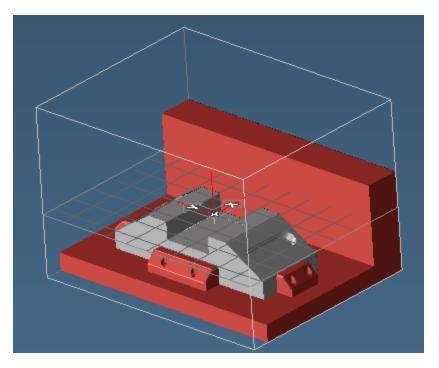






The two faces we are aligning are the bottom face of the slot block and the top face of the fixture plate. This will move the part down along the Z axis to lie on the fixture plate.

The slot block part is now in place in relation to the fixtures.



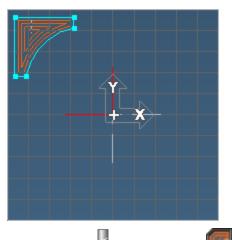
TP TRANS

This Plug-in allows you to modify the location, orientation, and size of selected toolpath. Operations may be moved in X, Y and Z, rotated, mirrored, and scaled. The toolpath is duplicated when it is transformed and an operation is created for each instance of the toolpath.

This exercise will introduce you to the use of the TP Trans Plug-in.

We will start with one simple pocket and translate, rotate, mirror, and scale the toolpath.

1. Open part Transform.vnc from the sample part files.



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This part has one existing operation and one geometric shape that is pocketed by this operation.

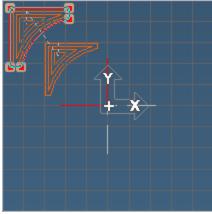
- 2. Double-click the operation to load the toolpath.
- 3. Select UTpTrans from the Plug-Ins menu. The Transform Ops dialog appears.
- 4. Select Translate and enter the values shown in the following image.

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Trans V	-30	Center V	0	Mirror Vertic	ally
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We will be translating (and duplicating) the toolpath down and to the right of the existing pocket so that the additional pocket's upper left-hand corner is near the arc of the first pocket.

5. Click Do it.

Your screen will look like the image below. Keep the Transform Ops dialog open. You will notice that the operations are all highlighted.



If you look at Operations in the operation list, you will see that the two operations are grouped, indicated by a plus sign.

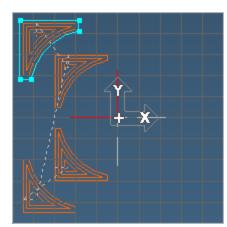
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With the operations selected, we will now duplicate and rotate the existing toolpath.

6. In the Transform Ops dialog, select Rotate and enter the values shown in the image. Click Do it.

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Your screen will look like the following image.

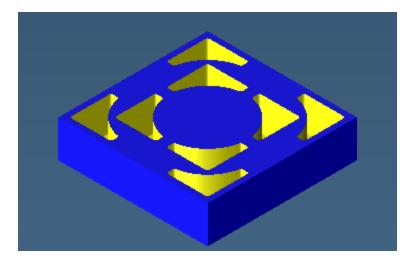


We will now duplicate and mirror the toolpath to complete this exercise.

7. Select Mirror Horizontally and enter 0 for the H coord. Click Do it.

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We now have eight grouped operations in the Operation List and the toolpath has been duplicated symmetrically around the part. When rendered, your part will look similar to the following image.



CONVERT TO TROCHOIDAL TOOLPATH (OP MODIFIER)

This exercise will introduce you to creating Trochoidal Toolpath.

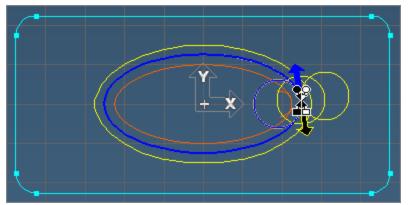
1. Open part Trochoidal.vnc from the sample part files.

This part currently contains two tools, three geometric shapes and a stock body defined through geometry. First, we will create a Contouring operation to go around the inside pocket of the stock. This will be the first set-up operation.

2. Create this Contour process with Tool #1.

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90° Radius 90° Radius Advanced No. of Extra Offsets Extra Stepover Stock ± Z Stock Overlap Spring Passes Use Stock I Use Stock I Ignore Prior Tool	Ramp Down Back & Forth Do not hit flats Auto Plunge Round Corners Break Cutter Radius Comp. On Coolant Flood
Comment	Pattern: 1: Workgroup Mach. CS: 1: XY plane ~

3. Set the machining markers as shown on the smaller ellipse.



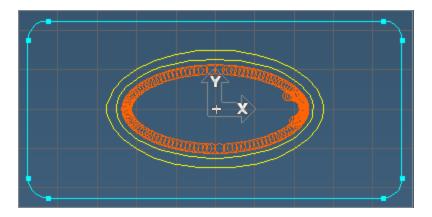
4. Create the toolpath.

We will now create Trochoidal Toolpath from the operation.

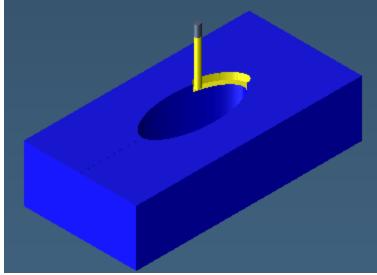
- 5. Select the smaller tool #2, and the Contour operation we created, Right-click the operation and choose Operation Modifiers from the menu, then choose Convert to Trochoidal.
- 6. Select the Full-Circle option and enter an offset of 2.5mm. Click Do it when you are ready.

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The Contour operation is modified to the trochoidal parameters.



During rendering, you will notice how the Trochoidal Toolpath is effectively scooping out the inner shape from the stock. Trochoidal Toolpath is able to simulate large cuts by performing a series of small, fast cuts.

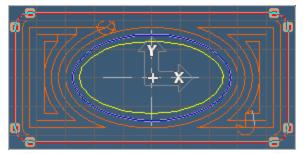


We will now create a Roughing operation to pocket out the rest of the part.

7. Create this Rough process with tool #2.

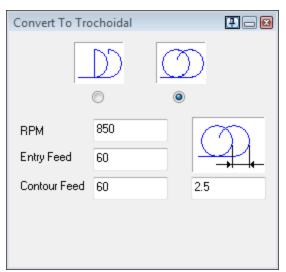
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- 8. Select the larger ellipse and the outer geometry.
- 9. Create the toolpath.

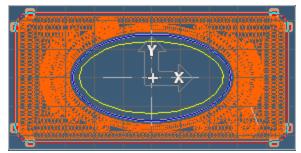


We will now modify this toolpath to a Trochoidal toolpath.

- 10. Select tool #2 and the Roughing operation we created, the operation and choose Operation Modifiers from the menu, then choose Convert to Trochoidal.
- 11. Again we will use the Full-Circle option with a 2.5mm offset. Click Do it when you are ready.

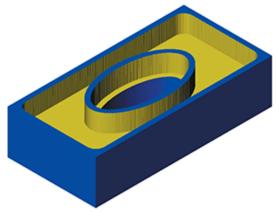


A new Roughing operation is created. Double-click the new operation; your screen should look like the image below.



When rendered, you can see just how wide a groove this type of operation is able to make. While a 10mm tool would cut a groove that is just as wide, the smaller tool will provide for more accurate corners.

When fully rendered, the part should look like the image.



Once the operations are complete, you may delete the setup operations. However, it is recommended that you not do so until you are sure you have the desired Trochoidal Toolpath. Remember to save your part.



The Stock Wizard helps to create a rectangular or cylindrical stock definition with or without a single hole, rather than manually creating it. The hole may be a rectangular or circular shape. The hole in the stock may be a blind hole (a pocket) or a through hole

This tutorial is intended to illustrate the operation of the Stock Wizard and familiarize you with its use. In this exercise we will make a cylindrical stock with a rectangular blind hole but will start out creating a cuboid stock to illustrate changing the stock.

Please Note: The Stock Wizard was not designed to work with spinning Part Stations.

Defining Stock

Create a metric 3 Axis Vertical Mill part with the following workspace stock size:
 +X: 175 -X: -175, +Y: 175 -Y: -175, +Z: 0 -Z: -75

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Material		New
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Hardness	275 to 325 🔹	Save Copy
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This will provide a workspace large enough to visualize the new stock.

The Z values in this dialog are critical to the Stock Wizard. The depth value of the stock will be taken directly from this dialog. All other settings for the stock size may be adjusted in the Stock Wizard dialog but the stock depth is defined in and controlled by the Document Control dialog.



Plug-Ins Geometry Solids Toolpath System Main Tools VNC /**PH**/ Show Import VNC Stock PostHASTE Wizard-Position Reporter Post Edit Find Ops Add GCode 3D Control Project Manager... Geometry

Cuboid

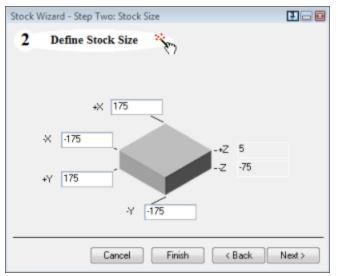
When the Stock Wizard is first opened you can choose to make a Cuboid or Cylinder shaped stock.

Stock Wizard - Step One: Stock Shape	
1 Select Stock Shape	
Cancel Finish < Back	Next >

1. Click the Cuboid button.

This will make a cuboid shaped stock and progress to the next step where we will define the size of the stock.

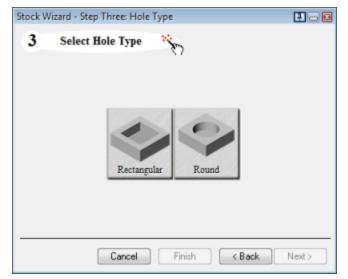
2. Enter the values shown and click the Next button.



The stock will always be equal to or less than the workspace defined in the Document Control dialog and the depth of the stock is always equal to the Z values in the Document Control dialog. The Stock Wizard definition will always override the Document Control dialog.

In step 3 we will define the shape of a rectangular hole in the stock.

3. Select the Rectangular hole type.

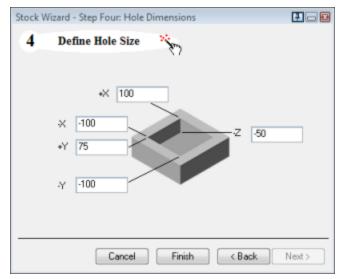


Blind Rectangular Hole

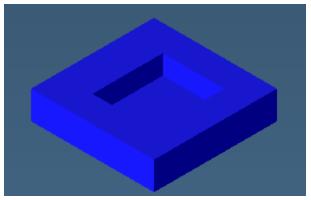
We will create a blind hole in the stock. Holes must always be contained within the X and Y bounds of the stock. If the hole overlaps the stock no hole will be produced.

1. Enter the values shown to define the size of the blind hole and click the Finish button.

Rectangular holes can be placed anywhere within the stock boundary.



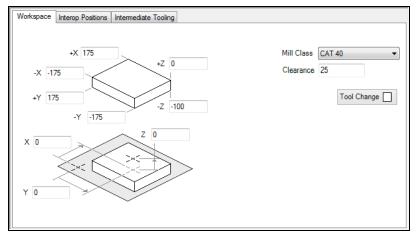
2. View the stock in rendering mode (F6).



Cylindrical

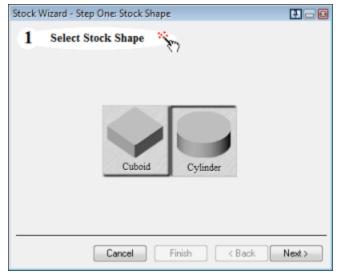
We will now recreate the stock to be a cylinder with a depth of 100mm. Doing so will illustrate how the workspace size will change.

1. Modify the workspace stock size as shown.

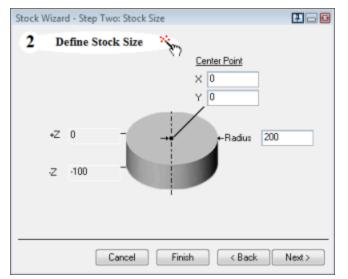


To change the depth of the stock we must modify it from the Document Control dialog.

2. Open the Stock Wizard and select Cylinder for the stock shape.

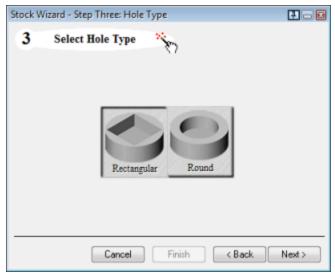


3. Define the cylindrical stock as shown and click the Next button.

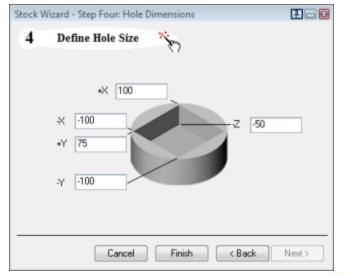


Note that the radius of the stock is greater than the workspace.

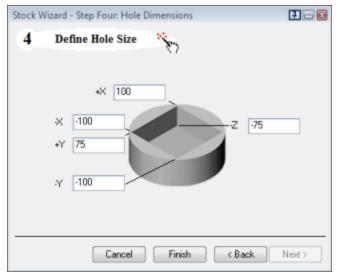
4. Select a rectangular hole shape.



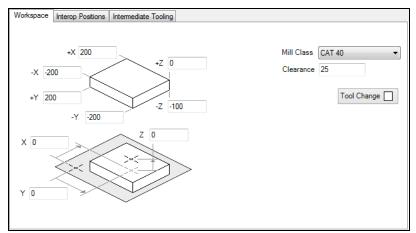
The Stock Wizard has kept the hole size from the previous stock definition.

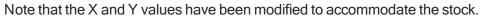


5. Change the depth of the hole to -75 and click the Finish button.

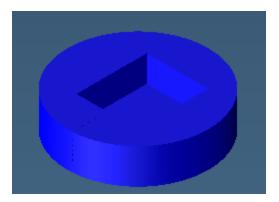


6. Open the Document Control dialog.





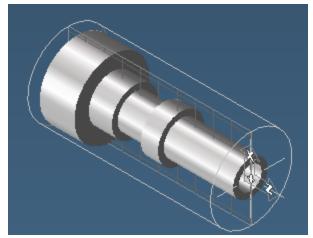
7. View the stock in rendering mode (F6).



DISTRIBUTION ONLY TUTORIALS

Distribution Only plug-ins are items that were developed to fit a particular need and may be of use elsewhere. These items often do not adhere to the GibbsCAM look and feel and are not considered a normal part of the system.

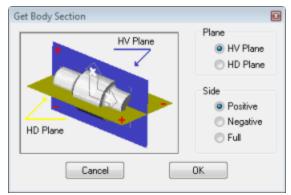
Get Section



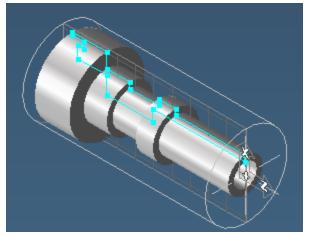
The Get Section Plug-in is generally used with solid Lathe parts to extract a flat profile of geometry for machining.

This exercise will introduce you to extracting geometry with the Get Section plug-in.

- 1. Open part Get Section.vnc from the sample part files.
- 2. Select the solid and choose Solids > Get Section from the Plug-Ins menu.
- 3. Select HV Plane and the Positive side and click OK.



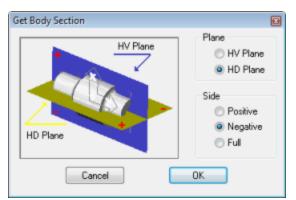
The system has extracted geometry from the intersection of the solid and the HV Plane (the current CS), which in this case is the XZ Plane. Because the Positive option is selected, the system will only extract geometry from the positive side of the V (or X) Axis.



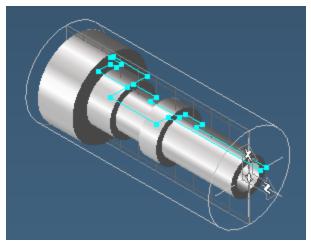
4. Delete the extracted geometry.

We will now extract geometry from the HD Plane.

5. Select the solid and choose Get Section from the Plug-Ins menu.



6. Select HD Plane and the Negative side and click OK.



The system has extracted geometry on the negative side of the D axis from the intersection of the solid and the HD Plane (plane perpendicular to the current CS).

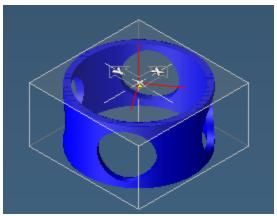
Deburring Process

The Plug-in cleans up selected edges of parts. This exercise will introduce you to the use of the Deburring Process Plug-in.



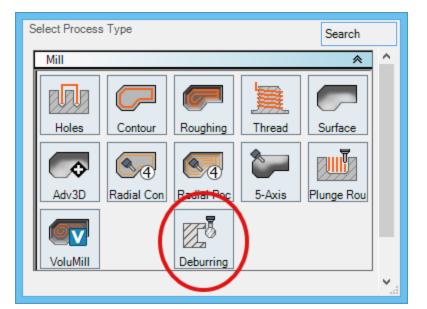
First, ensure that "Deburring Process" is enabled within the Plug-In Manager.

1. Open part Deburr.vnc.



We will use the Deburring Process to clean up the inside and outside edges of the four circular holes on the side of the part.

Select and drag the form tool provided onto Process #1 and select Deburring. (You can also use a lollipop tool for this process.)



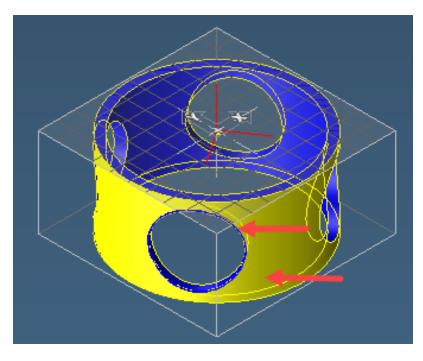
This opens the machining palette and creates a process tile



3. The Process dialog opens. Enter the values shown below.

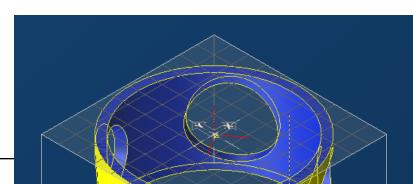
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Deburring Process			\smile		
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	Overlap (2)	13	Exit Z	125	
	Lead In/Out Line	13	Feedrate	2000	
	Lead In/Out Rad.	3	Spindle: RPM	3000	
	Approach	30	Tolerance	0.03	
Reverse Direction					
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4. Ensure Face and Edge selection are enabled and select the outside face and one of the outside edges of the circular holes as shown.



5. You will notice that the Do-it icon is now available on the Process dialog. Click this to create the toolpath.

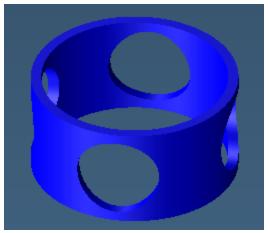
The toolpath will look like this.



- Deselect the operation in the operation list. Select the outside face and edge of the next hole.
 Click Opit.
- 7. Using the same selection method, create a deburring operation for the other two outside edges of the circular holes.
- 8. Use the same selection method to deburr the inside edge by selecting the inside face and one of the inside edges of the circular holes.
- 9. Repeat the procedure for each of the three remaining inside edges.

Remember to deselect the operation tile immediately after you create it so the next operation doesn't overwrite the previous one. You will now have a total of eight separate deburring operations.

10. Render the operations.



11. Save the part.